

# Eugene Garden Club News

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## President's Corner

Hello Garden Club members. In the absence of Sharon Wilson, our beloved President, Sherry has asked me to write the column for President's Corner this month.

Fall is here! The trees are turning, the days are cooler, and the flowers are just about through looking their best. But, what a beautiful time of the year. I for one am going to soon take a drive up the McKenzie Highway to see the changing of the leaves. We are blessed to have highways that offer spectacular views and landscapes.

There are lots of opportunities to become involved with the many activities our club offers. Our Greens Sale is just around the corner. Help with the gathering of the greens. Help with cutting the greens into sizes that will become bundles for the wreaths. Come and make a wreath or two. It is always a wonderful way to become involved and make new friends. The Greens Sale is the biggest fundraiser for our club each year and it is always fun to work together.

We are missing you Sharon. We hope that your daughter gets better soon and you will be able to come home. Take care.

See you all at our General Meeting. Be sure to stay for a great program after the meeting.

. . . . Georgia Zahar  
Co-Vice President

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

- Tina James, 1999

## OCTOBER MEETING EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

October 16

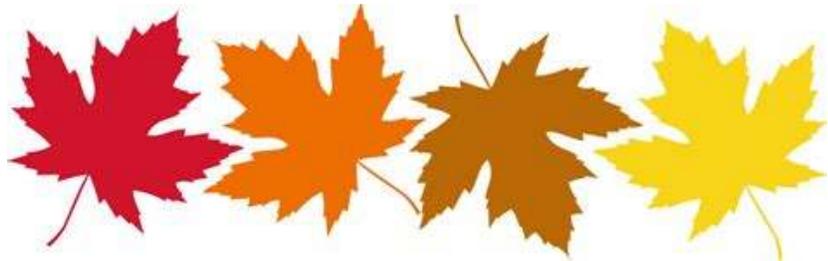
11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:00 p.m. Meeting  
Horticulture Sharing

1:00 p.m. "Edible Landscaping"  
*Phil Gouy, President of  
One Green World Nursery*

**HOSTESSES:** Camille Noel-lead, Marjorie Lynch  
Donna Michel, Cheryle Hawkins

**GREETER:** Julie Knebel



## TIDBITS

--- Reminders to Hostesses for monthly meetings to vacuum and return the rooms to original (tables and chairs put away).

--- Sign up for hosting a December potluck table at our meeting next week.

## GREENS SALE 2018

### DECEMBER 2



The annual Eugene Garden Club Greens Sale is our biggest fundraiser for the year and is fast approaching. The big sale day is on Saturday, December 1, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

It's time to start thinking about which shrubs or trees to wait on cutting back until late November so that the trimmings can be used in wreaths, floral designs, and more as we prepare for the sale during the week after Thanksgiving, November 26 - 30. Sign-ups for all kinds of helping in preparations and day-of-sale will be available this month and next.

Some examples of plant material great for color and texture contrast – (evergreen varieties)

arborvitae	Oregon grape (red)
cypress	nandina (red)
boxwood	yellow holly
(plain or variegated)	holly w/ berries
salal	variegated holly
Japanese holly	cedar (with blooming tips)
eucalyptus	camellia
pine (short needles)	cryptomeria
incense Cedar	broom
magnolia	magnolia buds
yew	euonymous
skimmia	osmanthus
pieris	aucuba
grand fir	juniper (berried)
western red cedar	blue spruce
huckleberry	chaemecyperis
boulevard cypress	vinca minor
sage	curly branches
artemesia	lavendar
santolina	rosemary
hazelnut (w/catkins)	corkscrew willow branches
viburnum davidii	NOT hemlock

Also -- Anything with berries that will last: holly, nandina, rose hips, juniper.

And -- Small branches, twigs, any color but especially yellow or red or gnarly, like barberry, filbert, willow, blueberry, etc.

\* \* \* \* The cut part of boughs or branches can be up to about ½" thick both for wreaths and designs; 12"-18" is a good length.



## GREENS GATHERING

Thank you to Janet Calvert for coordinating the "Gathering of the Greens" to collect material for making our many designs and wreaths to sell.

Besides all the wonderful plant material we cut and bring from home or neighbors, many of us will go to the Munsell Christmas Tree Farm on Friday, November 16 (or possibly the 17<sup>th</sup>), 9 a.m.-1:00p.m. to cut fir boughs and salal. It's an easy place to work, and we of course need people with pickups to carry the branches that we cut. We bring that all to the back of the clubhouse and offload it there.

Janet suggests that, while there is lots of noble fir there, the Douglas fir is not as plentiful. If some of us go by local Christmas tree sales operations, we may be able to pick up lots of cut lower branches that will be useful to us.

\*\*\*Janet will have signups for Greens Gathering, and Sherry Cossey will have signups for the work week at our next two meetings.

During the week we need lots of people to make 140-150 wreaths, 20 or more miniature Christmas trees, 15 door blessings, 10-15 swags (small & larger). Other areas to sign up for include soup makers, a few cone baskets, decorating the clubhouse on Friday, making cookies for Saturday and helping various ways on sales day. And on that day, we all bring something to add to our "dump" soup for lunch.

Our EGC budget has \$5000+ income included from our Greens Sale. That's certainly within our reach! It's a lot of work, but really a lot of fun too! Most people work multiple days during our preparations. Some work everyday!



## **INS & OUTS**

### **OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB**

#### **. . . DIRECTORIES**

If you haven't picked your EGC Directory up yet, they are in the closet in the front room at the clubhouse. Please get one.

\*\*Adjust November 20 meeting time frame to  
 10:00 a.m. (OK)  
 11:30 a.m. – Brown Bag Lunch  
 12:00 p.m. – Meeting  
 1:00 a.m. (OK)

#### **. . . PLANTS FOR SPRING SALE**

Fall is a good time to start planting up things from our gardens for the spring Plant Fair.

#### **. . . WORK ROOM GIVEAWAYS**

There are many things in the back room on the shelves that are up for grabs. Various people have donated things as they “downsized”, and the EGC Board decided that most of those things will be taken to Goodwill after our October meeting. So check it out and help yourself. There are lots of books as well as décor and containers.

## **CLAY FEST HAS DESIGNS**

For many years Eugene Garden Club has cooperated with the local Clay Fest which is held in conjunction with the Fall Home Show at the Fairgrounds in Eugene on October 12-13 in the old building where we used to have County Fair Floral Design Department.

Monica Henry, Marj Petrusa, Sherry Cossey and Georgia Zahar will once again fill a few dozen containers that potters bring by their station in the morning. The Clay Fest buys flowers for us and we bring foliage and other plant material from our yards. Our work always brightens up their booths with their wonderful pottery creations.



## **Willamette District**

### **Fall Meeting**

**Hosted by Westside Garden Club**

**Friday October 26, 2018**

**In Veneta**

**At Elmira Grange #523**  
**88764 Sprague Street, Elmira**

**Fran Tierce, District Director**

9:30 -- Coffee & Country Store  
 10:00 – Meeting

12:00 – Potluck Lunch  
 (Bring your own table service)

1:00 – Program

Becca Hale, WGC member  
 Corn Dolly (Corn Husk Doll)

**\*\*Please bring scissors, doodads, twine and ribbon to adorn your Dolly**

**Door Prizes & Raffle**

District Meetings Have Country Store ....So we are welcome to bring white elephant items for the store or to raffle. And of course bring our wallets!

*Everyone is invited to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet people from our other clubs and share ideas and knowledge.*

Directions to the Grange: from West 11<sup>th</sup> and Beltline, take OR 126 (highway to the coast) 9½ miles to Elmira. Turn right on Territorial Road, then take the 3<sup>rd</sup> left onto Horn Street and then left onto Sprague.

*Lucy Chambers*  
*Willamette District Asst. Director*

## **Flower Arranging Class**

**Thursday, October 18,**

**1:30 p.m.**

**“Halloween” is the theme.**

**Bring a container and material for a Creative Style Halloween Floral Design**



## Western Fence Lizard

### *Sceloporus occidentalis*

The Western Fence lizard occupies a wide range of habitats, from desert canyons and grasslands to coniferous forests. It is found all through our state. It requires vertical structure in its habitat, such as rock piles or logs. It is absent from dense, humid forests and flat desert valleys.

The lizard is insectivorous and feeds on crickets, grasshoppers, beetles, ants, wasps and aphids. Some spiders are taken as well.

The underside of the throat is usually white with gray, brown or blue spots. The lifespan of the Fence Lizard is relatively short in a natural setting. Up to 80% of the lizard population may die each year. However, the lizard has the potential to live up to five years under optimal conditions.

When you are out walking around the desert or in the forest, keep your eyes peeled for the Fence lizard!

*Georgia Zahar  
Birds & Wildlife Chairman*



*Pictured to the left are some of the horticulture and floriculture exhibits at the recent OSFGC Fall Garden Fair at The Oregon Garden. EGC member Patty Boynton brought more than a dozen samples to display for the Willamette Valley.*

## OSFGC MEETS

The Fall Board meeting for the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs occurs October 7-8 this fall in Lincoln City at the Surfsides Resort.

On Sunday folks will have a tour of the Connie Hansen Garden as well as a Workshop on Herbs, and then a pizza party in the evening at the Community Center. The Board meeting begins Monday morning early.

## FALL GARDEN FAIR

The Oregon Garden welcomed OSFGC (Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.) to use their Pavillion for a first ever "Fall Garden Fair" Saturday & Sunday, September 22-23.

Features of this event included

1. Horticulture and floriculture from
  - Southern Oregon
  - the Coast
  - Columbian Plateau (NE Oregon)
  - Willamette Valley

(The 150 or so exhibits were well labeled and organized according to their area of our state).

2. A judged small standard flower show in which Monica Henry, Geogia Zahar, Patty Boynton, and Sherry Cossey won 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and HM for their Crescent Designs.
3. 4 workshop presentations each day
  - herbs
  - plants for pollinators
  - whimsical garden crafts
  - bees
  - container planting
  - sunflowers
  - tool care and pruning
  - hot new plants by Petal Heads
4. Children's workshops each day (1 hr each)
  - Potato Stamping, Scarecrows,
  - Painted Rocks, Butterfly Puppets,
  - Lavendar Sachet, Mask-making
5. Story and Music time 3 times each day
6. Booth and displays for OSFGC, joining a garden club, choosing a state wildflower, recycling, information about the garden clubs and districts in Oregon, OSU Master Gardener program, bees & pollinators
7. More than 10 vendors with wonderful plants, new things, gardening associated things besides plants.

# What's Happening



## October

- 2 EGC Board Meeting
- 4 Pumpkin Decorating with JC seniors
- 7-8 OSFGC Fall Board Meeting, Lincoln City
- 12-14 Eugene Clay Fest, Fairgrounds, EGC- floral designs
- 16 EGC Regular Meeting
- 18 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 25 SMJ Work Party, 11:00 a.m. (*Water is back on!*)
- 25 Fall Wreaths & Arrangements for ESO Guild, 1:30 p.m.
- 26 Willamette District General Mtg., WGC hosts
- 27 Eugene Symphony Guild Auction
- 28 Mushroom Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum



## November

- 6 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 15 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 16 Cutting Greens at Munsell's Tree Farm
- 20 Fall Tool Cleanup Workshop, 10:00 a.m.
- 21 Regular EGC Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 24 Cut boughs at clubhouse, 9 - 3
- 11/26-30 Wreath-Making + Week, 9 - 3



## December

- 1 Greens Sale. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 18 Holiday Potluck
- 20 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.



Six of the eight Junction City seniors who decorated pumpkins October 4 with help from EGC members Patty Boynton, Ruth Michaelson, and Sherry Cossey on the left and Georgia Zahar on the far right. A few close ups of their finished pumpkins are to the right.

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## **In the Garden – in October**

**Dig dahlias or mulch in well-drained soil, making sure rain won't get into cut stem. If you dig your dahlias, do so about a day or so after you cut the plant back to a stalk. (If you leave your dahlias in the ground over the winter, put a small can or baggie over the end of the cut stalk to prevent rot or freezing from rain.)**

**At first sign of cold weather, cut all rose bushes to 40" above ground.**

**Clean up annual flower beds and mulch with manure or compost.**

**Plant garlic for harvesting next summer.**

**Dig and store potatoes, harvest pumpkins and squash.**

**Save seeds from vegetables and flower gardens.**

**Mulch around roses, azaleas, rhododendrons for winter protection.**

**Plant ground covers and shrubs.**

**Fertilize lawn for last time this year.**

