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President's Corner

Hey you guys . . . Have you ever noticed that our club treasurer doesn't get to attend very many of our programs? She's having to spend too much time after our meeting finishing up with receipts and bills that we bring her for reimbursement, etc.

So we are going to have a new procedure. Bring Jennifer your receipts, etc. but do not expect a check that day. Then she can enjoy our program along with the rest of us. You can get the check in the mail or at the next meeting.

And . . . You could also scan your receipts and email them to her anytime or send them in the U.S. Mail.

So let's give this a try.



..... Sharon Wilson
EGC President

Notes on November Meeting

1. **Morning Workshop** -- Plan to bring your favorite gardening clippers, loppers and shovels to the 10 a.m. tool care workshop on the 21st. We will be guided through 4 stations to clean, sand, sharpen and oil our tools by Master Gardener Keri Sadler, a landscape company owner, and Adrian Wagner from Johnson Brother's Greenhouses with assistance from our own Debi Luidhardt.

2. **Afternoon program** -- Hillary Williams, student of the U of O Landscape Architecture Program, will speak about incorporating native plants into the ornamental garden. Hillary is the daughter-in-law and employee of Cynthia Lafferty of Doak Creek Nursery. Please plan to stay after our meeting to hear what Hillary will teach us.

Debi Luidhardt, Program Chairman

Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

**10:00 a.m. Hands-on Workshop:
"Fall Tool Clean-up"**
by Kari Sadler & Debi Luidhardt

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:00 p.m. Meeting

**1:00 p.m. Native Plants in the
Ornamental Garden**

*By Hillary Williams of
Doak Creek Native Nursery*

HOSTESSES: Dorothy Cruickshank-lead,
Marilyn Hunter, Sister Janet Marcisz

GREETER: Sally Townsend



GREENS SALE PREP

Wait! -- Don't prune your evergreen shrubs and trees until Thanksgiving time. We need those basic and unusual greens to make our famously full and artistic wreaths and table arrangements. And don't forget your neighbors and friends' yards. See the suggested list on page 3. *If you need help bringing greens to clubhouse, call Janet Calvert, 541.686.2697.*

Sunday, November 19, 11:00-1:00

Marcola Area – Cutting larger limbs, whole trees, salal and other neat stuff. Level area, not muddy, Noble fir, Douglas fir and more. Trees available. Go directly to site 94320 Old Marcola Road (June Munsell's home) or meet at clubhouse at 10:30 to caravan to site. Call Janet at 541.686.2697 if you want to caravan. Instructions to site will be sent.

******SIGN UP TUESDAY** or call Janet Calvert.

Saturday, November 25, 10:00-1:00

Clubhouse – Need 15 folks cut bundle-sized greens from branches. Inside, warm, and YOU will make fluffy bundle materials.

******SIGN UP TUESDAY** or call Janet Calvert.

Monday, November 27, 11:00

NW Garden Nursery –

Dorothy Cruickshank will lead a group to pick up O'Byrne's already cut material. Call 541.342.2577

******SIGN UP TUESDAY** or call Dorothy Cruickshank, 541.342.2577.

Sunday, November 26, 11:00

Edana Paz's home -- Meet at clubhouse at 11 a.m. to go to 86950 Cedar Flat Road and collect interesting plant material, especially wild huckleberry and red Oregon grape. 1) rain gear helps as we walk through the bushes even if not raining and 2) latex gloves under our garden gloves keep the hands warmer. Sharon Wilson and 2-3 others.

******SIGN UP TUESDAY** or call Janet Calvert.

Monday, November 27, 10 a.m.

Shelton-McMurphy-Johnson House – cut variegated holly. Debi Luidhardt & Sharon Wilson. Clippers. loppers and gloves needed

WHAT'S A GREENS SALE ?

For any of you who are new members or relatively new, here's a brief rundown on how our big event, the Greens Sale, works.

In November members collect all kinds of plant materials to use for making wreaths, table arrangements, swags, Yule logs, door blessings, small decorated trees made from noble fir, pine cone baskets and more.

We have a few organized excursions or parties, and people bring things from home too. We like to have cuttings of like materials "packaged" together, in clear plastic bags or open boxes so that it's easier to see what is there. For the Douglas fir that's the base of our wreaths, we use heavy duty very large black plastic bags. – 28 or more of them!

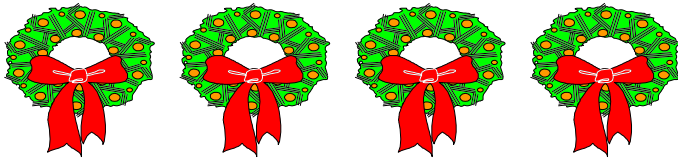
We store our materials in the shed outside the back of the clubhouse and bring in some supplies each day in the early morning to use throughout the day as we work the week before the sale. We eat lunch together and people sign up to bring soup to feed us – 15-25 people daily.

People sign up for working on all the various products that we offer as well as other jobs. We also purchase poinsettias from Johnson Bros. Nursery and sell them at a very reasonable price. Those are delivered on Thursday, and we need to take those we purchase by Friday morning so that the others can be placed in the rooms for the sale.

Worker lists are posted on the bulletin board in the back room as are the sheets to sign up for items each of us purchases. Sometime before the end of the sale, cash or checks made out to Eugene Garden Club, are turned in to Chairman Sherry Cossey, and she signs people off as paid.



Thank you to Greg Zahar for bringing the trailer for our refuse during Greens Sale preparations!



Plant Material for Wreaths

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 tips
eucalyptus	blooming)
pine (short needles)	cryptomeria
incense Cedar	(reddish especially)
magnolia	magnolia buds
yew	euonymous
skimmia	osmanthus
pieris	aucuba
grand fir	juniper (berried)
western red cedar	blue spruce
huckleberry	chaemecyperis
camellia	vinca minor
boulevard cypress	broom

Small branches, twigs, any color but especially yellow or red or gnarly (barberry, filbert, willow, blueberry, etc.)

sage	curly branches
artemesia	lavender
santolina	rosemary

anything with berries that will last:
holly, nandina, rose hips, juniper, etc.

*** The cut-part of boughs or branches can be up to ½”-thick branches both for wreaths and designs; and 12”-15” is a good length.

*** Contrasts in COLORS, PATTERNS, TEXTURES, SIZES are elements that make our products wonderful!

Workers Needed

In preparation for our annual Greens Sale, our biggest fundraiser of the year, on Saturday, December 2, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., we work together every day the week before, Monday-Friday, November 27 - December 1. Bring your clippers and gloves if you are going to be working with the greens.

Chairman Sherry Cossey says that we especially need a few more people signed up to help make

WREATHS

LITTLE TREES

TABLE ARRANGEMENTS

SWAGS, CONE BASKETS

YULE LOGS, DOOR BLESSINGS

DECORATING THE CLUBHOUSE

SIGN UP TUESDAY or call Sherry 541.515.5839

We make 150 beautiful wreaths, 36 holiday floral arrangements, 10 swags, 20 little decorated Christmas trees, 6 decorated cone baskets, and more, and also sell poinsettias that we order from Johnson Brothers. Plan to buy your poinsettias at the Sale and tell your neighbors as well.

Signups will be available again next week at the November meeting. You can come to help as many days as you can fit in your life!

Little ornaments are needed to decorate the little Christmas trees. If you have any extras you could contribute, just bring them and call Sherry's or Phyllis Hamel's attention to them.



Veggie Group to Happen Again

For the second year, the Eugene Garden Club is offering a vegetable gardening discussion group for home gardeners. Experienced? Come share your knowledge. New to veggie gardening or have challenges? Come learn from experienced gardeners. During the four sessions, get your questions answered, share resources, trade seeds, etc. No charge.

Meet from 1-3:00 p.m. at the Eugene Garden Club on the second Wednesdays in February, March, April and May. That would be February 14, March 14, April 11, May 9. Public is invited. Bring your friends. Carol Prud'homme will be the facilitator. Questions? 541.988.1383.

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OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . DIRECTORIES

Please add these new members information to your Member Directories:

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Garden Therapy

A few weeks ago a group of EGC members brought lots of interesting plant material to help seniors at the Junction City Retirement & Assisted Living. Debi Luidhardt, Sharon Wilson, Ginger Budington, Jennifer Ellis, Sherry Cossey, and Georgia Zahar assisted 11 folks with gluing or sticking leaves, dried material, etc. on their pumpkins to produce many wonderful decorations for the building. There was an auction planned for raising some money to help out a few folks in need.



Flower Arranging Class Meets

The November meeting for the folks participating in the monthly Flower Arranging Class will be the 3rd Thursday, November 16, at 1:30 p.m.

This month's assignment is a table centerpiece for Thanksgiving, using fresh and/or dried material.

Prepare for Garden Extravaganza

NOW is the time to think about dividing many perennials. Pot some future plants up for the Garden Extravaganza in May of 2018. Plants have a lot more time to grow bigger than when potted in the spring. There is a garbage can full of potting soil outside the back door as well as many many pots.

November in the Garden

When we have a few hours of break in the weather take a look at all the weeds that have sprouted with the rain. This is a good time to get a head start on getting those weeds pulled before the roots are firmly planted.

Don't get too eager to clean up the dead flowers and tops of perennials. In case we get a hard freeze, these will offer some protection for your plants. The seed heads will help feed the birds this winter.

Be sure that your tender plants are in a protected place or indoors for the winter. Mulching plants that are in the ground with leaves will also protect plants from freezing.

Save the hard pruning until January or February when the hardest cold weather is over. Pruning stimulates growth that will be too tender to winter over.

Jackie Getty, Horticulture Chairman



***Plan to buy your POINSETTIAS for the holidays at the Greens Sale. We will have many on hand from Johnson Brothers Greenhouses.**

What's Happening

November

- 7 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 15 SMJ Work Party, 10:30 a.m.
- 16 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 21 Regular EGC Meeting, 11:30 a.m.
- 19-25-27 Greens Gathering
- 11/27-12/1 Wreath-Making Week



December

- 2 Greens Sale. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 12 Holiday Potluck, 11:30
- 21 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.

January

- 2 EGC Board Meeting, 1 p.m.
- 16 Regular EGC Meeting, 11:30
- 18 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 19-21 Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show
- TBA Clubhouse Cleaning Party



Looking Ahead.... This June, for our last meeting of the year, a "Garden Hop" is in the works that will include a potluck lunch and the installation of new 2018-19 officers.

If you would like to volunteer your gardens. (or someone else's), please let Sister Janet Marcisz or Debi Luidhardt know soon. They will be planning the succession of "Hop" gardens in March. Please consider volunteering to feature your gardens!

Photos on this page illustrate some of the Greens Sale products from previous years.

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In the Garden – in November

Dig and store geraniums, tuberous begonias, dahlias, and gladioli. (Never store dahlia tubers on a cement floor over winter, but in a cardboard box with newspaper to insulate against freezing. Also turn clumps upside down so moisture drains out of cut stalks.)

It's not too late to plant spring bulbs, but don't delay!

Renew mulch around perennial flower beds after removing weeds.

Take cuttings of rhododendrons and camellias now.

Mulch small fruit trees to protect from winter freezes.

Spread lime on lawns.

Clean and oil tools and equipment before storing for winter.

Place mulch of manure over dormant vegetable garden area. A 3-4" layer of leaves spread over the garden plot prevents soil compaction by rain.

