

Eugene Garden Club News

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56 members

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President's Corner

What happened to Summer? Here it was, a beautiful September with promise of many blooms, veggies and dahlia shows, and then one morning I wake up and it's Fall! Not that I don't like Fall, but I wasn't quite ready for such a sudden turn in the weather! My attitude is beginning to "go with the flow" but my dahlia gardens look more like a battle field! I'm sure we're all out there repairing the damage and enjoying the spots of sun in the October sky.

A lot has happened with the Fall beginnings at the Eugene Garden Club. We have a wonderful new directory with mug shots, just full of info and dates of events to inspire us. We are working toward attracting more renters and have new advertising and a new rental contract. We have a plan in place for a cleaner clubhouse and a "cleaner" front porch and garden. We also have a new boutique idea and a great new website to check out.

Whew! And then there are all the ongoing projects and new programs to join in. So check out the upcoming dates in the newsletter and get involved. Let's have a little fun as we continue to get to know and appreciate each other.

Happy Fall,



..... Camille Noel
President

OCTOBER MEETING EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

October 15

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:15 p.m. Meeting [at Clubhouse](#)

Carpool to UO

1:00 p.m. *UO Tree Tour*
with Whitey Lueck

HOSTESSES: Dorothy Cruickshank*, Gigi Gremmel
Sister Janet Marcisz, Marilyn Hunter

FALL PROGRAMS PLANNED

OCTOBER – NOVEMBER

By Pat Kramer, Vice-President

The October Garden Club meeting location has CHANGED from Ann Rollins home to the **EGC clubhouse at 11:30 a.m.** We will have the general meeting then carpool to the UO campus where Whitey Lueck will take us on a grounds tour of the UO campus. We will meet him at 1:00 p.m. at the Pioneer Mother Statue south of Johnson Hall. Bring your umbrella just in case it rains.

Our November meeting program will be a **Holiday Craft Workshop** where we can each make items to sell at the Greens Sale on Saturday, December 7, at the EGC. We will be making items with various pods, seeds, dried flowers, nuts. There will be a signup sheet at the October meeting for members to signup for the workshop. If you have any of the items listed above that you can donate, please bring them with you to the October meeting. If you have your own glue gun and glue sticks, please plan to bring them to the November meeting.

GREENS SALE 2013

DECEMBER 7



The annual Eugene Garden Club Greens Sale is our biggest fundraiser for the year and is fast approaching. Sign-ups will be available at October and November meetings. The big sale day is on Saturday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

It's time to start thinking about which shrubs or trees to wait on cutting back until late November so that the trimmings can be used in wreaths, floral designs, and more as we prepare for the sale during the week after Thanksgiving, December 2-6.

Some examples of plant material great for color and texture contrast – (evergreen varieties)

arborvitae	Oregon grape (red)
cypress	nandina (red)
boxwood	yellow holly
(plain or variegated)	holly w/ berries
salal	variegated holly
Japanese holly	cedar (with blooming tips)
eucalyptus	camellia
pine (short needles)	cryptomeria
incense Cedar	(reddish especially)
magnolia	magnolia buds
yew	euonymous
skimmia	osmanthus
pieris	aucuba
grand fir	juniper (berried)
western red cedar	blue spruce
huckleberry	chaemecyperis
boulevard cypress broom	vinca minor
sage	curly branches
artemesia	lavendar
santolina	rosemary

Also -- Anything with berries that will last: holly, nandina, rose hips, juniper.

And -- Small branches, twigs, any color but especially yellow or red or gnarly, like barberry, filbert, willow, blueberry, etc.

* * * * The cut part of boughs or branches can be up to about 1/2" thick both for wreaths and designs; 12"-18" is a good length.

Our EGC budget has \$5600 income included from our Greens Sale. That's certainly within our reach! It's a lot of work, but really a lot of fun too! Most people work multiple days during our preparations.

Janet Calvert will have sign ups for Greens Gathering, and Sherry Cossey will have signups for the work week at our next two meetings.

EGC INITIATES

GARDEN CLUB BOUTIQUE

The 15th of October is the time for bringing your items to sell at the November meeting. We want to collect your donations ahead of time so we might set up a very pleasing display at that meeting.

Some suggestions: Christmas theme articles, old ornaments, good tinsel, sets of 4, 6 or 8 Holiday napkins, table runners, good figurines, angels, snowmen, holiday plates and glasses in sets of 4 or more – the list could go on and on.

The committee asks that the donations be in good condition and of good quality. Remember there will be tax deductible forms for you to fill.

We want to have a rip roaring good sale at the November meeting.

Thanks.

The Committee—*Phyllis Hamel, Chris DeRoss, Shauna Hill.*

Flower Arranging Class

Thursday, October 17,
9:30 a.m.

A Design for Halloween
Use of Creative Style encouraged

\$5.00 fee one-time per year

Sherry & Georgia
Instruction and Assistance



Above: 2 floral arrangements in the NGC type Parallel Design by Sherry Cossey & Ruth Fry..

INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . NEW MEMBER

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Retired teacher

. . . PLANT FAIR

NOW is the time to think about dividing our plants. Pot some up for the Plant Fair in 2014. Be sure to use clean pots and sterile soil. Then let Mother Nature take care of new babies until spring! If someone would volunteer to host a potting party in the next 6 weeks, our club could provide soil, and members could come to pot up plant divisions.



Above left to right: Dianne Dewey & Phyllis Hamel pot up plants in preparation for Plant Fair 2013; Juanita Manley & Phoebe Staples make sure that plants are labeled correctly.

. . . OSFGC

The Fall State Board Meeting will be held Monday, October 14, in Lincoln City. EGC member, Jennifer Rabner will fill in for OSFGC Treasurer, Karen Brown, who is undergoing treatments for ovarian cancer. Sharon Wilson is the Chairman for the Treasure Chest, and Sherry Cossey Co-chairman for Oregon Symposium 2014 and the Pacific Region Convention 2015.

. . . Weekly Planning Calendars

The NGC Visions of Beauty weekly planners are available for 2014. They are \$4.50 and Jennifer Rabner will be taking our orders this month and next. Garden club designers from around the country enter their photos and a jury makes the selections for the designs that face each week's calendar page for notes. Oregon's Char Mutschler has the cover design! And Linda Nelson has the inside cover page.

Willamette District

Regular Meeting

Hosted by Cottage Grove Club

Friday October 25, 2013

First Presbyterian Church
216 South 3rd Street, Cottage Grove

9:30 -- Coffee & Country Store

10:00 – Meeting

12:00 – Potluck Lunch

(Bring your own table service)

Program by McKenzie Lavender

Door Prizes & Raffle

(each club brings a Raffle item such as a basket or a plant.)

Car-Pooling recommended.



Sharon Wilson
Willamette District Director

If you have never been to a District Meeting, this is a great opportunity to meet people from our other clubs and learn more about lavender.

DISTRICT MEETING HAS COUNTRY STORE

If you have any new or gently used Autumn theme items that you would like to donate to the making of EGC's raffle basket to be sold at the Willamette District General Meeting, to be held Friday, October 25, please contact Georgia Zahar, Willamette District Assistant Director, at 541.686.8397.



If you are thinking a year ahead, sow a seed.
If you are thinking 10 years ahead, plant a tree.
If you are thinking 100 years ahead,
educate people.

Author Unknown



WILDLIFE IN LANE COUNTY

Take a trip to Oakridge and visit the Willamette Fish Hatchery. The hatchery is open all year round. They raise spring chinook salmon and summer and winter steelhead.

The Willamette Hatchery has outside visitor information kiosks. Ponds offer viewing of larger trout and white sturgeon (one sturgeon is over 50 years old)!

Fish food is available for purchase and it is fun to feed the fish. A viewing area of upland game birds is also available with a museum interpretive center and picnic area. Adult salmon are on hand June – September. It's worth the stop.

Willamette Hatchery
76389 Fish

*Georgia Zahar
Birds and Wildlife Chair*

In Georgia Washington's days, there were no cameras. One's image was either sculpted or painted. Some paintings of Washington showed him standing behind a desk with one arm behind his back while others showed both legs and arms. Prices charged by painters were not based on how many people were to be painted, but how many limbs were to be painted. Thus the expression, "Okay, but it'll cost you an arm and a leg".

AS WE PRUNE...

Last spring at the NGC Convention in Seattle, we learned about PlantAmnesty which is a group in Seattle organized to help inform folks (including the City of Seattle) about the appropriate way to prune trees.

Trees should never, ever be topped. And shrubs should rarely be sheared except real topiary and formal hedges. Likewise, stripping the side branches of a mature pine or any other tree or shrub is a no-no. Stripping is not to be confused with selective thinning, which can also make shrubs and trees look open and airy. For more direction, go to www.plantamnesty.org.

EGC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We all enjoy belonging to the garden club and all the opportunities it gives us to learn new gardening techniques, make new friends and enjoy the camaraderie of old friends. Let's not keep that all to ourselves! Invite that neighbor, exercise acquaintance or fellow church member to join you at the next garden club meeting. New members bring fresh ideas to the club.

We've put some new programs in place to make joining easy and fun. We will be introducing the new "Big Buds" program which pairs a "seasoned" member with each new member to act as a mentor during their first year. We will continue with the New Member Tea and also have some get-acquainted programs throughout the year.

You may also have noticed that we asking you to sign in at each meeting. It isn't that we are checking up on you, it's just that we want to know which programs attract the most people, and if someone has stopped attending, we can give them a call and find out if they need a ride, or if they have been under the weather. We care about each other!

Ruth Fry, New Member Chair

MEMBERS USE INTERNET FOR HORTICULTURE EDUCATION

By Shauna Hill

The internet is vast and there are more web sites than you can visit in a life time. In fact, there are more web sites about gardening, plants and horticulture related topics than you can visit in a life time. So -- when we find one that is worthwhile and helpful, we should share the web address (called URL). That is why we are pointing your attention to: <http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/>.

The United States Department of Agriculture has a dandy site about plants. This week they just added their 50,000th plant picture! Tons of interesting data on this site and it will get right down into your neighborhood. Just look on the right hand side and click on "List of Plants in My State".

You can search and view images and facts about individual plants and the articles are very interesting and well written by folks who know their stuff.

And it's free (well, not really, it's your tax dollars that pay for the site). Happy Clicking!

What's Happening

October

- 1** EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 11-13** Eugene Clay Fest, Fairgrounds
- 14** OSFGC Fall Board Meeting, Lincoln City
- 15** Regular EGC Meeting
- 16/18** Garden Work Parties
Front Garden/SMJ House
- 17** Flower Arranging Class
- 25** Willamette District General Meeting,
Cottage Grove Host
- 28** 31st Mt. Pisgah Mushroom Festival & Plant Sale



November

- 5** EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m
- 19** Regular EGC Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 29-30-1** Greens Gathering



December

- 2-6** Wreath-Making Week
- 7** Greens Sale. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 17** Holiday Potluck



Ann Rollins Fall Design decorated the goodies table at September EGC meeting.



Fall Colors Are Coming



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In the Garden – in October

Dig dahlias or mulch in well-drained soil, making sure rain won't get into cut stem. If you dig your dahlias, do so about a day or so after you cut the plant back to a stalk. (f you leave your dahlias in the ground over the winter, put a small can or baggie over the end of the cut stalk to prevent rot or freezing from rain.)

At first sign of cold weather, cut all rose bushes to 40" above ground.

Clean up annual flower beds and mulch with manure or compost.

Plant garlic for harvesting next summer.

Dig and store potatoes, harvest pumpkins and squash.

Save seeds from vegetables and flower gardens.

Mulch around roses, azaleas, rhododendrons for winter protection.

Plant ground covers and shrubs.

Fertilize lawn for last time this year.

