

Eugene Garden Club News

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President's Corner

GREETINGS,

I hope you are all doing OK with this rain. We all need it.

If you did not attend Nerd Night you missed some great plants and wonderful jokes. I bought two natives for my yard which makes four for me.

Hope we all are potting up those great plants we have too many of. Be sure to sign up for times to work at the Plant Extravaganza at our meeting this month. Be sure to bring water and snacks.

See you for April's meeting,

Sharon



. Sharon Wilson
EGC President

Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, April 16, 2019

11:00 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

11:45 p.m. Meeting

1:00 p.m. *"The Monarch Butterfly"*

By Barbara Slott

HOSTESSES: Julie Knebel*, Jackie Getty,
Gigi Gremmel, Dianne Dewey

GREETER: Lucy Chambers



Butterflies Are Coming

This month for our EGC program, we welcome Barbara Slott, the Butterfly Steward at Elkton Butterfly Pavilion in Elkton, Oregon. She will have much to share with us about those wonderful butterflies.

(Depending on the temperatures in summer, the caterpillar stage continues for 9 –14 days. This caterpillar is a voracious eater, capable of consuming an entire milkweed leaf in less than 5 minutes. They gain about 2700 times their original weight and in the process, excrete an abundant quantity of "frass" (waste).)

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Veggie Group Meets

On April 10, 1:30 p.m.. at the Clubhouse, we'll be discussing:

Pests:

- Insects—good and bad (stink bugs)
- how to attract beneficial insects
- deer resistant edibles
- companion planting

Irrigation:

- rain barrel irrigation systems
- options other than straight lines

Come join us and give us your ideas. You might even learn something new.

Carol Prud'homme, Facilitator

OSFGC Convention Coming

The 92nd OSFGC Convention is being held at the Running Y Ranch in Klamath Falls, June 10-12, "Klamath, Trees, and Honeybees". The new NGC President, Gay Austin, from Mississippi will install our new State Officers and District Directors on Wednesday evening. Tanja Swanson, from Klamath Falls will be our new State President.

See the most recent state newsletter, *The Mahonia*, for lots of details about convention and find the registration form there too.

Several EGC ladies will be attending, including Sharon Wilson who heads up a special NATURES GARDEN in the lobby area. (*It is just a coincidence that her address happens to be Natures Garden as well*).

NATURES GARDEN is a way for individuals, Clubs or Districts to make some money by renting a table for selling items such asPlantsyard artstepping stonescardsnote padspots, plantersplace matsapronsnapkin ringsjewelrydried herbspillow casessmall quilts and more.

The 5' x 5' tables rent for \$35, and the seller keeps their sales money. Sharon Wilson is the contact, and she only rents 4 spaces.



Garden Extravaganza To Be Held

Plant Sale Workers Needed

EGC Plant Sale Chairman, Camille Noel, will have sign-up sheets at our April 16 meeting for helpers, tables, and canopies. Plan to add your name. Pick up some flyers to distribute to groups and friends.

The Garden Extravaganza is sponsored by Willamette District Garden Clubs and Lane County Dahlia Society at the Key Bank parking lot on River Road next to BiMart on Saturday, May 12, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Set up, sale, and tear down all occur on that Saturday! Plan to arrive at 8:00 a.m. for set-up and 8:30 for bringing in your plants. Bring your own plants. Use the BiMart parking lot. A small committee will price the plants as they arrive with the red EGC tags. Treasurer Jennifer Rabner will be our head cashier for the Willamette District Clubs.

Lane Forest Products donated a yard of planting mix that Janet Calvert picked up. There are pots and soil in the garbage cans behind the clubhouse.

Call Janet if you need pots and/or soil.
541.686.2697, jankcalvert@comcast.net.



Good looking plants attract the most attention and sell first! Please have your plants' common and botanical names as well as preferred growing conditions marked on the white tags (use #2 pencil.) Tags are available at the garden club meeting next week.

It's a great idea to have a picture of the plant when it is at its peak to help buyers know what they are purchasing. Use seed catalogs or go online to find color photos. Customers like to know what color the flowers are going to be too.

Remember to bring no more than 5 pots of the same plant. We want good selection for the buyers.

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OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . New EGC Members

Please add our newest members to your EGC Directory.

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. . . SMJ Work Party

This month we are weeding and planting 48 geraniums at the Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House on Thursday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m.

It's time to edge the lawn. We don't mow, but we do edge when it starts looking bad.

. . . EGC Officer Nominees

At our May meeting we will elect our new slate of officers and have them installed at our June meeting. Mary Bromley reported the following:

President - Pat Kramer

Vice President - Georgia Zahar

And maybe Lucy Chambers

Recording Secretary - Donna Michel

Corresponding Secretary - Ann Brandt

Treasurer - Jen Rabner

Trustee - Dianne Dewey

Trustee - Camille Noel

. . . Master Gardeners Plant Sale

EGC will set up a small display about our club at the April 27 MG plant sale at the Fairgrounds Horse Barn. We will need hostesses.



Ladybug

Our native ladybug numbers have been on the decline for more than a dozen years or so. There hasn't been a clear reason for the decline except many believe that the False or Asian Ladybug is the reason. In fact, it's hard to find a native Ladybug. Most that are found are the Asian species. The native beetle is bright red with 7 – 9 spots. The Asian beetle may be red, purple or yellow. They may be larger in size than the native.

Here are some Ladybug Facts:

- A Ladybug is really a beetle.
- The Ladybug was named hundreds of years ago (according to folklore) when farmers were grateful that these tiny insects protected their crops from being eaten. They called it 'Our Lady's Beetle' believing it had been sent from heaven.
- A single Ladybug can eat as many as 5,000 aphids in its lifetime.
- A female Ladybug will lay more than a 1,000 eggs in her lifetime, but they are so small you can hardly see them.
- Ladybugs chew from side to side and not up and down like people do.
- The Ladybug uses its front legs to clean its head and its antennae.
- The spots on a Ladybug fade as it gets older, and some don't even have spots.
- Their spots can warn predators that they are poisonous, especially to lizards and birds.
- Ladybugs can live 1 year, and some may live 2 – 3 years.

Ladybugs can be found worldwide. There are about 5,000 different species. About 400 species live in North America

*Georgia Zahar
Bird and Wildlife Chair*



Time to be in the Garden

Cleaning up – probably still have more branches down from recent heavy snow storm

Fertilizing lawn

Fertilizing roses

Amending soil for vegetable garden

Planting veggies

Baiting for slugs

Pruning (after blooms are done)

Planting hearty transplants



Plant “Nerd” Night - 2019

“Nerd” Night “Nerd”Night - Arrived again. It's 2019 and Spring has Sprung!

Thank you to everyone who took part in making this plant event happen. There are so many people to thank, where can one start.

.....Thank you to Jen and Rick Rabner for coming early that morning to set up all the chairs and tables.

.....Thanks you to our Garden Reps: Donna Michel, Ann Brandt, and Ann Rollins. These gals did such a good job working with our Nurseries this year.

.....Also Pat Kramer for getting food for the nursery speakers.

.....Ruth Michaelson and Blanche Chase for setting up cookies and manning the kitchen.

.....Thanks also to the people who brought cookies.

.....Ruth Michaelson and Monica Henry for making those GREAT table arrangements And fussing with those monstrous “Green” Bows.

.....What a whirl of members who were there to help with bringing in plants, setting up and especially cleaning up after.

I always say that it takes a Garden Club to make Plant “Nerd” Night happen. But most of all, garden club members, we do hope you had fun, learned a little something new, and have new plants for your garden, or just maybe some new ideas! Also, our guest speakers were so appreciated. They really help make this program great. Remember if you happen to visit these nurseries, thank them for speaking at “Nerd” Night.

Last of all...Kudos to Dorothy Cruickshank and Kathleen Gray, for co-sharing the task of Master of Ceremonies! They were entertaining and did such a good job.

So a new garden season is here. Now where do I plant those new plants? Oh yes, I remember...I took some out. Yea!

Nerd Night Committee (Sharon Blade, Dorothy Cruickshank, and Kathleen Gray) are open to suggestions and new ideas. Let us know. Thank you again to all who helped make Plant “Nerd” Night a success.

Sharon Blade, Co-Chairman

What's Happening

April

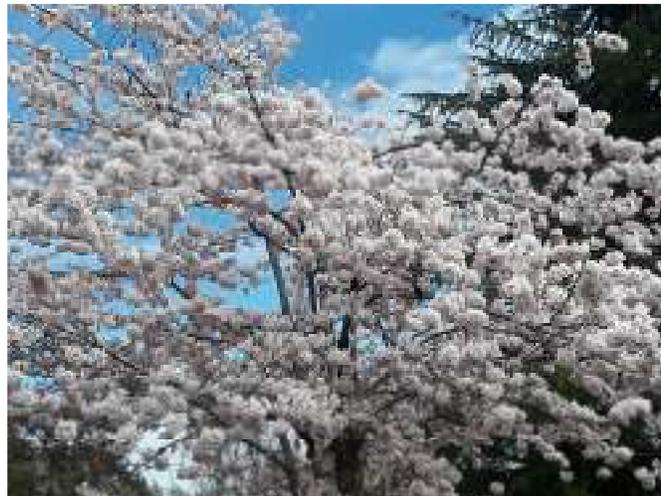
- 2 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 5-10 Pacific Region of NGC Convention,
Van Nuys, CA
- 10 EGC Veggie Growers Group, 1:30 p.m.
- 16 EGC Regular Meeting
- 18 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 25 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House, 11:00 a.m.
- 27 Master Gardener Plant Sale. Fairgrounds

May

- 7 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 11 Garden Extravaganza at Key Bank, 10:00-4:00
- 16 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 21 EGC Regular Meeting
- 23 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House, 11:00 a.m.

June

- 3 Plant barrels at Fairgrounds, 1:00
- 4 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 10-13 OSFGC State Convention, Klamath Falls
- 18 EGC Regular Meeting, Hendricks Park



Some flowers just don't quit! Clockwise: *primrose*, *daffodils*, *Akebono flowering cherry*, *Euphorbia*, *Hellebores*, *Brunnera*

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In the Garden – in April

Plant broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard, Chives, endive, leeks, peas, radishes, rhubarb, rutabagas, spinach, and turnips.

Fertilizer lawn, bait for slugs and clean up hiding places.

Do NOT cut foliage of spring-flowering bulbs.

Prune spring-blooming shrubs and trees AFTER blossoms fade.

Amend soil with organic material in preparation for spring planting.

Plant gladioli, alyssum, phlox, marigolds, and other hardy transplants.

Fertilize roses with 1 T. fish oil (5-1-1) to gallon water per each Rose bush by 22nd of the month.

