

Eugene Garden Club News

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56 members

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President's Corner

Here it is already, a time to reflect on the past year and look forward to what lies ahead. Of course my thoughts first turn toward my family with our challenges and successes. The Holidays are such a wonderful time for gathering and sharing and eating (and then eating some more)! I hope you all had things to be thankful for as you reflect on 2013.

Now with life moving a little more normally, it's time to think ahead with my garden club friends. I feel positive about our activities and connections we've nurtured along the way this past year. Hand-made Holiday Green's creations and a very successful Greens sale was a rewarding culmination to 2013!

As we head into January we bring with us projects that are ongoing, such as the repair of the front walk and new trees to replace the ones that had to be removed. We'll be continuing to make our front garden beautiful as well as the SMJ House. There will also be those community activities, like those who work with children and group gardening.

Being a garden club member means we all share the love of gardens and blooms. We have the opportunity to share in flower shows and arranging classes. And, our monthly meetings help educate and excite us on our EGC journey. The more we are involved the more we enjoy and benefit from interactions with our garden club friends.

I'll join you as we share our ideas, specimens, and love for gardening and each other. Here's to a fantastic 2014!



. *Camille Noel*
EGC President

Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2014

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:15 p.m. Meeting

1:00 p.m. Mark Bloom
Trimming for Blooms, etc.

HOSTESSES: Dianne Dewey*, Linda Wittorf,
Juanita Engel

Dealing With Plants, Shrubs, & Trees in the Winter Months

By Pat Kramer, EGC Vice President

Next Tuesday, January 21, the Eugene Garden Club will welcome Mark Bloom from Bloom River Gardens in Springfield to speak to us about cold damage on our plants, shrubs and trees, as well as how to trim our plants for more and better blooms. The program begins at 1 p.m. following our regular EGC meeting.

Bring your pocketbooks or checkbooks because he will also have a variety of plants for sale during the time he is here. The public is welcome. Invite your friends. And bring your questions.

Garden Boutique Returns

The Garden Boutique Committee is asking EGC members to bring items to this January meeting that fit the following suggestions: Easter or Valentine's Day stuff; spring things with flowers, small pictures, vases, old cards, lace for constructing Valentine cards, paper doilies, figurines, bunnies, eggs and any thing unusual. The committee will select which items to use for the sale at our February meeting.

Phyllis Hamel, Chairman

Greens Sale Eventful This Year

Congratulations ladies and gentleman on a very successful 2013 Holiday Greens Sale under extenuating circumstances -- 8" inches of snow the day before our sale!! We still managed to sell nearly \$3000 worth the first day and decided to extend to the next weekend as well. Thirty-one club members and six husbands—Damon, Rabner, Blade, Dewey, Calvert, Zahar, all 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! A special thanks to Bernie Damon for shoveling our sidewalks.



Late in November, Janet Calvert coordinated the “Gathering of the Greens” with fir from 2 large Douglas Firs cut by the City of Eugene and Sperry Tree Care. We were able to bring the boughs to the clubhouse and do our cuttings inside on the worktable on Saturday before the sale. We reaped great materials at Edana Paz’s property, the O’Byrnes NW Garden Nursery on Monday and also Sharon Blade’s neighbor and from members who brought many bags of interesting plant material from home or neighbors. We also purchased cut noble fir to use for little trees, designs, and in wreaths. Greg Zahar brought his trailer for our “trash” receptacle behind the clubhouse and we are really thankful. He dumped it after we cut our boughs before the sale and then after the sale was over. Many more fir bags than we needed – Arlene Taylor arranged to donate those leftover bags to Goodwill and transported them. We also had noble fir leftover. Because of the weather, we did not make as many wreaths or swags -- in fact hardly any production on Friday. – the day it snowed so much.

During the production week, December 2 - 6, 9 – 3 daily, we made 115 wreaths, 37 holiday arrangements, 3 swags, 22 little decorated Christmas trees, 8 pinecone baskets, 7 door blessings, 4 della robbia Christmas trees, 7 della robbia candle rings, a fire starter kit and decorated a Christmas tree and the rest of the clubhouse very beautifully.

We grossed \$5097.10 and had expenditures of \$1122.16 for a net of \$3974.94 which compares with last year’s \$4559.03 out of \$5742.25. 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 Petrusa, Phyllis Hamel, Ruth Fry, Ruth Michaelson, Jean Damon, Camille Noel, Ann Rollins, Eldoris Cobban and many more!



Clockwise from Left: Maybe our 1st wreath for the year; Ann Rollins & Ruth Fry cut boughs and load bags at the clubhouse the weekend of Thanksgiving; club members enjoyed the Emmaus Lutheran Church Bell Choir at our Holiday potluck—member Glenda Andersen introduces a selection; Dianne & Bill Dewey, Jennifer Rabner, & Juanita Manley finish eating during the potluck, seated in front of the few wreaths left after the Greens Sale; and after the sale, members could make their own wreaths.

INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

... Clubhouse Cleaning

The annual thorough cleaning of our clubhouse is scheduled for Tuesday, [February 4, 8:30 a.m.](#) Bring your favorite cleaning tools and come to help spiff up all corners of our clubhouse. Bring a lunch, and we'll eat together before the EGC Board Meeting.

... **On TV News** -- Sherry Cossey & Janet Calvert were invited to appear on KEZI TV 9 Morning News on the Friday before our Continuation Greens Sale to help publicize our event – 6:45 a.m.! It brought new customers to our sale.

... Sherry Cossey & Jennifer Rabner installed the Cottage Grove Garden Club's new officers Jan. 7 using "Salsa" for the theme – and also enjoyed a great program on Caring for Wild Birds presented by an Audubon Society member.

... **Trees & Sidewalk** -- In case you haven't been by the clubhouse lately, the street trees were cut last month and the old sidewalk was lifted this month. The city will grind those nasty gnarly troublesome tree roots, and the sidewalk will probably be completed before our meeting this month. Thanks to Ruth Fry for making arrangements for the Trustees and Board.

... **Parking passes** – People must have parking passes with them because they are not in the clubhouse. **We only have ONE pass left!** Please return your parking passes to the clubhouse front closet. Phoebe Staples told me this morning that there is going to be a new system – no passes.

... Future

NGC Flower Show School Course I to be held at the EGC Clubhouse March 4 & 5. Brochures are available at the clubhouse. Instructors are Billie Fitch from Washington for Horticulture and Fran Wittgartner from Colorado for Design. Anyone may register to attend.

MASON BEE

WORD SEARCH – by Georgia Zahar

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Beekeeping	Fruit Tree	Nectar
Cocoon	Gentle	Pollen
Flowers	Mason Bee	Pollinator
Foraging	Mud	Solitary

Georgia Zahar, Birds & Wildlife Chair
Information gathered from Wikipedia

I Never Knew That!

Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster were classmates at Glenville High in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1934 when they came up with the idea of *Superman*. For years later, they signed away all rights to DC Comics – for \$130.

Wicked author Gregory Maguire chose Elphaba as the name of the Wicked Witch of the West in tribute to *Oz* author L. Frank Baum. The name is a phonetic take on Baum's initials, L-F-B.

"Uncopyrightable" is one of the two longest words in the English language that is composed of entirely different letters.

The popular Web site Yahoo! got its name from a word thought up by Jonathon Swift and used in his classic, *Gulliver's Travels*, to mean "rude, unsophisticated, uncouth." The exclamation point was necessitated by law, added for trademark purposes after it was discovered that a brand of Yahoo barbeue sauce and a line of Yhoo knives already existed.

Facts shared from "I Never knew THAT!" by David Hoffman.

WILLAMETTE DISTRICT NEWS

Members don't forget 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 21
hosted by Westside Gardeners at EGC
- DISTRICT MEETING. – March 21
hosted by Eugene Garden Club at EGCs

EGC members can still contribute this month to the Global Partners Running Waters program that our OSFGC President Peggy Olin's project of focusing on water supports. NGC has been a supporter of this organization for many years. The current focus is to help drill wells in Guatemala. The area has the lowest median age in any Western country due in part to lack of good water – comparable to most of Africa and also Iraq. Residents carry water from the river in gallon jugs. EGC President Camille, will ask for donations at our January meeting.



*Sharon Wilson,
Willamette District Director*

Floral Arranging Class

The next meeting of EGC's Floral Arranging Class for any interested parties will be Thursday morning January 16, 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 Stretch Design which means that you have two units, one smaller than the other with a prominent component connecting them so that the smaller one appears to be "stretched" from the bigger unit. This creative design's stretch component should be imaginative and appear to create a dynamic tension between the two units.

If you have any questions call Sherry at 541.485.5772 or Georgia at 541.686.8397. Experience is not required.

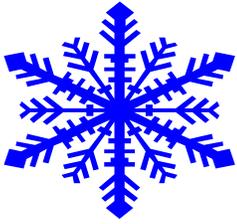
Master Gardeners Move In

During 2014, the 3rd Tuesday MG Seminars are planned to be held at the OSU Extension Service (Kaufman House), 996 Jefferson Street in Eugene. Enter on 10th Avenue. Business meetings start at 7 p.m. with the speaker following.

January's meeting on the 14th features Dave Takush on Cider Making. February's program will be Ed Alverson with Discovering David Douglas.



Left to Right: Eugene's snow on the day of 2013 EGC Greens Sale; Flower Arranging Class participants pose with some of their creations at November session—Monica Henry, Suz Copenhafer, Ruth Michaelson, Sister Janet Marcisz, Ruth Fry, and Sandra Otsyula. Camille Noel, who had already left, has encouraged Lane County Dahlia Society friends to join in these activities as well. From time to time we have other folks as well,



What's Happening

January

- 7 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 14 Master Gardener seminar, Cider Making
- 16 Flower Arranging Class
- 21 EGC Regular Meeting
- 24-26 9th Annual Good Earth, Home, Garden & Living Show, Eugene Convention Center

February

- 4 House Cleaning, 8:30 a.m.
- 4 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 5-9 NW Flower & Garden Show, Convention Center, Seattle
- 18 EGC Regular Meeting; Garden Club Boutique
- 18 Master Gardener seminar, Discovering David Douglas
- 20 Flower Arranging Class
- 28-Mar 2 Yard, Garden & Patio Show, Convention Center, Portland
- 21 Willamette District Board Meeting, at EGC Westside G.C. hosts

March

- 4 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 4-6 Flower Show School, all day Tues-Wed, testing Thur
- 6-9 Lane County Home & Garden Show, Fairgrounds
- 17 OSFGC Board Meeting, Seaside
- 18 EGC Regular Meeting
- 21 Willamette District Meeting, EGC hosts
- 27 Plant "Nerd" Night
- 29-30 State Flower Show, Portland EXPO Ctr. Energy Trust Better Living Show



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

February 4th, 8:30 a.m. -- lunch (before board mtg.)

**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.

