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President's Corner

Hello Garden Ladies!

It is getting so beautiful on walks in my neighborhood and driving around town. The trees and shrubs are starting to turn into glorious colors--red on green, bright golden yellow, soon the big leaf maples will be orange, red and yellow.

My little snowball bush is already a beautiful soft red/orange color and such a bright spot in a back corner. In the other corner, my pink knock out rose is still blooming like mad and is so beautiful against the backdrop of the arborvitae. I keep drying roses in my garage, but I think I have enough already.

This time of year can be every bit as beautiful as when Spring blooms into life.

As our "EGC News" reminds us what to do in our garden each month, I just planted two iris corms, one a wild version from my daughter's property off Bailey Hill Road. I also planted a second mini-daffodil to keep my other one company. They are such a delight in early Spring. They will also keep my snowdrops company that I got from Juanita Manley a few years ago. I always think of her when they are blooming.

Take care, see you on the 15th.

Pat Kramer, EGC President



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October 15

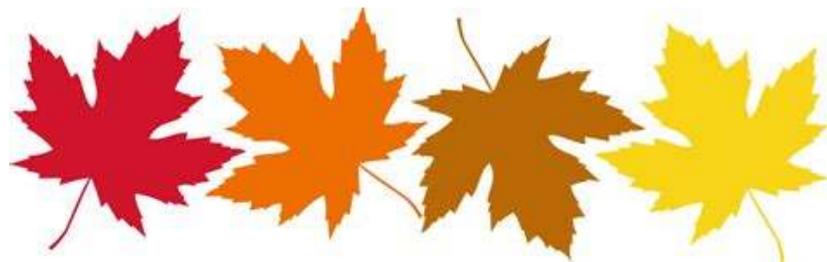
11:15 a.m. **Brown Bag Lunch**

11:45 p.m. **Meeting**
Horticulture Sharing

1:00 p.m. **"Firewise Gardening"**
Kristen Babb

HOSTESSES: Janet Calvert-lead, Sharon Blade
Lorraine Wong, Lucy Chambers

GREETER: Sharon Wilson



OCTOBER PROGRAM

Kristin Babbs, CEO of Keep Oregon Green, will present our program. For 75 years, Keep Oregon Green has been educating the public on how to prevent wild fires, beginning it's efforts in 1941 after public outcry over the human caused Tillamook Burns. KOG's mission is to promote healthy landscapes and safe communities by educating the public.

Georgia Zahar, EGC Co-Vice President

GREENS SALE 2019



DECEMBER 7

The annual Eugene Garden Club Greens Sale is our biggest fundraiser for the year and is fast approaching. The big sale day is on Saturday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

It's time to start thinking about which shrubs or trees to wait on cutting back until late November so that the trimmings can be used in wreaths, floral designs, and more as we prepare for the sale during the week after Thanksgiving, December 2-6. Sign-ups for all kinds of helping in preparations and day-of-sale will be available this month and next.

Some examples of plant material great for color and texture contrast – (evergreen varieties)

arborvitae	Oregon grape (red)
cypress	nandina (red)
boxwood	yellow holly
(plain or variegated)	holly w/ berries
salal	variegated holly
Japanese holly	cedar (with blooming tips)
eucalyptus	camellia
pine (short needles)	cryptomeria
incense Cedar	broom
magnolia	magnolia buds
yew	euonymous
skimmia	osmanthus
pieris	aucuba
grand fir	juniper (berried)
western red cedar	blue spruce
huckleberry	chaemecyperis
boulevard cypress	vinca minor
sage	curly branches
artemesia	lavendar
santolina	rosemary
hazelnut (w/catkins)	corkscrew willow branches
viburnum davidii	NOT hemlock

Also -- Anything with berries that will last: holly, nandina, rose hips, juniper.

And -- Small branches, twigs, any color but especially yellow or red or gnarly, like barberry, filbert, willow, blueberry, etc.

* * * * The cut part of boughs or branches can be up to about ½” thick both for wreaths and designs; 12”-18” is a good length.



GREENS GATHERING

Thank you to Janet Calvert for coordinating the “Gathering of the Greens” to collect material for making our many designs and wreaths to sell.

Janet says: “Club members, we need GREENS!! Our wonderful source for three years is no longer available. We are relying on each of you to look around your neighborhood for Doug fir or you may know of someone with a Christmas Tree farm that is a little overgrown or one that may have some trees that are no longer “perfect”. See what you can find!

If some of us go by local Christmas tree sales operations, we may be able to pick up lots of cut lower branches that will be useful to us.

***Janet will have signups for Greens Gathering, and Sherry Cossey will have signups for the work week at our next two meetings.

During the preparation week we need lots of people to make 140-150 wreaths, 20 or more miniature Christmas trees, 15 door blessings, 10-15 swags (small & larger). Other areas to sign up for include floral designs, soup makers, decorating the clubhouse on Friday, making cookies for Saturday and helping various ways on sales day. And on that day, we all bring something to add to our “dump” soup for lunch.

Our EGC budget has \$5000+ income included from our Greens Sale. That's certainly within our reach! It's a lot of work, but really a lot of fun too! Most people work multiple days during our preparations. Some work everyday!



INS & OUTS OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . DIRECTORIES

If you haven't picked your EGC Directory up yet, they are in the closet in the front room at the clubhouse. Please get one.

. . . PLANTS FOR SPRING SALE

Fall is a good time to start planting up things from our gardens for the spring Plant Fair.

HORTICULTURE COLUMN

It is time to plant garlic if you haven't already.

The aphids are thick on my cole crops so I guess it is time to do some dusting or we won't have any brussels sprouts or kale this winter.

It is time to get the weeds pulled and get the seed pods off your perennials, but don't get too tidy because the foliage, even if it is getting ugly, will protect your plants from freezing into the root zone if we get a cold winter.

By the end of this month cut back dahlias to about 6' above the ground. If rainy, protect the open cuts from holding rain by placing a cover of some sort over the top and leave for several days. Then dig and wash the soil away from the tubers and lay them out in a dry place like the garage. When dry, put them in damp sawdust in a box for winter. If you want to remember what the names are, write on the bulbs with an ink pencil. And it is easier to divide the tubers when you dig them than to wait until spring. You may end up with some blind tubers so save plenty.

*Jackie Getty
Horticulture Chairman*



Pictured above are some of the 25 folks who participated in the "hands-on" floral design workshop presented by Sherry Cossey and Georgia Zahar in the Fall Garden Fair at The Oregon Garden in September.

Willamette District Fall Meeting

Hosted by Oakridge Garden Club

Friday October 25, 2019

At the Eugene Garden Club

Fran Tierce, District Director

9:30 -- Coffee & Country Store

10:00 – Meeting

12:00 – Potluck Lunch

(Bring your own table service)

1:00 – Program

TBA

(Either Invasive Plants in our Gardens or Pruning Techniques – not finalized yet)

Door Prizes & Raffle

District Meetings Have Country StoreSo we are welcome to bring white elephant items for the store or to raffle. And of course bring our wallets!

Everyone is invited to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet people from our other clubs and share ideas and knowledge.

*Lucy Chambers
Willamette District Asst. Director*



On left is, one of Patty Boynton's blue ribbon designs at the recent Lane County Dahlia Society Flower Show. It was a small, (8" or less), design. Members Cheryl Hawkins and Camille Noel are leadership team of that club

Flower Arranging Class

Thursday, October 17,

1:30 p.m.

“Halloween” is the theme.

Bring a container and material for a Creative Style Halloween Floral Design



Rangifer tarandus

What a magnificent animal! The Woodland Caribou, a member of the deer family, was listed as endangered in 1983. It is a brown hooved mammal with large mossy antlers and a hanging neck mane.

The Woodland Caribou is considered to be one of the most critically endangered mammals in the lower 48 states. Historically the species once populated most of the northern portion of the U. S. ranging from New England to Washington.

The only surviving populations in the U. S. are found in the Selkirk Mountain ecosystem of Idaho, Washington and southern British Columbia.

The habitat this animal needs is forested mountain regions and they prefer dense stands of fir and spruce trees. Woodland caribou eat tree growing lichens as a major food source. It takes 80 – 150 years to grow enough lichens for caribou. They will also eat shrubs, grass and willows. Loss of habitat and wolf predation is the major cause for the decline of this animal.

Caribou are the only deer species in which both sexes grow antlers. Every year they shed their antlers and the next year grow new ones!

*Georgia Zahar
Birds & Wildlife Chairman*



FALL GARDEN FAIR

The Oregon Garden welcomed OSFGC (Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.) to use their Pavillion for the second “Fall Garden Fair” Saturday & Sunday, September 14-15.

Features of this event included

1. Horticulture and floriculture from
Southern Oregon
the Coast
Columbian Plateau (NE Oregon)
Willamette Valley

(The 150 or so exhibits were well labeled and organized according to their area of our state). EGC member, Patty Boynton brought about 15 exhibits from her plantings.

2. A judged small standard flower show in which Georgia Zahar presented a table arrangement and Sherry Cossey an Underwater Design which won blue and the Tri-Color Award and a Crescent Design which also garnered a blue ribbon. The blue ribbon designs are pictured on this page below.
3. Four workshop presentations each day. Sherry and Georgia presented a “hands on” floral design workshop. They had 25 people in attendance and lots of nice little arrangements in cat food cans!
4. Booth and displays for OSFGC, joining a garden club, choosing a state wildflower, recycling, information about the garden clubs and districts in Oregon, OSU Master Gardener program, bees & pollinators
5. More than 10 vendors with wonderful plants, new things, gardening associated things besides plants.
6. Dedication of a new Blue Star Memorial Marker installed at The Oregon Garden in the name of past president Jan Iseli. Georgia and Sherry made the wreath pictured on this page which was hung next to the Marker during the ceremony.

What's Happening



October

- 1 EGC Board Meeting
- 3 Pumpkin Decorating with JC seniors
- 11-13 Eugene Clay Fest, Fairgrounds, EGC- floral designs
- 15 EGC Regular Meeting, 11:15 a.m.
- 17 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 24 SMJ Work Party, 10:45 a.m.
- 25 Willamette District General Mtg., Oakridge GC hosts
- 27 Mushroom Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum



November

- 5 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 17-19 OSFGC Gardening Study Class at The Oregon Garden
- 19 Regular EGC Meeting, 11:15 a.m.
- 21 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m..
- 30 Cut boughs at clubhouse, 9 - 3

December

- 2-6 ... Greens Sale Preparation Week
- 7 Greens Sale 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 17 Holiday Potluck
- 19 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.



Pictured above are four of the folks at the Junction City Retirement and Assisted Living pumpkin decorating activity Thursday, October 3, and also the display of all the finished pumpkins. Sherry Cossey, Georgia Zahar, Monica Henry, Annie Hovendick, Ann Rollins, Ruth Michaelson, and her sister Ida Hankins helped 7 people with this project.

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In the Garden – in October

Dig dahlias or mulch in well-drained soil, making sure rain won't get into cut stem. If you dig your dahlias, do so about a day or so after you cut the plant back to a stalk. (If you leave your dahlias in the ground over the winter, put a small can or baggie over the end of the cut stalk to prevent rot or freezing from rain.)

At first sign of cold weather, cut all rose bushes to 40" above ground.

Clean up annual flower beds and mulch with manure or compost.

Plant garlic for harvesting next summer.

Dig and store potatoes, harvest pumpkins and squash.

Save seeds from vegetables and flower gardens.

Mulch around roses, azaleas, rhododendrons for winter protection.

Plant ground covers and shrubs.

Fertilize lawn for last time this year.

