

# Eugene Garden Club News

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## President's Corner

Well here we are at the end of another great Garden Club season. We had some wonderful programs.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all the members. You guys are just the best! You jump in and help whenever there is anything that needs doing.

My Officers and Committee heads have all worked very hard to keep the Club on the move and in great health.

You have made my time as President very easy and enjoyable. Thank You All.

See you soon,



. . . Sharon Wilson, President

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## Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, June 18, 2019 At Hendricks Park

11:30 a.m. Emily Aune, Head Gardener

12:00 p.m. Lunch followed by  
Meeting & Installation

1:00 p.m. Tour

HOSTESSES: Sharon Blade\*, Janet Calvert,  
Carol Prud'homme,

GREETER: Jacquie Litchfield

## June Meeting at Hendricks Park

The "business" portion of our June meeting will include the installation of officers for 2019-2020.

President: *Pat Kramer*

Vice-President: *Sister Janet Marcisz & Georgia Zahar*

Treasurer: *Jennifer Rabner*

Recording Secretary: *Donna Michel*

Corresponding Secretary: *Sandy Bond*

Trustees: *Terrye Eames*

Parking is limited at Hendricks Park so please consider carpooling. Call your friends and make arrangements. There will be two drivers offering rides from Albertsons on East 30<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Park near that street. They will leave at 11:00 a.m.

We will also have another opportunity to select which special committees we would like to be involved with next year. We will also finish signing up for Hostessing at the Lane County Fair and helping with the little floral arrangement activity that takes place during the Fair.

## 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". The dates for the Fair this year are July 24-28. The Fair books are available now and there are a few at the clubhouse. The Floral Department M pages begin p. 14.

Entries can be made through the Fair website at [www.atthefair.com](http://www.atthefair.com) or in person or by mail anytime now. Changes or new entries can be made on entry day, Tuesday, July 23, 1:00-7:00 p.m. Entry and parking will be similar to what we did last year. Enter the building from the south end.

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. 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 !

EGC will enter the 6' x 4' Garden Club Vignette called *Let's Meet in Your Garden* as well as the Planted Barrel Design that will have our club name displayed prominently somewhere outside in the Fair probably in the eating area. Last year we won \$50 for our 1<sup>st</sup> place. Monica Henry, Jennifer Ellis, Sharon Wilson and one other person are working on the Vignette.

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, creative tapestry, line-mass, crescent, using a repurposed container, all dried material, including some vegetables, 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 also 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 June meeting with Dorothy Cruickshank.**

Plan to PARTICIPATE in the Fair!



## BARRELS OF FLOWERS TO BLOOM!

Thank you to folks who helped plant 5 of the 15 Fairgrounds Barrels for the Eugene Garden Club.

Sherry Cossey was joined by Georgia Zahar, Sharon Wilson, Ann Rollins, Jennifer Ellis, Julie Yamane, Lorraine Wong planting barrels for the Lane County Fair on Monday, June 4. Annie Hovendick and Sandy Bond assisted with one of Oakridge Garden Club's 2 barrels.

Coastal Farm & Ranch donated \$75 worth of flowers that Sherry, Jennifer and Vicki Jefferson selected a couple days before. Their name will be displayed on the barrels that we planted. We also purchased a few more, amounting to about \$100 total.

Cottage Grove and Junction City Garden Clubs are planting 3 apiece, and Springfield will have two.



Pictured above is the whole crew from Monday's barrel planting at the Fairgrounds. *From right to left are:* EGC members Jennifer Ellis, Sharon Wilson, Julie Yamane, Ann Rollins, Lorraine Wong, Georgia Zahar. The ladies at the far end are from Junction City (and one of them, Blanche Chase, in the red shirt, is also an EGC member now as well.)



## Garden Extravaganza

Hooray, hooray! The new Garden Extravaganza is completed. Four of our Willamette District Garden Clubs (Eugene, Junction City, Oakridge) joined the Lane County Dahlia Society, on Saturday, May 11, at Key Bank on River Road by Bi-Mart.

Thank you to everyone who helps in this major fundraising activity for our club. Camille Noel is our EGC Chairman for this sale.

## OSFGC Convention in June

The OSFGC Convention will be held in Klamath Falls at the Running Y Resort this June 10-13. Information is available on the state website, [www.oregongardenclubs.org](http://www.oregongardenclubs.org), or in the recently distributed *The Mahonia* newsletter. President Sharon Wilson, Co-Vice President Georgia Zahar, Past State President Sherry Cossey, and Patty Boynton plan to attend. The theme is "Klamath, Trees, & Honey Bees" with special programs about trees and bees and of course some music as well.



*Left to right:* EGC members work on maintaining and beautifying the SMJ House gardens: Janet Calvert, Terry Eames, Annie Hovendick Patty Boynton Georgia Zahar and Lorraine Wong. Sherry Cossey took photo and Mary Bromley and Julie Yamane had to leave early and missed the picture taking after this May work party.

## INS & OUTS

### OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

#### . . . Dues for the coming year

\$25 for one or \$30 for family rate

You may pay your yearly dues at this meeting. See Terry Eames.

#### . . . Hostesses for the coming year

Ruth Michaelson will have sign-up sheets at our June meeting 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 June Flower Arranging Class, Thursday, June 20, 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 planned work day is Friday, May 27, 11:00 a.m. Bring your weeding tools and clippers.

This month 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 the never ending weeding. All help is appreciated!

Leah Murray, the SMJ manager, has ordered a new rose that we will plant this month, a beautiful "Rosie the Riveter" to honor those women who worked in factories and shipyards during World War II. There be a special accompanying sign by the rose.





**Western Pond Turtle**  
*Acinemys marmorata*

A few weeks ago I was driving along the Delta Ponds and spotted a Western Pond Turtle on the side of the road thinking about crossing the highway! I was saddened as that part of the Delta Highway is so busy and dangerous to stop on, I had to keep going. My only hope is that the turtle turned around and went back to the ponds.

Western Pond Turtles are freshwater turtles and range from the Puget Sound region in Washington state and south to Baja, California. They love ponds, streams, lakes and wetlands. The slow moving waters make for ample basking perches, sheltered areas for hatchlings and allows the growth of aquatic plants that the turtles eat. These ancient reptiles can live to be as old as 70 years (here's hoping that the one I saw may live that long) and often don't reproduce until they are older than 10 years.

A few turtle facts:

- If turtles run out of basking spots, they often stack on top of each other.
- Turtles are the oldest living reptiles with the earliest known dating back to 245 million years.
- Baby Western Pond Turtles are the size of a quarter.

*Georgia Zahar, Birds & Wildlife Committee*



## HORTICULTURE

Today I want to follow up on my Horticulture talk at our May garden club meeting concerning the *Mahonia* 'Soft Caress'.

I went to Johnson Brothers Garden Market looking for another one and found that they have several gallon pots of the plant priced at \$19.99 each.

I had planned to go to Roger Gossler's Nursery, but he no longer sells them. He said that at his place they seemed to be on the tender side, so he discontinued them.

Perhaps mine is in a more sheltered environment because it is on the west side of our building and about 10' from the neighbor's fence where there is a very tall *Arborvitae* hedge to shelter it.

If you want to grow this plant, you should be prepared to protect it from very cold temperatures and let it be sheltered. It needs part shade to full shade,

*Jackie Getty, Horticulture Chairman*



Pictured above are a couple different *Mahonia* 'Soft Caress' plants.

At the far left is a nice *Iris* (possibly *douglasiana*), and *Sisyrrinchium striatum*, with *Allium* 'Globemaster' in front of it.

# What's Happening

## 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

## July

- 12 Willamette District Picnic, Oakridge
- 23 Lane County Fair Floral entry day
- 24-28 Lane County Fair
- 29 Pick up awards, etc. from Fair

## September

- 3 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 17 EGC Meeting, 11:00 a.m.



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