

Eugene Garden Club News

September 2015

Volume 11, Issue 1

Editors: Sherry Cossey, Georgia Zahar & Janet Marcisz

51 members

Eugene Garden Club

1645 High Street

Eugene, OR 97401



President's Corner

On your mark... Get set... Pull on the garden gloves!

Here we go into a rewarding garden club year! I can't wait to hear and learn more from my gardening friends during outstanding projects, programs and workshops planned for the upcoming year. Our first program on September 15 will be Opening Pandora's Box when we peek about the clubhouse to learn what mysteries are actually contained within.

Henry Ward Beecher wrote, *"What a pity flowers can utter no sound!—A singing rose, a whispering violet, a murmuring honeysuckle ... oh, what a rare and exquisite miracle would these be!"*

Too bad poor Henry couldn't "hear" the garden. He must not have been a gardener! If I "listen" closely with all my senses I'm confident I can "hear" miracles. Maybe not "hear" with my ears but with other senses. My crepe myrtle with powdery mildew, my star jasmine with reaching tendrils, my walking onions marching across my vegetable garden, my fuchsias with lavish blooms are all "telling" me something. (Maybe, even, screaming for help!) If I pay close attention and "listen" carefully I can "hear," what they are "telling" me.

And so goes it with my dear garden club friends. If I listen, I hear and learn. We are so fortunate to have a rich wealth of plant expertise within our membership. This upcoming year promises opportunities for valuable information coming from decades of experienced gardeners.

See you on the 3rd Tuesday with listening ears tuned to hear, learn and enjoy.



... . Debi Luidhardt
President

SEPTEMBER MEETING Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2015

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:15 p.m. Meeting & Horticulture

12:40 p.m. Program

Pandora's Box @ Eugene Garden Club

A "must see" for all!!

Coordinator: Janet Calvert

HOSTESSES: Camille Noel-lead,
Donna Shirley, Phyllis Hamel

GREETERS: Ruth Fry & Catherine Taylor

EGC STARTS A NEW YEAR

The Eugene Garden Club's first general meeting gives us all an opportunity to find out what all is where and maybe even what things are for in the clubhouse!

Janet Calvert has a crew who will take turns sharing the various information with us.



MORE— Tasty Tomatoes Wanted!

Bring a few tomatoes from your garden, labeled with the names if possible, and bring them in before the meeting so that we can display them. Include your name on the back of your label.

They don't have to be pretty – we will taste them and choose our favorite(s)! **Ann Rollins** would like you to contact her, annrollins@ieec.org if you can bring some.

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 Petrusha, Juanita Manley, Dorothy Cruickshank, Sherry Cossey, Monica Henry, Sharon Wilson, Sister Janet Marcisz, Camille Noel, Ruth Fry, Cheryle Hawkins and Ruth Michaelson. Congratulations to Camille Noel who won the High Point Award in the Floral Department! And Monica Henry who won the Fair's Award for the People's Choice in Floral!

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, Monica Henry, Sister Janet Marcisz, Jackie & Bob Getty, Marj Petrusha, Sandy Bond, Peg Funkhouser, Georgia & Greg Zahar, Janet Calvert, Camille Noel, Cheryle Hawkins along with 31 from other Willamette District Clubs and the Lane County Dahlia Society.

Donor Awards went to Camille Noel, Marj Petrusha, & Kathie Spinola for Best Designs in Open, Advanced Amateur, and Novice Classes respectively. Cheryle Hawkins was awarded the Best Exhibit in all of Horticulture for her wonderful "Ribbon" Fern. Ruth Fry won Best Miniature Designs in Advanced Amateur Class, and Georgia Zahar won Best Table Design in Class 3. Camille Noel had the Best Dahlia in the Open Show.

Eugene Garden Club's Vignette Design was second place (created by Cheryle Hawkins & Camille Noel).

A new feature at the Fair this year was Garden Club competition for planting 15 flower barrels that were displayed throughout the property during the Fair with appropriate signage. Eugene Garden Club planted 5 barrels, Cottage Grove – 3, Junction City – 3, Oakridge – 3, and Westside Gardeners – 1. Cottage Grove took 1st place for the \$50 award, Eugene 2nd for \$30, and Junction City 3rd for \$20. Thank you to Jackie Getty, Ruth Michaelson, Sharon Wilson, Debi Luidhardt, Sherry Cossey, & Donna Shirley and others for planting and watering!

Sherry Cossey, Lane County Fair Floral Coordinator

EXTENSION HOLDS FALL FESTIVAL

The OSU Extension will present their Fall Festival Saturday, September 26, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the Emerald Park Recreation Center, 1400 Lake Drive.

Master Gardeners will present talks on

Four Season Gardening	Asexual Propagation
Layering Bulbs & Plants	Composting Basics
Sustainable Landscape	Cover Crops
Putting Gardens to Bed	Hard Cider/Meade

Fresh-pressed apple cider, bulbs, apple trees, garden books, baked goods, music, handmade and recycled art for your garden, and more!



*Cauliflower #6
summer 2015.*

*Enough
already!
SC*

Flower Arranging Class

**Thursday, September 18, 9:30 a.m.
EGC Clubhouse**

“Am I a Duck or a Beaver?”

Incorporate an accessory in your design – it should be subordinate to the plant material; to be placed in a 2' x 2' space.

Invite a friend or just come to the ongoing Flower Arranging Class that Alfretta, Sherry, and Georgia started nearly 6 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 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



A few photos from the 2015 Lane County Fair Floral Department including floral designs and 3 of the Eugene Garden Club's Flower Barrels, one with Sharon Wilson admiring it. Bottom photo shows some of the Novice Class Floral Designs and lots of cut flowers in Horticulture.



2015 EGC OFFICERS

At our June meeting, Willamette District Director Sharon Wilson installed the new Eugene Garden Club officers pictured below in Janet Calvert's backyard.

Left to right:

President – Debi Luidhardt

Co-Vice Presidents – Ann Rollins, Marilyn Hunter

Recording Secretary – Mary Bromley

Corresponding Secretary – Ruth Fry

Treasurer – Jennifer Rabner



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 25, 9:30 a.m. hosted by Junction City Garden Club.

. . . 2. DISTRICT MEETING

The regular large group meeting will be held October 23 hosted by Oakridge 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).



Rhinocerotidae

Rhinoceros

The rhinoceros is a horned herbivorous mammal of the family *Rhinocerotidae*. There are only 5 species in the family. Three of these species are found in South Central Asia and the other two live in Africa south of the Sahara.

Rhinos generally inhabit savannahs, shrubby regions and dense forests. All rhinos are generally restricted to areas where a necessary daily trip to water is available.

Rhinos have massive bodies with a large head with 1 or 2 horns. The horns are very solid and composed of keratin. Rhinos have a broad chest and short, stumpy legs. They have small eyes and fairly short but prominent erect ears. Their thick skin is scantily haired and wrinkled, furrowed or pleated. The tail bears stiff bristles.

Female rhinos give birth every two years & the offspring stays with its mother until the next offspring is born. The potential lifespan is approximately 50 years.

Rhinos feed on leaves, grasses and branches depending on the species.

All species of rhinos are extremely endangered due to overhunting and habitat destruction. Humans have hunted rhinos extensively because nearly all parts of the animal have been used in folk medicine. The most prized part is the horn, which has been used as an aphrodisiac, fever reducing drug, dagger handle & as a potion for detecting poison.

Georgia Zahar, Birds & Wildlife Chairman

EGC WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Ruth Michaelson and Ruth Fry hosted a new member meeting August 11th at the latter's home. The group was welcomed by our new president, Debi Luidhardt, and then heard presentations from long standing members, Sherry Cossey, Sharon Wilson, Dorothy Cruickshank, and Sharon Blade about various garden club topics and activities.

It was a delightful afternoon getting to know these new members and sharing information. We certainly welcome them into the club and look forward to their participation during the coming year.

Newish members Mareev Zehavi, Terry Eames, Sally Leete, Monica Henry, Kathleen Gray and Donna Shirley are pictured to the left of this article.

Ruth Fry



WHAT'S HAPPENING

September

- 1 Eugene Garden Club Board Meeting
- 15 EGC Regular Meeting
- 17 Flower Arranging Class, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Work Party
- 19-20 Lane County Dahlia Show, Wheeler Pavilion
- 25 Willamette District Board Meeting, EGC, 9:30 a.m.
- 27 FALL FESTIVAL, Ext. Service, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Emerald Park Recreation Center
- 29-30 Flower Show School, Course 3



October

- 5 OSFGC Fall Board Meeting, Sandy
Rainbow Lodge – Hull Park
(Garden Tour on 4th & plant Dawn Redwood)
- 6 EGC Board Meeting
- 6 “Weed Warriors” at Pearl Buck Trivia Night
- 7 Pearl Buck pansy planting
- 9-11 Eugene Clay Fest, Fairgrounds, EGC- floral designs
- 15 Flower Arranging Class
- 20 EGC Regular Meeting
- 23 Willamette District General Mtg., Springfield hosts
- 25 Mushroom Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum



Lane County Fair photos here include the Eugene Garden Club's Patio Vignette, another one of our flower barrels and a floral design made with all foliage. Roses are on the left (one is Spanish Sunset) and cystus on the right above

**Eugene Garden Club
Sherry Cossey
87205 Willowdale
Eugene, OR 97402-9133**

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

