

Eugene Garden Club News

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60 members

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President's Corner

The month of February is such a tease, giving us little tastes of the nice Spring season that we so look forward to. Yes, we need the rain too, after all this is Oregon! It's always good to refer to the end of the newsletter for what we can do in the garden now.

As we prepare for some of our upcoming events like Plant Nerd night and the Pacific Region Convention, keep in mind what you might be able to do to help make those a success. It takes everyone to keep all of our exciting activities worthwhile. Volunteers are so needed and appreciated!

Our general meeting program is interesting and important. Stephanie from Oregon State University will be sharing some of the results of her research on bees. Stephanie is investigating flowers both in terms of nutritional value and pesticide residues and how they impact bee health.

I've seen this presentation and am eager to have everyone see it. It will open our eyes to what we can do to improve our environment over all, but especially for our pollinators.

See you at the meeting Tuesday.



. Camille Noel
EGC President

We have myriads of large black pots, gallons & larger behind the clubhouse or in the shed. Please take!

Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2015

- 11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch
12:15 p.m. Meeting
1:00 p.m. *Bee Troubles –
What Can You Do?*
By Stephanie Parreira

HOSTESSES: Jennifer Rabner*, Mary Thomnas,
Juanita Manley, Chris DeRoss

GREETERS: Dorothy Hedin & Peggy Funkhouser

Oregon Hosts Convention For Pacific Region of NGC

The year 2015 is Oregon's turn to host the Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs 72nd Annual Convention and it will be held at the Hilton Eugene, April 20-22. Sherry Cossey is chairing a committee of about 14 people mostly from the Willamette District. The group has been meeting regularly for more than a year to make plans.

*From the mountains,
to the valleys,
to the waters –
Oregon!*



Our club members can assist in many ways including bringing food or service items for a Continental Breakfast room in our complimentary suite, helping at Registration, providing transportation for an optional tour, stuffing tote bags

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PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST HELD

Bring your entries for the **State Photography Contest** to our March EGC meeting. Winners in the following categories will be entered in the **Willamette District Photo Contest** on March 27. Winners at the District level will be taken to the state contest at State Convention in June.

1. Landscapes/Seascapes – A. Color B. B&W
2. Gardens - A. Color B. B&W
3. Floral - A. Color B. B&W
4. Birds, Butterflies, Insects –
A. Color B. B&W
5. Pets - A. Color B. B&W

Criteria for pictures;

- Printed 8x10, no frames, and not digitally touched up. Winners will need to be matted for the district contest. Mat not to exceed 11x14.
- May be either digital or 35mm
- Taken between Jan.1, 2014 and Apr.1, 2015
- Taken by current garden club member
- Information about entry written on card accompanying photo (see current *The Mahonia*)

Plant Nerd Night Coming

March 26 will be EGC's yearly "Plant Nerd Night" at the clubhouse, 6-9 p.m.

Sharon Blade, Ruth Fry, and Dorothy Cruickshank have plans in place for members to sign up to help in this event when Nichols Nursery, Egge Seed & Nursery, Gray's Garden Center, Johnson Brothers, and Doak Creek Native Plant Nursery will be on hand to talk about and display new things for our gardens in 2015. Plan to attend! And buy!

Convention, continued #1

transporting bottles for rhododendron trusses, filling bottles with water at hotel and/or moving to luncheon tables and back to lobby after meal, helping in the Breakfast room, and more. **We will have sign up sheets for you at our meeting next week and also in March.**

All the information about our Convention is on our websites for EGC, OSFGC, and also the Pacific Region. **Do take a look** at who the various speakers are and the afternoon activities each day. You may decide to attend some or all of the convention. Make new friends from Washington,

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Cassin's Auklet *Ptychoramphus aleuticus*

The Cassin's auklet is a small, chunky seabird that ranges widely in the North Pacific.

They nest in burrows on small islands by either digging a hole in the soil or using natural cracks and crevices to nest in, but also readily use man-made structures.

Pairs will show strong loyalty towards each other and their nesting site. Both parents incubate the single white egg.

At sea, Cassin's feed offshore, hunting down zooplankton or krill.



Since the summer of 2014, thousands of carcasses of Cassin's auklets have washed ashore from northern California to the north coast of Washington. On December 26, 2014 one hundred twenty-six dead birds were found on a beach in Tillamook. Scientists are uncertain of the cause. The birds appear to be starving to death. Bird deaths are normal in winter, but the magnitude of this die-off is unusual.

*Georgia Zahar
Birds and Wildlife Chair*

Willamette District Meets

Our Willamette District will meet at the Eugene Garden Club, Friday, February 27, hosted by Cottage Grove Garden Club with morning snacks and beverages – 9:30 a.m., Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

The District General Meeting will be exactly 4 weeks later on March 27 hosted by the Westside Gardeners. All members are invited to attend and the program will be announced next month.

*Sharon Wilson,
Willamette District Director*

Convention, continued #2

Alaska, California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Arizona, and Hawaii. Our NGC President-Elect will be here to install the new PR Director.

Check out the Pre-Convention Tour on one of the websites. (Its registration deadline is March 3).

What's Happening

February

- 3 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 11-15 NW Flower & Garden Show,
Convention Center, Seattle
- 17 EGC Regular Meeting;
- 19 Flower Arranging Class
- 27-Mar 1 Yard, Garden & Patio Show
Convention Center, Portland
- 27 Willamette District Board Meeting,
CGGC Hosts at EGC


**Bring garden items
this month for
Garden Boutique
Sale is in
March**

March

- 3 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 6-9 Lane County Home & Garden Show
- 9 OSFGC Board Meeting, Seaside
- 17 EGC Regular Meeting
- 19 Flower Arranging Class
- 26 Plant "Nerd" Night
- 27 Willamette District Meeting,
Westside Gardeners Host at EGC
- 28-29 State Flower Show, Portland EXPO Ctr.
Better Living Show



April

- 2 LC Dahlia Society's Tuber Auction,
Celeste Campbell Center, 7 p.m.
- 7 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 14 EGC Regular Meeting
- 16 Flower Arranging Class, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Master Gardener's Spring Garden Fair & Plant Sale
EWEB River Edge Plaza, 11-5
- 20-22 Pacific Region of NGC Convention, Hilton Eugene



At our February Meeting
 Enter to
WIN
 A *FREE* Guest Pass (\$8.00 value) to
Cascades Raptor Center

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In the Garden – in February

Prune deciduous summer-blooming shrubs and trees.

Prune clematis and other vining ornamentals.

Prune and trellis berries, can berries and grapes.

Prune fruit trees & blueberries.

Plant new fruit trees and deciduous shrubs.

Plant onions outdoors when soil is dry enough.

Till in cover crops and/or organic material

Prune roses in middle of the month.

