

Eugene Garden Club News

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President's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Greetings to all as we go into the year, 2013.

Our winter schedule starts off with a notable trip to Peoria Gardens. We hope everyone has signed up and will be joining the group. It should be an interesting tour of their greenhouses where plants are grown and then potted for sale. It's not always open to the public. We are indeed honored.

Just a reminder to keep your hummingbird feeder full with fresh sugar water changed at least once every two weeks. If it is below freezing, bring the feeder in to thaw or replace with a newly refreshed feeder.

See everyone on Tuesday, the 15th of January.

. Phyllis and Dianne, Co-Presidents



PLANNING AHEAD

As we venture into our gardens and decide to eliminate some of plantings, consider potting starts for the annual Plant Fair to be held Mothers' Day Weekend, May 12. Be sure to use clean pots and sterile soil. EGC will be having Potting Parties in several weeks.



Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, January 15, 2013

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:00 p.m. Meeting

12:30 p.m. Tom Verhoeven.
Peoria Gardens

HOSTESSES: Sharon Wilson*, Bev Hackleman,
Chris Johnson, Julie Knebel

It's Time for Seed Catalogs And Peoria Gardens

By Janet Calvert

The Eugene Garden Club's January program will be a tour of Peoria Gardens wholesale nursery, about 35 miles north of Eugene. We plan to leave the clubhouse at 12:30 in members' cars after our 11:30 brown bag lunch and meeting.

Tom Verhoeven, owner and founder, will be our guide and will address the origin and growth of Peoria Gardens, facts and figures about their facility, how they determine what to grow—and what's hot for 2013, secrets or practices learned from trial and error, and hints for the home gardener.

Most of us have seen or purchased plants that were grown at Peoria Gardens acres of greenhouses. This is our chance to see where they came from.

www.peoriagardens.com



One of the Door Blessings at Greens Sale

Greens Sale Successful

Congratulations ladies and gentleman on a very successful 2012 Holiday Greens Sale! Nearly 40 club members and husbands, helped in one manner or another from cutting and procuring materials to making and producing the products, to bringing cookies or publicizing, setting up, decorating, serving, selling, cleaning up or feeding the troops!

Late in November, Janet Calvert coordinated the “Gathering of the Greens” at Sherry Cossey’s, Edana Paz’s, & Mike Olson’s property for more than 25 big black bags of fir along with many many bags of other wonderful plant materials that people brought from home, neighbors as well as Marietta & Ernie O’Byrne’s NW Garden Nursery cuttings. (About 30 people helped with “Gathering” materials including Jerry Blade & Mike Olson.) Janet also purchased noble fir for us to use for the little trees and designs. Greg Zahar brought his truck for our “trash” receptacle behind the clubhouse and we really thankful for that.



During the production week, November 26--30, 9–3 daily, we made 149 wreaths, 35 holiday arrangements, 10 swags, 15 little decorated Christmas trees, 8 door blessings, 6 yule logs, many pinecone baskets, and bought 147 poinsettias from Johnson Brothers. We decorated a 6’ Douglas fir Christmas tree as well as decorating the rest of the clubhouse very beautifully. In Alfretta’s honor we provided bows for free and had more than 100 ready before the sale. Next year we will once again offer bows for a fee.

At the end of the sales day we had 47 poinsettias, 7 table designs, 3 cone baskets, 34 wreaths, 3 little trees and several bows left. After a several more days we ended up with only 2 poinsettias and 4 wreaths. We delivered wreaths or poinsettias to Ruth Phelps, Phoebe Staples, the O’Byrnes, Mike Olson and our cryptomeria supplier.

We grossed more \$5727 and had expenditures of \$1168.22 for a net of over \$4560. THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TIME, ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS FUN EVENT!

Special thanks to Sherry Cossey--Chairman, Janet Calvert, Georgia Zahar—Design Chairman, Sharon Blade, Jennifer Rabner, Sharon Wilson, Dorothy Cruickshank, Marj Petrusha, Debi Luidhardt, Phyllis Hamel, Jacquie Litchfield, Ruth Fry, Ruth Michaelson, Delores Lewis, Jean Damon, Camille Noel, Ann Rollins and many more!



Clockwise from Left: Marilyn Hunter & Janet Marcisz display little trees with a poinsettia and several wreaths in background; Janet Calvert & Jennifer Rabner cut boughs and load bags on a rainy day with Janelle Cossey carrying parts of the fallen tree up the hill; Georgia Zahar works on a design; the beginnings of 4 bundles for a wreath next to Ruth Michaelson finishing one of hers on the wreath machine; 14 workers take a lunch break one day; a wreath in place at a home.



INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . New Member

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. . . Clubhouse Cleaning

The annual thorough cleaning of our clubhouse is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 9:00 a.m. Bring your favorite cleaning tools and come to help spiff up all corners of our clubhouse.

. . . Members

--Phoebe Staples is back in Eugene and once again returning to her old form after a bad spill while visiting her daughter in Canada – she wound up spending 6 weeks or more extra there recovering!

--Juanita Manley's nasty cut on her eyebrow has healed nicely after her nasty fall in December.

--Linda Knight will have a hip replacement at the beginning of February and Jean Damon is having her other knee replaced soon as well!

--Janet Calvert spent the past few weeks caring for husband Len who suffered a stroke the day after Christmas.

--Sherry Cossey & Georgia Zahar travelled to Cottage Grove on the 8th to install their new officers using "Birds" for the theme – the owl, cardinal, blue jay, & quail.

. . . Future

Symposium in Vancouver, WA, July 16, 17; more info next month – study heucheras and more.

WESTERN SCRUB JAY

(*Aphelocoma californica*)

The Western Scrub Jay is a bird that we all know. We enjoy watching them come to our winter feeders and I am amazed at their ability to save their food for a later time.

The Scrub Jay is a medium sized bird approximately 11.5 inches long (tail included) with a 15 inch wingspan. Their call is described as 'harsh and scratchy'. This jay can live about nine years. The oldest known Western Scrub Jay was found in Castiac, CA in 1991 and raised in captivity. 'Aaron' lived to be over 19 years old. The Scrub Jay population has been adversely affected by the West Nile virus, especially in the CA Central Valley.

True to its name, the Western Scrub Jay inhabits areas of low scrub preferring pinon-juniper forests, oak woods and edges of mixed evergreen forests.



Scrub Jays forage for food in pairs, family groups or small non-kin groups. They feed on small animals like frogs and lizards, eggs and young of other birds, insects & (particularly in winter), grains, nuts & berries. They can be aggressive to other birds & will steal food from other birds. They will also eat fruits and vegetables grown in backyards. You might see a Scrub Jay sitting on the back of a mule deer. They are picking off & eating ticks and other parasites.

Scrub Jays like many *corvids* store food in scattered caches within their territory. They rely on highly accurate and complex memories to recover hidden caches. Jays are also known for hoarding brightly colored objects.

Enjoy our 'feathered friends'.

*Georgia Zahar, Birds & Wildlife Chair
Information gathered from Wikipedia*

. . . Train Trip?

Plans are being discussed for some of us to attend the National Garden Clubs Annual Convention in Seattle in May when Oregon's own **Linda Nelson** from Keizer will be installed as the NGC President.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Convention, "Rain Shine", will be May 24-26 at the Seattle Sheraton Hotel on Sixth Street. Oregon is in charge of the reception which follows the Sunday installation on the 26th. We could travel by train the day before (5:30 a.m.) or even that day; returning Monday the 27th. (Leave 5:30 p.m. and arrive home 11:45 p.m. or leave 2:20 p.m. and home at 8:50 p.m.) There is a senior discount for the round-trip ticket which is about \$115.

Check out the speakers, topics and special tours planned during and before the convention at www.gardenclub.org/2013-convention. Tours are scheduled throughout the week before the convention. Graham Kerr (23rd), John Gaydos (24th), and Rene van Rems (Design Banquet on 24th) are featured speakers at banquets.



WILLAMETTE DISTRICT NEWS

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST & MORE

The OSFGC will once again hold a Photography Contest at the State Convention in June

Eugene Garden Club will vote on our choices for our club the morning of our March 19 meeting beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding at 11:30. The winning entries from each club in our Willamette District will then be taken to the March 22 District Meeting and voted on by the members in attendance to select entries from the District for Convention.

Both black & white and color categories are included for the following topics:

1. Landscapes
2. Seascapes
3. Floral
4. Birds, Butterflies, Insects
5. Cityscapes/Architecture

Criteria for pictures:

- Printed 8x10, matted, no frames, and not digitally touched up.

So...go through the photos you have taken and pick out the best ones to bring to our March meeting.

And also remember to keep track of time and money spent on projects for public places. Club presidents and chairmen have forms for reporting that.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- DISTRICT BOARD MEETING – February 22
hosted by Eugene Garden Club at EGC
- DISTRICT MEETING. – March 22
hosted by Junction City Garden Club



*Sharon Wilson,
Willamette District Director*

EGC DONATES TO PENNY PINES

What is Penny Pines? It is a cooperative program with National Garden Club and the US Forest Service, in which each \$68.00 amount is used to plant one acre of trees. Clubs can request specific geographic locations for their monies to be used.

How can I help? By putting your spare change in the Penny Pines jar at each regular Garden Club meeting. Money raised by turning in your printer cartridges and used cell phones will also be applied to this project.

Who is the local contact person for this project? Georgia Zahar. Each meeting I will put a big jar out along with a container for printer cartridges (please, no Epson cartridges) and used cell phones.

Thank you!

Georgia Zahar, Penny Pines Chairman

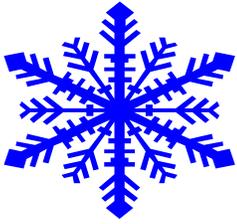
Floral Arranging Class

The next meeting of EGC's Floral Arranging Class for any interested parties will be Thursday morning January 17, 9:30 -11:30 a.m. The public is invited and there is a one-time nominal charge of \$5.

Georgia Zahar and Sherry Cossey share instructor duties. Bring a friend! This month's assignment is a Still Life and the theme is "A Favorite Hobby". If you have questions, call Sherry at 541.485.5772 or Georgia at 541.686.8397. Experience is not required.



Left to Right: Nancy Plumb, Georgia Zahar, Jean Damon, & Gigi Gremmel, hostesses, helped organized the food for our Holiday Potluck; Eldoris Cobban & Ruth Fry wait for the activities to begin; President Dianne Dewev finishes setting her table for the event which was held December 18.



What's Happening

January

- 8 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 15 EGC Regular Meeting
- 17 Flower Arranging Class
- 18-20 8th Annual Good Earth, Home, Garden & Living Show, Eugene Convention Center
- 21 Avid Gardeners "Local at the 45th Parallel – The Farmers' Perspective", Carol and Anthony Boutard, 6:30 p.m., EGC www.avidgardeners.org for more information
- 22 Club House Cleaning, 9:00 a.m.

February

- 5 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 19 EGC Regular Meeting
- 15 Flower Arranging Class
- 8-10 Yard, Garden & Patio Show
Convention Center, Portland
- 20-24 25th Anniversary NW Flower & Garden Show
Convention Center, Seattle
- 22 Willamette District Board Meeting, at EGC

March

- 5 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 7-10 Lane County Home & Garden Show, Fairgrounds
- 11 OSFGC Board Meeting, McMinnville
- 19 EGC Regular Meeting (McKenzie River Nursery)
- 22 Willamette District Meeting, Junction City G.C.
- 22-24 State Flower Show, Portland EXPO
Energy Trust Better Living Show
- 28 Plant Nerd Night, EGC, 6:00 p.m.



****** EGC Club House Cleaning ******

January 22. 9:30 a.m. -- ??

**Bring your cleaning supplies
and help with the annual "spiffing up" for our building!**

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In the Garden – in January

Plant deciduous fruit & shade trees. Take hardwood cuttings of deciduous ornamental shrubs & trees.

Bring cuttings inside from quince, forsythia, flowering cherry to force bloom.

Plant peas & sweet peas if soil is well drained.

Begin planning this year's garden.

Order new roses for March 15 delivery. Remove old leaves from rose bushes and clean up rose beds. Prepare beds for planting new roses in March.

Don't forget to feed the birds who have come to depend on your supply.

