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President's Corner

Hello Gardening Friends!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and a new year as the president. I hope to get better acquainted with our newest members. There is a great lineup of fun things to do, places to go and speakers to hear. It will be a great year. We have moved up our starting time to allow time for members who don't have parking passes to move their cars before the start of the program.

Keeping up with the watering and weeds has been a chore, but with the temperatures cooling down the last few days, some of my plants are doing better. The rain has been a God-send for my sunny spots in the garden.

I have been trying to keep my plants and shrubs thriving because my sister is coming from Montana for my grandson's wedding in a week. Her plants always look better than mine. I think she has a secret fertilizer that she isn't sharing with me.

But my Crepe Myrtle, Rose of Sharon (Minerva Althea), Bombshell hydrangea and dahlias and are still just gorgeous. They are such a treat when other plants are winding down.

Take good care, see you on the 17th.

. Pat Kramer President



EGC NEW OFFICERS

OSFGC President Tanja Swanson installed the new Eugene Garden Club officers and trustee at our meeting in Oakridge this June.

President – Pat Kramer

Vice Presidents – Georgia Zahar & Lucy Chambers

Recording Secretary – Donna Michel

Corresponding Secretary – Ann Brandt

Treasurer – Jennifer Rabner

Board of Trustees – Camille Noel

Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, September 17, 2019

11:15 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

11:45 p.m. General Meeting

1:00 p.m. *Growing Gorgeous Peonies*

By Carol Adelman

HOSTESSES: Gigi Gremmel, Ann Brandt
Kathie Spinola, Ruth Michaelson

GREETER: Dale Haynes

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Carol Adelman, owner of Adelman Peony Gardens in Brooks, OR will present this month's program. The Adelmans grow a large collection of peonies covering about 25 acres in Brooks near Salem, OR in the beautiful Willamette Valley. They grow more than 500 varieties in their fields. The nursery is open to the public during bloom time every spring. They ship bare root peonies around the world in the fall.

Carol and husband Jim raised five children on their farm growing crops such as peppermint, peaches, hazelnuts and grass seed. Their main crop for 25 years was apples. They also harvested cherries, prunes and hazelnuts for other farmers.

They began growing peonies nearly 25 years ago and printed their first catalog and began selling to the public in 1995. Since then they have become well-known around the world for their quality and commitment to peonies perfection. Their goal is to grow the highest quality, true to name peony roots available. They have three generations of Adelmans working to pass on their love for peonies.

Georgia Zahar & Lucy Chambers, Program Chairmen

FLORAL DEPARTMENT A SUCCESS AT COUNTY FAIR! Page 2

Floral Department Coordinator Sherry Cossey thanks everyone who helped out with the Lane County Fair this summer in any manner -- entries, demonstrations, setup, teardown, and more. Georgia Zahar, Jennifer Rabner, Carol Prud'homme, Lucy Chambers, and Robbie Ridenour, were behind the scenes workers who helped everything get set, keep going, and taken away.

Eugene Garden Club members who entered designs or horticulture for fairgoers to enjoy included at least Dorothy Cruickshank, Sherry Cossey, Monica Henry, Sharon Wilson, Jackie Getty, Sister Janet Marcisz, Camille Noel, Ruth Michaelson, Cheryle Hawkins, Kathie Spinola, Jennifer Rabner, Patty Boynton, Carol Prud'homme, Jennifer Ellis, Ann Rollins, Fay Hogan, Ester Barton Ralph.. I saw entries from at least 20 of our members and I think 12 or more got some blue ribbons,

Dorothy Cruickshank and crew of at least Ruth Michaelson, Sister Janet Marcisz, Kathleen Gray, Julie Yamane, Lorraine Wong, Ann Rollins, Patty Boynton, Dianne Dewey, Marilyn Hunter, and Janet Calvert provided wonderful opportunities for Fair-goers on Wednesday & Thursday to make small flower arrangements in tuna cans with assistance from EGC members.

Thank you to members and husbands who served as hosts and hostesses in the Floral Department during the Fair this year: Pat Kramer, Camille Noel, Monica Henry, Bob & Jackie Getty, Dana Downie, Blanche Chase, Sharon Wilson, Lucy Chambers, Donna Michel, Mary Bromley, Terrye Eames, Ann Rollins, Jennifer Ellis, Sandy Bond, Gerogia & Greg Zahar, Carol Prud'homme, Cheryle Hawkins along with many others from other Junction City, Springfield, Cottage Grove and Oakridge clubs.

Special Donor Awards went to EGC members Monica Henry for the Best Design in Open Class as well as the Best Design in All Design Sections and Most Innovative & Creative, and the Best Miniature Open Class, Cheryle Hawkins for Best Dahlia and Most Unusual Potted Plant and Best Exhibit in all Horticulture, Jennifer Rabner for Best Potted Plant, and Camille Noel for Best Design in Advanced Amateur Class. And Patty Boynton won the People's Choice Award in the Floral Department!

The Eugene Garden Club took 1st place - \$50 - for the Flower Barrel planting. Fifteen flower barrels were displayed in the outside eating area during the Fair with appropriate signage. I can't find my list of who planted this year, but thank you to them! Ann Rollins and Mary Bromley took care of the watering up until Fair time. Sherry arranged for the Coastal Farm Supply to donate \$80 worth of plants again!

Monica Henry, Jennifer Ellis, and Sharon Wilson put together our EGC Vignette which garnered a white ribbon!

Sherry Cossey, Lane County Fair Floral Coordinator



Above: One of the "tuna can arrangements" crew during the Fair, Janet Marcisz, Kathleen Gray, Ruth Michaelson, Ann Rollins, and Julie Yamane.

Below: Some of the completed arrangements



Flower Arranging Class

Thursday, September 19, 1:30 p.m.

EGC Clubhouse

"Fall in Eugene"

Designer's Choice of plant material and type of design - to be placed in a 2' x 2' space.

Bring your own container and plant material (more than you think you will need!)

Invite a friend or just come to the ongoing Flower Arranging Class that Alfretta, Sherry, and Georgia started nearly 8 years ago. Instruction, constructive suggestions, and opportunities to work with different plant materials with different goals for end results are all part of the monthly class. New participants are always welcome.

The group leaders emphasize using what's available in our gardens and also trying new things. Design basics are stressed regularly. And people are usually PROUD of what they have done! We also learn that we're not perfect every try, but we learn each time.

NEW DIRECTORY COMING

The EGC Directory for the new Garden Club Year, will be available for at the September meeting. The books are not mailed out except to our Honorary Members.

Directories will be stored in the front closet in the carpeted room for anyone who does not pick up their Directory at the first meeting.

Sharon Blade, Directory Chairman



VAUX'S SWIFT

A Vaux's Swift (Vaux rhymes with fox) is easily mistaken for a swallow at first glance, but on second the bird resembles a flying cigar with a stiff rapid wing beat. The bird was named for William Sansom Vaux, an American mineralogist. Actually the bird was discovered by John Kirk Townsend, a close friend of Vaux, but since a scientist cannot name a species after himself, it is common practice to name discoveries after an admired friend.

These small brown birds spend most of their time in the air, feeding on insects except when nesting and caring for their young. It is believed that even mating occurs while airborne. Thousands pass through Eugene twice a year, once during spring as they migrate north to nest and raise their young and again during fall migration this time in larger numbers.

According to Lane County Audubon the Vaux's Swifts have been roosting in the Agate Hall Chimney on the UO campus for over 30 years. During the fall migration in 2013 over 45,000 birds used the chimney for roosting. In recent years numbers have declined due to loss of habitat. Traditionally the birds roosted in hollowed out dead trees in the forest and in chimneys, both of which have decreased in numbers.

Lane County Audubon will host its annual "Bon Voyage to the Swifts" gathering at Agate Hall, Friday, September 1, beginning at dusk as thousands of birds after a long day in the air circle above the chimney before descending into the chimney in an orchestrated motion. The community is invited to come and enjoy this spectacular avian event.

Donna Michel, Birds & Wildlife

OSFGC AWARDS PRESENTED

At the June 2019 Convention in Klamath Falls many national, regional, and state awards were presented. Our Eugene Garden Club News received the Pacific Region Club Newsletter award as well as the OSFGC Club Newsletter award, along with \$20!

WILLAMETTE DISTRICT NEWS

. . . 1. BOARD MEETING

Willamette District Director, Fran Tierce announces that the Fall Board meeting for all Club Presidents and District Chairmen will be held at the clubhouse, Friday, September 27, 9:30 a.m., hosted by Westside Garden Club.

. . . 2. DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

The large group general meeting will be held October 25, place to be determined. Look for the news about the place and program in next month's newsletter. The Willamette District includes six clubs, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Junction City, Oakridge, Springfield, and Westside Gardeners (Veneta). All club members are encouraged to attend the potluck meeting and program.

INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

...EGC begins the fall gardening at the Shelton-McMurphy-Johnson House Thursday, September 26, 10:45.m. All helpers are welcome!

...EGC members Sharon Wilson, Sherry Cossey, and Georgia Zahar, joined by Kathie Henderson from Portland area created the entrance archway for the OSFGC Convention in Klamath Falls in June.

See picture at right.



Fall Garden Fair

The Oregon Garden in Silverton is hosting an Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. event September 14 & 15, Saturday & Sunday in their main building 10:00-5:00 each day. Set up of all displays is Friday, September 13, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

The weekend includes many educational displays, a judged flower show, 8 different workshops, horticulture and floriculture representing the various parts of our state as well as daily door prizes.

OSFGC members are asked to bring Horticulture (plants) and Floriculture (flowers) that are samples of what grows in our area of the state. Items will be displayed along with an informative tent card showing where it's from and what it is. So we are asked to please send Cheryl Drumheller information so that she can prepare most cards ahead of time: our name, club, district, town, telephone, botanical and common name of material, perennial or annual, shrub or tree.

Cheryle Drumheller, 2516 Ash Street, North Bend, OR 97459
(or email: mscrdumheller@msn.com)

There will be a Standard Flower Show Saturday and Sunday that Sherry Cossey, Georgia Zahar, and Sharon Wilson are entering.

Saturday Workshops – September 14

- 11:00 Blue Star Memorial Dedication – just outside the entrance to the garden (Eugene Garden Club is preparing a wreath for that event)
- 12:30 “Growing Gorgeous Peonies” – Carol Adelman, Adelman Peony Gardens
- 2:00 “Wreath-Making 101” – Diana Caryl, Hood River Valley GC
- 3:30 “The Goodness of Bats” – Trish Paige, Odell GC
- “Plant Oregon with Nature Playgrounds” – Tanja Swanson, President OSFGC

Sunday Workshops – September 15

- 11:00 “Fall Container Planting” – Sally Thompson, OSFGC Container Gardening
- 12:30 “Easy Beaded Sun Catchers” (hands-on) – Gretchen McHane, Grow & Show GC
- 2:00 “Fairy Gardens for All Ages” – Doris Crain, McMinnville GC
- 3:30 “Make and Take Floral Designs” (hands-on) – Sherry Cossey & Georgia Zahar, Eugene GC



We are asked to help spread the buzz all around our community and with friends and neighbors in other parts of our state as well. There is a short promotional segment on FOX TV “Garden Time” 9:00 a.m. Saturday, on Channel 12, (or check on www.gardentime for channels in our area.)

If you would like Sherry, Georgia, or Sharon Wilson to bring something you would like to share some horticulture or floriculture for the displays, give us a call. We are going up on Friday.

“ENCHANTMENT OF DAHLIAS”

The Lane County Dahlia Society invites the public to attend their 56th annual Dahlia Show, September 14-15, in the Wheeler Pavilion at the Lane Events Center. This year they host the Pacific Northwest Dahlia Conference Show, and exhibitors from Oregon, Washington and Canada will be exhibiting and judging dahlias of all sizes, colors, and forms. This massive flower exhibit is free and open to the public on Saturday, from 12:00-5:30 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Parking is free and very close. For more information call Cheryle at 541.954.9694 or Camille Noel at 541.337.0528. Exhibitors are welcome to enter – especially design entries.

(Cheryle’s Best Dahlia in the Lane County Fair is pictured above right).

WHAT'S HAPPENING

September



- 3 Eugene Garden Club Board Meeting
- 14-15 Lane County Dahlia Show, Wheeler Pavilion
- 14-15 Fall Garden Fair at The Oregon Garden
- 17 EGC Regular Meeting
- 19 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 26 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Gardens, 10:45
- 27 Willamette District Board Meeting, EGC, 9:30 a.m.
- 28 Master Gardeners Fall Festival at River Road Park & Recreation, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

October



- 1 EGC Board Meeting
- 7- 8 OSFGC Fall Board Meeting, Lincoln City
- 12-14 Eugene Clay Fest, Fairgrounds, EGC- floral designs
- 15 EGC Regular Meeting
- 18 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 26 Willamette District General Mtg.
- 27 Mushroom Festival, Mt. Pisgah Arboretum



Clockwise from top right: *Camille Noel's* winning design using water; the "Leafy Lady" from the Eugene's Flower Home commercial exhibit; two tapestry designs by Sherry Cossey and Sharon Wilson; a work party at the SMJ House with Janet Calvert, Terrye Eames, Annie Hovendick, Patty Boynton, Georgia Zahar, and Lorraine Wong; the Fair barrel planters – Sherry Cossey, Georgia Zahar, Sharon Wilson, Jennifer Elis, Lorraine Wong, Ann Rollins, and Julie Yamane; and Sherry's winning mass design at the Fair.

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In the Garden – in September

Stop watering roses and prepare new beds for planting in November

Spread manure or compost over unplanted areas

Plant cold weather crops in the vegetable garden

Plant or propagate rhododendrons now

Mulch carrots in the garden for winter harvest

Plant iris corms for spring bloom

Plant spring flowering bulbs

Fall is great time to plant perennials

Plant shrubs now

