

# Eugene Garden Club News

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## President's Corner

Welcome back to another season of Garden Club. I hope you all have had a great summer and many wonderful trips to tell us about.

Speaking of trips, have you signed up for our Bus trip in September? This is our first meeting, so I hope to see you all there.

How have your gardens done? Mine has not done too well. I have had a great crop of berries from strawberries to blueberries and now raspberries. I may still get a cucumber or two. The tomatoes are doing good and so are the squash.

Well enough about my garden. I hope you all look over the programs the gals have put together. I think we are going to have a great year. See you there.



. . . . . Sharon Wilson  
President

## 2017 EGC OFFICERS

OSFGC President Shirley Schmidt installed the new Eugene Garden Club officers and trustees at our meeting at Camas Mills this June 20.

President – Sharon Wilson

Vice Presidents – Debi Luidhardt & Janet Marcisz

Recording Secretary – Lucy Chambers

Corresponding Secretary – Sandy Bond

Treasurer – Jennifer Rabner

Board of Trustees – Mary Bromley

## EGC STARTS A NEW YEAR

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

**Experience Oregon Bus Trip to  
Three Cascade Nursery Trail Nurseries**

**7:45 a.m. - Meet in the Shopko parking lot on  
Coburg Road, 2815 Chad Drive.**

**8:00 a.m. - Bus leaves**

**HOSTESSES:** Terry Eames-lead, Patty Boynton,  
Carol prud'homme

**GREETER:** Julie Knebel

Plan to bring your own sack lunch. Depending on the forecasted weather for that day, consider bringing sunglasses, a hat and jacket.

The first stop will be *Hydrangeas Plus*, in Aurora.

Your own sack lunch will be enjoyed at *The Secret Garden Growers*, in Canby.

The EGC Membership will conduct a brief business meeting at *Out In the Garden Nursery*, in Molalla. You may want to bring a lawn chair or blanket to share for the meeting.

Bus seat reservations are a first come/first served basis with a \$20 check made out to EGC, due by September 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have not yet sent your check to EGC Treasurer Jennifer and wish to go please call Debi (541.915.7626) or Jennifer to see about space availability. Let's fill the bus for more garden fun!

*Debi Luidhardt, Co-Vice President*

# FLORAL DEPARTMENT A SUCCESS AT COUNTY FAIR! Page 2

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. Sharon Wilson, Georgia Zahar, Jennifer Rabner, Lucy Chambers, Juanita Manley, and Marj Petrusha were behind the scenes workers who helped everything get set, keep going, and taken away.

Eugene Garden Club members who entered designs or horticulture for fairgoers to enjoy included Georgia Zahar, Marj Petrusha, Juanita Manley, Dorothy Cruickshank, Sherry Cossey, Monica Henry, Sharon Wilson, Sister Janet Marcisz, Camille Noel, Ruth Fry, Ruth Michaelson, and Jennifer Rabner. Congratulations to Monica Henry for winning the People's Choice award in the Floral Department (again!).

Dorothy Cruickshank and crew provided wonderful opportunities for Fair-goers on Thursday & Friday 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 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: Lucy Chambers, Mary Bromley, Kathie Spinola, Arlene Taylor, Jennifer Ellis, Ruth Michaelson, Jacky & Bob Getty, Camille Noel, Deb Gilmer, Sister Janet Marcisz, Marj Petrusha, Lorene Martinson, Kathleen Gray, Terry Eames, Janet Calvert, Monica Henry, Marjorie & Marcus Lynch, Georgia & Greg Zahar, Juanita Manley, Dana Downie, along with many others from other Junction City & Springfield Clubs and the Lane County Dahlia Society.

Donor Awards went to Ruth Fry for Best Miniature Design in Novice Class and Best Table Design in Class 3. Dorothy Cruickshank won Best Miniature Design in Advanced Amateur Class. Monica Henry won the Best Cut Flower and also the Best Design in all Sections. Sharon Wilson had the Best Design in Open Class and Sherry Cossey had the Best Miniature Design in Open Class. Camille Noel had the Best Dahlia in the Open Show. The Eugene Garden Club won the Best Garden Club Vignette (put together by Camille Noel, Sharon Wilson, and Cheryle Hawkins.)

The Eugene Garden Club took 1<sup>st</sup> place and \$50 for the Barrel planting. More than a dozen flower barrels were displayed throughout the property during the Fair with appropriate signage. Thank you to Sandy Bond and crew for helping to plant 5 barrels and then folks who helped keep all of the barrels watered regularly until fair time! Sherry arranged for the Coastal Farm Supply to donate \$75 worth of plants again!

*Sherry Cossey, Lane County Fair Floral Coordinator*



## "HARVEST MOON" NGC Flower Show Presented by Eugene Garden Club

"Harvest Moon" is the October 7-8 NGC Flower Show being presented by EGC at Emerald Park, River Road Parks & Recreation, 1400 Lake Drive. The show is open to the public Saturday, Oct. 7, 12:00-6:00 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Entries will be received Saturday morning, Oct. 7, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Floral Design entries reservations should be made in advance with Sharon Wilson, Design Entries Chairman. The 62 Horticulture classes entries don't need advance notice.

Committee members began planning last season with Chairmen Georgia Zahar and Sherry Cossey. Ruth Michaelson produced the show schedule last spring and will bring extras on our bus trip as well as leaving some at the club house this week. Jackie Getty, Camille Noel, Mary Bromley, Kathleen Gray, Ruth Fry, and Cheryle Hawkins are the other committee members.

## Flower Arranging Class

Thursday, September 21, 1:30 p.m.

EGC Clubhouse

### "Fall in Eugene"

**Designers Choice of plant material and type of design - to be placed in a 2' x 2' space.**

**Bring your own container and plant material (more than you think you will need!)**

Invite a friend or just come to the ongoing Flower Arranging Class that Alfretta, Sherry, and Georgia started nearly 7 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 usually PROUD of what they have done! We also learn that we're not perfect every try, but we learn each time.

## NEW DIRECTORY COMING

The EGC Directory for the new Garden Club Year, will be available for members on the September bus trip/ The books are not mailed out except to our Honorary Members.

Directories will be stored in the front closet in the carpeted room for anyone who does not pick up their Directory at the first meeting.

*Sharon Blade, Directory Chairman*



### Hippopotamus

#### *(Hippopotamus amphibious)*

The hippo's yawn is not a sign of boredom but it's actually a threat gesture displaying long, thick, razor-sharp canine teeth, or tusks, with which it is capable of biting a small boat in half. Being fearlessly protective of their turf and young, hippos have killed hundreds of people in Africa – more than any other wild animal.

Hippopotamus amphibious means 'river horse'. The hippo weighs 4,000 lbs. or more, lives in Africa, south of the Sahara and along the Nile river. 18% of a hippo's weight is made up by its 2" thick skin. Interestingly, beneath the hide is a relatively thin layer of fat.

They are hoofed vegetarians, feeding on grass, fallen fruit and occasionally cultivated crops such as sugar cane or corn during the night. They spend most of their day in the water.

The hippo is the third largest land animal, slightly smaller but heavier than the white rhino.

Did you know? The hippo can outrun a human in spite of its huge size? They can be 12 feet long, five feet tall, with a mouth measuring two feet across.

One other bit of trivia: A group of hippos is called a 'bloat'.

*Georgia Zahar, Birds & Wildlife Chairman*

## WILLAMETTE DISTRICT NEWS

### . . . 1. BOARD MEETING

Willamette District Director, Fran Tierce announces that the Fall Board meeting for all Club Presidents and District Chairmen will be held at the clubhouse, Friday, September 22, 9:30 a.m., hosted by Cottage Grove Garden Club.

### . . . 2. DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

The large group general meeting will be held October 27 hosted by Eugene Garden Club. Look for the news about the place and program in next month's newsletter. The Willamette District includes six clubs, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Junction City, Oakridge, Springfield, and Westside Gardeners (Veneta). All club members are encouraged to attend the potluck meeting and program.

## INS & OUTS

### OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

....Camille Noel will have new parking passes for us on our bus trip on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get a new one then or at the October meeting.

...."Paws in the Garden", featured a tour of 6 local gardens including those of EGC members Janet Calvert and Dorothy Cruickshank on Sunday, September 10. The tour benefited Greenhill Humane Society and also First Avenue Shelter.

....Four EGC ladies demonstrated making Fairy Gardens at the Lane County Fair this summer. Georgia Zahar, Sherry Cossey, Sharon Wilson, and Lucy Chambers were joined by Fran Tierce from Oakridge.



*Sharon Wilson stands with her Fairy Garden, and Georgia Zahar's and Sherry Cossey's gardens are pictured next to that.*



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## September

- 5 Eugene Garden Club Board Meeting
- 16-17 Lane County Dahlia Show, Wheeler Pavilion
- 19 EGC Regular Meeting – Bus Trip
- 21 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 22 Willamette District Board Meeting, EGC, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Master Gardeners Fall Festival at River Road Park & Recreation, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 29 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Work Party



## October

- 6-8 Eugene Clay Fest, Fairgrounds, EGC- floral designs
- 7-8 EGC Flower Show, "Harvest Moon", at River Road Parks & Recreation, 1400 Lake Drive
- 8-9 OSFGC Fall Board Meeting, Dallas, at the Evangelical Bible Church, 1175 SE Howe Street
- 10 EGC Board Meeting
- 17 EGC Regular Meeting
- 19 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 27 Willamette District General Mtg., EGC hosts
- 29 Mushroom Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum



Clockwise from top left: *A few pictures from the 2017 Lane County Fair including the hydrangeas, the 6 Fairy Gardens being admired by fairgoers, Ruth Fry's winning table design, a blue ribbon tapestry design, a blue ribbon mass design, Sharon Wilson's Best Design in Open Class wood design, and one of the EGC barrel plantings.*

# **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**

