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President's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEARS to ALL!

Hope you all had a great Holiday.

Have you received a seed or plant catalog? I got one on December 27th and one on January 2nd. I enjoy going through them and getting ideas, which I may or not do.

I am going to work on better vegetable growing this season. Speaking of that, we will be starting our Veggie Group again soon. Carol Prud'homme has said she will do it and will let us know when just as soon as she gets another class lined up.

Don't forget to be getting your pictures ready for the Photo Contest. Our EGC contest winners go to the Willamette District contest in March, and those winning photos go to the State Convention in June. We will be judging our photos in February as our March meeting is a Field Trip. See the listing of Photo Categories in our newsletter.

All for now, see you at the meeting.



. Sharon Wilson
EGC President

Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, January 15, 2019

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:00 p.m. General Meeting

1:00 p.m. *Raptors of Oregon*
Cascade Raptor Center

HOSTESSES: Phyllis Hamel*, Julie Yamane,
Ruth Michaelson

GREETER: Marjorie Lynch



First EGC Meeting of 2019

The January EGC program is being presented by the Cascade Raptor Center. It is a mini-program called "Bring the Wild Alive and the topic is "Raptors of Oregon".

They will bring a bird along also!

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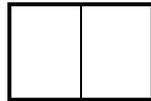
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... HOUSE KEEPING PAINTING!



This year our usual January "House Cleaning" activity will involve all the walls and ceilings of our clubhouse being PAINTED. The date, (probably this month), will be announced soon, and we will be involved with removing everything from the walls and then putting it back afterwards.

... TRUSTEES WINDOWS!



Thank you to our trustees, Pat Kramer, Phyllis Hamel, Georgia Zahar, Mary Bromley, and Terry Eames for their work on getting the windows in our kitchen replaced and our clubhouse inside painted!

... DECEMBER POTLUCK



EGC held our traditional Holiday Potluck for our December meeting with volunteers decking out tables with their own linens, tableware, and floral designs. Everyone brought delicious food that we enjoyed eating!

And a few people gave me their recipes to share with us all. Find them in this issue.

... PARKING PASS

Help me find my Garden Club Parking Pass. I loaned it to someone while working on the Greens Sale. If you have it, please contact Georgia Zahar. 541.686.8397 or 541.521.5489. Thank you.

Flower Arrangers Work

The Flower Arranging Class meets again on the 3rd Thursday of the month, January 17, at 1:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Georgia and Sherry ask you to plan for Creative Line-Mass Design. Remember a creative style design uses a minimum of material, and a line-mass adds more material than a line design to add strength and depth to the design. Your choice of materials.

As usual, bring your own containers and plant material. We always have material to share of course!

NGC Symposium Held

In November, Sherry Cossey, Sharon Wilson, and Georgia Zahar attended the OSFGC sponsored NGC Symposium held in Clackamas. National Garden Club flower show judges begin their career with a series of 4 two-day courses over a period of 2 years and then regularly attending Symposiums for instruction as well as practice and testing on judging designs and horticulture,

Pictured below are Featured Plant Material designs that Sherry and Georgia created for the recent for the instructor to demonstrate judging floral designs.



Horticulture Notes

It is time to start pruning grape and fruit trees on any day over 40 degrees. But wait on roses and ornamentals until late February. Prune shrubs that bloom in the spring before July 4 right after bloom period. Prune shrubs blooming after July 4 in their dormant season (now).

Be sure your *Amaryllis* plants that are being forced in the house get turned often so the flower stems get lots of daylight and don't lean too far over. After their blooming, take them outdoors and put bulbs in the ground if possible in sunny location, after danger or freezing is past. They may bloom again outdoors. In the fall hold back on watering and dig the bulbs, remove the dirt, and put them in garage with foliage still attached. When foliage dies back, remove and keep the bulbs until you are ready to start forcing them again in November or December.

Jackie Getty, Horticulture Chariman



Anna's Hummingbird *Calypte anna*

Of all animated beings, this [the hummingbird] is the most elegant in form and the most brilliant in colour. The stones and metals polished by art are not comparable to this gem of nature...

*George Louis Leclerc, Comte de Buffon
L'Histoire naturelle, 1775*

Hummingbirds have fascinated naturalists and birders for decades, centuries even. They are remarkable little creatures, most of which migrate thousands of miles each spring to rear their young in North America and again in the fall to Mexico, Central America, and even into South America to overwinter. Known for their legendary appetites a hummer eats about half of its body weight in sugar daily and has tiny meals as often as every ten minutes. In addition to nectar sources their diet is supplemented by insects.

The Anna's is unique in that it is a year round resident of the West Coast. The bird was first detected in Oregon in the 1940s, and since then has continued to expand its breeding range north to approximately the Canadian border. There are several theories to account for their year round residence.

One theory has to do with the Anna's diet, which contains a larger proportion of insects and arachnids than many other hummingbirds. Insects of course are available when nectar sources aren't. Another benefit of insects in the diet is that insects provide a slower metabolizing food source, which might help them survive winters. Another theory has to do with the many birders who leave feeders out during the winter months.

There are a few simple guidelines in caring for overwintering Anna's:

*Do not adjust their sugar solution. Keep the ratio of sugar to water the same: 1 part white sugar to 4 parts water. Do not add dye.

*Hang more than one feeder. Anna's do not share well. Multiple feeders reduce competition.

*Keep the solution from freezing. Bring feeders in at night during temperature extremes.

Donna Michel, Birds & Wildlife Committee

Willamette District News

PHOTO CONTEST

District Director Fran Tierce reports that Oregon State Garden Clubs will again have a Photo Contest at the State Convention in June. The photos must have been taken between January 2018 and April 2019. They must be 8"x10" and matted not to exceed 11"x14". President Sharon said that Eugene Garden Club will judge our entries at the February regular meeting with the winners presented for vote at the March District meeting.

Categories 1 – 6 will have both Color and Black & White classes. Category 7 will include both Color and Black and White together in one class.

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

Photos must be taken by current EGC members and may not have been enhanced by Photoshop or similar programs.

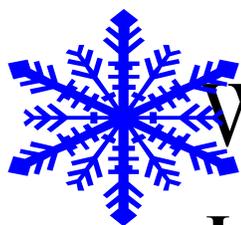
PARMESAN YOGURT CHICKEN

Ingredients

3 lbs chicken, cut up	2 T Dijon mustard
2 T lemon juice	1 tsp thyme
Salt & pepper to taste	¼-½ tsp cayenne pepper
1 cu plain yogurt	½ cu thinly sliced green onion
½ cu mayonnaise	
2 T Worcestershire sauce	½ cu grated parmesan cheese

Directions

In baking dish, arrange chicken pieces skin side up in a single layer. Drizzle with lemon juice; sprinkle with salt & pepper. In a bowl, blend yogurt, mayonnaise, Worcestershire sauce, mustard, thyme, cayenne pepper, & green onions. Spread mixture over chicken and bake uncovered at 350 F for 30 minutes. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and broil for 3 minutes until cheese melts.



What's Happening



January

- 3 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 15 Regular EGC Meeting
- 17 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 18-20 Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show
Lane County Fairgrounds
- 24 SMJ House work party, 11:00

February

- 5 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 19 EGC Regular Meeting
State Photo Contest, 9:30 a.m.
- 21 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 22 Willamette District Board Meeting, at EGC
- 20-24 NW Flower & Garden Show, Washington
State Convention Center, Seattle

APPLE CRUMB PIE

Prep 30 m Cook 50 m Ready in 3h 20 min

Ingredients

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| 1 9" pie shell | 1/8 tsp ground nutmeg |
| 6 cu thinly sliced apples | 1/2 cu raisins (opt) |
| 1 T lemon juice (opt.) | 1/2 cu chopped walnuts (opt) |
| 3/4 cu white sugar | 1/2 cu all-purpose flour |
| 2 T all-purpose flour | 3 T butter |

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 F
2. Place sliced apples in large bowl; sprinkle with lemon Juice. In small bowl, mix together white sugar, 2 Tbs flour cinnamon, & nutmeg. Sprinkle mixture over apples and toss until apple slices are evenly coated. Stir in raisins and walnuts. Transfer into pastry shell.
3. In a small bowl, mix together 1/2 cu flour and brown sugar. Cut in butter or margarine until mixture is crumbly. Sprinkle mixture over apple filling. Cover top loosely with Aluminum foil.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 25 minutes. Remove foil & bake Additional 25-30 minutes until top is golden brown. Cool.

SPOON CORN

(Can double recipe for a lasagna pan!)

Ingredients

- 1 can creamed corn
- 1 can whole corn, drained
- 3/4 cu butter
- 1 cu sour cream
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 box Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400F.
2. Mix all ingredients in the same greased bowl or pan that you will take it in,
3. Bake at 400 F for 45 minutes, (30 minutes in shallow dish) being sure it's slightly brown cooked on top.

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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.

