

Eugene Garden Club News

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65 members

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President's Corner

The 2012-2013 EGC year is drawing to a close. I want to thank everyone who has made this a very good year.

First of all my hearty thanks goes to Dianne Dewey, my co-president. She has been remarkable in her attention to details, her commitment of taking on even the most mundane job and doing it with dedication and devotion, completing the work in a timely manner. I am thinking of her dedication to getting the Committee summaries put together so the future leaders will know exactly what is expected. These are only a few examples of her work. Thank you Dianne.

Then there are all the wonderful members who make up the running of the Eugene Garden Club, the people who made the year a huge success; The Greens sale, the Programs, the Treasurer, the Flower Show. This represents only a small portion of the committees and activities that make this club, the excellent and exciting club that it is.

With all sincerity, I want to thank everyone for all the help you have given to the Club and to me this year.



. . . . Phyllis Hamel, Co-President

It's May; it's May, the lovely month of May! – and here in Eugene we've not only had fabulous weather allowing our spring gardens to just pop out in glorious color, BUT we have now experienced a fun and successful Annual Plant Sale at Alton Baker Park! How nice it was for our Willamette District Garden Club ladies to once again be having this occasion where we can work together and enjoy getting to know each other better. The set-up looked great and I'm sure all of us managed to find some special plants to take home, because we know there is ALWAYS room for a few more! See you next week!



. . . . Dianne Dewey, Co-President

Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2013

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:15 p.m. Meeting
Election of Officers
Mary Kate Mackey

HOSTESSES: Sharon Speer*, Jackie Getty,
Della Johnson

GREETER: Chris Johnson

May Meeting to Be Busy

This month's meeting will include a wonderful program "Fresh Ideas for the Garden" by the award-winning Eugene writer, Mary-Kate Mackey. She contributes to publications such as *Sunset* and also *Fine Gardening*.

The "business" portion of our meeting will include voting on the changes to our Constitution and Bylaws that Jennifer Rabner walked us through last month and also formal election of officers for 2013-2014. The slate is

President: *Camille Noel*

Vice-President: *Pat Kramer*

Recording Secretary: *Ann Rollins*

Treasurer: *Jennifer Rabner*

Corresponding Secretary: *Dianne Dewey & Jean Damon*

Trustee: *Marilyn Hunter*

We will also have our first opportunity to select which special committees we would like to be involved with next year. Our current Presidents, especially Dianne Dewey, have gone to great lengths to produce job descriptions so that members have a better idea what is involved with the various activities of our club. All current chairmen submitted brief summaries of what their committees entail. This will be of tremendous help for our incoming president as she is ultimately responsible for appointing committee chairman; it will be very helpful for her to know what people are most interested in.



Stitches 'n Thyme In a Garden

Our 2013 flower show was held at the clubhouse on April 29-30. The staging committee met on Sunday to transform the clubhouse into an amazing display of handmade quilts that were made or collected by our members. The following morning wonderful floral designs and 152 horticulture exhibits filled the room with additional color.

Top horticulture ribbons were awarded to **Dorothy Cruickshank** who received the Award of Horticultural Excellence and an Award of Merit for her *Podophyllum peltatum*; **Jackie Getty** received an Arboreal Award for her *Loropetalum chinense*; **Sally Townsend** received an Award of Merit for her tree peony; **Sherry Cossey** received an Arboreal Award for her *Cercis occidentalis*, an Award of Merit for her Bronze Leaf Fennel, and the Collector's Showcase Award for her collection of *Helleborus*; **Phyllis Hamel** received the Grower's Choice Award for her *Nephrolepis* or Variegated Boston Fern.



L. - Award of Horticultural Excellence Award

R. - Award of Design Excellence Award



Top ribbons in Floral Design went to **Sherry Cossey** for Award of Design Excellence and the Designer's Choice Award for her Designer's Choice entry, **Georgia Zahar**, the Tri-Color Award for her Mono-Botanic Design, and **Ruth Michaelson**, the Table Artistry Award for her Exhibition Table.

The top Educational Award went to **Georgia Zahar** for her display about Mason Bees. The People's Choice Award for quilts went to **Beverly Hackleman** for her beautiful appliqué quilt.

Thank you to all the ladies who worked so hard to produce such a wonderful show.

Jennifer Rabner, Flower Show Chairman



L - Table Artistry Award

R. - Tri-Color Award

Below - Peoples Choice Quilt Award



Oregon Plant Fair 2013

Hooray, hooray! The Oregon Plant Fair has come and gone – well almost. After months of preparation, our Willamette District Garden Clubs (Cottage Grove, Eugene, Junction City, Oakridge, Springfield, and Westside) hauled tables, canopies, wagons, plants and garden art to Alton Baker Park on Friday and set up our area along with our cohorts the Avid Gardeners. We have been in charge of the fencing, the holding area, and loading while they organize the commercial vendors, the site plan, and the contract with the City of Eugene.

The sale went off without a hitch Saturday in beautiful weather, almost too warm – 89 degrees by end. Hundreds of customers shopped our tables and took home new things for their yards. Our clubs all took the plants that were left away to be offered in other activities.

Thank you to everyone who had a part in this major fundraising activity for our club. Sharon Blade, Janet Calvert, Sherry Cossey, Dorothy Cruickshank, Dianne Dewey, Ruth Fry, Peggy Funkhouser, Jackie Getty, Phyllis Hamel, Shari Hewitt, Shauna Hill, Marilyn Hunter, Pat Kramer, Debi Luidhardt, Juanita Manley, Sister Janet Marcisz, Ruth Michaelson, Holly Miller, Camille Noel, Marj Petrusa, Jennifer Rabner, Ann Rollins, Arlene Taylor, Sally Townsend, Sharon Wilson, and husbands, Len Calvert, Bill Dewey, Bob Getty, and Gene Michaelson all volunteered their time and energy to make this event successful. Your chairman apologizes if she left your name off this list, but she really appreciates everyone pitching in and helping!

Eugene Garden Club is going to sell plants again next weekend at Debi Luidhardt's neighborhood garage sale in Crescent Meadows. They will be staging that on Friday afternoon and selling on Saturday. If you would like to help with this, please contact Sharon Blade, 541.688.6592, or Shari Hewitt, 707.598.4887 or Shauna Hill, 541.461.7767.

JUNCTION CITY GARDEN CLUB IS 75

The June 4 EGC Board Meeting will be a lunch meeting at 11:00 a.m. Bring your sack lunch.

We will finish in time to attend Junction City Garden Club's 75th Anniversary Tea at St. Helens Catholic Church in Junction City. Their installation of officers is at 1:00 and Open House at 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Tidbits –

--Moles and voles? An important ingredient in repellents for moles and voles is Castor Oil!

--Some folks have success with putting peppermint soaked cotton balls in the runs that the moles made to keep the voles out!

--Have you planted your new treasures yet? Don't forget to keep them watered! It may not rain much!

LANE COUNTY FAIR COMING UP

The schedules for departments at the Lane County Fair are online now, and the Floral Department Theme is "Art in the Garden". The dates for the Fair this year are July 24-28.

Entries can be made through the Fair website at www.attthefair.com or in person or by mail anytime beginning last week through June 28. Changes to any entry can be made on entry day, July 23.

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 be in the Performance Hall, with AIR CONDITIONING !!! Entry and parking will be different from past years, but we will find out about that next month.

The Garden Club Design is called *Art in the Garden* and the Garden Club Vignette is called *Art in the Vineyard*. If you would be interested in helping with either of these, please let your presidents know.

The Design classes are organized the same as in the past, by Open, Advanced Amateur, Novice, Juniors 7th-12th, and Juniors K-6th. Some of the classes include an Underwater Design, a Foliage only, one using a manmade sculpture, an Abstract Design featuring blue, a creative style one including some vegetables, one featuring 2 containers, one featuring a figurine, one using recycled materials for the container, a Line Design, one including a photograph, all-dried miniature designs (5" or less), and more.

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

Plan to PARTICIPATE!

MASON BEES SUPER POLLINATORS AND NATIVE BEES

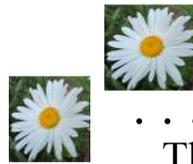
Mason Bee, *Osmia rufa*



- Favorite Food: *Pieris japonica*, fruit trees, roses, radishes, strawberries.
- Habitat: Wood blocks, straws.
- To attract mason bees: Provide bundles of straws, wood blocks.
- Maintenance: EASY: Remove old nesting material yearly.
- Behavior toward humans: Non aggressive, tiny pin prick sting, will sting if stepped on or squeezed.
- Honey Production: None.
- The female does it all. After mating the male dies. The female goes to work and pollinates and lays eggs, separating each egg with mud (hence the name "Mason" bee). She also leaves "bee bread" for the hatching bees to feed on in the spring. The "bread" is comprised of chewed up vegetation.
- The mason bee only lives for about 6 weeks.

The Mason Bee is an asset to our backyard gardens!

Georgia Zahar
Birds & Wildlife Chair



. . . DID YOU KNOW? . . .
. The meaning of flowers . . .

Anemone <i>Sincerity, forsaken</i>	Daffodil <i>Respect</i>	Marigold <i>Grief</i>
Aster <i>Symbol of Love</i>	Daisy <i>Innocence</i>	Sunflower <i>Pride, Sunshine</i>
Azalea <i>Take care of yourself</i>	Hydrangea <i>Thanks for understanding</i>	Tulip <i>Luck</i>
Camelia <i>Good Luck gif tfor man</i>	Iris <i>Wisdom, faith, hope</i>	Violet <i>Faithfulness</i>
Chrysanthemum <i>Friendship</i>	Magnolia <i>Nobility</i>	Wisteria <i>Welcome</i>
Carnations <i>Flower of Fascination</i> <i>Pink-on my mind, red-passion</i> <i>White-sweet, lovely</i>	Roses <i>Flower of Love</i> <i>Red-passion, pink-happiness,</i> <i>White-purity, Yellow-friendship</i>	

HORTICULTURE FOR MAY

Bring something blooming in your yard to share.
Bring Water Use ideas for our gardens.

Juanita Manley, Horticulture Chairman

It's Time to Sign Up For Your Favorite Committee(s)!!

It's that time of year to decide which 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! In order to help our new president ease into her new position, let's help her by all of us putting our names down on our chosen committee(s) at the May General Meeting. Below is a summary of our various activities needing coordinating.

Dianne Dewey, Co-President

Awards: (present chairman: Sharon Wilson)

Awards Year is January 1 to December 31 annually. The awards are found in the OSFGC (Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs) Directory Handbook which comes out every two years. This committee must start the application process on any award(s) early in the Awards Year due to time sensitivity.

Birds and Wildlife: (present chairman: Georgia Zahar)

Write an article for each month's newsletter. You could present a program or do a talk at a regular meeting. There is a lot of freedom with this committee. A big plus is that one learns while researching.

Building Management - Housekeeping: (present chairman: none)

This job is seeing that maintenance of the clubhouse is being done on a regular basis. It consists of: keeping in contact with the hired housekeeping janitorial service, checking to see supplies are available and in the proper location, watering indoor plants, seeing that towels, mop, cleaning rags/cloths are laundered, arranging to have carpet cleaned as needed, seeing that vacuum cleaners are in working order and have been cleaned out, checking furnace filter at least once a year (September) and change as needed.

Building Management – Purchasing: (present chairman: Ruth Michaelson)

This requires purchasing supplies needed for the running of the clubhouse. The person in charge needs to be continually checking to see what is running low or needed, but also must rely on suggestions from other members. A list of the regular items to be purchased and method of payment is in the folder.

Building Management – User Group Calendar: (present chairman: Juanita Manley)

This consists of keeping the calendar of when the clubhouse is being used by outside groups as well as be Eugene Garden Club. Take calls from those interested in using the building. Check the building at least once a week to make sure it is ready for the next user group. All rooms should be clean, belongings put away, doors locked, and heat lowered to 60 degrees. Necessary supplies should be in restrooms and the kitchen. Arrange to meet one time users to show the building. Arrange to get the key to new users. Maintain link with treasurer to keep track of building keys. Respond to users when they encounter problems at or with the building

Country Store Sale: (2013-2014 chairman: Phyllis Hamel)

This is a fund raiser. We will have a table set up two to four times a year at holidays. Members contribute collectibles which are then sold at reasonable prices. We hope to have good items for sale.

Directory: (present chairman: Debi Luidhardt, Sharon Blade)

The EGC Annual Directory is printed each summer for presentation to the membership at the September General Membership meeting. Job requires gathering, compiling, and confirming accurate information and then proof reading and organizing that for publication. It's necessary to work closely with the Program, Hostesses, and Membership Chairs.

Flower Show: (present chairman: Jennifer Rabner)

The Eugene club flower show takes place every other year. The General Chairman job requires recruiting members to serve in various committee chairman capacities and overseeing and coordinating the committees to produce the show. Some previous flower show committee experience is helpful.

Front Garden: (present chairman: Linda Knight)

Coordinate crew to maintain clubhouse garden. We meet on the 15th of every month to weed, fertilize, mulch and add new plants as needed. We need help with design.

Garden Therapy: (a new committee)

Arrange to have several members visit assisted living / nursing homes or other places where there would be an interest for being shown how to do flower arranging. This would be both educational and an emotionally satisfying outreach program for the participants.

Greens Gathering: (present chairman: Janet Calvert)

Locate two or three sources of Douglas fir to make “base of wreaths” 28 big bags. Locate and obtain 150 – 170 pounds of Noble fir. Recruit members and 2 – 3 pickups to cut and gather greens, usually the Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving. Request members to prune and gather interesting and appropriate greens from home.

Greens Sale: (present chairman: Sherry Cossey)

Organize the yearly Greens Sale held the first Saturday of December. Communicate with the Greens Gathering Chairman about needs. Make sign up sheets and secure sub-chairmen for all the various products and activities in connection with the sale: Wreaths, Holiday Arrangements, Bows, Miniature Christmas Trees, Pinecone Baskets, Garlands, Swags, Set up for Sale, Pricing, Soup Makers daily the week of production, Refreshment Hostesses for sale, Cookies, Cleanup, Cashiers, Special Orders, Decorating Clubhouse, Day-of-Sale “Helpers”, Poinsettias, Cleanup, and any other new products thought up!

Communicate with Club Publicity Chairman about event publicity. Make and send postcards advertising sale to our mailing list. Juanita Manley has the list. We use the Eugene Symphonic Bank Bulk Mail Permit. Begin sign up sheets in October.

Greeters: (present chairman: Ann Rollins)

Greeters work before and during regular monthly meetings. They welcome everyone at the front door, identify newcomers and orient them, see that name tags and parking passes are available. They assist hostesses when help is needed.

Historic Preservation: (present chairman: Sherry Cossey)

Coordinate planning and work at the historic Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House gardens. Recruit gardeners for all the normal tasks of maintaining a garden with perennials, shrubs, annuals and trees. Purchase plants and other materials needed for the upkeep. Plan Work Parties approximately monthly throughout the year, and keep in contact with the House Executive Director.

Horticulture: (present chairman: Juanita Manley, Sharon Blade)

Promote and involve garden club members encouraging them to bring and talk about horticulture at the monthly meeting.

Hostesses: (present chairman: Ruth Michaelson)

As hostess chairman during early summer, I contact all members through a signup list and phone and/or email to arrange for 4 hostesses for each month September through June. This information is sent to the yearbook committee to put into the yearbook by August. During the year I help with any problems the hostesses bring up.

Lane Co. Fair Floral: (present chairman: Sherry Cossey)

Publicize the Lane County Fair Floral Department schedule for horticulture and floral designs with our club and sign up volunteers for acting as hostesses for the Fair. Encourage participation and find members to create our Club Design and Club Vignette for the Fair.

Lane Co. Fair (Youth and Senior Day): (present chairman: Ruth Fry)

Chairman is responsible for holding flower arranging sessions for both youths and seniors at the Lane Co. Fair. Typically this is a two day event held on Kids’ Day and Senior Day. Responsibilities include finding a source for donated flowers and greens and then picking and transporting these to the fairgrounds. She must recruit ample number of people to help set up the area and assist the fair attendees in making small arrangements. The area then must be cleaned up when finished.

Library: (present chairman: Sharon Wilson)

Review books in the library and give a report at the general meeting each or every other month and as time at the meetings allows. The Library should be open at each meeting.

Membership (Dues): (present chairman: Ruth Michaelson)

Accept the payments of dues from all members at the May and June meetings and whenever new members join. This may necessitate some phone calls or emails/letters. A list of members, their addresses, and phone number is kept.

Name Tags: (present chairman: Debi Luidhardt)

Provide a current nametag for each member as well as provide supplies for guest nametags. This committee maintains member tags, display/storage and supplies in as organized and user-friendly fashion.

Newsletter: (present chairman: Sherry Cossey)

Produce the monthly (September-June excluding December) newsletter. Ask EGC chairmen and officers to submit articles about meetings, programs, activities that they are promoting. Attend board meetings. Use photos and news articles and feature stories to keep our EGC members informed about our club’s activities and promote the many offshoots that come from our interest in plants and wildlife. Email the newsletter to all members who choose to receive the newsletter on their computers. Distribution Chairman (Sister Janet Marcisz) will produce and snail mail to others. EGC Newsletter is also sent to Willamette District Club Presidents and the OSFGC Officers.

New Membership: (new committee for 2013-1014, chair Ruth Fry)

Develop plans that will attract new members to our Garden Club. This may include membership drives, writing promotional material, setting up sign-up booths at garden club functions, and implementing any ideas that will attract new members. Chairman is responsible for assuring that new members are made to feel welcome at meetings. Ideas to further this goal may include an assigned mentor for each new member and other things to make the new member's first months in the club enjoyable. Responsible for the orientation of new members by holding a New Member Meeting when needed. Chairman will be assisted by the Membership Dues Chairman and the Greeter.

Nominations: (present chairman: Janet Calvert)

Read Bylaws. In February, discuss with committee potential nominees and contact them to determine interest. Provide job descriptions. Be honest with amount of time required and encouraging that members share responsibility when asked.

Pearl Buck Projects: (present chairman: Dorothy Cruickshank)

The chairman is responsible for planting and maintaining the planter in front of the Pearl Buck Building and working with the Pearl Buck staff to arrange programs such as helping with the plantings and making Holiday arrangements with the 3-4 year olds. Another responsibility is overseeing the making of the table centerpiece arrangements and boutonnieres for the annual Pearl Buck fund raiser held in June. All projects require soliciting volunteers from the garden club membership.

Plant Nerd Night: (present chairman: Sharon Blade)

This is a program consisting of local nurseries and a plant sale as well. It is open to the public (usually around 100 people attend) and a fundraiser for the Garden Club. Plus a nice fun program for the public. It is usually held on the last Thursday in March in the evening. The "Nerd" committee starts planning this event usually in February. The work consists of lots of phone conversations, a few meetings, maintaining a mailing list, a sign-up sheet, printing flyers/cards for promotion, confirmation letters, signs, program list, and financial sheet. There is publicity and choosing nurseries and club members to represent the garden club. A raffle is maintained the night of the program. The clubhouse needs to be organized for the evening: set up and clean up. It takes a "garden club" to have Plant "Nerd" Night. No one does it alone.

Plant Fair: (present chairman: Sherry Cossey)

Plan with the Willamette District Plant Fair Chairman and representatives from the other 5 District Clubs for the annual Oregon Plant Fair held in Alton Baker Park annually the Saturday of Mothers' Day weekend. Organize 2-3 EGC potting parties, and the logistics of setting up, getting plants, tables, etc. to the site and then removed afterwards. Also sign up EGC volunteers for working on setup day and at the sale.

Publicity: (present chairman: Jackie Getty)

Makes sure that publicity for regular garden club meetings gets in the different papers, sends notices to the Home and Garden Section of the Eugene Register Guard about special events of garden club, also contacts radio and TV stations of those events. Most publicity can be sent by e-mail or done on line.

Scrapbook: (present chairman: Ruth Fry)

The responsibility of this job is keeping a scrapbook of activities of the EGC. Contents should include a record of activities, programs and events of the club. Photos and clippings may be used all with proper captions, dates and names of club members.

Youth: (resume an old committee)

Several members go to a local elementary school a few times a year to present various programs incorporating both stories and activities with seasonal greens and plants. The children can plant things or create arrangements or crafts with provided materials.

It's Time to Register for State Convention

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. 86th Annual Convention will take place in Portland June 17-19, 2013 at the Shilo Inn Suites – Portland Airport. The Registration Form for "Everything is Coming Up Roses" is in the very middle of the recent issue of *The Mahonia*. The fee is \$180 for all meals, workshops and exhibits until May 29, and then it goes up to \$195. If you need that, let Sherry Cossey know, and I will bring copies of the Registration Forms next week.

The Monday night banquet is "Ladies Hat Night" and will include a Memorial Service and also a Victorian Fashion Show. The Tuesday evening banquet features designers from the Progressive Designers Guild. Convention includes the Photo Contest, the Garden Boutique Mall, many Educational Displays, Workshops, Awards self-guided tours and meeting new and old friends from other Oregon garden clubs. It's fun to go with a group of our EGC members and share rooms to keep our expenses down.

More information in *The Mahonia*, pages 10-15.

What's Happening



May

- 7 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 10 Set-up for Oregon Plant Fair – Alton Baker Park
- 11 Oregon Plant Fair – Alton Baker Park, 9 – 2
- 15 Front Garden Work Party
- 16 Flower Arranging Class
- 18 Lane County Dahlia Society, Parking Lot Sale at Key Bank on River Road, 9 – 4
- 18 EGC Plants for sale at Crescent Meadows Garage Sale
- 19 Mt. Pisgah Arboretum Wildflower Festival
- 21 EGC Regular Meeting
- 24-26 NGC Convention “Rainshine”, Seattle, WA

June

- 4 EGC Board Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- 4 Junction City G.C. 75th Anniversary Tea
- 8 Make centerpieces for Pearl Buck Banquet
- 11 EGC Regular Meeting, Potluck at Shauna Hill’s Home
- 15 Front Garden Work Party
- 17-19 OSFGC State Convention, Portland

July

- 19 Willamette District Picnic
- 23 Entries for Lane County Fair
- 24-28 Lane County Fair
- 25 Family Day at Fair



Counterclockwise from left: Flower Chairman Jennifer Rabner; Camille Noel’s 1st place Still Life Design; Sherry Cossey’s 1st place “Quilter’s Sampler” Design; 1st place Tulipa, Sherry Cossey; some of the Rhododendrons; Juanita Manley’s Collection of cacti; Georgia Zahar’s 1st place Educational Exhibit on Mason Bees; and Jackie Getty’s Tapestry Design. Top right: Sally Townsend’s 1st place tree Paeonia suffruticosa..

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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

