

# Eugene Garden Club News

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## President's Corner

Thank you to all my garden club friends who are so generous with your support and camaraderie.

We'll be sharing our friendship and good food on the 18th as we meet and eat at our general meeting. Check out our suggested potluck ideas. I look forward to the "back yard bird" program also.

This month we are preparing for our Greens Sale in early December. We'll be gathering greens and putting together wreaths and other fun holiday decorations for our biggest fundraiser of the year. It's such a positive social time while we assemble our beautiful creations!

Enjoy catching up with the newsletter and join in the various activities we have planned this month. See you all on the 18th.



*Camille Noel,  
EGC President*

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## Eugene Garden Club Meeting

**Tuesday, November 18, 2014**

11:30 a.m. **\*\*\*\*\* POTLUCK \*\*\*\*\***

**"Thankful for Apples"**  
(Bring your recipe)

12:15 p.m. **Meeting**

1:00 p.m. "Feathers & Fauna --  
Relationships Between  
Birds & Plants"  
*By Dan Gleason*

**HOSTESSES:** Della Johnson\*, Chris Johnson,  
Linda Knight

**GREETERS:** Sally Townsend & Phyllis Hamel

## ***BIRDS & MORE . . .***

Dan Gleason is the author of *Birds! From the Inside Out* and *Birds! Life on the Wing* and also writes a monthly column for the *Register Guard*. After 30 years with the UO Biology Department he retired in 2004, although he returns every summer to teach Field Ornithology. Dan has served on the Board of Directors of Lane County Audubon Society for many years.

Environmental education has been a recent focus as he lectures, leads field trips, offers workshops and pursues related activities. His lectures provide information about birds in a fun and entertaining manner

*Ruth Fry*

## ***MORE ON BIRDS. . .***

Hello. My name is Aurora . . . Thank you Eugene Garden Club for adopting me at the Cascades Raptor Center. I am a long-eared owl. I was found wounded in Arizona in 1999 with a ruptured tendon in my wing.

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## GREENS SALE PREP

**Wait!** -- Don't prune your evergreen shrubs and trees until Thanksgiving time. We need those basic and unusual greens to make our famously full and artistic wreaths and table arrangements. And don't forget your neighbors and friends' yards. See the suggested list on page 3. *If you need help bringing greens to clubhouse, call Janet Calvert, 541.686.2697.*

**New!** -- This year we plan to cut LOTS of Douglas fir boughs at the EGC Clubhouse on Saturday, November 29, 10:00 a.m. followed by dump soup and more. Bring your sharp clippers, gloves and warm clothes, and food to share. We could use 20 people there!

**\*\*\*\*SIGN UP TUESDAY or call Janet Calvert.**

On Sunday, November 30, we will hike through Edana Paz's property collecting all kinds of interesting plant material. We will meet at the clubhouse at 11 a.m. to car pool and recommend warm clothing: 1) rain gear helps as we walk through the bushes even if not raining and 2) latex gloves under our garden gloves keep the hands warmer.

**\*\*\*\*SIGN UP TUESDAY or call Janet Calvert.**

Dorothy Cruickshank will also head up a group to collect plant material from the Northwest Garden Nursery dte and time TBA..

**\*\*\*\*SIGN UP TUESDAY or call Dorothy Cruickshank, 541.342.2577.**

## WHAT'S A GREENS SALE ?

For any of you who are new members or relatively new, here's a brief rundown on how our big event, the Greens Sale, works.

In November members collect all kinds of plant materials to use for making wreaths, table arrangements, swags, Yule logs, door blessings, small decorated trees made from noble fir, pine cone baskets and more.

We have a few organized excursions or parties, and people bring things from home too. We like to have cuttings of like materials "packaged" together, in clear plastic bags or open boxes so that it's easier to see what is there. For the Douglas fir that's the base of our wreaths, we use heavy duty very large black plastic bags. – 28 or more of them!

We store our materials in the shed outside the back of the clubhouse and bring in some supplies each day in the early morning to use throughout the day as we work the week before the sale. We eat lunch together and people sign up to bring soup to feed us – 15-25 people daily.

People sign up for working on all the various products that we offer as well as other jobs. We also purchase poinsettias from Johnson Bros. Nursery and sell them at a very reasonable price. Those are delivered on Thursday, and we need to take those we purchase by Friday morning so that the others can be placed in the rooms for the sale.

Worker lists are posted on the bulletin board in the back room as are the sheets to sign up for items each of us purchases. Sometime before the end of the sale, cash or checks made out to Eugene Garden Club, are turned in to Chairman Sherry Cossey, and she signs people off as paid.

## **Eugene Garden Club Boutique - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Sale**

### **Back by popular demand!**

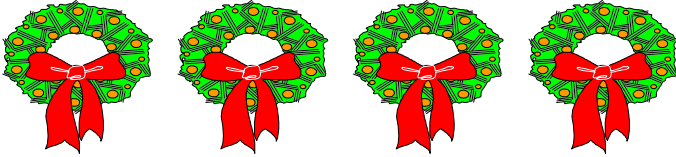
**We will be collecting items related to the Holidays at the November meeting. Bring unwanted gifts in good condition – one man's trash is another man's treasure – or regifting an item you didn't need. Some suggestions: tree decorations, table décor, ribbons, plant containers, trinkets, old perfume bottles, picture frames, new plant starts, floral design containers & mechanics, and so forth.**

**There will be a table set up at the Greens Sale on the 6<sup>th</sup> of Dec. The sale was very successful last year. Let's outdo 2013 and make this Boutique a glorious winner with all proceeds going to the Garden Club.**

**Whatever is left over, will go on sale at our regular December meeting on the 16th. Anything left after that will be donated to a local Thrift shop. Tax deduction papers will be available.**

**SHOP TILL YOU DROP AT OUR BOUTIQUE!**

*Phyllis Hamel*



## Plant Material for Wreaths

Some examples of plant material great for color and texture contrast – (evergreen varieties)

arborvitae	Oregon grape (red)
cypress	nandina (red)
boxwood	yellow holly
(plain or variegated)	holly w/ berries
salal	variegated holly
Japanese holly	cedar (with tips
eucalyptus	blooming)
pine (short needles)	cryptomeria
incense Cedar	(reddish especially)
magnolia	magnolia buds
yew	euonymous
skimmia	osmanthus
pieris	aucuba
grand fir	juniper (berried)
western red cedar	blue spruce
huckleberry	chaemecyperis
camellia	vinca minor
boulevard cypress	broom
Small branches, twigs, any color but especially yellow or red or gnarly (barberry, filbert, willow, blueberry, etc.)	
sage	curly branches
artemesia	lavender
santolina	rosemary
anything with berries that will last: holly, nandina, rose hips, juniper, etc.	

\*\*\* The cut-part of boughs or branches can be up to ½”-thick branch both for wreaths and designs; and 12”-15” is a good length.

\*\*\* Contrasts in COLORS, PATTERNS, TEXTURES, SIZES are elements that make our products wonderful!

### ***Special Rhody Demo to be Held***

The Rhododendron Society is sponsoring a special demo about rhododendron cutting this Thursday at the Campbell Senior Center at 7:00 p.m., (cookies at 6:30). Phyllis Hamel, who volunteers with the Friends of Hendricks Park, invites EGC members to attend this program,

**No Eugene Garden Club News in December.**

## Workers Needed

In preparation for our annual Greens Sale, our biggest fundraiser of the year, on Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., we work together every day the week before, Monday-Friday, December 1 - 5. Bring your clippers and gloves if you are going to be working with the greens.

Chairman Sherry Cossey says that we especially need a few more people signed up to help make

- WREATHS
- LITTLE TREES
- GARLANDING
- TABLE ARRANGEMENTS
- SWAGS, PINECONE BASKETS
- DECORATING THE CLUBHOUSE
- YULE LOGS, DOOR BLESSINGS
- SIGN UP TUESDAY or call Sherry 541.515.5839***

We make 150 beautiful wreaths, 30 holiday floral arrangements, 10 swags, 12 little decorated Christmas trees, 12 decorated pinecone baskets, and more, and also sell poinsettias that we order from Johnson Brothers. Plan to buy your poinsettias at the Sale and tell your neighbors as well.

Signups will be available again next week at the November meeting

Little ornaments are needed to decorate the little Christmas trees. If you have any extras you could contribute, just bring them and call Sherry Cossey’s attention to them.



### ***ECG MEETS IN DECEMBER***

The EGC Meeting next month on December 16, at 11:30 a.m. will be a Holiday Potluck. Bring a dish or dessert to share. Friends and family are welcome.

Camille will have a sign up at the November meeting for tables of 6 or 4. Your table can be formal or casual. Creator's choice.

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## **More on Birds . . .**

I can fly horizontally, but I am not able to fly up well enough for release. The cause of my injury is unknown. I may have hit a fence or wire. I have been living at Cascades Raptor center since June, 2000. Please come and visit me. My name is Aurora; my enclosure is adjacent to the parking lot.

### **Some long-eared owl (*Asio otus*) facts:**

- ❖ Size – Length: avg. 15 in.
- ❖ Wing Span: avg. 36 in.
- ❖ Weight: avg. 9 oz.
- ❖ Flies w/flattened ear tufts, in a buoyant & irregular pattern.
- ❖ Ranges throughout Canada and the northern US, across western states & as far south as central Mexico.
- ❖ State and federally protected.
- ❖ Eats small animals and birds
- ❖ This owl takes over abandoned stick nests of other species, usually without adding any new material. They prefer a grove of trees where dense cover is provided.
- ❖ Sometimes collide w/vehicles. They also suffer from loss of riparian woodland, isolated tree groves, and open grassland due to development.

*Georgia Zahar  
Birds & Wildlife chairman*

## **EGC Assists Pearl Buck**

Dorothy Cruickshank reports that a small army of EGC members will again assist a large army of Pearl Buck pre-school children creating Holiday “Centerpieces” for their parents in December after our big Sale. Listen for the date at our November meeting.

She will have sign up sheets at our meeting next week, or you can call her at 541.342.2577. You will need to bring your clippers.

**Now is a good time to divide  
many perennials and pot them  
up for our annual May Plant Sale.  
Plants have several  
more months to grow than when  
potted in spring!**

## **Putting the SMJ Garden to Bed And Preparing for Spring**

The next work party at the Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House will be this Friday, November 14, 10:30 a.m.

Thank you to EGC volunteers who help maintain the gardens at the SMJ House -- Sherry Cossey, Georgia Zahar, Debi Luidhardt, Jennifer Rabner, Janet Calvert, Mary Bromley, Kathleen Gray, Sharon Wilson, Sister Janet Marcisz, Catherine Taylor and others work together to keep the historic gardens looking nice. It is time to prepare peonies and dahlias for winter, deadhead dozens of geraniums, finish taking off all the daylily leaves, and planted more bulbs. Of course there are always a “few” weeds to eradicate. We may have to wear raingear this week.

## **Flower Arranging Class Meets**

The November meeting for the folks participating in the monthly Flower Arranging Class will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, November 20, at 9:30 a.m.

This month’s assignment is a table centerpiece for Thanksgiving, using fresh and dried material.

## **Oregon Hosts Pacific Region**

As many of you already know, Oregon is hosting the annual Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs Convention in Eugene at the Hilton Hotel next April 20-22. The Convention Planning Committee consists mainly of Willamette District club members and has been working on this for a year and a half already.

Ruth Michaelson is chairing a “Hospitality Room” where attendees may gather to chat and have a “bite” to eat in the morning rather than going to the hotel restaurant for breakfast. You can participate even if you do not attend the convention by donating items needed for the “hospitality” room.

\*\*\*\*A few of the items that would be most welcomed include coffee, tea, sugar, sweetener, hot cups, plastic glasses, napkins, small paper plates.

\*\*\*\*At the time of the convention we would like to muffins, bagels, sweet rolls, yogurt, juice, cream cheese, butter, jelly, and variety of fresh fruits.

Some of you may have some creative ideas. Be thinking about this and Ruth will get back to us closer to April. She would especially enjoy having someone who would like to work with her on this project!





**\*Plan to buy your POINSETTIAS for the holidays at the Greens Sale. We will have a few hundred from Johnson Bros.**



# What's Happening

## November

- 6 EGC Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- 14 SMJ Work Party, 10:30 a.m.
- 18 Regular EGC Meeting, 11:30 a.m.  
Potluck – “Thankful for Apples”
- 20 Flower Arranging Class, 9:30 a.m.
- 29 Cutting fir bows at clubhouse
- 30 Greens Gathering at Edana Paz’s



## December

- 1-5 Wreath Making Week 9 - 3
- 6 Greens Sale. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- ?? Holiday arrangements with Pearl Buck children
- 17 Holiday Potluck, 11:30 a.m.  
HOSTESSES: *Jean Damon\**, *Arlene Taylor*,  
*Glenda Andersen*  
GREETERS: *Sister Janet Marcisz*, *Sharon Blade*  
Music by EGC Woodwind Trio



## January

- 6 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 15 Flower Arranging Class – 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Regular EGC Meeting
- 23-25 Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show
- TBA Clubhouse Cleaning Party



**\*\*Pumpkins here were decorated by garden club members after our recent Willamette District Meeting!**

**\*\*\*Thank you to Georgia Zahar, Camille Noel, Monica Henry, & Marj Petrusa for producing designs for potters at the yearly Clay Fest at the Fairgrounds in October!**

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## **In the Garden – in November**

**Dig and store geraniums, tuberous begonias, dahlias, and gladioli. (Never store dahlia tubers on a cement floor over winter, but in a cardboard box with newspaper to insulate against freezing. Also turn clumps upside down so moisture drains out of cut stalks.)**

**It's not too late to plant spring bulbs, but don't delay!**

**Renew mulch around perennial flower beds after removing weeds.**

**Take cuttings of rhododendrons and camellias now.**

**Mulch small fruit trees to protect from winter freezes.**

**Spread lime on lawns.**

**Clean and oil tools and equipment before storing for winter.**

**Place mulch of manure over dormant vegetable garden area. A 3-4" layer of leaves spread over the garden plot prevents soil compaction by rain.**

