

Eugene Garden Club News

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59 members

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President's Corner

Here it is, time to get together again. I hope all have enjoyed summer in the gardens and other outside activities the weather allows. Mother Nature has certainly been beaming these past few months, and as much as I love summer, I'm ready for it to cool down a bit. My dahlias have been complaining some from the heat but I've again enjoyed their beautiful blooms and the excuse to share them with friends, family and at shows.

The Lane County Dahlia show is the 13th and 14th at the fairgrounds in the Wheeler Pavilion. Come join us as hundreds of blooms and designs will be on display!

Other than nursing a bum knee I have really enjoyed the outside time. I hope your plantings have proven to be fruitful and beautiful as well.

I am ready to go forward with garden club now as we finalize our activities for this next year. We'll get our new handbooks at our first meeting where you'll find interesting monthly programs and trips and of course our new mug shots. :)

Our first program will be a walking tour of the Zen North forest put in at Autzen Stadium.

Bring your walking shoes and I'll see you all Tuesday.



..... Camille Noel
President

SEPTEMBER MEETING Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:15 p.m. Meeting & Horticulture

12:40 p.m. Carpool to Autzen Stadium

Walking Tour of "Zen North"

At Autzen with Larry Gilbert

& Cameron McCarthy

HOSTESSES: Jackie Getty*, Shauna Hill,
Shari Hewitt

GREETER: Juanita Manley & Sharon Wilson

EGC STARTS A NEW YEAR

Following our September general meeting of the Eugene Garden Club, we will be leaving at 12:40 p.m. and carpooling to Autzen Stadium for a walking tour of "Zen North". The principal Landscape Architect for the 2014 modification to the north berm of Autzen Stadium, Larry Gilbert with Cameron McCarthy Landscape & Architecture, will lead us through the addition of over 300 trees, 78,000 plants, 2 water falls, and more and describe the vision, planning and hard work that created Zen North.

Directions: From Coburg Road, turn RIGHT just north of the Ferry Street Bridge onto MLK Boulevard, and then RIGHT onto Leo Harris Parkway to Entry 5. Park in the East Parking Lot and walk to the East Gate where we will meet.

Janet Calvert, Coordinator

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 embers 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, and Ruth Michaelson.

Dorothy Cruickshank and crew provided wonderful opportunities for Fair-goers on Thursday 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, Arlene Taylor, Sister Janet Marcisz, Jackie & Bob Getty, Marj Petrusha, Sandy Bond, Ann Rollins, Pat Kramer, Peggy Funkhouser & friend, Gail Karlsen, Dana Downie, Georgia & Greg Zahar, Monica Henry, Juanita Engel, Janet Calvert along with 24 from other Willamette District Clubs and the Lane County Dahlia Society.

The new Lane County Fair Awards were given to Marj Petrusha for Best in Show Floral, Sherry Cossey for the High Point award for the Floral Department, Monica Henry for the People's Choice Floral, and Annie Jenike, Dorothy Cruickshank's granddaughter, for Best in Junior Show Floral. Donor Awards went to Ruth Fry for Best Table Designs in 2 different classes and also Best Design Advanced Amateur; Marj Petrusha for Best Design Open and also Best Design in all Design classes; Sherry Cossey for Best Cut Flower, Best Miniature Design Open, and Best Table Design in 1 class; Ruth Michaelson for Best Miniature Design Advanced Amateur; Sister Janet Marcisz for Best Miniature Design Novice; Camille Noel for Best Dahlia in the Open Show.

Eugene Garden Club's Vignette Design was first place (created by Sharon Wilson with help from her daughter, and Sally Townsend and Marj Petrusha).

Sherry Cossey, Lane County Fair Floral Coordinator



Rosa 'Rio Samba'

EXTENSION HOLDS FALL FESTIVAL

The OSU Extension will present their Fall Festival Saturday, September 27, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Emerald Park Recreation Center, 1400 Lake Drive.

Master Gardeners will present talks on

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| Four Season Gardening | Home Orchards |
| Bokashi Composting | Edible Alliums |
| Low-Cost Greenhouses | Backyard Bees |
| Growing Mushrooms at home | |

Sales will include bulbs, apple trees, garden books, baked goods, music, handmade and recycled art for your garden.

Flower Arranging Class

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

"Summer or Fall?"

(use some kind of abstraction of plant material; to be placed in a 2' x 2' space)

Invite a friend or just come to the ongoing Flower Arranging Class that Alfretha, Sherry, and Georgia started nearly 5 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.

SIGN UP NOW FOR OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

October 8, EGC has a side trip planned to the Gathering Together Farm in Philomath for a tour and lunch followed by a visit to Garland Nursery in Corvallis. The plan is to carpool from the EGC clubhouse at 9:45 a.m.

The sign up sheet for carpooling and attending the event will be available at our September EGC meeting. Please sign up.

Shari Hewitt, Coordinator



Best Cut Flower
Acanthus mollis



EGC RESCUES PLANTS

EGC was approached on our website concerning rescuing plants from the old courthouse before the construction (or is it destruction) begins.

Ann Rollins, Debi Luidhardt, and Ruth Michaelson dug and repotted about 90 plants the last Saturday of August which be taken care of through the winter by Debi to be sold next May at our Plant Fair.

The ladies brought hellebores, rudbeckias, cannas, nandina and even one rhododendron to pot up behind the clubhouse and got started just in time to get sopped in the only rainstorm for months in Eugene!

Thank you ladies! Good job!



INS & OUTS OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . 1. **NAME TAGS** -- Please remember to bring back your name tag from last year if you have it!

. . . 2. **EGC CLUBHOUSE** -- Thank you to EGC member who watered our new sidewalk trees all summer to keep them healthy and growing!

. . . 3. **CLUBHOUSE TABLES** -- Thank you to Sharon & Jerry Blade who scrubbed the tops of all of our 6' white tables!

. . . 4. **KEYS** -- If you are in possession of an EGC Clubhouse key and don't need it, please bring it to our meeting and give to Janet Calvert.

. . . 5. **EGC APRONS** -- Some of our blue aprons are not to be found. If you have them, please return them and let Sister Janet Marcisz know.

. . . 6. **PARKING** -- The passes for parking on the street that we got this year, are good until June 2015. In alley parking, we have more room if, on the right side, pull all the way forward, and the left car continue forward until your rearview mirror is right by the railing and car just next to the cement. Then another car can pull in on the right and also one behind each of you. Save the handicapped spot for handicapped permits. We should be able to get 2-3 cars to the left of that.



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 26, 9:30 a.m.

. . . 2. DISTRICT MEETING

The regular large group meeting will be held October 24 hosted by Springfield. Look for the news about the program in next month's newsletter. The Willamette District includes six clubs, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Junction City, Oakridge, Springfield, and Westside Gardeners (Veneta),

PACIFIC REGION CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN EUGENE

Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs will hold its 2015 Convention *From the Mountains, to the Valleys, to the Waters* . . . in Eugene at the Hilton Hotel, April 20-22, 2015.

Our planning committee with Sherry Cossey Chairman began planning last year and has many aspects lined up; however there are lots of tasks that will require help from our local folks, from hosting tables at banquets to bringing breakfast things for our Hospitality Room to preparing table favors and much more.

Our committee consists of

Sherry Cossey – Chairman, Schedule, Speakers, more
Garnet Ascher -- Staging; Floral Designs

Jennifer Rabner – Treasurer, Printing, Badges,
Registrar & Publicity

Georgia Zahar – Pre-Tour, Speakers, Lobby Designs

Ruth Michaelson – Hospitality

Sharon Wilson -- Staging, Seating, Exhibits & Vendors

Fran Tierce -- Exhibits & Vendors, Pages

Camille Noel – Audio Visual; organizing optional visits

Ruth Fry – Local Tours, Opening Ceremony

Eileen Young, Blanche Chase, Lucy Crook – Tote Bags
& Table Favors

Peggy Olin – Making & Painting Tote Bags

Pacific Region includes Garden Club members from Washington, Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska, and Hawaii (**WACONIAH**). The convention this past July was in Couer d'Alene, Idaho, on the lake.

So far speakers and entertainment include Kay Huston doing a 1st-person presentation of Ben Franklin's sister, Jane Franklin Mecom, David Droppers on Pacific Region Butterflies, Char Mutschler presenting a floral design program, Scott Sunderland from Shamrock Gifts, Harold Greer on rhododendrons, NCG incoming President Sandy Robinson, Eugene's New Horizons Band and more.

We hope to make it possible for attendees to visit Hendricks Park Rhododendron Garden, UO Campus Museums, Cascade Raptor Center, Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House, Village Green Gardens, Covered Bridges.

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL TO BE HELD

Course 2 of NGC Flower Show School will be held at the EGC Clubhouse, Sept.30-Oct.1. Marva Lee Peterschick, will teach herbaceous perennials and container grown *pelargonium* for Horticulture on Tuesday. Julia Clevitt will include abstraction in Floral Design on Wednesday. Contact Registrar, Linda Rettig, 541.754.8064.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

September

- 2 Eugene Garden Club Board Meeting
- 12 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Work Party
- 13-14 Lane County Dahlia Show, Wheeler Pavilion
- 16 EGC Regular Meeting
- 18 Flower Arranging Class, 9:30 a.m.
- 26 Willamette District Board Meeting, EGC, 9:30 a.m.
- 27 FALL FESTIVAL, Ext. Service, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Emerald Park Recreation Center
- 30-Oct 1 Flower Show School, Course 2

October

- 6 OSFGC Fall Board Meeting, Klamath Falls
- 7 EGC Board Meeting
- 8 EGC Side Trip to Gathering Together Farm
- 11-13 Eugene Clay Fest, Fairgrounds
- 21 EGC Regular Meeting & A.M. Workshop
- 24 Willamette District General Mtg., Springfield hosts
- 26 Mushroom Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum



Clockwise: Marj Petrusha with her arrangement, "Great Balls of Fire", which won Best in Floral Design at the 2014 Fair; Georgia Zahar with her 2 educational exhibits; a hanging planter Georgia used in her demonstration at the Fair on planting in repurposed or recycled containers; and another blue ribbon design by Marj Petrusha.



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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

