

Eugene Garden Club News

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President's Corner

As I sit here thinking about the president's column, the kitties and I are looking out the window. It's such a beautiful time to be living in the Willamette Valley. We are so blessed here and I am just consuming all the fresh spring beauty and anticipating a fruitful summer as well.

We have had a busy and successful last few weeks. Our convention was well received by all and was a lot of fun. Thank you to all for the months of hard work spearheaded by Sherry Cossey. That was quite an accomplishment!

Our Garden Extravaganza plant sale at the Key Bank was quite a success. Lots of interesting things to buy and lots of helpers bringing great plants and tubers and lots of customers buying. Great job on this fundraiser.

Since this is the last newsletter with me as President, I wanted to take a moment to share my great appreciation to all you wonderful garden members who have taught me so much, held me up many times, and shown me such great friendship. Thank you for making these past two years a success for our garden club and for all your great contributions and kindness.

We will be voting for a new slate of officers on our upcoming bus trip. I wish all our new board members a smooth transition and a successful term.

We will also be tasting beauty and growing ideas around the area with our garden friends on our bus trip this month. I'll see everyone at the bus pick up spot Tuesday May 19th.

. . . . Camille Noel, President



Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

Bus Trip to Salem area

7:45 a.m. Board Bus at Shopko
Coburg Rd. north of Costco

8:00 a.m. Bus Leaves
Election of Officers
Announcements

HOSTESSES: Sherry Cossey, Georgia Zahar

DESTINATIONS:

Deepwood Estate

Adelman Peony Gardens

We will eat our sack lunches here.

Sebright Gardens

HOME: c. 5:00 p.m.

(Room left on bus – Call Ann Rollins for a seat!)

May Meeting to Be Bus Trip

The “business” portion of our meeting on the bus will include the formal election of officers for 2015-2015. The slate is

President: *Debi Luidhardt*

Treasurer: *Jennifer Rabner*

Vice-President: *Ann Rollins*

Corresponding Secretary: *Ruth Fry*

& *Marilyn Hunter*

Trustee: *Shauna Hill*

Recording Secretary: *Mary Bromley*

We will also have our first opportunity to select which special committees we would like to be involved with next year. This will be of tremendous help for our incoming president as she is ultimately responsible for appointing committee chairman; it will be very helpful for her to know what people are most interested in.

June Meeting to Be Potluck

The June EGC general meeting will be June 17th, 11:30 a.m., at Ann Rollins home, 2280 Van Buren, Eugene. It will be a potluck luncheon and the installation of officers for next year will follow. We will also be renewing our membership dues at the meeting.

Pacific Region of NGC 72nd Annual Convention



*From the Mountains . . .
To the Valleys . . .
To the Mountains . . .*

The recent Pacific Region Convention hosted by Oregon at the Hilton Eugene in April was a tremendous success judging from the many, many compliments I received from attendees and also from hotel staff.

The Hilton folks were wonderful to work with and many of our EGC folks along with several from Junction City and Oakridge contributed so much in so many ways to make a fine event. We also had help from folks in the Portland area and Southern Oregon as well.

OSFGC Executive Board presented me and our EGC with a display box and memorabilia to hang in our building and also a Pacific Region Life Membership with a pin. The money for that goes to a PR scholarship fund.

Some of our mainstays were Jennifer Rabner--who was our Registrar and also worked with the PR treasurer on the finances; Georgia Zahar--who organized our beautiful rhododendron displays, got Harold Greer, prepared our club's basket, and arranged for the SMJ Tea; Ruth Michaelson--who took care of our dignitaries and our Continental Breakfast option for attendees; Ruth Fry--who organized our opening ceremonies and the bus trip; Camille Noel--who took care of AV and also organizing optional tours; Sharon Wilson--who worked on the fundraising stuff and staging. Our state's Judges Councils were in charge of dinner table centerpieces and our Willamette Arrangers Guild and produced the floral designs for the 8 states involved.

Do compliment these people when you see them next! I so appreciate them all and others who aren't named here that contributed in some way especially those of you who donated items for the breakfast suite!

Our OSFGC President Peggy Olin made and painted our tote bags, and Junction City ladies filled those bags and procured table favors as well with many things they arranged for. Attendees were pleased with all!

Clubs from around the state from Hood River to Portland area to the coast to Klamath Districts provided baskets for fundraising and table favors or tote bags as well.

Our entertainment was well received as were our workshops. Ruth and I ended up doing a "Flower Pounding" workshop when a few days before the convention, our presenter Scott Sunderland of Shamrock Flowers became unavailable due to a death in the family. We were a 'hit'!

We had 94 attendees and came out \$357 to the good after all bills were paid (but worried up until the very end whether we would have a deficit!)

Sherry Cossey, Convention Chairman



Garden Extravaganza

Hooray, hooray! The new Garden Extravaganza has come and gone. Five of our Willamette District Garden Clubs (Cottage Grove, Eugene, Junction City, Oakridge, Springfield) joined the Lane County Dahlia Society, on Saturday, May 9, at Key Bank on River Road by Bi-Mart where they traditionally hold their big dahlia tuber sale. Garden club members brought our plants, some tables and all the plant tags beginning at 8 a.m. and had customers beginning well before our announced 10:00 opening time. The sale was to end at 4:00 p.m. and most of the tables were quite empty of plants! We did take quite a few away to either nurture, donate, or toss.

The weather couldn't have been better – NO rain! Sunny and inviting. Hundreds of customers shopped our tables and took home new things for their yards. Our consensus that day was that we had a successful sale! Eugene collected about \$900 for our sales. The visibility of our sale was very good. People could see us a block away on River Road and folks coming to local businesses were happy to check us out. Plenty of parking and fairly easy to load in and out as well.

Thank you to everyone who had a part in this major fundraising activity for our club. Sharon Wilson, Sharon Blade, Janet Calvert, Sherry Cossey, Dianne Dewey, Ruth Fry, Pat Kramer, Juanita Manley, Ruth Michaelson, Camille Noel, Marj Petrusha, Jennifer Rabner, Georgia Zahar, Ann Rollins, Rick Rabner, and Jerry Blade all volunteered their time and energy to make this event successful. Chairman, Sharon Wilson, apologizes if your name was inadvertently left off this list, but she really appreciates everyone pitching in and helping!

SMJ House Gardens Grow

Spring at the Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House always finds EGC members planting, weeding, making some landscape changes. The next work day is this Friday, May 15, 10:30 a.m. Bring your weeding tools and clippers. We may also spread some bark.

Recently, the SMJ House sponsored a Volunteer Day for getting rid of lots and lots of ivy both to the east of the house and on the hillside below the storage shed. Northwest Youth Corps and the Eugene Area Rotary Club spent about 4 hours Saturday, April 25, making major clean up of those areas and spreading some bark-o-mulch! Hooray!

All of us who volunteer there are invited to a Volunteer and Donor Appreciation Day on May 31st at 1pm. Come and meet your fellow SMJ volunteers, enjoy some tea and cookies, and just enjoy being at the House!

LANE COUNTY FAIR COMING UP

The schedules for departments at the Lane County Fair are online now, and the Floral Department Theme is “Oregon, the Place to Be”. The dates for the Fair this year are July 22-26.

Entries can be made through the Fair website at www.atthefair.com or in person or by mail anytime now through June. Changes can be made on entry day, July 21.

Our District Garden Club members are again being asked to Host and Hostess for 2-hour shifts during the run. EGC’s assigned days are Wednesday and Thursday. I am sure we can also fill in on Sunday. All hosts, demos, display folks, programs, etc. will receive passes for entry into the Fair on the day involved. AND all Still Exhibits, including Floral, will again be in the Performance Hall, with AIR CONDITIONING !!! Entry and parking will be similar to what we did last year. Enter the building from the south end.

EGC will enter the 6’ x 4’ Garden Club Vignette called *Enjoying Our Back Yard in Oregon* as well as a new special Barrel Design – planting barrel(s) in June that will have our club name displayed prominently somewhere outside in the Fair. If you would be interested in helping with either of these, please let Camille know.

The Design classes are organized the same as in the past, by Open, Advanced Amateur, and Novice. Some of the classes include Traditional Mass and Line-Mass Designs, Foliage only, Abstract Creative Design featuring dried plant material, design including some vegetables, a design in a boot, one with a repurposed old container, one featuring water, one featuring an accessory, all-dried miniature designs (5” or less), and 3 kinds of table designs. The Junior Fair has classes for 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-18, 19-21 years old.

Horticulture (Cut Flowers and Potted Plants) will include just about anything you have growing in your yard or your house!

EGC will put on a floral arranging activity for children and seniors two days this year. Plans for that event will be made known by our June meeting.

Plan to PARTICIPATE in the Fair!

Right: Hilton lobby designs for 3 of the 8 states at the PR Convention – California by Ruth Fry, Oregon by Monica Henry and Arizona by Marj Petrusha; Marj also prepared the lobby design in honor of our new PR Director from Nevada.

INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . Changes in our Directory

Dana Downie’s address is incorrect in Directory
It should be
438 South 38th Street, Springfield, 97478

Mary Bromley has new telephone number:
541.342.8477

Ruth Fry has new address:
3220 Crescent Avenue, Space 50
Eugene, OR 97408-7374

Garden Therapy with Seniors

1. Georgia Zahar is organizing a presentation on Indoor Plants for the Boundries Group, a group of adults with developmental disabilities, at the Lamb Building, 1880 West 11th Avenue on May 26 from 3:45 - 4:45.

The group is wanting to know how to grow, care for and find out some of advantages of having plants in the home. If you have a plant you would like to talk about, bring it. The Lamb Building is a St. Vincent de Paul apartment building with a community room on the 4th floor where we will meet.

2. Sherry Cossey & Georgia organized a flower arranging activity for interested seniors at the Junction City Retirement & Assisted Living Center, May 7. Sherry, Georgia Zahar, Ruth Michaelson, and Kathie Spinola assisted 11 ladies with floral designs made in baskets for Mothers Day. Their results are pictured below.



It's Time to Sign Up For Your Favorite Committee(s)!!

It's that time of year to decide which EGC committee(s) appeal to you and then sign up! Hopefully you will step forward and be a chairman of something you are well-practiced in or, just maybe it is now time to branch out and put your talents into a different activity! Below is a list of the activities we have had in recent past or some for many years. New EGC president-to-be, Debi Luidhardt, may bring us some other choices as well.

Awards

Birds and Wildlife

Building Management - Housekeeping

Building Management - Purchasing

Building Management - User Group Calendar Membership (Dues)

Directory

Flower Show

Front Garden

Garden Club Boutique

Garden Therapy

Greens Gathering

Greens Sale

Greeters

Historic Preservation

Horticulture

Hostesses

Lane Co. Fair Floral

Fair Hands On

Library

Name Tags

Newsletter

New Membership

Nominations

Pearl Buck Projects

Plant Nerd Night

Plant Fair

Publicity

Scrapbook

Youth

(Choose something for you)



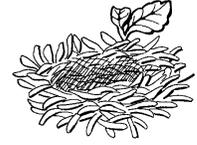
EGC Designs for Pearl Buck

Pictured above are 7 of the Eugene Garden Club members who created more than 30 floral centerpieces for the Pearl Buck Fundraiser Banquet on May 2 at the Valley River Inn with the Kentucky Derby for the theme. Georgia Zahar, Camille Noel, Sherry Cossey, Dorothy Cruickshank, Marilyn Hunter, Sharon Wilson and Juanita Manley ate at the EGC table that evening. Ruth Michaelson and Sally Townsend also helped with the design making.



Glimpses from PR Convention: Chairman Sherry Cossey introduced Daniel Borson, Eugene's Slug Queen; Sharon Wilson created Idaho's lobby design; Ruth Michaelson, Sharon Wilson, Georgia Zahar, and Ruth Fry enjoyed the final dinner together.

Feather Their Nests



Spring's flurry of bird courting and nesting may remind you of the adage that hope is a thing with feathers.

All birds become hopeful builders as they wedge together fur, feathers, string, twigs and mud (as well as spider silk for hummingbirds) into nurseries for future generations.

Birds can build nests using scraps that you set out. You can drape short bits of string and fur from your cat or dog brush, onto branches of shrubs and trees. Stuff other materials, such as wood shavings or wool tufts, into a mesh bag or old garden glove and hang it where birds may notice.

While your garden's birds are in nesting mode, they hunt for soft tidbits to digest quickly or feed their young. Caterpillars, worms, and grubs provide fresh fare. As you turn over the soil, these morsels are exposed. Scatter crushed egg shells for nesting females. The calcium in the shells will replace bone loss from laying eggs.

*Georgia Zahar, Birds & Wildlife Chairman
Resource: Better Homes and Gardens Bird Gardens*



What's Happening



May

- 16 Lane County Dahlia Society, Tuber Sale at Key Bank on River Road, 9 – 4
- 17 Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival
- 19 EGC Meeting, Bus Trip to Salem – 7:45 a.m. at Shopko
- 21 Flower Arranging Class – 9:30 a.m., table design for 2
- 26 Indoor Plant Presentation at Lamb Building – 3:45 p.m.



June

- 2 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 a.m.
- 9 EGC Meeting, Potluck at Ann Rollins home, 11:30 a.m.
- 15-17 OSFGC State Convention, Coos Bay

July

- 10? Willamette District Picnic, Junction City
- 21 Entries for Lane County Fair
- 22-26 Lane County Fair



September

- 1 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 a.m.
- 15 EGC Meeting, 11:30 a.m.



Counterclockwise from left: Some of our lovely Lane County rhododendrons include Cynthia, Blue Peter, Lem's Monarch, Pink Walloper, Scintillation and Catawbiense Boursalt. *Below:* Ruth Michaelson (with Jean Marie Rhododendron) and Kathie Spinola's May Day basket from our Flower Arranging Class two weeks ago, Ruth Michaelson's lobby design for Alaska and some of the many rhododendrons displayed in the hotel lobby at convention and used at luncheon tables for centerpieces.

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In the Garden – in May

Fertilize rhododendrons & azaleas with acid-type fertilizer and remove spent blossoms

Place pheromone traps in apple trees to detect codling moths

Transplant tomatoes & peppers in mid-May

Plant dahlia tubers now

Plant snap & lima beans, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, cucumber, dill, eggplant, kale, pumpkins, summer & winter squash, potatoes, and watermelons

Fertilize roses with 1 cu. Alfalfa meal around each rose bush and 1 T fish oil per gallon of water two times this month

Water roses at least once a week

