

Eugene Garden Club News

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President's Corner

Hello Everyone!

I can't believe we are already into February and our winter weather has been quite mild so far. We will probably be getting more than a skiff of snow one of these days. Overnight on February 26 last year we received many inches of snow, with power outages, blocked streets, broken tree branches, school and business closures because people couldn't get out of their neighborhoods. Hang in there, winter is not over.

On my walks around the neighborhood and park, I see the candytuft blooming brightly. They are a real bright spot. My candytuft is the "late bloomer" version. But I have many others blooming in my yard: pieris, crocus, heather, hyacinth, hellebores, pansies, primrose, lewisia, snowdrops (I think of Juanita Manley when these bloom), corydalis and even my patio geranium has one blossom. The colors are wonderful.

I will be out trimming my blueberries and other shrubs very soon. It is time since they are already budding out.

Hope you enjoy this hilarious bit of wisdom I came across recently....

"It is only possible to live happily ever after on a day-to-day basis." Anonymous

Take care...see you on the 18th.



. Pat Kramer
EGC President

Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, February 18, 2020

11:15 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

11:45 p.m. General Meeting

1:00 p.m. By Arica Duhrkoop-Galas

Landscape Architecture and Design

HOSTESSES: Mary Bromley*, Terrye Eames,
Patty Boynton

GREETER: Kathleen Gray

February EGC Program

Arica Duhrkoop-Galas has a Masters degree in landscape architecture from the UO and has been practicing primarily in the residential design field for over 15 years where she worked for two small firms before starting Artemisia Landscape Architecture in response to the urgency of climate change. She has honed her plant knowledge from years of teaching at the University of Oregon and hopes to bring overall project sustainability to the forefront of design through her knowledge of natural systems and construction materials; a marriage of her research based teaching and her practical project management experience.

A friend, Ashlyn Tahlir, joins Arica to share her enthusiasm about celebrating the unique qualities of different plants and planting as an art form that considers color, texture, form, function and style.

Lucy Chambers, Program Coordinator

INSIDE today: Calendar, Bus Trip, Social Media, Horticulture, Oregon Junco, New Members, Nerd Night, Bees, FAC, Willamette District, SMJ, Veggie Group

Veggie Group Begins

Veggie Group begins February 12, 1:30 p.m. The Eugene Garden Club is once again offering a vegetable gardening discussion group for EGC home gardeners and their friends. Yes, public is invited so bring your friends, free.

Come to the clubhouse from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. the second Wednesdays of the months of February, March, April and May, we will gather to talk about what is important to YOU when growing your vegetables.

Carol Prud'homme, Facilitator, 541.988.1383

SMJ House Gardening

The 4th Thursdays, EGC members help maintain the plantings at the Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House at 11:00 a.m.

In January Mary Bromley, Patti Boynton, Terrye Eames, Annie Hovendick, Dana Ashmore, and Sherry Cossey planted 30 primroses, dug many, many weeds, and started a little pruning. We can always use more people; and February 27 is our next work day.

FAC to Meet

The Flower Arranging Class meets again on the 3rd Thursday of the month, February 20, at 1:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

The assignment this month is to make a design that features either red or pink. We may use fresh and/or dried plant material and may make several designs.

Bees In Our Gardens- Recycle Rx bottles!

The Spring OSFGC Board meeting will be held in March. If you have orange Rx bottles to recycle, bring to our next meeting, and Sharon Wilson will get them to OSFGC member Nicole Sanchez, OSU Horticulture agent, who uses them for bee research.

Parking Information

The city has recently implemented a different method of enforcing parking ordinances. It did not change the 2-hour parking limit, but the 3-wheel gas-powered vehicles no longer patrol the streets to mark tires with chalk. Now, bright green Chevy Volts drive around the urban core of downtown and UO campus digitally marking cars. These pictures capture your license plate, time stamp, latitude and longitude. If you want to stay parked longer than 2 hours, you will need to move your car to a new parking spot.

EGC parking passes, will be good until March 1st. After that you can set up an account at the Eugene Parking Services for a digitized parking permit. Contact Pat Kramer for more information about how to register your car.

Plant Nerd Night Coming

March 26 will be EGC's yearly "Plant Nerd Night" at the clubhouse, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Sharon Blade, Kathleen Gray and Dorothy Cruickshank have plans in place for members to sign up to help in this event when four nurseries will be on hand to talk about and display new things for our gardens in 2020. Plan to attend! Everyone in attendance will be given a ticket for a chance to win one of the plants that the nurseries give away.



Sign up sheets will be available at our February meeting plus promotional material to have and place everywhere!

Willamette District News

Our Willamette District Board will meet at the Eugene Garden Club, Friday, February 21, with morning snacks and beverages at 9:30 a.m., and meeting at 10:00 a.m. Cottage Grove Garden Club is the host.

The District General Meeting will be Friday, March 27, with EGC hosting.

INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . NEW MEMBERS

Please add our new members' information to your EGC Directory (daughter & father)::

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Oregon Junco
Junco hyemalis shusfeldti

The Oregon Junco is one of six forms of the Dark-eyed Junco. The six forms were considered to be different species until the 1970s when biologists discovered that the regional forms mate wherever their ranges overlap, meaning they are all members of the same species. The Oregon Junco's range covers much of the western United States, sharing the area with three other forms.

A sporty looking bird, the Oregon Junco has dark colors above (brown, black, and gray), white breasts, and just for an additional splash of color the outer edges of their dark tail feathers are white. The bird has a large breeding range extending from southern Alaska to Baja California and east to Nevada. Commonly the bird raises two broods a year, beginning in early spring. Nests are on the ground tucked in an out of the way spot such as in the shelter of a fallen tree. The three to five eggs are white speckled with brown. Young juncos fledge an amazing eleven to twelve days after hatching and then are cared for by a parent until they can fly and feed themselves. The bird forages on the ground and is a frequent visitor to backyard feeders.

The bird's quiet shy behavior is similar to that of the Spotted Towhee which was the subject of last month's Birds and Wildlife article. One recent morning while standing at my kitchen sink, a great bird watching spot, I saw the two birds peacefully co-existing in a quiet garden corner.

Donna Michel, Birds & Wildlife Chairman



In the Garden

Hope you are all getting time in your gardens as there is a lot going on out there. I have found lady bugs, cut worms by the dozens, slugs and snails, plants coming out of dormancy and weeds galore.

It is time to prune plants that bloom after the 4th of July, fruit trees and berries. It is a good idea to put off pruning the rose bushes until the latter part of February, but I have to confess that I have already started pruning the roses and if we get a hard freeze, they will get a lot of die back.

There are bulbs blooming, pieris, witch hazel and a few other blooming shrubs.

It is time to do some preventative spraying with dormant oils, copper and lime sulphur for mildews and other diseases and for overwintering insects, also baiting for slugs and snails.

While weeding around roses or other plants with diseased leaves, clean up those leaves and put them in the garbage, not the compost. Leave some area of your yard with litter such as fallen branches leaves and undisturbed ground for nesting material and places for bumble bee nests and other bees and birds – and also some bare dirt for mud for the mason bees.

Last thought from my own experience, try to start out with your garden clean up in small areas for shorter lengths of time so you won't suffer too much from over doing!

Jackie Getty, Horticulture Chairman



*It's the time of year for our
beautiful Hellebores*



| *EGC and Social Media* |



Did you know Eugene Garden Club has a presence on Facebook? Check it out! The Club has been a private FB Group for EGC members only since 2016. Last week the EGC Board of Directors elected to go public allowing non-EGC members to participate in the Facebook Group.

This page is a great way to share photos, ideas, gardening questions, promote Club activities and much, much more. If you are Facebook active and want to check out the *action*, enter “Eugene Garden Club” in the Facebook search bar.

Debi Luidhardt, Facebook Group Administrator

Bus Trip Planned

EGC is hosting a bus tour to Portland on Tuesday, April 21, leaving from the old Shopko parking lot on Coburg Road at 9:00 a.m.

We arrive at the Portland Japanese Gardens a little after 11:00. There is the Umami Café, or you can bring your own lunch. Plenty of places to sit and eat. Entry tickets are \$14.50 for seniors. The gardens have a shuttle that makes stops every 10-15 minutes and there are tours at noon and 2:00 p.m.

We board the bus at 3:00 to visit Crystal Springs Rhododendron Gardens, where tickets are \$5.00.

We leave for home at 4:45, and arrive at Shopko about 7:00 p.m.

Cost for the bus trip depends on the number of people signing up. So far we are at \$40-60. We have 32 signed up and room for 20 more!

Contact Lucy Chambers with questions, 541.218.5370, or chamberslucy.1015@yahoo.com.

(Portlandjapanesegarden.org www.rhodies.org)

Lucy Chambers, Co-Vice President



On the Website

Why does the EGC have a website?

Our website is EugeneGardenClub.org. Try it out. It was originally designed to help newcomers learn what we do. It rapidly became useful for people interested in renting our building.

People are looking at us online. They want to know who we are, what we do, and how to contact us with questions. But it's not only a way to attract new members. What happens when we have a particularly interesting program, or an event like PLANT NERD NIGHT? The website is how we can attract a larger audience than we can with posters in storefront windows. It's also a way for other groups to contact us for collaboration on new and interesting projects.

Just do a search for the Eugene Garden Club using your favorite browser and see what the newcomers are seeing.

Ann Rollins, Website Chairman



Left: Jackie Getty's table design at our January regular meeting; Right: Sherry Cossey's abstract creative design at our January Arrangers' Guild meeting.

What's Happening



February

- 4 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 11 EGC House Cleaning, 9:00 a.m. - noon
- 12 EGC Veggie Growers Group, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- 18 EGC Regular Meeting
- 20 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 26-3/1 NW Flower & Garden Show, Washington
State Convention Center, Seattle
- 27 SMJ Work Party, 11:00
- 28 Willamette District Board Meeting, at EGC
hosted by CGGC, 9:30 a.m.

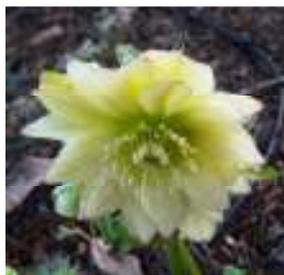
March



- 3 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 11 EGC Veggie Growers Group, 1:30-3:00 p.m.
- 12-15 Lane County Home & Garden Show, Fairgrounds
- 17 EGC Regular Meeting
State Photo Contest, 10:00 a.m.
- 19 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 26 SMJ Work Party, 11:00
- 26 Plant "Nerd" Night, 6:00 p.m.
- 27 Willamette District Meeting, EGC Hosts
- 29 OSFGC Spring Board Meeting, The Dalles

April

- 7 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 16 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 21 EGC Bus Trip to Portland gardens
- 23 SMJ Work Party, 11:00
- 23-26 Pacific Region of NGC Convention,
The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR



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In the Garden – in February

Prune deciduous summer-blooming shrubs and trees.

Prune clematis and other vining ornamentals.

Prune and trellis berries, cane berries and grapes.

Prune fruit trees & blueberries.

Plant new fruit trees and deciduous shrubs.

Plant onions outdoors when soil is dry enough.

Till in cover crops and/or organic material

Prune roses in middle of the month.

