

Eugene Garden Club News

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President's Corner

We all know it takes a village. Children, gardens and garden clubs alike. Nurturing our little bit of nature is like nurturing children. Occasionally demanding, mostly rewarding, too challenging for one person--but a village (and a club) sure helps!

Let's consider our little gardening village. On May 16th the membership will be voting on 2017-18 board officers. Immediately our new president will begin developing committees for the upcoming year. Over the summer the Board will be working on next year's programs, budget, committees, directory, hostesses, membership, clubhouse needs and more. I encourage you to give some serious thought to how you'd like to contribute to the EGC *village*.

Our village effort of a Garden Extravaganza is next weekend. Many hands do make a successful sale. I can't wait to get my hands on some tried-and true favorite plants shared by my club friends. Camille has competently organized the villagers.

This is my last President's Corner newsletter article and please know I've thoroughly enjoyed my responsibilities and networking. You are an awesome group of friends and it's been a pleasure. Thank you, Villagers!

. . . Debi Luidhardt, President



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Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

11:30 a.m. Potluck
12:15 p.m. Meeting
Horticulture
Election of Officers

Member Appreciation Day

Coordinator: Ruth Fry

HOSTESSES: Sherry Cossey*, Lorene Martinson,
Sharon Speer

GREETERS: Marilyn Hunter & Donna Shirley

May Meeting at EGC

The "business" portion of our May meeting will include the formal election of officers for 2017-2018.

President: *Sharon Wilson*

Vice-President: *Sister Janet Marcisz & Debi Luidhardt*

Treasurer: *Jennifer Rabner*

Recording Secretary: *Lucy Chambers*

Corresponding Secretary: *Sandy Bond*

Trustees: *Mary Bromley*

We will also have our first opportunity to select which special committees we would like to be involved with next year. We will also sign up for Hostessing at the Lane County Fair and Barrel Planting for the Fair. Sandy Bond will coordinate the barrels for our club's 5 barrels. Planting will be June 8, 1:00 at Fairgrounds.

We will recognize some long time members who have given so much to make the Eugene garden club what it is today. You will have a chance to ask them questions and learn how the club has changed through the years.

Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, June, 20, 2017

11:00 a.m. Meet at Jerry's Home Improvement Center on Hwy 99 for carpooling. After you drive into Jerry's parking lots, turn right and then right again for the north parking lot and park to your right. It'll be easier to find each other.

11:30 a.m. Lunch at Camas Country Mill
91948 Purkerson Road, Junction City

Lunch will cost \$12. Jennifer Rabner will write one check for the total that day and we will each reimburse her.

Please sign up at our May meeting or email or phone Sharon Blade, 541.688.6592 or sljdblade@comcast.net to reserve your spot. They need an accurate count.

Lunch and our meeting will be in the School House. They will give us a talk about the history of the School House and the Mill.

We will 1) sign up for committees and chairmen for next year, 2) sign up for Lane County Fair hostesses (Sherry Cossey) and the flower arranging activities at the Fair (Dorothy Cruickchank), 3) sign up to help plant barrels for the Fair (Sandy Bond) and 4) have the INSTALLATION of our new officers by OSFGC President Shirley Schmidt.

HOSTESSES: Ruth Michaelson*, Jackie Getty,
Jean Damon, Dana Downie

COORDINATOR: Sharon Blade



LANE COUNTY FAIR COMING UP

The schedules for departments at the Lane County Fair are online now, and the Floral Department Theme is "Fun With Flowers at the Fair". The Fair theme is Big "Fun from Day One". The dates for the Fair this year are July 19-23. The Fair books are available now and there are a few at the clubhouse. The Floral Department M pages begin p. 15.

Entries can be made through the Fair website at www.atthefair.com or in person or by mail anytime now through June. Changes or new entries can be made on entry day, July 18.

Our District Garden Club members are again being asked to Host and Hostess for 2-hour shifts during the run. EGC's assigned days are Wednesday and Thursday. I am sure we can also fill in on Sunday. All hosts, demos, display folks, programs, etc. will receive passes for entry into the Fair on the day involved. AND all Still Exhibits, including Floral, will again be in the Performance Hall, with AIR CONDITIONING ! Entry and parking will be similar to what we did last year. Enter the building from the south end.

EGC will enter the 6' x 4' Garden Club Vignette called *Garden Party* as well as the Planted Barrel Design – planting several barrels June 8, at 1:00, that will have our club name displayed prominently somewhere outside in the Fair. If you would be interested in helping with barrel planting, please let Chairman Sandy Bond know. Last year we won \$50 for our 1st place.

Horticulture (Cut Flowers and Potted Plants) will include just about anything you have growing in your yard or your house!

The Design classes are organized the same as in the past, by Open, Advanced Amateur, and Novice. Some of the classes (having to do with "Fun" and the "Fair") include traditional mass, foliage only, all dried material, including some vegetables, using a repurposed old container, featuring wood, featuring metal, all-dried miniature designs (5" or less), and 3 kinds of table designs. The Junior Fair has classes for 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-18, 19-21 years old.

EGC will put on a floral arranging activity for children and seniors again this year - at least 2 days. Plan to sign up for helping with this at our May meeting.

Plan to PARTICIPATE in the Fair!

Left: *April Flower Arranging Class produced designs that were either Parallel or using 3 containers. Ruth Michaelson, Kathie Spinola and Patty Boynton made these.*



Garden Extravaganza

Hooray, hooray! The new Garden Extravaganza will over by our May meeting time. Five of our Willamette District Garden Clubs (Cottage Grove, Eugene, Junction City, Oakridge, Springfield) join the Lane County Dahlia Society, on Saturday, May 13, at Key Bank on River Road by Bi-Mart. Garden club members bring plants, tables and all the plant tags beginning at 8 a.m. and usually have customers beginning well before our announced 10:00 opening time.

The visibility of our sale is very good. People can see us a block away on River Road and folks coming to local businesses are happy to check us out. Plenty of parking and fairly easy to load in and out as well.

Thank you to everyone who helps in this major fundraising activity for our club. Camille Noel is our EGC Chairman for this sale.

OSFGC Convention in June

The OSFGC Convention will be held in Hood River this June 12-14. Information is available on the state website, www.oregongardenclubs.org, or in the recently distributed *Mahonia* newsletter. Debi Luidhardt, Sharon Wilson, Georgia Zahar, and Sherry Cossey would love to have more folks join us! Gaye Stewart will be installed our new OSFGC President.



INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . Dues for the coming year

\$25 for one or \$30 for family rate

You may begin paying your yearly dues at our May meeting. See Ruth Michaelson.

. . . Hostesses for the coming year

Ruth Michaelson will have sign-up sheets at our May & June meetings where you can volunteer to help hostess a meeting for the coming year. This is a way that you can contribute to the running of EGC that is easy and fun.

. . . Flower Arranging Class

The assignment for the May Flower Arranging Class, Thursday, May 18, 1:30 p.m. is to select a design class from the Lane County Fair schedule.

SMJ House Gardens Grow

Spring at the Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House always finds EGC members planting, weeding, or making some landscape changes. The next work day is Friday, May 26, 10:30 a.m. Bring your weeding tools and clippers.

Last month, Mary Bromley, Sherry Cossey, Georgia Zahar, and Sharon Wilson planted 40 beautiful pink geraniums, and 5 large hostas. The pink is in keeping with NGC's Plant it Pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. Jerry's Home Improvement Center donated the hostas along with 8 bags of planting soil. And last week Sherry had help from Mary Bromley and Debi Luidhardt to begin pulling the thousands of cedar tree seedlings that have invaded all of the beds.

This month, Friday, May 26, we will also need to work on deadheading rhododendrons, caring for the many roses, peonies, and azaleas and perhaps edge the lawn as well as finishing the weeding of the cedar seedlings. All help is appreciated!

Left, clockwise: Georgia Zahar plants one of the 5 hostas donated by Jerry's; 3 of the hostas; Mary Bromley, Georgia, and Sharon Wilson after planting; and one area of the new geraniums across the lawn from the SMJ house.

It's Time to Sign Up For Your Favorite Committee(s)!!

It's that time of year to decide which EGC committee(s) appeal to you and then sign up! Hopefully you will step forward and be a chairman of something you are well-practiced in or, just maybe it is now time to branch out and put your talents into a different activity! Below is a list of the activities we have had in recent past or some for many years. New EGC president-to-be, Debi Luidhardt, may bring us some other choices as well.

Awards

Birds and Wildlife

Building Management - Housekeeping

Building Management – Purchasing

Building Management – User Group Calendar
Directory

Flower Show

Front Garden

Garden Club Boutique

Garden Therapy

Greens Gathering

Greens Sale

Greeters

Historic Preservation

Horticulture

Hostesses

Lane County Fair Floral

Fair Hands On

Library

Membership (Dues)

Name Tags

Newsletter

Nominations

Pearl Buck Projects

Plant Nerd Night

Plant Sale

Publicity

Scrapbook

Youth

EGC Designs for Pearl Buck

Eugene Garden Club members will create 30 floral centerpieces for the Pearl Buck *Enjoy the Night in Black & White* Fundraiser Banquet Friday, May 19, at Shadow Hills Golf Club.

Georgia Zahar, Sherry Cossey, Dorothy Cruickshank, Phyllis Hamel, Marilyn Hunter, Debi Luidhardt, Juanita Manley, Ruth Michaelson, Camille Noel, Sharon Wilson, Kathie Spinola and Patty Boynton will spend a few hours that Friday afternoon creating these designs with white chrysanthemums and various foliage from our gardens.

May in the Garden

Hot yesterday, rain today. Ok with all of this! I have decided that it is spring in my garden. I have put everything outside - geraniums, fuchsias, strelitzia, lemon, philodendron cactus and succulents.

Feed the slugs.

Harden off seedlings and starts so they will be ready when you put them in the ground. This helps prevent transplant shock.

If you grow biennials, it's time to plant seed now. That's foxglove, Canterbury bells, hollyhock, wall flower, sweet William.

Prune photinia now to keep new reddish growth coming.

The forsythia, lilac, camellia, quince, azalea, and rhododendron have given of their blooms and are ready for pruning if needed. Fertilizer too.

Feed the slugs.

Plant those dahlia tubers that you buy at the plant sale. I left mine in the ground and only one has come up so far.

All of a sudden it's time to plant most everything.

And don't forget to feed the slugs!

Juanita Manley, Horticulture Chairman



Pacific native iris is blooming profusely in west Eugene now. (As well as camas).

What's Happening



May

- 2 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 13 Garden Extravaganza at Key Bank, 10:00-4:00
- 16 EGC Membership Meeting, Potluck
- 18 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 19 Pearl Buck Banquet centerpieces, 1:00
- 26 SMJ Work Party, 10:30 a.m.



June

- 6 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 8 Plant barrels at Fairgrounds, 1:00
- 12-14 OSFGC State Convention, Wilsonville
- 20 EGC Regular Meeting, Camas County Mill

July

- 15 Willamette District Picnic,
- 19-23 Lane County Fair

September

- 5 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 a.m.
- 19 EGC Meeting, 11:30 a.m.



Counterclockwise from left: Some of our lovely Lane County rhododendrons include Cynthia, Blue Peter, Lem's Monarch, Pink Walloper, Virginia Richards, Scintillation and Catawbiense Boursalt. *Below from left:* *Lewisia*; a very large variegated hosta; early May sky facing East from west Eugene.



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In the Garden – in May

Fertilize rhododendrons & azaleas with acid-type fertilizer and remove spent blossoms

Place pheromone traps in apple trees to detect codling moths

Transplant tomatoes & peppers in mid-May

Plant dahlia tubers now

Plant snap & lima beans, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, cucumber, dill, eggplant, kale, pumpkins, summer & winter squash, potatoes, and watermelons

Fertilize roses with 1 cu. Alfalfa meal around each rose bush and 1 T fish oil per gallon of water two times this month

Water roses at least once a week

