

Eugene Garden Club News

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67 members

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President's Corner

EGC, like many other quality organizations, makes our world a better place. It is *powered* by the compassion and volunteer collaboration of many caring individuals. I have so much appreciation for you all. This past year we worked to maintain our friendships and gardens. I have to say, yet again, "Thank you, friends, for all you do."

On May 17th the membership will be voting for 2016-17 officers. Immediately committees will then be developing. Over the summer the Board will be working on next year's programs, budget, committees, directory, membership, clubhouse necessities and more. AND there's always that competitive energy at the fair too! I encourage everyone to give some thought to how you'd like to participate in an upcoming successful EGC year.

On June 21 EGC members will crown the club's year off with a carpool trip to some handsome outdoor spaces. A brief meeting that day will include the installation of new officers. You won't want to miss the trip so be sure to see the details in this newsletter.

My friends, good job for a successful gardening club year! We *done* good! Thank you.

. . . Debi Luidhardt, President



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Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:15 p.m. Meeting
Horticulture
Election of Officers

1:00 p.m. *Painting Clay Pots with
Chalkboard Paint*

By Kathy Paterson

Coordinator: Marilyn Hunter

HOSTESSES: Ann Rollins*, Mary Bromley,
Janet Calvert

GREETER: Diane Dewey & Sharon Blade

May Meeting at EGC

The "business" portion of our May meeting will include the formal election of officers for 2016-2017. The slate is

President: *Debi Luidhardt*

Vice-President: *Sharon Wilson*

Treasurer: *Jennifer Rabner*

Recording Secretary: *Susan Mincks*

Corresponding Secretary: *Marilyn Hunter*

Trustees: *Georgia Zahar*

Janet Marcisz (to replace Chris DeRoss)

We will also have our first opportunity to select which special committees we would like to be involved with next year. We will also sign up for Hostesses at the Fair and Barrel Planting for the Fair.

The "program" part is using a special technique for painting clay pots. Let Marilyn Hunter know if you plan to paint a pot if she doesn't already know.

Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

9:15 a.m. Carpool to Roger Gossler's Family Nursery in East Springfield.

(Drivers will have maps for the destinations.)

12:00 p.m. Brown Bag Lunch – shelter in Hendrick's Park east of Cedar Flats off Hwy 126.

Cars will need \$4 parking pass at the park (\$110 fine if no pass!)

Installation of Officers
Sign up for Fair
Barrel Planting
Hostessing

1:00 p.m. Tour Bloom River Gardens

HOSTESSES: Jackie Getty*, Kathleen Gray, Julie Knebel

LANE COUNTY FAIR COMING UP

The schedules for departments at the Lane County Fair are online now, and the Floral Department Theme is "Our Farms & Gardens". The dates for the Fair this year are July 20-24. The Fair books are available now and there are a few at the clubhouse. The Floral Department M pages begin p. 15.

Entries can be made through the Fair website at www.atthefair.com or in person or by mail anytime now through June. Changes or new entries can be made on entry day, July 20.

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 *A Farmer's Garden Niche* as well as the Planted Barrel Design – planting 3 barrels 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 President Debi know. Last year we won \$35 for ours.

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

The Design classes are organized the same as in the past, by Open, Advanced Amateur, and Novice. Some of the classes include traditional mass, underwater, foliage only, all dried material, including some vegetables, using a repurposed old container, featuring water, using grasses, 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.

EGC will put on a floral arranging activity for children and seniors again this year - at least 2 days. Plans for that event will be made known by our June meeting.

Plan to PARTICIPATE in the Fair!

Left: EGC's three barrels at 2015 Lane County Fair. Middle picture was taken planting day in June with Jackie Getty, Sherry Cossey, Natalie Reeves, Debi Luidhardt and Ruth Michaelson. During the Fair in late July two of our barrels were by the concert arena and the eating area, where Sharon Wilson is standing.



Above: EGC Garden Niche at 2015 Lane County Fair created by Camille Noel and Cheryle Hawkins.





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 7, at Key Bank on River Road by Bi-Mart. 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. Many many customers came and shopped our tables and took home new things for their yards. Eugene takes home \$664.05 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 & Jerry Blade, Mary Bromley, Janet Calvert, Sherry Cossey, Dianne Dewey, Ruth Fry, Peggy Funkhouser, Jackie Getty, Phyllis Hamel, Pat Kramer, Debi Luidhardt, Juanita Manley, Ruth Michaelson, Camille Noel, Marj Petrusa, Jennifer Rabner, Ann Rollins, all volunteered their time and energy to make this event successful.

OSFGC Convention in June

The OSFGC Convention will be held in Hood River this June 13-15. Information is available on the state website, www.oregongardenclubs.org. Debi Luidhardt, Sharon Wilson, Georgia Zahar, and Sherry Cossey would love to have more folks join us! On Tuesday Georgia is assisting Sherry with a workshop on floral design. And the after dinner entertainment on Wednesday will feature 3 past OSFGC presidents as “Designing Divas”, and Sherry will be one of those. Come cheer!

INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . Dues for the coming year

\$25 for one or \$30 for family rate

You may begin paying your yearly dues at our May meeting. See Ruth Michaelson.

. . . Hostesses for the coming year

Ruth Michaelson will have sign-up sheets at our May meeting where you can volunteer to help hostess a meeting for the coming year. This is a way that you can contribute to the running of EGC that is easy and fun.

. . . Flower Arranging Class

The assignment for the May Flower Arranging Class, Thursday, May 19, 1:30 p.m. is to create a design featuring weathered wood.

SMJ House Gardens Grow

Spring at the Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House always finds EGC members planting, weeding, or making some landscape changes. The next work day is Friday, May 20, 10:30 a.m. Bring your weeding tools and clippers.

Last month, Mary Bromley, Sherry Cossey, Terrye Eames, and Debi Luidhardt planted 3 dozen beautiful red geraniums, several ground covers or small shrubs that had been donated, and of course we weeded. This month we will also need to work on deadheading rhododendrons, caring for the many roses, peonies, and azaleas and perhaps edge the lawn.

In late April the SMJ House sponsored a Volunteer Day for getting rid of some more of ivy to the east of the house and spread donated bark-o-mulch throughout the beds and even on the front hillside. Northwest Youth Corps and the Eugene Area Rotary Club spent about 4 hours one Saturday. Hooray!



Sisyrrinchium Striatum; *Santolina* 'Lemon Fizz'

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

Directory

Flower Show

Front Garden

Garden Club Boutique

Garden Therapy

Greens Gathering

Greens Sale

Greeters

Historic Preservation

Horticulture

Hostesses

Lane County Fair Floral

Fair Hands On

Library

Membership (Dues)

Name Tags

Newsletter

Nominations

Pearl Buck Projects

Plant Nerd Night

Plant Sale

Publicity

Scrapbook

Youth

EGC Designs for Pearl Buck

Ten Eugene Garden Club members will create 24 floral centerpieces for the Pearl Buck *Parisian Masquerade* Fundraiser Banquet Friday, May 13, at Shadow Hills Golf Club. Sherry Cossey, Dorothy Cruickshank, Phyllis Hamel, Marilyn Hunter, Debi Luidhardt, Juanita Manley, Janet Marcisz, Ruth Michaelson, Camille Noel, and Sharon Wilson will spend a few hours Friday creating these designs with white roses, foliage, and variegated grass, in a large clear plastic bowl with a VERY tall glass “vase” filled with glowing lights!



Right: Sherry Cossey and Dorothy Cruickshank experimented in Dorothy's back yard and came up with a sample centerpiece for the Pearl Buck banquet.

May in the Garden

Planting, planting, planting! Soil is warming so now it's full speed ahead getting seeds and starts in the garden. Make a \$10 for a \$1 plant and keep that in mind for all sizes!

Sounds like we had a successful plant sale. Now I start thinking of what I can do better for next year. I am looking around town for plants that are in bloom at sale time. Can I provide starts of some of them? Let me know if you have suggestions. Or would annual flowers or veggie starts be a better choice? I watch people buy blooming plants at our plant sale.

Bearded iris are in bloom, but they don't sell well staged in a plastic bag, and no one even looks if there is no bloom? So... pot sturdy tubers this fall?

Next up comes the Lane County Fair and deciding which is the best specimen for horticulture to enter. The book I mentioned last month is a big help with that. Most judges have copies. Our EGC library has books on flower arranging that could help you with entering the floral design part of the Fair. And don't forget the vegetables that may be ready to enter. Land Products has all kinds of classes that include vegetables and herbs that many of us grow.

And don't forget to feed the slugs!

Juanita Manley, Horticulture Chairman

What's Happening



May

- 3 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 7 Garden Extravaganza at Key Bank, 10:00-4:00
- 15 Wild Flower Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
- 19 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.



June

- 7 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 13-15 OSFGC State Convention, hood River
- 21 EGC Meeting, carpool to Gossler's Nursery for tour, Hendricks Park for brown ba lunch & installation and then To Bloom River Gardens

July

- 15 Willamette District Picnic, at Calverts
- 20-24 Lane County Fair



September

- 6 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 a.m.
- 20 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, Virginia Richards, Scintillation and Catawbiense Boursalt. Below from left: climbing rose "Colette"; a 2-year old *Lewisia* waiting to be planted; a very large variegated hosta and 3 other hostas.



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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

