

Eugene Garden Club News

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President's Corner

Isn't September spectacular? This beautiful seasonal turn of summer into fall is welcomed. Many of you may know it was a difficult summer for me. A summer of loss. So the culmination of this summer with transition into autumn is most welcomed. I'm ready to pick myself up and *get on with it!*

Together with my garden club friends I expect to gain momentum with autumn projects and fun "garden-clubbing" activities. Thanks to the work of responsible EGC committees this year is gonna' be fantastic! The club's financial matters, documents, building care, events, workshops and programs continue to be well managed with capable committees. Kudos to our superior board of directors who are proficient at keeping our club activities inspiring and interesting.

I look forward to seeing each of you on the 20th at our first membership meeting of the upcoming year. Together we will *get on with it* and transition from summer into our year of "garden-clubbing" with friends.



..... Debi Luidhardt
President

Tip from JCGC friend: if you know where pesky ants are accessing your house, use white chalk to draw a circle around their entrance, and they will not come in!

SEPTEMBER MEETING Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:15 p.m. Meeting & Horticulture

1:00 p.m. Program

Cultivating Success with Blueberries in Landscape Gardens

Josh Howard

Fall Creek Farm & Nursery

Coordinator: Sharon Blade

HOSTESSES: Sister Janet Marcisz-lead, Donna Shirley
Dorothy Cruickshank, Marilyn Hunter

GREETERS: Ruth Fry



EGC STARTS A NEW YEAR

The Eugene Garden Club's first general meeting gives us all an opportunity to learn about growing blueberries in our home landscapes.

Josh Howard, of the Fall Creek Farm & Nursery in Lowell will bring his knowledge, his power point presentation, and handouts to our 1:00 program Tuesday.

FLORAL DEPARTMENT A SUCCESS AT COUNTY FAIR!

Floral Department Coordinator Sherry Cossey thanks everyone who helped out with the Lane county Fair this summer in any manner -- entries, demonstrations, setup, teardown, and more.

Eugene Garden Club members who entered designs or horticulture for fairgoers to enjoy included Georgia Zahar, Marj Petrusa, Juanita Manley, Dorothy Cruickshank, Sherry Cossey, Monica Henry, Sharon Wilson, Sister Janet Marcisz, Camille Noel, Ruth Fry, Cheryle Hawkins, Phyllis Hamel, and Ruth Michaelson. Congratulations to Monica Henry for winning the People's Choice award in the Floral Department.

Dorothy Cruickshank and crew provided wonderful opportunities for Fair-goers on Thursday & Friday to make small flower arrangements with assistance from many club members. This project is certainly a team effort as it takes many hands preparing the containers and oasis, picking and transporting the flowers and then assisting the "arrangers". We especially appreciate the generosity of Grassroots Gardens for their donations of many buckets of flowers and members who bring foliage to use.

Thank you to members and husbands who served as hosts and hostesses in the Floral Department during the Fair this year: Ruth Michaelson, Sister Janet Marcisz, Peg Funkhouser, Georgia & Greg Zahar, Janet Calvert, Camille Noel, Cheryle Hawkins & Michael Canning, Lucy & Eli Chambers, Pat Kramer, Linda & Don Wittorf, Lorene Martinson, Mary Bromley, Monica Henry, Jennifer Ellis, along with many others from other Junction City & Cottage Grove Clubs and the Lane County Dahlia Society.

Donor Awards went to Ruth Fry for Best Designs in Open and also Advanced Amateur classes. Phyllis Hamel won Best Miniature Designs in Advanced Amateur Class. Camille Noel won Best Table in Class 1 and Georgia Zahar won Best Table Design in Class 3. Jennifer Ellis had the Best Dahlia in the Open Show.

Eugene Garden Club's Vignette Design was third place (created by Cheryle Hawkins & Sharon Wilson).

The Eugene Garden Club took 1st place and \$50 for the Barrel planting, More than a dozen flower barrels were displayed throughout the property during the Fair with appropriate signage. Thank you to Cheryle Hawkins, Janet Calvert, Georgia Zahar, Sherry Cossey, Sandy Bond, for helping to plant 5 barrels and then Ann Rollins, Terry Eames, and Mary Bromley to keep all 15 barrels watered regularly until fair time! Cheryle arranged for the Coastal Farm Supply to donate \$75 worth of plants!

Sherry Cossey, Lane County Fair Floral Coordinator

INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

The EGC Board of Directors (BOD) met recently and share the following:

...Last year's parking passes are still good. If you need one, please contact Camille Noel.

...Our new bathrooms are complete. Flooring and toilets were replaced as well as some new pipes. Thanks to the board of trustees for all their work .

...Corresponding Secretary Marilyn Hunter sent thank you notes to Gossler Farms Nursery and Bloom River Gardens. Members should let Marilyn know of any correspondence that should be sent.

...At the September meeting, The Frightened Frog books will be distributed to members who have offered to distribute them to the Eugene Schools.

...Jennifer Rabner and Sharon Wilson presented changes for the EGC Bylaws, Constitution, and Policies. The BOD accepted the new document and will present to club members at the September General Meeting. Voting for ratification will take place at the October General Meeting.

Flower Arranging Class

Thursday, September 22, 9:30 a.m.
EGC Clubhouse

"Summer's End"

Designers Choice of plant material and type of design - to be placed in a 2' x 2' space.

Bring your own container and plant material (more than you think you will need!)

Invite a friend or just come to the ongoing Flower Arranging Class that Alfretta, Sherry, and Georgia started nearly 7 years ago. Instruction, constructive suggestions, and opportunities to work with different plant materials with different goals for end results are all part of the monthly class. New participants are always welcome.

The group leaders emphasize using what's available in our gardens and also trying new things. Design basics are stressed regularly. And people are usually PROUD of what they have done! We also learn that we're not perfect every try, but we learn each time.

NEW DIRECTORY COMING

The EGC Directory for the new Garden Club Year, will be available for members at the September meeting. The books are not mailed out except to our Honorary Members.

Directories will be stored in the Front Closet (Dining Room) for anyone who does not pick up their Directory at the first meeting. Also, at the meeting, there will be a short “Look – See” through the Directory. The new year is upon us...and we hope to see many new members, along with the rest of us!

Sharon Blade, Directory Chairman

EXTENSION HOLDS TUESDAY SEMINARS

The OSU Extension will present Tuesday Seminars at the Kauffman House on West 10th & Jefferson streets this fall.

Master Gardeners will present talks on
Harvesting Medicinal Herbs by Marjory House
 September 20, 7-8:30 p.m.
Basic Bee Keeping by Max Kuhn
 October 18, 7-8:30 p.m.



One of EGC's five planted flower barrels at the Lane County Fair this summer.

Spare Door – in repairing our EGC bathrooms this summer, we have the old door on the old bathroom to get rid of. If you would like to have it for whatever, let Sister Janet Marcisz know. Otherwise it's going in President Debi's garden!

September in the Garden

What is blooming in your garden? Summer is fading fast and so are the blooms of summer.

As we clean up the fading summer plants we are all the while planning what spring bulbs will soon be replacing them. Bulbs are now in the garden shops. Bulbs in containers can be brought into close up view and placed in an out of the way place to ripen.

Preparing geraniums, fuchsias and others that we will be holding over winter in the house or garage is on the near future agenda.

Dahlias are in their final bloom and soon will need to be dug and dried or well covered for winter. I have been leaving them in the ground, but the dahlia people say they will last longer if dug each fall. Maybe I will dig my favorites and store them in the garage and cover the rest of them. I used to wait until they frosted before digging which meant digging in November in the rain and frost.

When beds are cleared, this is the time to turn lime and compost into the soil and top it off with compost or mulch to protect the soil surface from compaction. The bed is then ready for spring planting.

Deciduous trees are dropping leaves early. They are feeling the effects of last year's hot dry summer, not enough rain through our winter and then this long very dry hot summer. It is affecting conifers the most. Newly planted conifers need extra water to compensate as they don't normally replace lost leaves.

Growing mums has been out of favor for many years so I was encouraged to read an article on them in the current issue of *Sunset* magazine. They are easy to grow and absolutely great for arranging. What we are now seeing in the garden shop are mostly the annual mums that don't live over winter in the garden.

In my garden today I found Cyclamen Neapolitan, Schizostyls (Kaffir Lily), Japanese Anemone, Hibiscus Moscheutos, Colchicum, dahlia, Geraniums, and Fuchsias.

(After 20 plus years of no bloom, I promised my Bougainvillea “no bloom, no comfy more winter home indoors. I have 4 blossoms this year!”

Juanita Manley, Horticulture Chairman



Above: a few of the many oak trees planted by EGC in Alton Baker Park about 20 years ago.

2016 EGC OFFICERS

At our June meeting, former OSFGC President Sherry Cossey installed the new Eugene Garden Club officers and trustees at our meeting in the gazebo at Gossler Farms Nursery. Later Susan Mincks resigned and President Debi appointed Mary Bromley with approval of the BOD.

President – Debi Luidhardt

Vice Presidents – Sharon Wilson

Recording Secretary – Mary Bromley

Corresponding Secretary – Marilyn Hunter

Treasurer – Jennifer Rabner

Board of Trustees – Georgia Zahar (through 2020), Sister Janet Marcisz, to replace Chris DeRoss, Phyllis Hamel, to replace Shauna Hill. Other trustees include Marilyn Hunter and Pat Kramer.

WILLAMETTE DISTRICT NEWS

. . . 1. BOARD MEETING

Willamette District Director, Sharon Wilson announces that the Fall Board meeting for all Club Presidents and District Chairmen will be held at the EGC clubhouse Friday, September 23, 9:30 a.m. hosted by Junction City Garden Club.

. . . 2. DISTRICT MEETING

The regular large group meeting will be held October 21 hosted by Junction City Garden Club. Look for the news about the place and program in next month's newsletter. The Willamette District includes six clubs, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Junction City, Oakridge, Springfield, and Westside Gardeners (Veneta).

Oregon Swallowtail

(*Papilio oregonius*)



The native Oregon Swallowtail butterfly was designated the **Oregon State Insect** in 1979. This butterfly lives mainly in the lower sagebrush canyons of the Columbia River and its tributaries.

Swallowtail Butterflies are members of the *Papilionidae* family, and they live throughout the world. Their name comes from the swallow bird because they have similar looking tails coming off of the hind wings. If you should spot a Swallowtail with a missing tail, it means the deception works. The tails are meant to look like antennae so if a predator bites onto it, he can only get a piece of the tail and not damage the head which he thinks he is attacking. The Swallowtail is the only butterfly when in caterpillar form can secrete a foul smelling substance for protection.

Someday I hope see a beautiful Oregon Swallowtail. I will keep my eyes peeled.

Georgia Zahar, Birds & Wildlife Chairman



Left: Ruth Fry's "Garden Paths" won the Best Design in Advanced Amateur Division at the Lane County Fair.

Right: Sherry Cossey's "Watering Troughs" and "The Old Barn" won blue ribbons in the Open Division at the Fair.





WHAT'S HAPPENING

September

- 6 Eugene Garden Club Board Meeting
- 13 "Weed Warriors" at Pearl Buck Trivia Night
- 17-18 Lane County Dahlia Show, Wheeler Pavilion
- 20 EGC Regular Meeting
- 22 Flower Arranging Class, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Willamette District Board Meeting, EGC, 9:30 a.m.
- 30 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Work Party



October

- 4 EGC Board Meeting
- 9-10 OSFGC Fall Board Meeting, Clackamas
Leach Botanical Garden – tour on the 9th
- 7-11 Eugene Clay Fest, Fairgrounds, EGC- floral designs
- 18 EGC Regular Meeting
- 22 Willamette District General Mtg., JCGC hosts
- 27 Flower Arranging Class
- 30 Mushroom Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum



Lane County Fair photos here include clerks and judges working in some of the horticulture, the Eugene Garden Club's Patio Vignette, and the club's winning flower barrel onsite in the eating area during the Fair.

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In the Garden – in September

Stop watering roses and prepare new beds for planting in November

Spread manure or compost over unplanted areas

Plant cold weather crops in the vegetable garden

Plant or propagate rhododendrons now

Mulch carrots in the garden for winter harvest

Plant iris corms for spring bloom

Plant spring flowering bulbs

Fall is great time to plant perennials

Plant shrubs now

