

# Eugene Garden Club News

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Eugene Garden Club

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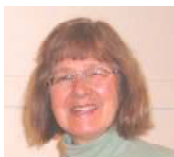
## President's Corner

Lane Forest Products and the Deweys have been having a big exchange program with Mother Earth this past weekend. They get our clumpy, wet clay and rock mix and we get lovely "Nature's Best planting mix", ¼ minus gravel, round stones and extremely well-used muscles due to the myriad of wheelbarrow trips and the necessity of the transfer of said goods with our high-tech shovel! But, oh how sweet it is – our 5 tomato plants are now in the ground and we finally have created a very nice garden in the last remaining spot in our backyard!

What is it about getting down and dirty into our landscapes! I seem to really love to get into it so much that you almost feel part of it. This can be affirmed when one takes the evening shower! I know many of us feel the same way and I hope you, too, are enjoying fiddling about in your bursting-forth gardens now that we finally have the beginning of summertime temperatures.

I'd like to thank each and every one of you for your patience and assistance as I worked through the Co-Presidency with my able and helpful "Co", Phyllis Hamel. We both wish the best to Camille Noel as she leads us next year as President. I'm sure all of us will do our part as committee chairmen or members of committees and activities. That is what makes our club active, educational, and downright fun!

See you at Shauna Hill's home for our Installation of Officers and Potluck lunch.



. . . . . Dianne Dewey,  
Co-President

## Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2013

**One Week Sooner !**

11:30 a.m.

POTLUCK

**Shauna Hill's home**

3298 Marvin Drive

541.461.7767

Meeting & Installation

HOSTESSES: Ruth Michaelson\*, Chris DeRoss,  
Mary Thomas, Glenda Andersen

## Installation Meeting

The final EGC meeting for 2012-2013 will be held at the home of Shauna Hill, Tuesday, June 11, 11:30 a.m., and our new officers will be installed. Bring food (whatever you choose) for the POTLUCK; plates and utensils will be provided.

Officers for 2013-2014 who were elected at our May meeting and will be installed are:

President: *Camille Noel*

Vice-President: *Pat Kramer*

Recording Secretary: *Ann Rollins*

Treasurer: *Jennifer Rabner*

Corresponding Secretary: *Jean Damon & Dianne Dewey*

Trustee: *Marilyn Hunter*

# Civic Activities . . . . .

## SMJ HOUSE

The EGC crew of Janet Calvert, Jennifer Rabner, Georgia Zahar, Sherry Cossey, Sharon Wilson, Debi Luidhardt, Ruth Fry, Catherine Taylor and sometimes others, spend a couple hours apiece at our work parties most months to keep the gardens in shape at the historic Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House.

Four dozen geraniums have been planted and the usual deadheading and upkeep for perennial is ongoing. We expect to spend some time with the many rhododendrons there as well this month.

**Next work party will be**  
**Thursday, June 28, 9:30 a.m.**

## PEARL BUCK CENTER

Dorothy Cruickshank and a few friends will help one group of pre-school children at Pearl Buck Center **plant Nasturtiums** in the planter this week.

Saturday, Sherry Cossey and Dorothy Cruickshank will lead a team of about 9 EGC members to produce 36 centerpieces and 50 boutonnieres for the annual Pearl Buck Fundraiser Banquet that evening at the Valley River Inn.

### **\$ \$ Dues Due! \$ \$**

The fiscal year for EGC ends in June and begins anew July 1. That means dues for 2012-2013 which are \$25.00 can be paid any time now.

Pay dues to Ruth Michaselson at the June meeting or by mail to 1741 Russet Drive, Eugene, OR 97401.

## EGC Clubhouse Use

### How to Promote?

New committee forming for summer to discuss and recommend ways to increase the rental use of our clubhouse. Should we allow dancing and alcohol use? What to do about parking? How should we handle liability, cleaning deposits, advertising, renters insurance, etc.?

Please contact Dianne Dewey, Sharon Wilson, Janet Calvert, or Dorothy Cruickshank if you would like to help.

## Oregon Plant Fair 2013

Thank you to everyone who potted up plants, brought plants, set up for the Plant Fair on Friday, worked at the Fair or cleaned up on Saturday! More than 30 EGC members plus a few husbands are noted to have helped in some way!

Special thanks to Sharon & Jerry Blade, Shari Hewitt, and Shauna Hill and to Debi Luidhardt for selling the remaining plants the following Saturday at Debi's neighborhood's community Garage Sale. They turned in \$181 to add to the \$636 that was our share of our tag sales at the Plant Fair. We will receive our share of the Vendor's donations this summer after all expenses are paid.

## Lane County Fair 2013

Garden Club members are invited to act as hostesses in the Floral Department daily (11 a.m.-11 p.m. except Sunday 11 a.m.-8:00 p.m.). Everyone receives free entry passes when they work. Sign up sheet will be available again at June meeting or contact Sherry Cossey, Floral Coordinator.

EGC members will also help with the traditional Flower Arranging activity for children and seniors on Family Day, Thursday, July 25, 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you would like to help, contact Dorothy Cruickshank.

Helpers first go to Lone Pine Farms and Grassroots Gardens to pick flowers. EGC members are asked to bring flowers and foliage from our gardens that day to help provide plenty of plant material for use in the activities.

Entries for Cut Flowers or Floral Arrangements are due on Tuesday, July 23, after noon at the Performance Hall (where there is A.C.!). EGC needs volunteers for working on the Club Vignette and also the Club Design. Contact Dianne Dewey or Sherry Cossey if you would help.

## Flower Arranging Class Meets

Georgia Zahar and Sherry Cossey report that the Flower Arranging Class assignment for Thursday, June 13, at 9:30 a.m., is a Design Featuring Two Containers.

Last month they group worked on "Flower Arranging With Friends" where each person brought a container and plant material. That was all organized in the center of the work table, and then arrangers started their designs but had to shift to the next design to the right every 5 minutes!

Fun activity. Plenty of discussion afterwards, very educational, and everyone took home at least one completed design afterwards.

# What's Happening

## June

- 4 EGC Board Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- 4 Junction City G.C. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea
- 6 Pearl Buck planter planting with children
- 8 Make centerpieces for Pearl Buck Banquet
- 11 EGC Regular Meeting, Potluck at Shauna Hill's Home
- 13 Flower Arranging Class
- 15 Front Garden Work Party
- 17-19 OSFGC State Convention, Portland
- 18 Historic Gardens Talk, EWEB North Building, 7-8:30 p.m.  
*America's First Gardens, 1720-1820*  
Sharon Hanes MG and Rosarian,  
sponsored by Master Gardeners. Free
- 21 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Work Party

## July

- 23 Entries for Lane County Fair
- 24-28 Lane County Fair
- 25 Family Day at Fair, EGC activity 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 29 Pick up exhibits from Fair

## August

- 2 Willamette District Picnic, Oakridge G.C., Green Rivers Park

## **Willamette District Picnic Friday, Aug. 2, 2013**

### **Oakridge Garden Club Hosts**

### **Community Building at Green Waters Park**

**Coffee 9:00 -- Meeting 10:00 -- Lunch 12:00 (Potluck)**

**Green Waters Park is just East of Oakridge on Hwy. 58; Park is on the right.**

**Please bring items for the Country Store.**

**Plan to Carpool that day.**

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## **In the Garden – in June**

**Mulch garden with organic material such as sawdust, barkdust,  
And composted leaves to reduce water evaporation.**

**Thin heavy fruit crops of apples, pears, peaches.**

**Spread 2 T. Epsom salts around each rose bush at the first  
Of the month to encourage root growth.**

**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**



**\*\*\*Note June Meeting Date and Place**