

Eugene Garden Club News

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63 members

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President's Corner

This is my fifth winter in Oregon. I still look with wonder at the spring bulbs showing their green shoots—some several inches high—at this time. We are blessed with a short dormant season. However, I'm equally surprised by the nights that stay so cool into June with just enough rain. No wonder this state is a grower's paradise.

Be sure to attend our February meeting. I encourage you to stay for an unusual and creative program following our business and luncheon part. Read the articles in the newsletter to get the details.

A couple of garden thoughts. It's a good time to take inventory, sharpen, oil and organize your garden tools.'

Don't forget when dividing your plants to save some for the plant sale. Potting parties are in the works. Stay tuned.



. . . Phyllis Hamel, Co-President

Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, February 19, 2013

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:15 p.m. Meeting

1:00 p.m. Garden Art Workshop

HOSTESSES: Peggy Funkhouser*, Ruth Fry
Jennifer Rabner, Juanita Manley

GREETER: Jean Damon

February Meeting Features Yard Art

The Eugene Garden Club February program is a **Yard Art Workshop**, immediately following the sack lunch and meeting on the 19th. Mark your calendar to stay for bit and have fun!

We will be making six yard art items:

- bowling balls turned into gazing balls
- painted wooden signs
- plant markers that last a lifetime
- painted cement leaf castings
- rocks painted to make bright "bugs" for the garden
- painted gourds.

All materials and supplies will be provided but we suggest you dress for painting and/or bring an apron and some rubber gloves as some of this work can be messy but not strenuous.

The items we make will be sold at the May plant sale. Trust me, you don't need an artistic flair to create these items. The goals of the workshop are 1) have fun, 2) learn how to make new things; and 2) enhance our plant sale and make a bit more money this May. See you there!!

Shauna Hill, Vice-President

FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

For the February Garden Club Meeting . . .

- Bring a sample (cut specimen or potted plant) of something blooming in your garden.
- Bring a start of something to pass on to someone else.
- Bring a plant that you want identified or its problem solved. OR
- Bring a favorite gardening tip to share with us.

Juanita Manley, Horticulture Chairman



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST TO BE HELD

Bring your entries for the **State Photography Contest** to our March meeting. Winners in the eight categories 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. & 2. Landscape Color & B&W
3. & 4. Floral Color & B&W
5. & 6. Birds/Butterflies/Insects Color & B&W
7. & 8. Cityscapes/Architecture Color or B&W

Criteria for pictures:

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

So...go through the photos you have taken and pick out the best ones to bring next month.

Willamette District Board meets at the Eugene Garden Club, Friday, February 22, and our club is the host. Morning snacks and beverages – 9:30 a.m., Meeting – 10:00 a.m. The District General Meeting will be exactly 4 weeks on March 22 in Junction City. All members are invited to attend, program will be announced next month..



*Sharon Wilson,
Willamette District Director*

INS & OUTS OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

... New Member

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Did You Know?

-The bottle in which Jeannie lived on *I Dream of Jeannie* was fashioned from a 1964 Christmas-edition Jim Beam decanter.
-The Emmy Award derives its name from the Immy, a slang term for the image orthicon, a tube that was used in television cameras until the 1960's.
-Illinois Avenue has been mathematically proven to be the square on the Monopoly game board that has the highest probability of being occupied by a player.
The "Go" square comes in second.

Potting Parties Planned

For many years the Willamette District Garden Clubs, including the Eugene Garden Club, has sold plants at the Oregon Plant Fair (sale) on the Saturday before Mother's Day. This is a MAJOR FUND RAISER for our Garden Club.

So what do we pot? The perennials that you love that have become too big/aggressive or that perfect location has become too shady or sunny or crowded and you want to get rid of or share those plants. You might just want something new!! The Plant Fair is the perfect place to find new homes for plants and make money for the Garden Club.

The EGC will hold two potting parties where you can either bring plants and pot them in one gallon containers(we provide the potting soil), or come and help pot plants that other people have contributed. PLEASE COME WITH THE NAMES OF THE PLANTS. Also bring trowel, gloves, warm clothes.

Other options are to get some potting soil at Calvert's home, pot your own plants, label them, care for them and bring them to the sale. OR pot your plants and bring them to Calvert's to be placed in a greenhouse to become bigger and happier!

Friday, March 15, 10 a.m. to noon

Janet Calvert's home
1062 Woodside Drive, Eugene
541.686.2697

Wednesday, April 10, 1-3

Dorothy Cruickshank's home
2135 Rocky Lane, Eugene
541-342-2577

Mostly succulents

Janet Calvert, Co-Chairman



And . . .

For those of us who start seeds indoors, here are some suggestions for helping to avoid transplant shock:

1. Cut apart the cells of paper EGG CARTONS to use for planting seeds and then planting the cell directly to the garden when seedlings are ready.
2. Slice off a small section of an orange so that it will sit upright and cut the top off. Plant a couple of seeds inside in potting soil and you can move it to the garden when ready.



What's Happening

February

- 5 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 8-12 NW Flower & Garden Show
Convention Center, Seattle
- 19 EGC Regular Meeting
- 21 Flower Arranging Class, 9:30 a.m.
- 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
- 14 Flower Arranging Class
- 19 EGC Regular Meeting, Photography Contest
- 22 Willamette District Meeting, Oakridge Garden Club
- 22-24 State Flower Show, Portland EXPO
Energy Trust Better Living Show
- 28 Pant Nerd Night, EGC, 6:00 p.m.

April

- 2 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 16 EGC Regular Meeting
- 18 Flower Arranging Class, 9:30 a.m.
- 20 Master Gardener's Garden Fair & Plant Sale
- 22-24 Pacific Region Convention, Santa Rosa
- 29-30 Stiches in Thyme, EGC Flower Show



GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS...
Save this date on your Calendars!
March 28th
for
PLANT "NERD" NIGHT
Garden Club Gals make it happen!



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In the Garden – in February

Prune deciduous summer-blooming shrubs and trees.

Prune clematis and other vining ornamentals.

Prune and trellis berries, can berries and grapes.

Prune fruit trees & blueberries.

Plant new fruit trees and deciduous shrubs.

Plant onions outdoors when soil is dry enough.

Till in cover crops and/or organic material

Prune roses in middle of the month.

