

Eugene Garden Club News

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President's Corner

HAPPY NEW YEARS to ALL!

Here's to a great gardening year for all of us.

Your board has sent \$100.00 to the Friends of Trees. As you may remember, this is the group we used for our trees out front. We have been very happy with them (the trees).

The trustees and the board have picked Lohner Electric to rewire the building. Look for the dates and times this will be happening in the future.

We are going to have our annual house cleaning party on January 23 at 9:00 am. I will have a list of things to do and goodies for a morning break. Hope to see you there.

At this month's meeting, we will raffle off guest passes for the Cascade Raptor Center. They are good for one visit and valid thru December 2018. This will be a wonderful meeting. See you there.



. Sharon Wilson
EGC President

Look for in this Issue

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Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2018

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:15 p.m. General Meeting

1:00 p.m. *Companion Planting*

By Darren Morgan

Shonnards Nursery

Coordinator: Sister Janet Marcisz

HOSTESSES: Peggy Funkhouser*, Sharon Blade,
Phyllis Hamel, Kathleen Gray

GREETERS: Carolyn Boyle

First EGC Meeting of 2018

What makes "Companion Planting" a good way to make your garden more interesting and productive? Darren Morgan of Shonnard's Nursery in Corvallis will explore this concept at our January 16 Eugene Garden Club public meeting.

Darren is a life-long resident of the Willamette Valley and has worked in the nursery industry for over 25 years.

INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

2018

. . . HOUSE CLEANING



Many members will turn out 9:00 Tuesday morning, January 23, to help do our deep clean for the clubhouse – all the places and cubbies that are not cleaned, dusted, etc. on a regular basis during the year. Brown bag lunch at noon. Leave by 1:00ish.

. . . WIRING ISSUES



Sister Janet Marcisz of our EGC Trustees has made arrangements for work on our building's wiring this month. She expects at this time that the plan is for the power to be off a couple of days the 4th week of January and get all plus working!

December Potluck



EGC traditionally holds a Holiday Potluck for our December meeting with volunteers decking out tables with their own linens, tableware, and floral designs. Everyone brings delicious food that we enjoy eating!

This year we had choral music presented by Marist High School singers led by Jim Reinking.

FAC to Meet

The Flower Arranging Class meets again on the 3rd Thursday of the month, January 18, at 1:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Georgia and Sherry ask you to plan for "Winter's Here" for a Small Design, not to exceed 8" in any direction. We hope to display them on the hat stands. Your choice of materials.

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

Pictured below are December class designs by Marjorie Lynch, Ruth Michaelson, and Patty Boynton



Greens Sale Wraps Up

Congratulations ladies and gentleman again on a very successful 2017 Holiday Greens Sale! At our recent EGC Board meeting the figures for the sale were reported. We had expenses of \$1,425.73 and gross income of \$6,687.47, so we netted \$5,261.74. Hooray!

We had a wonderful variety of plant materials and plenty of conifers to make beautiful products. Thanks to all brought stuff, made things, fed us,

On sale day, December 2, nearly everything was sold by 12:30 so we cleaned up and put up a sold out sign on the door by 1:30 p.m. and went home. Only a few things were left, and the 3 wreaths and 5 medium poinsettias were purchased within the next few days. Only the 8 cone baskets and many many Christmas lights and other holiday stuff remain.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TIME, ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS FUN EVENT!

Veggie Group Continues

The Eugene Garden will again hold a vegetable gardening discussion group for home gardeners led by Carol Prud'homme. Come share your knowledge as well as learn from experienced gardeners.

During the four sessions, get your questions answered, share resources, trade seeds, etc. There is no charge.

Meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Eugene Garden Club on the second Wednesdays of the month, February 14, March 14, April 11, and May 9. The public is invited. If you have uestions – call Carol at 541.988.1383.



Sea Gull -- *Laridae*

Having just returned from a few days on the Oregon Coast, I thought I would talk a little bit about the common Sea Gull.

Gulls are typically medium to large birds, usually grey or white, often w/grey or black markings on head or wings. They have harsh wailing or squawking calls, stout longish bills and webbed feet. Most gulls are ground nesting carnivores, which take live food or scavenge opportunistically. Live food includes crab or small fish. Gulls have unhinging jaws that allow them to consume large prey.

Most gulls are typically coastal and inland species, rarely venturing far out to sea. Large, white headed gulls are usually long lived birds, a recorded Herring Gull lived 49 years.

Gulls nest in large, densely packed, noisy colonies. They lay 2 – 3 speckled eggs in nests composed of vegetation. The young are mobile upon hatching.

Gulls are resourceful, inquisitive and intelligent birds, demonstrating complex methods of communication & a highly developed social structure. Many gulls display mobbing behavior, attacking and harassing would be predators and other intruders.

Certain species (the Herring Gull) have exhibited tool use behavior, using pieces of bread as bait to catch fish. Many species have learned to coexist successfully with humans. Gulls have been seen preying on live whales, landing on the whale as it surfaces to peck out pieces of flesh.

So, the next time you visit the Oregon Coast, pause and watch the Sea Gulls.

Georgia Zahar, Birds & Wildlife Chairman

BRAZIL got its name from the nut, not the other way around.

CANADA has more lakes than all the rest of the world combined.

OHIO has no natural lakes, only man made.

SPAIN literally means "the land of rabbits".

TEXAS has the deepest hole ever made in the world – deep as 20 empire state buildings and only 3" wide.

ALASKA has more than half of the US coastline.

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 2017 and April 2018. 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 March 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.



Photo above: *for those who have not worked during wreath making week, any day about noon finds the back of our shed covered with many wreaths. This is about half of the back shed wall. We usually get around 30 each day, spray them with Wiltpruf, hang them on the wall and move them inside the shed at the end of each day.*



What's Happening



January

- 2 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 16 Regular EGC Meeting
- 18 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 19-21 Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show
Lane County Fairgrounds
- 23 Clubhouse Cleaning Party, 9:00-2:00 or so
- 25 SMJ House work party, 11:00

February

- 6 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 7-11 NW Flower & Garden Show, Washington
State Convention Center, Seattle
- 14 Veggie Growers Group, 1-3:00 p.m.
- 15 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 20 EGC Regular Meeting
- 23 Willamette District Board Meeting, at EGC

March

- 4-5 OSFGC Board Meeting, Eugene
- 6 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 8-11 Lane County Home & Garden Show,
Fairgrounds
- 14 Veggie Growers Group, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- 15 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 20 EGC Regular Meeting & morning workshop
State Photo Contest, 9:30 a.m.
- 23 Willamette District Meeting, Oakridge hosts
- 29 Plant "Nerd" Night



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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.

