

# Eugene Garden Club News

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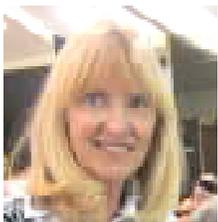
## President's Corner

Ah, our world is bursting with the fresh new life of Spring! I love it! And if that's not enough to light a fire under your awakening spirit, check out all the activities we can participate in with our garden club friends these next few months.

You'll find 3 or 4 dates each month for events at our clubhouse. Bring a friend and enjoy lunch and our programs and have some fun supporting our fundraisers. We will be hosting a Willamette District get together this month and all are welcome to attend. In addition, plans are well underway for the Pacific Region Garden Clubs Convention in April and a bus trip in May. Check the calendar for our community activities and the front garden maintenance.

It's not too late to add your expertise to many of these activities by signing up at the March meeting to help where you can. Volunteers are greatly appreciated! Read on in the newsletter for dates and details.

Oh yeah, and we get to enjoy time in our gardens now too! Tis the season so dig away!



..... Camille Noel  
EGC President

Save the Date  
⋮  
March 26  
Plant "Nerd" Night

## Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, March 17, 2015

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:15 p.m. Meeting

1:00 p.m. *East Meets West*  
By Maurice Horn

HOSTESSES: Ann Rollins\*, Sharon Wilson,  
Pat Kramer, Dianne Dewey

GREETERS: Shari Hewitt & Marilyn Hunter

## March Meeting Features Clematis

Maurice Horn is co-owner of Joy Creek Nursery, a specialty nursery in Scappoose, OR, featuring a wide variety of ornamental plants including clematis and hydrangeas. He has been involved in development and release of many plant introductions. Another of Maurice's interests is creating beautiful low-water gardens which he has done at the nursery as well as Reed College, Portland General Electric and others.

In addition, Maurice on the councils for Clematis Society Northwest Clematis also serves on the committee at the Miller Botanical Garden



has served the International and the Pacific Society. He perennial Elisabeth C. in Seattle.

Maurice has lectured widely throughout the U.S. His written contributions can be found in such publications as *Horticulture*, *Pacific Horticulture*, *The International Clematis Society Journal*, *The British Clematis Society Journal* and *An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Clematis*

(He will also have a few plants along with him for sale!)

Sharon Blade, Coordinator

## Cormorant

### *Phalacrocoracidae*



Now is the time for some birds to begin their nesting period. The Great Cormorant nests on ledges, trees, bushes or on the ground. They also nest colonially. Inland nests are large twig structures with finer linings. Material may be carried to the nest in flight from a distance. At change-over during incubation the incoming bird may bring nest material. The lining of the nest will consist of long leaves, grasses, or water plants. Various other debris may be incorporated. The male brings most of the material while the female builds. The outside diameter is 20 – 24 inches, sometimes to 36 inches. Height is 3 – 4 inches, sometimes to 12 inches.

There are usually 3 – 4 eggs. The eggs are laid at about 2-day intervals. Sitting usually begins with the first egg, but serious incubation not until most are laid. Both sexes will do the incubation. The young are tended by both parents. Young remain in the nest for about 5 weeks, but can leave and return when younger. Fledglings take about 11 – 12 weeks to become independent. If you want to view these birds, take a walk around the Delta Ponds.

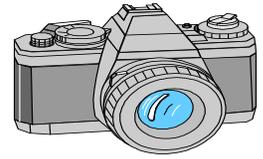
*Georgia Zahar*  
*Birds & Wildlife Chair*

## OSFGC

### PHOTOGRAPHY

### CONTEST

### PLANNED



Bring your entries for the **State Photography Contest** to our March EGC meeting. Winners in the following categories will be entered in the **Willamette District Photo Contest** on March 27. Winners at the District level will be taken to the state contest at State Convention in June.

1. Landscapes/Seascapes – A. Color B. B&W
2. Gardens - A. Color B. B&W
3. Floral - A. Color B. B&W
4. Birds, Butterflies, Insects – A. Color B. B&W
5. Pets - A. Color B. B&W

Criteria for pictures:

- Printed 8x10, no frames, and not digitally touched up. Winners will need to be matted for the district contest. Mat not to exceed 11x14.
- May be either digital or 35mm
- Taken between Jan.1, 2014 and Apr.1, 2015
- Taken by current garden club member
- Information about entry written on card accompanying photo (see most recent copy of *The Mahonia*)



## GARDEN EXTRAVAGANZA



Saturday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. will be the new Garden Extravaganza to be held at the Key Bank on River Road this year by the Lane County Dahlia Society and Willamette District Garden Club members. The annual Plant Sale by the Willamette District is evolving once more. The Avid Gardeners have withdrawn, and our District and Club Boards of Directors made the decision to not use Alton Baker Park this year. The sale which benefits Eugene Garden Club and the Willamette District Garden Club is the perfect place to share your garden treasures and raise needed funds for our clubs' activities.

We are planning to hold a Potting Party on Friday, April 11, in preparation for the sale where you can come and either bring plants to pot up or just come to help pot up other people's plants. Good looking plants attract the most attention and sell first! Place TBA, but may be Janet Calvert's driveway.

Come in appropriate clothes, gloves, garden shoes, and bring your favorite potting tools and any of those wonderful adoptable plants from your garden. Or just come and help. It is wonderful if you have your plants' common and botanical names as well as preferred growing conditions to mark on the white tags (use #2 pencil.) Tags are available ahead of time at the garden club meeting as well as at the potting party.

It's a great idea to have a picture of the plant when it is at its peak to help buyers know what they are purchasing. Use seed catalogs or go online to find color photos. Customers 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 potting soil, pots, and blank tags that you can pick up. Please bring buckets for the soil. Contact Sharon Wilson about details.

# Plant Nerd Night

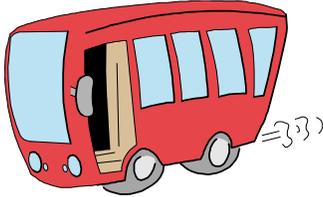


EGC's annual Plant Nerd Night is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 26. The doors open at 6 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m.

Nurseries participating this year include Nichols Garden Nursery, Doak Creek Native Plant Nursery, Johnson Brothers Greenhouses, Egge Seed and Nursery, and Grays Garden Center. 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.

## MAY MEETING WILL BE BUS TRIP



Our May meeting is a bus trip to the Salem area featuring the Deepwood Estate, Adelman Peony Gardens, and Sebright Garden & Nursery Nursery in Scappoose. Invite your friends. Lunch will be what you bring for your sack lunch.

Jackie Getty is coordinating this event with help from Ann Rollins and wants to be sure we have lots of people, club members and friends. The cost is \$30 payable to Eugene Garden Club. Please give your checks to treasurer, Jennifer Rabner to save a seat. Payment is due by April 14.

Bus loads 7:45 a.m. at the Shopko parking lot on Chad Drive (off of Coburg Road).

## WILLAMETTE DISTRICT MEETS AT E.G.C.

The Spring General Meeting, potluck, & program for the Willamette District Garden Clubs will be hosted by the Eugene Garden Club on Friday, March 27, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the EGC clubhouse. All garden club members (and the public) are invited to attend.

A committee of EGC folks is busy working on producing favors for attendees, setting up for the meeting, providing goodies for morning “coffee”, soliciting items to offer as prizes in a drawing of all attendees. **If you would like to help, contact our EGC president, Camille Noel, at 541.337.0528, or [cbnoel2@comcast.net](mailto:cbnoel2@comcast.net).**

\*\*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 –  
1:00 - after lunch,  
“Gardening in the  
Southern Willamette Valley”  
by Master Gardener, David Babcock.**

Plan to come and meet fellow gardeners from other Willamette District clubs. Our own Sharon Wilson is the Willamette District Director. We have the biggest club in our district – let's have the most in attendance.

Club winners for the state photography contest will be entered at this meeting to select the photos to be taken to OSFGC Convention in June in Coos Bay.

## FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS

The next Flower Arranging Class will be held March 19, 9:30 a.m., and the assignment this month will be:

Create a design using daffodils or other spring bulbs and foliage, using either horizontal or vertical, line or line mass type.

If you have any questions, call Sherry Cossey at 541.515.5839 or [cossey@rioussa.com](mailto:cossey@rioussa.com) or Georgia Zahar at 541521.5489 or [gzahar@comcast.net](mailto:gzahar@comcast.net).

## INS & OUTS OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

### . . . Squatters

Once again our club is experiencing difficulties having homeless folks using our front porch for place to hang out and making big messes. There are 2 new guys camping out on a regular basis now who are not cooperative.

We are asked to drive by if we are out and about and take a look. If someone is camping out, call the non-emergency number that we have for reporting this incident to the Eugene Police, 541.682.5111.

### . . . Trustees

Hand rails have been installed in the lecture room on the side walls next to the steps up to the platform to make the steps a bit safer for folks.

### . . . Clubhouse Setup

In case you are in charge of any set up or teardown before or after meetings or other events at our EGC clubhouse, here is the thinking about where the tables and chairs should go.

1. Chairs – in the carpeted room, most of them in the lecture area set up in theater style, and the rest folded up against the side wall in that room.
2. White tables – stacked against the far wall in the front non carpeted room.
3. Card tables – in the work room storage cart.

## Pacific Region of NGC 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention

### A few weeks away

Plans are well underway for all the various details involved with Oregon hosting the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention of the Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Our NGC President-Elect will install the new Regional Director, Kristi Livreri from Nevada. Most of our planners are from the Willamette District as the Convention is in Eugene at the Hilton Eugene downtown.

Sherry Cossey serves as the Chairman and is being ably assisted by EGC members Georgia Zahar, Jennifer Rabner, Ruth Michaelson, Sharon Wilson, Ruth Fry, Camille Noel, Sister Janet Marcisz, 4 wonderful ladies from Junction City, one from Oakridge and a few from the Portland area.

Our OSFGC president, Peggy Olin, is making our canvas tote bags and painting our logo and theme on the bags.



## Plant Sale Workers Needed

Sign-up sheets for garden club helpers at the May 9 Garden Extravaganza will be out at our March and April club meetings. Plan to put your name in a spot.

The sale is put on by the Willamette District Garden Clubs and the Lane County Dahlia Society.

Set up, sale, and tear down all occur on Saturday. Pricing must be done previous to Saturday! We will use our usual red tags, and Treasurer Jennifer Rabner will be our head cashier for the Willamette District Clubs.

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



### From the Mountains, to the Valleys, to the Waters . . .

Our JCGC ladies have arranged for all kinds of goodies to go into the tote bags and to be used as table favors at meals.

We will again have sign up sheets at our March EGC meeting for folks who would like to help that week with such things as

- 1) Continental Breakfast offer,
- 2) Transportation for optional tours,
- 3) Tea at Shelton-McMurphy-Johnson House on Monday afternoon,
- 4) Rhododendron trusses for display and table décor at luncheons.

Programs or speakers include Kay Huston as Ben Franklin's sister Jane Mecomb, Harold Greer on Rhododendrons, Mark Bloom, Scott Sunderland, David Droppers on Butterflies, and New Horizons Band.



# What's Happening

## March

- 3 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 9 OSFGC Board Meeting, Seaside
- 11 PR Convention Committee, 11:00 a.m.
- 12-15 Lane County Home & Garden Show
- 17 EGC Regular Meeting
- 19 Flower Arranging Class
- 26 Plant "Nerd" Night, 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Willamette District Meeting, 9:30 a.m.  
EGC hosts
- 28-29 State Flower Show, Portland EXPO Ctr.  
Better Living Show



## April

- 2 LC Dahlia Society's Tuber Auction,  
Celeste Campbell Center, 7 p.m.
- 7 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 14 EGC Regular Meeting
- 16 Flower Arranging Class, 9:30 a.m.
- 18 Master Gardener's Spring Garden Fair & Plant Sale  
EWEB River Edge Plaza, 11-5
- 20-22 Pacific Region of NGC Convention, Hilton Eugene

## May

- 5 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 9 Garden Extravaganza at Key Bank, 10:00-4:00
- 16 Possible continuation of Garden Extravaganza, same
- 17 Wild Flower Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum
- 19 EGC Bus Trip, 7:45 a.m.
- 21 Flower Arranging Class, 9:30 a.m.

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?  
*Pumpkin Pi*

What did the carrot say to the wheat?  
*Lettuce rest, I'm feeling beet.*  
Shel Silverstein

What vegetable can tie your stomach in knots?  
*String beans*

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.

What do you call a stolen yam?  
*A hot potato*

Why do potatoes make good detectives?  
*Because they keep their eyes peeled.*

**Eugene Garden Club  
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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 15<sup>th</sup>; fertilize with 1 cu. alfalfa meal per bush by end of month.**

**Spread compost over garden and landscape areas.**

**Plant gladioli.**

**Dethatch the lawn.**

