

Eugene Garden Club News

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President's Corner

Fall is officially here and what a glorious one it has been so far. There has been enough rain to green up my lawn, enough sun in between to keep the ground workable and enough of both to keep my newly planted veggie plants happy. Is your lawn an emerald jewel-tone right now too?

Our forecast for the remainder of October sounds like it may be similar so that should give us another month of good gardening weather before we have to get serious about "putting the garden to bed".

Gardening is my therapy. My prayer and thinking time. I often welcome mindless garden tasks for the time to organize thoughts. I call it garden *putzing*. Since our northwest growing season continues through fall some considerable garden *putzing* is still doable before I need to put the shovel in the shed for the winter.

Next month we'll be hitting the holiday phase with vigor but in the meantime.....

Happy fall garden *putzing*!



..... Debi Luidhardt
President

OCTOBER MEETING EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

October 18

11:30 a.m. Potluck Lunch
"Everything Squash & Apples"

12:15 p.m. Meeting

1:00 p.m. How to Shrink Your Lawn
*Heidi Branchesi &
Dorothy Cruickshank*

HOSTESSES: Camille Noel-lead, Mary Bromley
Ann Rollins, Cheryle Hawkins

GREETERS: Dianne Dewey & Kathleen Gray

TIDBITS

--- October EGC meeting includes a potluck where we are asked to bring things made with apples and/or squash. Plus recipes would be appreciated as well!

--- Reminders to Hostesses for monthly meetings to vacuum and return the rooms to original (tables and chairs put away).

--- We are getting a new cleaning company. If you should happen to find something missed on cleaning day, write a note on the Bulletin Board in the back room.

--- Sign up for hosting a December potluck table at our meeting next week.

GREENS SALE 2016 DECEMBER 3



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 3, 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, November 28 - December 2.

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 \$5000+ 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 signups for Greens Gathering, and Sherry Cossey will have signups for the work week at our next two meetings.

Willamette District Regular Meeting

Hosted by Junction City Garden Club
Friday October 28, 2016
At Faith Lutheran Church
926 West 6th Street
Junction City

*(Hwy 99 N – Turn left at 6th Street.
The church is on the right across from JCHS.
Extra parking on west side of church)*

9:30 -- Coffee & Country Store

10:00 – Meeting

12:00 – Potluck Lunch

(Bring your own table service)

1:00 – Program

Jennifer Moss from Dorris Ranch

Door Prizes & Raffle

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 share ideas.

District Meeting Has Country StoreSo we are welcome to bring white elephant items and our wallets!

STATE BOARD MEETING HELD

The OSFGC held it's Fall Board Meeting Monday, October 10 in Clackamas after touring the Leach Botanical Garden in Portland the afternoon before.



INS & OUTS OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . DIRECTORIES

If you haven't picked your EGC Directory up yet, they are in the closet in the front room at the clubhouse. Please get one.

**Change Linda Wittorf's address on p. 12 to
6015 Mica Street
Springfield 97478

. . . CLUBHOUSE REMINDER

If you BORROW something from the clubhouse to use at home or elsewhere, please put a note on the backroom Bulletin Board with your name and the date.

. . . PLANT FAIR

NOW is the time to think about dividing our plants. Pot some up for the Garden Extravaganza in May of 2017. 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.



CLAY FEST HAS DESIGNS

For many years Eugene Garden Club has cooperated with the local Clay Fest which is held in conjunction with the Fall Home Show at the Fairgrounds in Eugene. This year Marj Petrusha, Monica Henry, Sherry Cossey and Georgia Zahar (below) filled 3 dozen containers that potters brought by their station in the morning. The Clay Fest buys flowers for us and we bring foliage and other plant material from our yards. Our work always brightens up their booths with their wonderful pottery creations. A few are pictured above.



EGC OUT & ABOUT

. . . Last week a team of Eugene Garden Club members joined Dorothy Cruickshank at Pearl Buck Center to help preschool children plant pansies.

. . . In mid September Eugene Garden Club members Juanita Manley and Sherry Cossey helped judge the floral designs in the Lane County Dahlia Society show in the Wheeler Pavilion at the Fairgrounds. Members Camille Noel, Cheryle Hawkins, and Monica Henry were among the big winners both in design and horticulture!



EGC members won Best in Novice Class -- Cheryle Hawkins (left) and Best in Amateur Class -- Monica Henry (right).

Flower Arranging Class

Thursday, October 13,
1:30 p.m. (new time!)

“Halloween” is the theme.

Bring a pumpkin and plant material to
decorate it with

Sherry & Georgia
Instruction and Assistance

Designs above from September “Summer’s End” were created by Sister Janet Marcisz, Ruth Michaelson, Camille Noel, and Carol Prud’homme.

SNAPPLE REAL ANIMAL FACTS

- Animals that lay eggs don't have belly buttons.
- Beavers can hold their breath for 45 minutes under water.
- Slugs have 4 noses.
- Camels have 3 eyelids.
- A honey bee can fly @ 15 miles per hour.
- A bee has 5 eyelids.
- Flamingos turn pink from eating shrimp.
- Cats have over 100 vocal chords.
- All porcupines float in water.
- A hummingbird weighs less than a penny.
- A group of porcupines is called a pickle.
- Armadillos have 4 babies at a time and they are always the same sex.

Resource: Snapple.com

*Georgia Zahar
Birds & Wildlife Chairman*



Above: Lane County Dahlia Society show "Head Table" where winning entries are displayed after judging topped by a large design produced by EGC member, Sherry Cossey.

Right: One of EGC member Camille Noel's winning designs for the Dahlia Show.



GARDEN THERAPY . . .

EGC members will be working with seniors at the Junction City Retirement and Assisted Living Thursday, October 20 at 3:00 p.m.

The facility will provide pumpkins, and we will bring plant material for the folks to decorate their pumpkins. If you didn't already sign up to assist with this activity, you still may sign up with Sherry Cossey. We can drive individually, or carpool from Jerry's on Hwy 99 N.



Above: Last year Ruth Michaelson (left) and Debi Luidhardt (right) assisting seniors in Junction City.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION . . .

EGC members regularly work in the gardens at the Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House on Skinner Butte weeding, deadheading, planting, fertilizing, and more.

Friday, October 21, we are going to meet at Phyllis Hamel's house at 11:00 a.m. to dig a smallish rhododendron and transplant it in the east garden area of the SMJ house.

Georgia Zahar, Sherry Cossey, Sharon Wilson, Janet Calvert, Mary Bromley, Terrye Eames, and Kathleen Gray are our most regular helpers there. We usually meet late morning on the 3rd or 4th Friday of the month. We always welcome more hands!

What's Happening



October

- 3 Pearl Buck planting with kids
- 4 EGC Board Meeting
- 9-11 Eugene Clay Fest, Fairgrounds, EGC- floral designs
- 10 OSFGC Fall Board Meeting, Clackamas
(Garden Tour on 9th at Leach Botanical Garden)
- 13 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 18 EGC Regular Meeting
- 20 Garden Therapy with Junction City Seniors
- 21 SMJ Work Party, 11:00
- 28 Willamette District General Mtg., Junction City
- 30 Mushroom Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum



November

- 1 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 15 Regular EGC Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 17 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 25-26-27 Greens Gathering, TBA



December

- 11/28-12/2 Wreath-Making Week
- 3 Greens Sale. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 8 Pearl Buck Youth Floral Arranging
- 13 Holiday Potluck
- 22 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.



More floral designs from recent Clay Fest made by EGC members.

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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. (If 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.

