

# Eugene Garden Club News

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## President's Corner

WOW! What a sale. Thank you to all who helped in any way. We had a great week with all the work, soups (and were they wonderful) and great talk.

I hope you have your shopping and decoration well in hand. See you on the 18th.



*Sharon Wilson*  
*EGC President*

## Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

11:30 a.m. Potluck

HOSTESSES: Pat Kramer-lead, Jean Damon,  
Dana Downie

GREETERS: Dorothy Cruickshank  
& Marilyn Hunter

PROGRAM: Cascade Chorus Quartet  
*Cascade Chorus specializes in  
a capella Barbershop sound in  
4-part harmony*

## December in the Garden

At this time of year we are inside thinking about Christmas, but with outside temperatures dropping below freezing, many of our plants will be suffering from dehydration which will make them more susceptible to cold temperature damage. Check the soil around plants and water those that have not received rainwater due to protection by overhanging roof or other structures. Make sure that containers are protected from freezing by moving them into garages during freezing temperatures.

Here are a few tips on caring for your Poinsettias: Do not over water. If plant becomes really dry put in sink and fill with water up to top of pot you may also need to water from the top of the pot, Water lightly when the top inch of soil is dry, aim to keep the soil consistently moist. Place poinsettias in a place where they are exposed to indirect sunlight throughout daytime.

Avoid moving the plants to different rooms and different temperatures. Keep room temperatures between approximately 61 and 72 degrees. Keep plants away from cold windows, drafts, and heat sources. Enjoy!

*Jackie Getty, Horticulture Chairman*

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### Garden Work Party

EGC members will work on the Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House gardens on Thursday, December 20, 11:00 a.m. All volunteers are welcome.



## 2018 GREENS SALE A SUCCESS!!!



Our annual Greens Sale has come and gone with much success!

We made 145 beautiful wreaths, 45 holiday floral arrangements & 12 Christmas mugs, 11 swags, 3 door blessings, 22 little decorated Christmas trees, 20 Yule logs. At about 11:00 all we had left were 3 wreaths, 2 little trees and 8 Christmas mugs. So we started cleaning up, and by 12:45 all we had left were 6 Christmas mugs and 2 little trees. Sherry took those and sold them in the next few days!

When Jennifer deposited our proceeds she banked nearly \$6200 and there is still money coming in! We of course do have bills for the wreath rings, design expenses, ads, and bulk mailing so far at about \$750. Janet Calvert handled the media announcements and Sherry Cossey the postcards for mailing and posters.

At least 50 members and family helped in our efforts to procure materials and produce wonderful products!

Georgia Zahar and Marj Petrusha had help from Monica Henry, Patty Boynton, & Ruth Michaelson in producing holiday table arrangements and the yule logs. Phyllis Hamel & Sharon Wilson worked with Marilyn Hunter, Arlene Taylor, Dana Downie, Terrye Eames & Ann Rollins with creating and decorating the little trees. Ruth Michaelson made the door blessings. Arlene Taylor, Dana Downie, Sandy Bond, Phyllis Hamel & Monica Henry made the swags. Dorothy Cruickshank put together 2 cone baskets. Georgia, Marj & Julie Yamane were our bow makers. Ruth Michaelson, Jackie Getty, Sherry Cossey, Jennifer Rabner and Janet Calvert opened & closed the building and set up for wreath making each mornings. Wreath makers were Sherry Cossey, Janet Calvert, Jennifer Rabner, Sharon Blade, Jackie Getty, Dianne Dewey, Kathleen Gray, Carol Prud'homme, Carolyn Boyle, Carlene Eldridge, Julie Yamane, Camille Noel, Lorraine Wong, Annie Hovendick, Ann Brandt, Lee Paddock, and Marjorie Lynch.

Sherry Cossey had help with set up for the sales room from Jennifer Rabner and Jacquie Litchfield. Sherry and Jacquie priced everything on Friday afternoon & Saturday morning and "fixed" any wreaths that needed assistance. Head cashier Jennifer Rabner, had help from Peg Funkhouser, Patty Boynton and Kathie Spinola. Camille Noel, Jennifer Ellis & Sandy Bond took care of decorating the carpeted room in festive fashion including the Christmas tree.

Ann Rollins, Ruth Michaelson, Ann Brandt, Marjorie Lynch, & Mary Bromley took turns making wonderful soups for us to eat at lunch together daily. Ruth Michaelson managed the day-of-sale refreshments with help from Mary Bromley & Sharon Wilson and we had wonderful "Dump soup"! And 13 people brought cookies - some left, and will be shared with us next Tuesday at our Potluck!

Besides Greens Gathering chairman, Janet Calvert, folks who gathered greens in the woods include Georgia & Greg Zahar, Sharon & Jerry Blade, Jennifer & Rick Rabner, Sherry Cossey, Terry Eames, Sharon Wilson, Fay Hogan, Monica Henry, Arlene Taylor, Julie Yamane, Pat Kramern Bill & Dianne Dewey and probably others that I missed! Dorothy Cruickshank bought a few poinsettias to place on our refreshment tables. (Johnson Brothers discontinued their "fundraiser" prices for our use.) Janet took wreaths to the Munsell Tree farm owners, the brother, Steve, and sister, Tricia.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this project, everyone who got your friends here, and everyone who brought such wonderful plant material to use!

*Sherry Cossey, Chairman*



## ***Veggie Group to Happen Again***

For the third year, the Eugene Garden Club is offering a vegetable gardening discussion group for home gardeners.

It is tentatively planned for once a month - February, March, April and May. Day and time will be announced later. Public is invited. Bring your friends.

Are you experienced? Come share your knowledge. Are you new to veggie gardening or have challenges? Come learn from experienced gardeners. During the four sessions, get your questions answered, share resources, trade seeds, etc. No charge.

Carol Prud'homme will be the facilitator. Questions? Call Carol at 541.988.1383.



## ***EGC at Pearl Buck Pre-School***

For many years Dorothy Cruickshank has had Eugene Garden Club members use some of our left over small cuttings from Greens Sale production to help Pearl Buck Pre-School children make little floral designs for their parents. The Monday after the Greens Sale this year was December 3.

*Pictured above are some of EGC folks with the children: clockwise from upper left: PB teacher, Terrye Eames, PB teacher, Lucy Chambers, Julie Yamane, Monica Henry, Dianne Dewey, Kathleen Gray, and Mary Bromley. Marilyn Hunter and Peg Funkhouser were also there.*



**Northern Cardinal**  
***Cardinalis***

With Christmas approaching, I always think of the Cardinal. It is depicted in winter scenes on Christmas cards and books.

The Cardinal is also known as the redbird, common cardinal or just cardinal. The common name as well as the scientific name refers to the cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church, who wear distinctive red robes and caps.

It can be found in southern Canada, through the eastern U.S. from Maine to Texas and south to Mexico, Belize and Guatemala.

The northern cardinal is a mid-sized songbird. It has a distinctive crest on the head and a mask on the face which is black in the male and gray in the female. The male is vibrant red while the female is a dull reddish olive color. They are mainly granivorous but will eat insects and fruit. The male behaves territorially, marking his territory with song. During the courtship, the male feeds the female, beak to beak.

A clutch of three to four eggs is laid, and two to four clutches are produced each year. Now that is quite a family!

It was once prized as a pet, but its sale as a caged bird was banned in the U.S. by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

*Georgia Zahar*  
*Birds & Wildlife Chairman*

I have found, through the years of practice, that people garden in order to make something grow; to interact with nature; to share, to find sanctuary, to heal, to honor the earth, to leave a mark. Through gardening, we feel whole as we make our personal work of art upon our land.

-- Julie Moir Messervy, *The Inward Garden*, 1995, p. 19

# What's Happening

## December

- 1 Greens Sale. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 3 Pearl Buck Youth Floral Arranging, 10 a.m.
- 18 Holiday Potluck
- 20 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House garden

## January

- 1 EGC Board Meeting, 1 p.m.
- 15 Regular EGC Meeting
- 17 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 18-20 Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show
- 24 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Garden
- TBA Clubhouse Cleaning Party



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## **In the Garden – in December**

**Dig and store geraniums, tuberous begonias, dahlias, and gladioli. (Never store dahlia tubers on a cement floor over winter, but in a cardboard box with newspaper to insulate against freezing. Also turn clumps upside down so moisture drains out of cut stalks.)**

**It's not too late to plant spring bulbs, but don't delay!**

**Renew mulch around perennial flower beds after removing weeds.**

**Take cuttings of rhododendrons and camellias now.**

**Mulch small fruit trees to protect from winter freezes.**

**Spread lime on lawns.**

**Clean and oil tools and equipment before storing for winter.**

**Place mulch of manure over dormant vegetable garden area. A 3-4" layer of leaves spread over the garden plot prevents soil compaction by rain.**

