

Eugene Garden Club News

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President's Corner

Here we are again getting together at the end of a beautiful summer to share stories, bounty and the love of gardening with our fellow gardeners.

I hope you are enjoying the weather and the blooms and edibles as much as I am right now. I am about half way through five weekends of Oregon dahlia shows, ending the first week end in October. I won't claim to be the master gardener some of you are, but I do love my dahlias and love sharing their beauty.

The EGC board and committees have been busy organizing for this upcoming year. Thank you for all your input. The program team has some wonderful programs and activities to educate and inspire us.

I am looking forward to working with this great team of active members, and thank you all for your encouragement and support.

I especially thank Dianne for continuing her presidential duties by preparing the agendas for our September meetings.

Let's make this the year we get to know each other better, and make an effort to take our new members under our wing and help them build friendships and involvement in our group.

I am looking forward to a year of sharing information, inspiration and friendship.



. Camille Noel
President

SEPTEMBER MEETING Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:15 p.m. Meeting

1:00 p.m. *"Practicing Greener Gardening"*

by Master Gardeners Panel

HOSTESSES: Shauna Hill*, Sharon Blade,
Shari Hewitt, Ann Rollins

GREETER: Arlene Taylor

EGC STARTS A NEW YEAR

Following our September business meeting of the Eugene Garden Club at 1:00 p.m., we will be hosting four Master Gardeners who will present a panel discussion on *'Practicing Greener Gardening.'*

The Master Gardeners are Gwendolyn Scott, Marylee Bowman, Catherine Burke and Joanne Carlson. They will talk about ways we can do more in our yards and gardens to make our environment cleaner and safer and sustain it for the long term, as well as types of plants, shrubs and trees that work best. There will be time for questions and answers.

Pat Kramer
EGC Vice-President

FAIR IS GEM OF SUMMER!

Floral Department Coordinator Sherry Cossey thanks everyone who helped out with the Lane county Fair this summer in any manner -- entries, demonstrations, setup, teardown, and more.

Eugene Garden Club embers who entered designs for fairgoers to enjoy included Georgia Zahar, Marj Petrusha, Juanita Manley, Dorothy Cruickshank, Sherry Cossey, Sharon Wilson, Janet Marcisz, Camille Noel, Ruth Fry, Ruth Michaelson, and Kathie Spinola. And most of us also entered lots of horticulture as did Holly Miller, Chris Johnson and Jennifer Rabner. Several of our designers received votes for the Daily People's Choice Awards and Dorothy Cruickshank, Marj Petrusha and Sharon Wilson were winners Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Everyone was most pleased with the new arrangement for exhibits at the Fair this year with all the Creative Exhibits (including the Floral Department) being housed together in the large AIR CONDITIONED Exhibit Hall. Both people and flowers benefitted.

Dorothy Cruickshank and crew provided wonderful opportunities for Fair-goers on Thursday to make small flower arrangements with assistance from many club members. This project is certainly a team effort as it takes many hands preparing the containers and oasis, picking and transporting the flowers and then assisting the "arrangers". We especially appreciate the generosity of Lone Pine Farms and Grassroots Gardens for their donations of many buckets of flowers and members who bring foliage to use.

Thank you to members and husbands who served as hosts and hostesses in the Floral Department during the Fair this year: Ruth Fry, Marilyn Hunter, Camille Noel, Ann Rollins, Marj Petrusha, Sharon Wilson, Phyllis Hamel, Kathie Spinola, Linda Knight, Georgia & Greg Zahar, Monica Henry, Chris DeRoss, Mary Thomas, Shari Hewitt, Janet Calvert along with 30 from other Willamette District Clubs.

The Best of Section winners in design were Sherry Cossey in the Open, Ruth Fry in the Advanced Amateur, Kathie Spinola in the Novice, Sherry in Miniature Open, Dorothy Cruickshank in Miniature Advanced Amateur, and Ruth Michaelson in Miniature Novice. Georgia Zahar's Functional Table Design won that class as well as Best of all Designs in the Fair!

Eugene Garden Club's Vignette Design was first place (created by Marj Petrusha & Georgia Zahar) and our Floral Design (created by Monica Henry & Camille Noel) placed third.

There were 470 entries this year! That's about 70 more than in 2012.

Sherry Cossey, Lane County Fair Floral Coordinator



Miniature Design Classes winners at Fair: Sherry Cossey, Dorothy Cruickshank, & Ruth Michaelson

EGC ENTERS PB TRIVIA EVENT

Dorothy Cruickshank invited Eugene Garden Club to compete in the new Pearl Buck Trivia Night at the Kowloon Lodge on Martin Luther King Blvd., Tuesday, October 1, 6 – 9 p.m.

The "Weed Warriors" will consist of Sister Janet Marcisz, Janet & Len Calvert, Sherry Cossey, Ann Rollins, and Shauna Hill. Spectators are invited.

Flower Arranging Class

Thursday, September 19, 9:30 a.m.

"My Fall Garden"

(Incorporate vegetables in your design to be placed in a 2' x 2' space)

Invite a friend or just come to the ongoing Flower Arranging Class that Alfretta, Sherry, and Georgia started nearly 4 years ago. Instruction, constructive suggestions, and opportunities to work with different plant materials with different goals for end results are all part of the monthly class. New participants are always welcome.

The group leaders emphasize using what's available in our gardens and also trying new things. Design basics are stressed regularly. And people are often PROUD of what they have done! We also learn that we're not perfect every try but we learn each time.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY PLASTIC POTS?

“Due to changes in the global marketplace, plastic planting pots have become less recyclable. While it has never been acceptable to throw them into curbside recycling bins Lane County used to take them for recycling at the dump. Unfortunately, the County no longer accepts them. The good news is that reusable pots of the one-gallon size or larger, clean and unbroken, can be taken to BRING. Otherwise, they go in the trash.

The reason for the change? The County had to stop accepting pots, due to a little known, but quite impactful, decision by the Chinese President Xi Jinping to better enforce his country’s import laws covering recyclable paper and plastics. Called the Green Fence of China, the decision resulted in loss of markets and a greater expense for selling recyclable materials. Tired of receiving garbage, contaminated loads, and illegal items, China has begun inspecting almost every container that comes into the country, resulting in a bottleneck in Chinese ports and increased costs. China has begun to return contaminated loads to the U.S., adding even more to the cost of dealing with recycled materials.

Until the marketplace sorts all this out, take reusable pots to BRING (clean, unbroken, one-gallon or larger), reuse whatever you can, and throw the rest away. BRING receiving is open every day until 4:00 p.m.”

BRINGRECYCLING “UsedNews” Vol. 22 No., 3 Fall 2013



Above: an all foliage design; Jennifer Rabner’s blue ribbon winning fuchsia;

Below: Sherry Cossey & Georgia Zahar did a demonstration using flowers from our gardens.



Left: EGC Club Design (3rd) & Vignette (1st) created by Monica Henry & Camille Noel (above) & Marj Petrusha & Geogia Zahar (below).

Below: Georgia Zahar’s Best Design in Show table design.



EGC COUNTRY STORE CHANGES

The Country Store is being reinvented this year -- to be called ‘Trash or Treasure Store’. The primary reason for the new name and format is to raise more funds for the club. The Store will be present at November, February and May EGC meetings, and there will be seasonal items for sale.

For the first edition of the Trash or Treasure Store, we hope to receive donations in October that will promote the Thanksgiving or Christmas Holidays. The Store Committee will then be able to assemble, clean or polish, price and set items out in an attractive way so that you will want to ‘shop till you drop’ at the November meeting.

To make this a success, we will need the members to be generous in their donations. Items should be of good quality and condition. We will also have a ‘Thrift Box’ of collections of odds and ends such as bits of ribbon, tinsel, candles, Santas or Scare Crows, etc.

There will be Eugene Garden Club signed forms for you to have for tax-deductible claims. And if you are unable to attend the meeting when we are collecting items, one of the three committee members will be happy to come to your house to pick up your donation.

We will be at the September meeting to give details and to answer your questions. We hope this will prove to be fun and generate MONEY for the club.

Phyllis Hamel, Chris Deross and Shauna Hill

INS & OUTS OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . 1. **OCTOBER** -- Next month our general EGC meeting will be at Ann Rollins house followed by a tour of UO trees with Whitey Lueck. More info next month.

. . . 2. **EGC CLUBHOUSE** -- Thank you to a committee of Dianne Dewey, Juanita Manley., Janet Calvert, Sharon Wilson, Dorothy Cruickshank for working out new guidelines for the use of our building in the hopes of increasing "usership" and also income.

. . . 3. **CLUBHOUSE ENTRY** -- Thank you to Janet Calvert for moving the lockbox to the back entry so that people don't have to approach homeless folks who often camp out in our front entry when we get the front door key.

If you come into the Clubhouse, and there are any unwanted folks on the front porch, please use the non-emergency police number posted on the bulletin board by the front door to report. To get the issue actually recorded on paper, you will need to relay a complaint to the Eugene Police via their web site, www.eugene-or.gov/police. On that home page click on "report a crime". You decide which "quality of life" offense you feel applies. Be specific in your description, time, date, name of offender or description and behavior observed. Each report will add to the paper trail and hopefully, result in some action.

WILLAMETTE DISTRICT NEWS

. . . 1. MEETINGS

Willamette District Director, Sharon Wilson announced that the Fall Board meeting for all Club Presidents and District Chairmen will be held at the EGC clubhouse Friday, September 20, 9:30 a.m.

The regular large group meeting will be held October 25 in Cottage Grove. Look for the news about the program in next month's newsletter. The Willamette District includes six clubs, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Junction City, Oakridge, Springfield, and Westside Gardeners (Veneta),

. . . 2. FUNDRAISER

Our District will be holding a Bulb Sale for a fundraiser this fall. More information will be available at our club meeting. Plan to buy your spring bulbs from the Color Blends Catalog and benefit our District coffers. All kinds of bulbs are available and we used this company several years ago with good results.

PACIFIC REGION CONVENTION 2015 TO BE HELD IN EUGENE

OSFGC President Peggy Olin asked former presidents Sherry Cossey and Garnet Ascher to co-chair the Pacific Region Convention in 2015 when it is Oregon's turn to host. The Eugene Hilton has been selected for the Convention which will be held April 20-22 in 2015.

Pacific Region includes Garden Club members from Washington, Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska, and Hawaii (**WACONIAH**). The convention this past April was in Santa Rosa, CA, last year was in Anchorage, and next July's will be in Couer de'lene, Idaho, on the lake.

The Lane County area has many things to offer convention goers (besides the actual business meeting) including our wonderful coast, beautifully landscaped wineries, emphasis on green and sustainability, rhododendron gardens, Farmers Market, 5th Street Market, Village Green Garden, Belknap Springs, white water rafting, UO campus with lovely trees, museums, and much more. We just need to put our heads together to make the most of our opportunity.

Now we need local chairmen to plan our convention details and present some hints at the 2014 convention to entice our attendees to come to Eugene in 2015. Jennifer Rabner has agreed act as Treasurer and Registrar and Georgia Zahar is ready to assist. The Committee Chairs that we need to find are for

Audio Visual	Programs
Badges (Nametags)	Publicity
Exhibits & Sales	Seating for meals
Hospitality	Staging (décor),
Pages	Tote Bags
Printing & Speakers	Tours (pre-, post- & during)

At the summer District picnic, we got a few volunteers from Junction City and Oakridge already. These are all important jobs and are such that may best be done by a team rather than one person. Please let Sherry Cossey know if you already know you would like to help. Of course she will probably contact many of you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

September

- 3 Eugene Garden Club Board Meeting
- 14-15 Lane County Dahlia Show, Wheeler Pavilion
- 18 EGC Regular Meeting
- 19 Flower Arranging Class, 9:30 a.m.
- 27 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Work Party
- 20 Willamette District Board Meeting, EGC



October

- 1 EGC Board Meeting
- 1 Pearl Buck Tricia event, 6-9:00 p.m.
- 5 Fall Festival, Ext. Service, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.,
"We Grow Gardeners"
Willamalane Adult Activity Center
- 11-13 Eugene Clay Fest, Fairgrounds
- 14 OSFGC Fall Board Meeting, Lincoln City
- 15 EGC Regular Meeting
- 25 Willamette District Meeting, Cottage Grove
- 28 Mushroom Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum



Photos above clockwise: 2 Peoples Choice Awards--Sharon Wilson's & Dorothy Cruickshank's; some of the over 265 entries of cut flowers at the Lane County Fair.

Below: design classes at the Fair.



Trying to research a plant?

A Floriculture (word meaning "flower farming") Search Engine.

Built on the Google framework, but results are tailored to the subject in such a way that it's much more productive to search here rather than from Google direct.

Read all about it here:

<http://www.gardencentermagazine.com/floriculture-search-engine-online-afe-ncsu.aspx>

(Passed on from Shauna Hill that might be of interest to gardeners.)

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In the Garden – in September

Stop watering roses and prepare new beds for planting in November

Spread manure or compost over unplanted areas

Plant cold weather crops in the vegetable garden

Plant or propagate rhododendrons now

Mulch carrots in the garden for winter harvest

Plant iris corms for spring bloom

Plant spring flowering bulbs

Fall is great time to plant perennials

Plant shrubs now

