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President's Corner

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope you all are planning to attend the December potluck. We will have the Marist Catholic High School Choir as our entertainment. We had a great Green Sale; we sold out again. THANK YOU to all the great workers and soup makers. See you on the 12th.



Sharon Wilson
EGC President

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.

*****Please change Carol Prud'homme's address in the EGC Directory from Eugene to SPRINGFIELD.

Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

11:30 a.m. Potluck

HOSTESSES: Jackie Getty-lead, Arlene Taylor,
Glenda Andersen

GREETERS: Dorothy Cruickshank & Jean Damon

PROGRAM: Marist High School Choir



Bushtit

Psaltriparus minimus

The Bushtit is a tiny, drab bird. They are widespread, common, and inconspicuous. They live in many kinds of bushy or wooded habitats from the lowlands to middle elevations in the mountains and even in well-wooded suburbs and city parks.

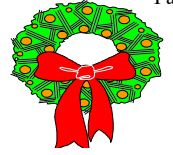
A flock feeding in a tree may go almost unnoticed until the birds fly out – perhaps 20-30 of them. They are a very sociable bird at most seasons and a group will roost huddled close together in a tight mass on cold nights.

They love coming to our suet feeder in the winter months. They are very cute little birds!

Georgia Zahar
Birds & Wildlife Chairman



2017 GREENS SALE A SUCCESS!!!



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

We made 142 beautiful wreaths, 32 holiday floral arrangements & 10 Christmas mugs, 13 swags, 16 door blessings, 20 little decorated Christmas trees, 15 Yule logs, 1 cone tree, 8 pinecone baskets, 5 little herb bunches, 3 tables of holiday thrift items and also sold 89 poinsettias that we buy from Johnson Brothers. At 1:00 all we had left were 3 wreaths, 5 medium poinsettias, and 7 cone baskets. So we put up a sold sign and left at 1:30 p.m. By Tuesday all the wreaths and poinsettias were sold. Seven cone baskets are left.

When Jennifer deposited our proceeds she banked more than \$6,500 and there is still money coming in! We of course do have bills for the wreath rings, design expenses, poinsettias, ads, and bulk mailing. Janet Calvert handled the media announcements and Sherry Cossey the postcards for mailing and posters.

At least 51 members and family helped in our efforts to procure materials and produce wonderful products!

Georgia Zahar and Marj Petrusha had help from Monica Henry & Kathie Spinola in producing holiday table arrangements and the yule logs. Phyllis Hamel led Sharon Wilson, Marilyn Hunter, Arlene Taylor, and Phoebe Staples with creating and decorating the little trees. Georgia Zahar and Marj Petrusha made all the door blessings. Arlene Taylor, Dana Downie, Sandy Bond and her friend made the swags. Dorothy Cruickshank and Sally Townsend put together the cone baskets. Georgia and Marj were our main bow makers. Sherry Cossey, Ruth Michaelson, Jackie Getty, Jennifer Rabner and Janet Calvert opened & closed the building and set up for wreath making each morning and made wreaths with help from Dianne Dewey, Marjorie Lynch, Kathleen Gray, Carol Prud'homme, Debi Luidhardt, Carolyn Boyle, Carlene Eldridge, Laurel Crump, Julie Amani, Ching Lee, and Charlotte Hennessy.

Sherry Cossey had help with set up for the sales room from Jennifer Rabner and Jacquie Litchfield. Sherry and Jacquie and Sharon Blade priced everything on Friday and "fixed" any wreaths that needed assistance. Head cashier Jennifer Rabner, had help from Peg Funkhouser and Kathie Spinola. Camille Noel, Dorothy Cruickshank, Marilyn Hunter, and Mary Bromley took care of decorating the carpeted room in festive fashion. Dorothy ordered the poinsettias from Johnson Brothers. She also took care of our mailing list and we have 22 new folks to include.

Janet Calvert, Dorothy Cruickshank, Sharon Wilson & Marjorie Lynch, Debi Luidhardt, Jennifer Rabner and Laurel Crump took turns making wonderful soups for us to eat at lunch together daily. Ruth Michaelson managed the day-of-sale refreshments with help from Mary Bromley Sharon Wilson & Terry Eames and we had wonderful "Dump soup"! And 11 people brought cookies! Lots left, and will be shared with us next Tuesday at our Potluck!

Besides Greens Gathering chairman, Janet Calvert, folks who gathered greens in the woods include, Georgia & Greg Zahar, Sharon & Jerry Blade, Jennifer & Rick Rabner, Sherry Cossey, Terry Eames, Sharon Wilson, Ruth Michaelson, and probably others that I missed! Dorothy Cruickshank, Marilyn Hunter & Dale Hanes picked up clippings from NW Garden Nursery and also picked up the poinsettias with help from Jerry Blade.

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

EGC HAS NEW MEMBERS! ADD TO DIRECTORY

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What's Happening

December

- 11/27-12/1 **Wreath-Making Week**
- 2 **Greens Sale. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
- 5 **Pearl Buck Youth Floral Arranging, 10 a.m.**
- 12 **Holiday Potluck**
- 21 **Flower Arranging Class**



January

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



A few pix from Marjorie's phone (since Sherry forgot hers!):
Georgia Zahar, Marjorie Lynch, and Jacquie Litchfield are in the picture just below, and at the bottom, cashiers Peg Funkhouser and Jenifer Rabner are getting that area ready. And at the very top, Sherry Cossey is holding an 18-bundle wreath she made that was a special order.



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In the Garden – in 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.

