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President's Corner

Hi folks,

I hope all of you are enjoying this great weather!

And I hope all of you are planning to come to the May meeting. This will be a great program.

Also, have you signed up by paying \$12.00 for the June meeting's luncheon at Hendricks Park. It not, do this at our May meeting. Some of us plan to carpool from the Albertson's parking lot on East 30th Avenue.

This meeting will include installation of our newly elected club officers, a speaker from Hendricks Park, and a tour of the gardens. A tree from Juanita Manley's starts was planted there recently.

See you all soon.



. 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. or in the recently distributed *The Mahonia* newsletter. Sharon Wilson, Georgia Zahar, Sherry Cossey, and Patty Boynton would love to have more folks join us!

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Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2019

11:00 a.m. Potluck

11:45 p.m. Meeting

Election of Officers

1:00 p.m. "Weaving Spring Plants
into your Garden"

Ernie & Marietta O'Byrne

HOSTESSES: Sherry Cossey*, Georgia Zahar,
Annie Hovendick, Ann Rollins

GREETER: Arlene Taylor

May Meeting at EGC

The "business" portion of our May meeting will include the formal election of officers for 2019-2020.

President: *Pat Kramer*

Vice-President: *Georgia Zahar & Lucy Chambers*

Treasurer: *Jennifer Rabner*

Recording Secretary: *Donna Michel*

Corresponding Secretary: *Ann Brandt*

Trustees: *Camille Noel*

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 to Hostess in the Floral Department at the Lane County Fair and Barrel Planting for the Fair. Planting will be June 3, 1:00 at Fairgrounds.

Our program features Ernie & Marietta O'Byrne from Northwest Garden Nursery which they have owned and managed since the 1970s. They also will be speaking about their book, "A Tapestry Garden", in relation to their garden. This is an opportunity to learn about garden design, growing information and plant care tips from experts. Their book will be available for purchase also.

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 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 16, 1:30 p.m. is to produce a Two-Container design.

. . . New Member – add to your Directory

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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 23, 11:00 a.m. Bring your weeding tools and clippers.

Last month, Sherry Cossey, Patty Boynton, Terry Eames, & Julie Yamane weeded and planted 48 beautiful red geraniums.

This month, Thursday, May 23, 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!

We are hoping to get some help from the City or Parks Department to haul off the piles of downed tree and other plant materials from over the years.

LANE COUNTY FAIR COMING UP

The schedules for departments at the Lane County Fair are online now, and the Floral Department Theme is “Fun With Flowers” and follows the Fair theme of “Find Your Fun”. The dates for the Fair this year are July 24-28. The Fair books are available now and there will be a few at the clubhouse.

Entries can be made through the Fair website at www.atthefair.com or in person or by mail anytime now through June. Changes or new entries can be made on entry day, July 24.

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 we need a few people to plan and produce that. It’s set up can be started before entry day.

EGC will also be planting several barrels Monday, June 3, at 1:00, for the Planted Barrel Design Contest. The barrels will have each club’s name prominently displayed with the barrels in the Fair in the Food Court areas. Last year we won \$50 for our 1st place. People have signed up to help with that and we thank Coastal Farm & Ranch for donating \$75 worth of plants for us to use in our endeavor.

Horticulture (Cut Flowers and Potted Plants) will include just about anything you have growing in your yard or your house!

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, and Springfield) join the Lane County Dahlia Society, on Saturday, May 11, 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 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.



Pictured above are a few photos of 10 seniors at Junction City Retirement & Assisted Living Center making tea cup floral designs with the help of EGC members Sherry Cossey, Patty Boynton, Ruth Michaelson, & Ann Rollins (the latter two pictured in first photo).



Oregon State Insect Oregon Swallowtail (*Papilio Machaon oregonus*)

On July 17, 1979 the Oregon Legislative Assembly adopted the Oregon Swallowtail butterfly as Oregon's official state insect to join the beaver, the chinook salmon, the Oregon grape, the Douglas fir, the western meadowlark and the thunder egg, a geode like rock, as unique symbols of Oregon's distinctive history and environment.

The Oregon Swallowtail is a large butterfly with a four inch wing span and the distinctive swallow tail. Its primary colors are yellow and black with a small number of delicate blue spots on the hind wings, and a single orange-red circle centered in the middle of the blue.

Its range is east of the Cascades from southern British Columbia, eastern Washington and Oregon, to Idaho and western Montana. It mostly inhabits the lower sagebrush canyons of the Columbia River and its tributaries. Its host plant is tarragon sagebrush while adults nectar on a wide variety of blooming plants: thistles, rudbeckia, balsamroot, zinnia, milkweed, phlox, wild roses, and *Vicia cracca*, a type of vetch.

For those of us not inclined to venture to the eastern part of our state to see the Oregon Swallowtail we have three swallowtails in Lane County: the Anise, Western, and Pale. All three share the same general coloration as the Oregon Swallowtail.

Threats are essentially the same for all butterflies: loss of habitat, herbicides, pesticides, wasps, birds, and spiders.

Donna Michel, Birds & Wildlife Committee

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. EGC, Sharon Wilson, 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 created 29 floral centerpieces for the Pearl Buck “Blues in the Night” Fundraiser Banquet Friday, May 10, at Venue 252 (the old Planing Mill on Lawrence Street).

Sherry Cossey, Dorothy Cruickshank, Phyllis Hamel, Marilyn Hunter, Ruth Michaelson, Patty Boynton, Monica Henry, Sharon Wilson, Camille Noel, Pat Kramer, Mary Bromley, Lucy Chambers & Terrye Eames spent 3 hours in the morning creating the centerpieces for banquet tables. Pearl Buck provides a table of 8 for our helpers to take part in the evening banquet.

Horticulture

Believe it or not it is time to water your gardens. Be sure to check how wet the ground is by digging a small hole down about six inches deep. Over watering can be more of a problem than not enough. Young transplants are very susceptible to hot weather so watch them carefully and water at the first signs of wilting or if ground is getting dry.

It is still pretty cool at night so protection for tomato plants, egg plants and peppers will help keep them warm enough at night. Gallon fruit juice plastic jugs make good covers for small plants. Just cut the bottoms off and take off lids, press jug into ground over the plant.

Seeds for lettuce, radish, cabbage family, carrots and beets will grow well if planted now. If you were able to plant earlier you may be harvesting lettuce and radishes now. The asparagus is producing well. Plant asparagus now from seed and you will have asparagus to harvest in two years or less. It produces faster from seed than from getting the roots to plant.

If you haven't fertilized your roses, rhododendrons or other shrubs it is not too late to do that now. Raspberries, blackberries, strawberries, blueberries and rhubarb will produce better with a good dose of fertilizer too.

The camellias are about finished blooming as are some of the other spring blooming shrubs.

The time to prune flowering shrubs and vines that bloom before the 4th of July is right after they finish blooming. Shrubs and vines that bloom after the 4th of July should be pruned during the dormant season, November thru February.

Jackie Getty, Horticulture Chairman



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

What's Happening



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
- 21 MG Greenhouse Pest Management & Sanitation
- 23 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Workparty, 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
- 18 MG Tricks for Persevering
Garden Produce Safely
- 20 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.



July

- 24-28 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

