

# Eugene Garden Club News

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## President's Corner

Hello again,

I hope the April showers brought you lots of May flowers. My yard is looking very pretty with the Rhododendrons, Iris and other miscellaneous plantings.

Be sure you have sent your RSVP to Wendy Manley if you plan to go to Juanita's Celebration of Life on May 19th.

If you are interested in going to State Convention in Lebanon, please get your registration in soon. There is a \$25 late fee after the 10th of May.

See you next week at our May meeting.



. . . . . Sharon Wilson  
EGC President

## OSFGC Convention in June

The OSFGC Convention will be held in Lebanon this June 11-13. Information is available on the state website, [www.oregongardenclubs.org](http://www.oregongardenclubs.org). or in the recently distributed *The Mahonia* newsletter. Sharon Wilson, Georgia Zahar, and Sherry Cossey would love to have more folks join us!

## Inside . . .

Dues, Hostesses, Lane County Fair, Garden Extravaganza, SMJ House, Flower Pounding, Committees, Osprey, Horticulture, Calendar

## Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, May 16, 2017

- 10:00 a.m. Flower Pounding,  
Hands on workshop
- 11:30 a.m. Potluck
- 12:15 p.m. Meeting  
Election of Officers
- 1:00 p.m. "Water-wise Gardening"  
John Fisher, MG

**HOSTESSES:** Georgia Zahar\*, Sherry Cossey,  
Sharon Speer

**GREETER:** Kathie Spinola

## May Meeting at EGC

The "business" portion of our May meeting will include the formal election of officers for 2018-2019.

President: Sharon Wilson  
Vice-President: Sister Janet Marcisz & Georgia Zahar  
Treasurer: Jennifer Rabner  
Recording Secretary: Lucy Chambers  
Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Bond  
Trustees: Terrye Eames

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. Planting will be June 4, 1:00 at Fairgrounds.

Our program features The Relaxed Gardener, John Fisher, who will address ways of using water effectively in the garden. His garden is large, and he employs ways to save, reuse and reduce water. Besides being a Master Gardener, John used to be the weather person at KEZI, the local ABC TV.

Come hear John's ideas about saving water in our gardens.

# 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 or Terry Eames.

### . . . 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 17, 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 Thursday, May 24, 10:30 a.m. Bring your weeding tools and clippers.

Last month, Sherry Cossey, Georgia Zahar, Terry Eames, Marjorie Lynch, Sharon Wilson, Lucy Chambers, and Annie Hovendick weeded and planted 40 beautiful red geraniums and Greg Zahar edged the lawn around the sidewalks.

This month, Thursday, May 24, 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!



*Pictured to left, 8 retired seniors in Junction City who made tea cup flower arrangements with help of EGC members Sherry Cossey, Patty Boynton, Georgia Zahar, and Ruth Michaelson in early May.*

## LANE COUNTY FAIR COMING UP

The schedules for departments at the Lane County Fair are online now, and the Floral Department Theme is "It's a Date". The dates for the Fair this year are July 18-22. 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](http://www.atthefair.com) or in person or by mail anytime now through June. Changes or new entries can be made on entry day, July 17.

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 in the Food Court areas. Last year we won \$50 for our 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Horticulture (Cut Flowers and Potted Plants) will include just about anything you have growing in your yard or your house! A new class is Fairy Gardens.

The Design classes are organized the same as in the past, by Open, Advanced Amateur, and Novice. Some of the classes 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 and June meeting.

Plan to PARTICIPATE in the Fair!





## Garden Extravaganza

Hooray, hooray! The new Garden Extravaganza will over by our May meeting time. Four of our Willamette District Garden Clubs (Eugene, Junction City, Oakridge, Springfield) join the Lane County Dahlia Society, on Saturday, May 12, 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 a.m. 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.



### Western Osprey (Pandion)

In the May 2, 2018 edition of *The Register Guard*, there was an article titled 'A Bird's Eye View'. It talks about a pair of Osprey who built a nest atop of the University of Oregon School of Law building. They have installed a webcam that offers a live look at an osprey nest. To reach the webcam, I simply typed in UO Osprey Cam. The article says there are two eggs, but today I saw three. The parents will take turns sitting on the eggs and the eggs will likely hatch in mid to late May.

Here are a few facts about the Osprey. The Western Osprey is also called a sea hawk, a river hawk or fish hawk. It is a fish eating bird of prey with a cosmopolitan range. It is a large raptor reaching more than 24 inches in length and 71 inches in wingspan. They are brown on the upperparts and predominately grayish on the head and under parts.

The Osprey tolerates a wide variety of habitats (including college campuses) nesting in locations near water (in this case the Willamette River) providing an adequate food supply.

Check out the Web Cam. It is amazing!

*Georgia Zahar, Birds & Wildlife Chairman*

## Flower Pounding Hands On Workshop

Why would you pound a flower? Come to the workshop on "Flower Pounding" on May 15 at 10:00 a.m. and find out.

We will do some flower pounding so bring a hammer and some flowers. The other materials will be supplied by Sherry Cossey and Ruth Michaelson, leaders of this workshop. Below are a few suggestions for kinds of flowers to bring.

Flowers of bright colors and in small sizes. Large blooms are watery and will smear. White flowers will not produce color, though their greenery might work. Some blooms we would recommend are listed below.

Primroses                      Pansies (small ones are best)  
Geraniums                    Violets                      Vinca  
Lobelia (makes wonderful blue colors)  
Individual blooms from Rhododendrons

Look for wild flowers in bloom around your area. I see California poppies and a few irises in my area. Bring greens such as carrot tops, asparagus fern, red leaves from plants.

Bring whatever you have, and we can share. If in doubt, bring it and you can test it. Come and have fun and maybe create an item you'd like to keep.

*Ruth Michaelson & Sherry Cossey*



*SMJ April work party pictured above: Annie Hovendick, Sharon Wilson, Terrye Eames, Marjorie Lynch, Sherry Cossey, Lucy Chambers, and Georgia Zahar.*

# 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 26 floral centerpieces for the Pearl Buck “Aloha Friday Gala” Fundraiser Banquet Friday, May 11, at Shadow Hills Golf Club.

Sherry Cossey, Georgia Zahar, Dorothy Cruickshank, Phyllis Hamel, Marilyn Hunter, Ruth Michaelson, Lucy Chambers, Sharon Blade, Sharon Wilson & Camille Noel, will spend some time that Friday afternoon creating centerpieces using orchids and pineapples for the Hawaiian theme.

## Horticulture

If you have been working in your garden, you probably have noticed some damage to the early flowering shrubs. Some of the flowers never bloomed, and the buds have died because they had already started to bloom when freezing weather hit not once but several times. I even had a dwarf Forsythia that had buds die and it is usually one of the hardiest shrubs around. Plants do not like quick changes in temperature or sun light. If you have dead wood on any shrub or tree just prune out that part and the plant will recover.

\*It is not too late to fertilize berry bushes and strawberries with acid loving plant fertilizer. You will have more productive plants when fertilizer is used. \*Get those weeds out before they spread seeds that will last in the soil for years to come. \*Protect tomatoes with walls of water or plastic jugs or stakes with plastic wrapped around to create a warm spot for the tomatoes until we get warmer weather.

\*It is time to plant seeds of cool weather crops such as cabbage family, lettuce, radishes, onions. & parsley. \*Rosemary plants and sage may be showing signs of too much water this spring and if so, it is time to plant them in a container or raised bed where they will get good drainage. \*Slugs and snails are still busy enjoying the moisture and cool nights by eating our choice plants. Baits with phosphate need to be applied almost weekly to keep the slug population down.

*Jackie Getty, Horticulture Chairman*



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

# What's Happening



## May

- 1 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 11 Pearl Buck Banquet centerpieces, 1:00
- 12 Garden Extravaganza at Key Bank, 10:00-4:00
- 15 EGC Regular meeting
- 15 Master Gardeners Seminar, "Insect Sex"  
Gail Langellotto, OSU Associate Professor
- 17 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 24 SMJ Work Party, 10:30 a.m.



## June

- 4 Plant barrels at Fairgrounds, 1:00
- 5 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 11-13 OSFGC State Convention, Wilsonville
- 19 EGC Regular Meeting, Garden Tour



## July

- 18-22 Willamette District Picnic,  
Lane County Fair



*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**

