

Eugene Garden Club News

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63 members

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President's Corner

Did everyone work in their garden? Or at least sat for awhile to enjoy the sun and warmth? Those few days were glorious.

Please note the earlier time for the Photo Show. I hope many of you will enter. It is lovely to see photos of gardens, bugs, or flowers. Let's make it a know-out show!

On Tuesday, the 19th, we will be going to warm greenhouses full of brightly colored spring plants. It will be a feast for the eyes and nose. The fun will be in picking out plants for our containers and planting them. We leave them, then return on Mothers' Day to bring home our pots brimming over with the flowers planted in March. How good can it get?

Those of you who are chairman of a committee(s) will have received an email asking if you wish to stay as head and also for a brief 1-4 sentence job description. This will be very handy for members who want to join you or to choose to head up a committee; and it will save time when the sign-up sheets are passed around.

Heads up for the April meeting: it is so important to have as many members as possible come when we go over our Constitution and Bylaws to bring them up to date. According to our Constitution, changes must be presented and discussed at one meeting and then voted on at the very next meeting. This is your club! Discuss! Vote!



. Phyllis Hamel

Save the Date
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March 28
Plant Nerd Night

Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2013

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| 9:30 a.m. | Clubhouse open to hang photographs |
| 11:15 a.m. | Photo Contest |
| 11:30 a.m. | Brown Bag Lunch & Meeting |
| 12:30 p.m. | Hanging Baskets -
Carpool to
McKenzie River Nursery |

HOSTESSES: *Lorene Martinson, Linda Knight,
Debi Luidhardt, Delores Lewis

GREETER: Sharon Blade

March Meeting Is Busy

We have a busy schedule for our meeting in March. People may bring their photos in for the Photography Contest beginning at 9:30 a.m. and must have them displayed before 10:30.

Voting for the Photography Contest will be at 11:15 a.m. and at 11:30 we will have our brown bag lunch with our regular meeting! At 12:30 we will carpool to

**McKenzie River Nursery,
38698 Camp Creek Road
Springfield, Oregon**

for a **HANGING BASKET WORKSHOP**. We should arrive around 1:00 p.m. when owners of the nursery, Tamara and Greg, will **provide the plants, soil, baskets and instruction**. Our finished baskets will be kept in their heated greenhouses until we pick them up in May, when they will be in glorious bloom. Small baskets are \$20.00 and large are \$35.00. (Driving directions are on page 3).

If you haven't signed up for the trip yet and want to participate, call Sharon Blade 541.688.6592 or e-mail sljdblade@comcast.net. Please sign up now.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST PLANNED

Bring your entries for the State Photography Contest to our March 19 meeting. They are to be hung between 9:30-11:15 a.m. Voting for people's choice will take place at 11:15. Winners in each category will be entered in the Willamette District Photo Contest on March 22. Winners at the District level will be taken to the state contest at State Convention in June.

1. Landscape -- Color & B&W
2. Seascapes -- Color & B&W
3. Floral -- Color & B&W
4. Birds/Butterflies/Insects -- Color & B&W
5. Cityscapes/Architecture -- Color & B&W

Criteria for pictures:

- Printed 8"x10", no frames, and not digitally touched up. Winners will need to be matted for the district contest.

On the back of the photo, tape a card with the following information: (Do not write directly on the picture.)

Name of photographer
Garden Club and District
Date & Location of photo
Type of media (film or digital)
Entry category



SMJ HOUSE SPORTS

NEW HILLSIDE COLOR

In February Debi Luidhardt, Georgia Zahar, Jennifer Rabner, Ruth Fry, Dianne Dewey, Catherine Taylor, and Sherry Cossey put in a total of 16 hours at the Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House. We transplanted lots of daylilies down both sides of the beautiful new staircase, planted 15 ceanothus "Diamond Lights", moved some daylilies and iris to the front of the house in between the lavenders, cleaned out the grass and overgrown hardy geraniums in the front bed, pruned the roses & hydrangeas, and cut back the ferns and the zonal geraniums too. Afterwards Debi and Sherry reorganized the shed so that equipment in there is more accessible.

The *ceanothus* is a groundcover that will brighten up the steep part of the hillside as you view the house from the street and will fill out fast. That genus is native on the west coast and was probably around in the early 1900's.

We had a great time and barely got wet; gto plenty dirty though! The next workday will be the last week of March.

***Despite the gardener's best intentions, Nature will improvise. ~Michael P. Garafalo*



POTTING PARTIES PLANNED

You love all of your plants, but some of them may have become too big/aggressive or that perfect location has changed. Maybe you just want something new!! The Oregon Plant Fair which benefits Eugene Garden Club and the Willamette District Garden Club is the perfect place to share your garden treasures and raise needed funds.

EGC will hold two Potting Parties in March in preparation where you can come and either bring plants or just come to help pot up other people's plants. Both will be held **10:00 a.m. to noon.**

- **Friday, March 15, 10:00 a.m. -noon.**
Janet Calvert's home
1062 Woodside, Eugene
541.686.2697
- **Wednesday, April 10, 1:00-3:00**
Dorothy Cruickshank's home
2135 Rocky Lane
541.342.2577
(mainly succulents this day)

Come in warm clothes, gloves, garden shoes, and bring your favorite potting tools and any adoptable plants from your garden. Even without plants, you are encouraged to come and help pot other members' plants, identify plants or help with other chores. Please bring information about your plants' common and botanical names as well as preferred growing conditions to mark on the white tags (use #2 pencil.)

Among the big sellers are sedums (especially in cute containers), ferns, grasses; and anything blooming by May 5 sells especially well. Do your neighbors have adoptable plants?

Hint: Have a picture of the plant when it is at its peak to help buyers know what they are getting. Use seed catalogs or go online to find color photos. People like to know what color the flowers are going to be too.

For members who pot their own plants at home, we will have a supply of pots, potting soil and blank tags that you can pick up. Please bring buckets for the soil.

Janet Calvert, Co-Chairman

DIRECTIONS to McKenzie River Nursery

- Take I-105 to Springfield
- Proceed on McKenzie Hwy 126 toward Walterville.
- Turn left on Millican Rd. (Firehouse is on the left)
- Turn left on Camp Creek Road Nursery is on the left in 1 – 2 miles.

Plant Nerd Night



EGC's annual Plant Nerd Night is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 28.

The doors open at 6 p.m.; the program begins at 7 p.m.

Nurseries participating include Bloom River Gardens, Dancing Lizard Nursery, Doak Creek Native Plant Nursery, Johnson Brothers Greenhouses, and Territorial Seed Company. Committee members Sharon Blade, Ruth Fry and Dorothy Cruickshank, remind us to bring our friends and neighbors -- and wallets for another enjoyable event. Maybe you will even win a drawing!

Proceeds from the Plant Nerd Night help to fund our civic and your projects—such as the Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House and Pearl Buck children activities.

MEMORIAL PLAQUE UPDATED

EGC Board of Directors voted in February to bring our club's Memorial Plaque up to date with the addition of the following names:

- Harriet Andrews
- Margaret Leonetti
- Alfaretta Spores
- Viola Sears.

The plaque hangs in the northeast corner of the carpeted room behind our service table and was initially hung in the late 1990's.

***There is no gardening without humility. Nature is constantly sending even its oldest scholars to the bottom of the class for some egregious blunder. ~Alfred Austin*

WILLAMETTE DISTRICT MEETS IN J.C.

The Spring General Meeting for the Willamette District Garden Clubs will be hosted by the Junction City Garden Club on Friday, March 22, at the Church of the Nazarene, 1715 West 1st Avenue in Junction City.

The theme is "March Madness" and we are encouraged to wear our craziest get-up—Tacky Tourist, Goofy Gardener, etc.

****Coffee and goodies at 9:30 a.m. before the 10:00 meeting.**

****Lunch --. Bring a potluck dish and your own table service**

****Do bring things for the Country Store. And there will be a Raffle as each club brings a raffle basket or item.**

****The program. After lunch, will be a program all about *BEES* presented by the Bee Keepers of Lane County.**



Let's all be there, and support our own Sharon Wilson who is the Willamette District Director. We have the biggest club – let's have the most in attendance.

DIRECTIONS: From the South turn left at Guaranty Chevrolet (Hwy 99 S); from the North turn right on West 1st. Continue about ½ mile, turn left onto Pitney Lane and then left at the Church of the Nazarene.

DID YOU KNOW?

As incredible as it sounds, men and women took baths only twice a year (May and October). Women kept their hair covered, while men shaved their heads (because of lice and bugs) and wore wigs. Wealthy men could afford good wigs made from wool. They couldn't wash the wigs, so to clean them they would carve out a loaf of bread, put the wig in the shell, and bake it for 30 minutes. The heat would make the wig big and fluffy, hence the term "big wig". Today we often use the term "Big Wig" because someone appears to be or is powerful and wealthy!

INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . **Change** member Camille Noel's telephone number, in your *2012 Member Directory* to **541.337.0528** (old telephone is gone!)

. . . **Members:** Bev Hackleman has been having serious lower back issues so that she is not getting around as well as she would like to. Our encouragement would be good.

. . . **Equipment:** New vacuum cleaner to be purchased right away, bagless type.

. . . **Doors & Heat:** Members need to all be aware when leaving the building of turning the heat down and making sure that front and back doors are locked. Several times this year, the heat was left up for a week or more and doors left unlocked.

Stitches 'n Thyme In a Garden



A Standard Flower Show

**Sponsored by the
Eugene Garden Club**

Member Willamette District Garden Clubs
Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
Member Pacific Region Garden Clubs
Member of Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

**At the Eugene Garden Club
1645 High Street, Eugene, Oregon**

April 29 – 30, 2013
Monday the 29th - 12:00 – 6:00 pm
Tuesday the 30th - 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

BYLAWS REVISITED

Eugene Garden Club's Constitution and Bylaws are being updated after a very long stretch of inattention. Most changes are housekeeping, some help make our process and jobs more clear, and an \$5 increase in dues is being proposed.

Jennifer Rabner chaired a committee consisting of our presidents, Dianne Dewey & Phyllis Hamel, and Sherry Cossey, Debi Luidhardt, and Juanita Manley which set about cleaning up our documents last fall.

The updates will be presented to the club in April and voted on in May.

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS

The March Flower Arranging Class has been moved up to March 14 and the assignment is to create a Mono-Botanic Design which means all the plant material used in this Creative Design must be from the same plant family or the same genus.

The class is practicing on designs that are being used in our late April flower show, *Stitches 'n Thyme In a Garden*.

Plant Sale Workers Needed

Sign-up sheets for garden club helpers at the May 11 Plant Fair will be out at our March and April meetings.

Plan to put your name in a spot.

The Oregon Plant Fair will once again be held in Alton Baker Park together with the Avid Gardeners. Set up will be Friday afternoon, May 10, and the sale will be Saturday, the 11th, 9 – 2.

Our potting parties, and all of our individual plant division, starts, and seedlings provide us with product for the public to purchase and proudly take home to plant!

***A flower is an educated weed.*

~Luther Burbank



What's Happening

March

- 6 EGC Board Meeting
- 7-10 Lane County Home & Garden Show, Fairgrounds
- 11 OSFGC Board Meeting, McMinnville
- 11 Arrangers Guild
- 13 Pacific Region Awards Judging 9 - 2
- 14 Flower Arranging Class
- 15 Potting Party 10 - 2
- 19 EGC Regular Meeting, Photography Contest
- 19 Master Gardeners Mtg., Preventing Injury in the Garden,
7 p.m., EWEB North Bldg.
- 22 Willamette District Meeting, Junction City
- 22-24 State Flower Show, Portland EXPO
Energy Trust Better Living Show
- 25 Judges Council
- 28 Plant Nerd Night, EGC, 6:00 p.m.

April

- 2 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 4 Lane County Dahlia Society Tuber Sale,
Campbell Senior Center, 7:30 p.m.
- 16 EGC Regular Meeting
- 18 Flower Arranging Class
- 20 Master Gardeners Spring Plant Sale, 11 - 5



THANK YOU !

SHAWNA HILL

and helpers for all the preparation for February's program working on Garden Art for us to sell at the Plant Fair! – Paints, brushes, wooden signs, bowling balls, glues, gourds, and much much more!
You are appreciated.



Pat Kramer, Camille Noel, Sharon Blade & Ruth Michaelson painted gourds; Shawna Hill & Debi Luidhard readied plant markers; and Janet Calvert & Janet Marcisz painted leaf prints.

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In the Garden – in March

Plant cool season crops such as peas, lettuce, cabbage, onions, kale & chard.

**Divide hostas, daylilies, mums, peonies, dahlias late in the month.
(Note: If weather is very cold, wait until April for dahlias; wait until you can see the tuber eyes well.)**

Feed rhubarb, cane berries, evergreen shrubs & trees with manure or complete fertilizer.

Plant berry crops (strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, blackberry).

Prune gooseberries & currants and feed with manure or a complete fertilizer.

Move existing rose bushes; plant new ones by the 15th; fertilize with 1 cu. alfalfa meal per bush by end of month.

Spread compost over garden and landscape areas.

Plant gladioli.

Dethatch the lawn.

