

Eugene Garden Club News

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62 members

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President's Corner

Let's take a look and count our blessings. We are so busy that sometimes we fail to appreciate. Right now, nestle into your favorite chair. Sloooow down. Relax your shoulders. Breath deep. Enjoy this newsletter and think, just for a minute, what is good with life.

One perfectly-packaged opportunity to appreciate all we have is by giving of ourselves. I'm certain we all do too! Donations of food, clothing, money and time are all ways we gladly share with our community. OSFGC President Shirley Schmidt has presented to the state membership a system to recognize our continued giving to the hungry. We will be tallying our donations and discussing her *Tip the Scale: Share The Bounty* at our Holiday Potluck on December 13th.

I'm suggesting to everyone attending the EGC Holiday Potluck (as well as upcoming meetings) to bring with them a few canned food items to help feed hungry folks in our community. I've placed two boxes under the Christmas tree in the clubhouse for our club's collection effort. These donations will be delivered to Food for Lane County this month. A collection box will remain at the clubhouse for our continued donations as well.

Shirley and I have challenged all members to join her efforts by simply tallying donations and reporting them to the OSFGC. It is a simple way we can give to our community and yet reflect our own blessings in return.



*Debi Luidhardt
EGC President*

Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

11:30 a.m. Potluck

HOSTESSES: Sharon Blade-lead, Jean Damon,
Terrye Eames

GREETERS: Janet Calvert & Dorothy Cruickchank

PROGRAM: EUGENE HARPISTS - DUO



DECEMBER FEATURES POTLUCK & HARPS

Our December Eugene Garden Club meeting features a potluck with tables set for us by a few club members. You can eat at any table you would like and enjoy the food we all bring to share.

After we eat, we will enjoy **Eugene Harpists**, a collaborative venture of two professional classical musicians, Jane Allen and Patricia Lambert.

Jane Allen is a solo harpist and is currently the longtime principal harpist of the Eugene Symphony and the Oregon Mozart Players. Patricia Lambert, in addition to being a lifelong pianist and vocalist, plays in harp duets and is a professor of arts management at the University of Oregon. She is also the daughter of EGC's Bill and Dianne Dewey. Plan to be treated to a delightful experience during this year's holiday celebration



2016 GREENS SALE A SUCCESS!!!



Our annual Greens Sale has come and gone with much success!

We made 148 beautiful wreaths, 35 holiday floral arrangements, 10 swags & 8 door blessings, 20 little decorated Christmas trees, 16 Yule logs, 4 cone trees, 4 decorated bird houses, 2 little sleds, 8 decorated pinecone baskets, 5 little herb bunches, 10 birch log angels, 4 hand-made napkin sets, and also sold 3 sizes of poinsettias that we buy from Johnson Brothers. We have one large maroon poinsettia still there on Monday.

When Jennifer deposited our proceeds she banked \$6,535 and I have another \$90.50 for things purchased after the sale, so gross is \$6625.50!!!! We did have bills for the wreath rings, poinsettias, ads, and bulk mailing. Janet Calvert handled the media announcements and Sherry Cossey the postcards for mailing and posters.

Ruth Fry and Sharon Wilson took several things over to Sheldon Meadows Senior Center and sold some.

At least 43 members and husbands helped in our efforts to procure materials and produce wonderful products!

Georgia Zahar and Marj Petrusha had help from Camille Noel, Monica Henry, Jackie Getty, and Ruth Fry in producing holiday table arrangement, yule logs, decorated bird houses and sleds. Phyllis Hamel led Sharon Wilson, Marilyn Hunter, Arlene Taylor, and Phoebe Staples with creating and decorating the little trees. Juanita Manley had help with swags from Dana Downie and Jackie Getty. Dana Downie, Ruth Michaelson, Sharon Blade and Sandy Bond were our main door blessing producers. Dorothy Cruickshank had a couple of helpers with the cone trees and the pinecone baskets including Jean Damon. Georgia and Marj were our main bow makers. Sherry Cossey, Ruth Michaelson, Sharon Wilson, Janet Calvert, and Sharon Blade opened the building and set up for wreath making each morning and had help from Debi Luidhardt, Carolyn Boyle, Jennifer Rabner, Dianne Dewey, Jackie Getty, Marjorie Lunch, Kathleen Gray, Dana Downie, Dale Haynes, Ann Rollins, Carol Prud'homme, Camille Noel, Lucy Chambers, Sandy Bond, and Dorothy Cruickshank.

Sherry Cossey had help with set up for the sales room from Jennifer Rabner and Jacquie Litchfield. Sherry and Jacquie priced everything with a 3rd person tie breaker from a variety of people during the day. Cashier, Jennifer Rabner, had help from Debi Luidhardt, Peg Funkhouser, and Kathie Spinola. Camille Noel and Cheryle Hawkins took care of decorating the carpeted room in festive fashion.

Ruth Fry, Ann Rollins, Sharon Wilson, Kathleen Gray & Mary Bromley, and Donna Shirley took turns making soup for us to eat at lunch together daily. Ruth Michaelson managed the day-of-sale refreshments with help from Mary Bromley and Linda Wittorff. And 12 people brought cookies! Lots left, and will be shared with us next Tuesday at our Potluck!

Members and husbands who gathered greens in the woods include Janet & Len Calvert, Georgia & Greg Zahar, Dianne & Bill Dewey, Sharon & Jerry Blade, Jennifer & Rick Rabner, Sherry Cossey, Bernard Damon, Sharon Wilson, Ruth Michaelson, and probably others that I missed! Dorothy Cruickshank and Marilyn Hunter picked up clippings from NW Garden Nursery and also picked up the poinsettias with help from Jean & Bernard Damon.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this project, everyone who got your friends here, and everyone who brought such wonderful plant material to use!

Sherry Cossey, Chairman



At lunch one day: Georgia Zahar, Jennifer Rabner, Sharon Wilson, Dianne Dewey, Dana Downie, Ruth Fry, Debi Luidhardt, Sharon Wilson, Carolyn Boyle, Marjorie Lynch, Dorothy Cruickshank, Jackie Getty, and Marj Petrusha.

What's Happening

December

11/28-12/2

Wreath-Making Week

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Greens Sale. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Pearl Buck Youth Floral Arranging, 10 a.m.

10

Make centerpieces for ESFN, 1 p.m.

13

Holiday Potluck



January

3

EGC Board Meeting, 1 p.m.

17

Regular EGC Meeting

19

Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.

20-22

Good Earth Home, Garden & Living Show

TBA

Clubhouse Cleaning Party



People in pix, left to right, clockwise from top right: *Marj Petrusha; Dorothy Cruickshank, Sharon Wilson; Kathleen Gray, Dana Downie, Dianne Dewey; Sharon Blade, Ruth Michaelson, Carolyn Boyle, Sherry Cossey, Jennifer Rabner, Jackie Getty, and Marjorie Lynch.*



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In the Garden – in November/December

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.

