

# Eugene Garden Club News

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## President's Corner

Greetings to all.

Hope you have been able to get out in the sun; it feels so good.

Be sure to check out our new wiring job, it looks so good. The electrician said we need to keep the area in front of the electrical box clear of things.

The fire marshal would write us up if he found the table and things we have had there.

Jennifer tested out painting over the graffiti on our shed and found out we will not have to do as much work as we thought after all. Hooray!

Be sure to come to the pruning program this month. It should be a good program. Well I'll see you on the 20th.

Time for some yard work. Hasn't the weather been on our side?



. . . . . Sharon Wilson  
EGC President

## Look for in this Issue

New member	Insects
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## Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2018

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:00 p.m. General Meeting

1:00 p.m. *Basic Pruning*

By Buck Arbuckle & Michelle Healey

OSU Master Gardeners

HOSTESSES: Debi Luidhardt\*, Lucy Chambers,

GREETERS: Lorene Martinson



## It's Time to Prune in the Yard

Proper pruning pays off with improved plant performance. Join OSU Master Gardeners Pruning Specialists, Buck Arbuckle and Michelle Healey, for a timely review of basic pruning techniques, proper timing and expected results geared to guide both beginners and advanced gardeners. They suggest members bring any branches or samples that could be good examples for their pruning demonstration

AND speaking of pruning...if you missed the Gardening Tool Tune-up Workshop in November, plan to bring your hand-tools to the February meeting. Debi will have available the newly assembled "EGC's Tool-Tune-up Kit" for members interested in grooming their gardening hand-tools for the season. The kit will include instructions and supplies for keeping your hand tools ready for the upcoming pruning season.

Janet Marcisz & Debi Luidhardt, Program Coordinators

# INS & OUTS

## OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

### . . . DIRECTORIES

Please add our new member information to your Member Directories:

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Our 10<sup>th</sup> new member this year! ! !

## Veggie Group Begins

Remember the first Veggie Group meets this Wednesday, Valentines Day, 1:00-3:00 in the EGC clubhouse. Bring your questions and ideas.



## FAC to Meet

The Flower Arranging Class meets again on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, February 15, at 1:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

The assignment this month is to make line-mass designs, "Be My Valentine". We may use fresh and/or dried plant material and may make several designs.

Some of the 8" designs from last month are pictured below.



## Plant Nerd Night Coming

March 29 will be EGC's yearly "Plant Nerd Night" at the clubhouse, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Sharon Blade, and Dorothy Cruickshank have plans in place for members to sign up to help in this event when four nurseries will be on hand to talk about and display new things for our gardens in 2018. Plan to attend! Everyone in attendance will be given a ticket for a chance to win one of the plants that the nurseries give away.



Sign up sheets will be available at our February meeting plus promotional material to have and place everywhere!

## Willamette District News

Our Willamette District Board will meet at the Eugene Garden Club, Friday, February 23, with morning snacks and beverages – 9:30 a.m., Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

The District General Meeting will be Friday, March 23.

Remember to bring your photographs to the March EGC meeting to be considered for the OSFGC Photo Contest which takes place at the June Convention in Siskiyou District. All the rules were in our January newsletter or can be seen at the OSFGC website as well. The seven Categories include both color and black and white classes.

1. Landscapes/Seascapes
2. Gardens
3. Floral
4. Birds, Butterflies, Insects
5. Pets
6. Wildlife
7. President's Choice - Bees.

*Fran Tierce*  
*Willamette District Director*

"Gardening is any way that humans and nature come together with the intent of creating beauty."

*Tina James, 1999*

# All Kinds of Insects

**How many insects are there?** Nobody really knows. Almost a million have been identified and given scientific names. More are being identified every day. Some scientists say there may be as many as 8,000,000 different insects on earth. The largest 'Order' of insects are beetles. There are more beetles than any other insect. Beetles are often called 'armored insects' because their outside skeletons are very strong for their size.

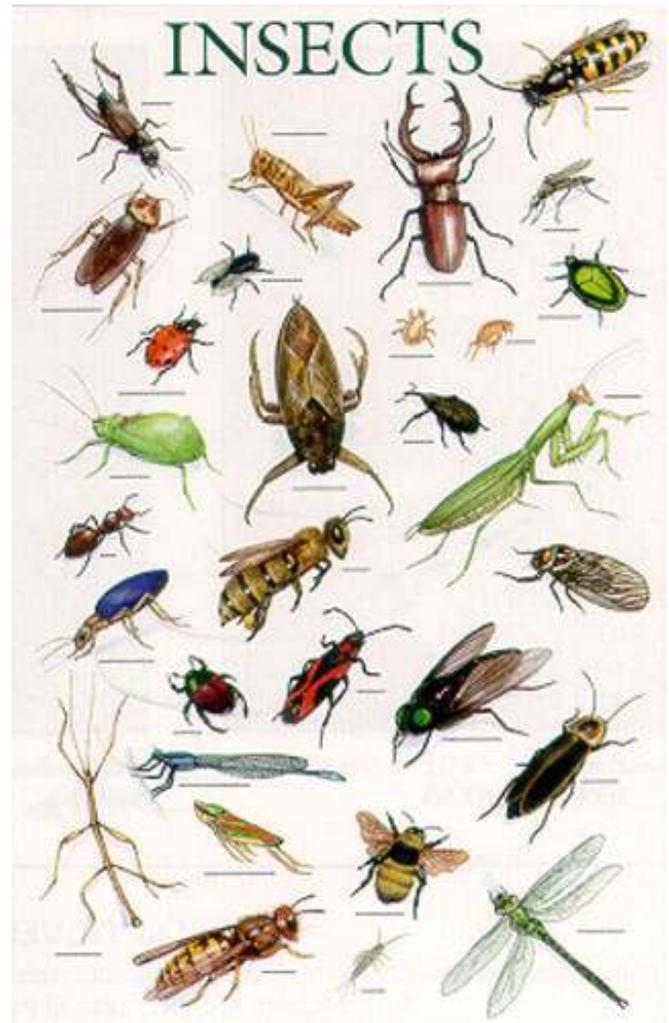
**When is a bug not a bug?** When it's a ladybug. A ladybug is a kind of beetle. A true bug is applied to only insects with strong jointed beaks instead of chewing jaws. A true bug has a peculiar set of wings. The back pair is usually thin and transparent. The front pair is 'half and half' – thin at the tops and leathery at the base. A stealthy creature called the ambush bug lies in wait amongst the flower petals. This bug may even be the same color as the flower. When another insect comes to visit the flower, the ambush bug rushes out for the kill.

**Why is the mosquito a Fly?** A mosquito may not seem much like the common fly, but if you count the wings you will see that it has just two of them. So it too is a fly.

**Which is the biggest insect?** If by big you mean the size of the wings, it would be the Atlas moth of Asia. It has a wingspan of 12 inches from tip to tip! Even the Atlas moth does not weigh as much as the Goliath beetle of Africa. This creature is about the size of a small banana. The largest insect wingspan ever found does not belong to a living insect. Fossils show that a creature much like a dragonfly lives about 250 million years ago. Its wings had a spread of more than two feet!

**Which is the smallest insect?** One of the smallest insects would be the punkie or 'no-see-um'. This is a tiny biting fly found in the cooler parts of the U S and Canada. It is a sixteenth of an inch long, which is about the thickness of a paper match. Some ants and beetles are smaller than this, but the prize goes to a tiny wasp known as a fairyfly. It is so tiny that two of them could fit comfortably on the period at the end of this sentence. Even these tiny insects are built like all other insects with six legs & three body sections and tiny wings! Lots to know about our Bees, Bugs & Beetles!

*Georgia Zahar, Birds & Wildlife Chairman*



## In the Garden

It is time to get a head start on getting those weeds before they go to seed.

Be patient and wait until the last week of February to prune your roses.

Fertilize your daffodils, tulips etc with a high nitrogen fertilizer after they bloom to feed the leaf growth and in turn have more bulb growth.

Get those fruit trees pruned before the buds swell or you will knock off the fruit for this year.

You can start your onion seed indoors to transplant outside when the soil is easier to work in early March.

The honey bees are out working and the slugs and snails are out too, time to bait for the slugs and snails, I also have seen cutworms and some ladybugs. Just being out in the garden gives you the chance to manually exterminate the pests.

*Jackie Getty  
Horticulture Chairman*



# What's Happening



## February

- 6 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 7-11 NW Flower & Garden Show,  
Washington State Convention Center, Seattle
- 14 Veggie Group. 1:00 p.m.
- 15 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 20 EGC Regular Meeting
- 22 SMJ Work Party, 11:00 a.m.
- 23 Willamette District Board Meeting, EGC, 9:30 a.m.
- 28 New member Tea, 1:30 p.m.



## March

- 4-5 OSFGC Board Meeting, Springfield
- 6 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 8-11 Lane County Home & Garden Show, Fairgrounds
- 14 EGC Veggie Growers Group, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- 15 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 21 EGC Regular Meeting & morning workshop
- 23 Willamette District Meeting,
- 29 Plant "Nerd" Night, 6:00 p.m.



## April

- 3 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 6-8 Pacific Region of NGC Convention,  
Chena Hot Springs, AK (north of Fairbanks)
- 20 EGC Regular Meeting



*Hellebores got a good start this winter!*

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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, cane 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.**

