

# Eugene Garden Club News

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## President's Corner

Good morning.

I hope you have been able to get out into the sunshine. It feels so good.

We will have Kelly Bell from the City of Eugene Waste Management as our speaker on the 20th. She will talk to us about changes in Recycling.

We will be having a workshop before the meeting on Paper Making. Plan to be there.

Also EGC members Lucy Chambers, Sherry Cossey, and Georgia Zahar along with me were at the State Board meeting in Springfield on Monday and heard information about the June Convention. I have posted a flyer on the bulletin board about the State Convention in Lebanon on June 11-13, 2018. The hotel where we will be staying has a wonderful Japanese garden. It is only 40 minutes from here. We should all go.

See you all soon.



. . . . . Sharon Wilson  
EGC President

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## Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, March 20, 2018

9:30 a.m. Photography Contest

10:00 a.m. Seed Paper Making

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:00 p.m. Meeting

1:00 p.m. *Recycling*

By Kelly Bell

HOSTESSES: Dianne Dewey\*, Jennifer Rabner,  
Susan Mincks, Ruth Fry

GREETERS: Janet Calvert

## Hands on Workshop

*(Notes from Jackie)*

Jackie Getty is leading a seed paper making workshop at 10:00 a.m. the morning of our March meeting in the work room.

Participants may bring seeds to help the production of the seed papers. Jackie will have Columbine seeds and maybe some others. If we can bring shredded paper, that would help. Any printer paper would work well. Jackie will furnish newspaper and other paper too. She also could use an old blender. She has one so far. Old window screens would also be helpful. She has some screens, but could use more. And we could bring dried flower petals or pieces of straw or small interesting plant material that are dry.

## Photography Contest Held

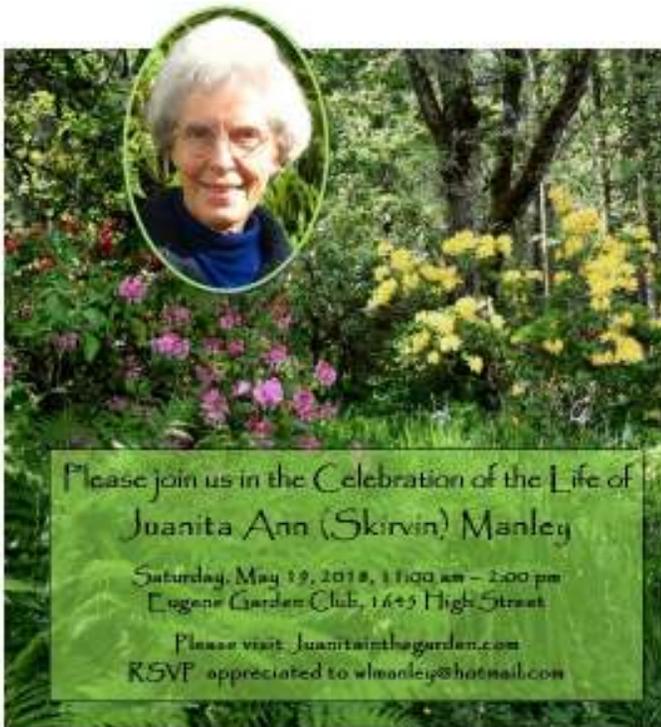
Bring your entries for the **State Photography Contest** to this month's EGC meeting by 9:30 a.m. and our members will vote for their favorites in the following categories:

Categories 1 – 6 will have both Color and Black & White classes. Category 7 will include both Color and Black and White together in one class.

1. Landscapes/Seascapes
2. Gardens
3. Floral
4. Birds, Butterflies, Insects
5. Pets
6. Wildlife
7. President's Choice, which is Frogs.

The photos must have been taken between January 2016 and April 1, 2017. They must be 8"x10". Our winning entries will be presented for vote at the March 23 Willamette District meeting.

Photos must be taken by current EGC members and may not have been enhanced by Photoshop or similar programs.



Hello friends,

We hope you can gather with us to celebrate Juanita's Life.

Wendy and Kevin Manley

## Garden Extravaganza Coming Soon

The Saturday, May 12, Garden Extravaganza (Plant Sale) is not too far off and there is still time to plant up starts or seeds for that event. Our Willamette District sale is at the River Road Key Bank parking lot in front of Bi-Mart in conjunction with the Lane County Dahlia society.

Is your favorite plant outgrowing its space? Tired of the "same old but true plant"?

Now is the time to divide those plants to share with others AND make some money for the Garden Club. This year we are relying on YOU to pot-up your own plants that you want to share.

Later this month there will be planting soil and gallon pots available at the clubhouse and perhaps at Janet Calvert's home. Check your emails.

At the Membership meeting on March 20, sign up to let us know if you want soil.

Divide your plants (no more than 5 of one variety) and pot them with the pot full and looking like you would like to buy it in six weeks.

Prepare white plastic labels, (get from Janet Calvert at the Garden Club) with the names of plants, needs for sun or shade, color, and any other info you'd like.

Place plants in protected area and keep watered.

On May 12, take to sale site on River Road. More information to follow.

Questions? Call Janet Calvert, 541.686.2697.



# Plant Nerd Night Coming

Plan to Attend Plant "Nerd" Night  
Thursday, March 29

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. & Plant Sale begins  
Program starts at 7:00 p.m.

Free Ticket to win a Plant!

Nurseries  
Bloom River Nursery  
Johnson Brothers Garden Market  
Shonnard's Nursery  
Garland Nursery



To all of those who have signed up to help,  
**THANK YOU!**

Sign up sheet is still available, to come and help if you can. (remember if you want to help carrying in plants...you get to shop early).

Invite all family and friends or any plant "Nerd" you know.

Also, if you are helping, remember to sign up with Sharon Blade for a sandwich if you would like.

*Sharon Blade, Co-Chairman*



*Recently, Georgia Zahar and Sherry Cossey presented a program on Fairy Gardens for the Junction City Garden Club. Georgia is pictured above with hers and the small one is Sherry's. Fairy Gardens has been added for the Lane County Fair this summer in Horticulture.*



## Cheetah

*Acinonyx jubatus*

Recently my husband Greg & I made a visit to the Wildlife Safari in Winston. We hadn't been there for over ten years. It is showing its age a bit, but we enjoyed our leisurely drive through the park and were delighted to see many animals out, even with the cooler temperatures.

One of our favorite animals to see is the Cheetah. They are a sleek, beautiful cat. They are a true muscle machine. They can run in bursts of 68 - 75 mph.

Did you know that cheetahs have poor night vision and cannot climb trees? They do, however, have excellent eyesight that helps them find prey during the day. They are hard to spot because their coat blends well with the tall, dry grass of the plains. Suddenly, the cheetah makes a lightning quick dash. It knocks its prey to the ground, then bites it in the throat.

Once often found in Asia or Africa, Cheetahs today are racing towards extinction. Loss of habitat and declining numbers of their prey combine to threaten the future of the cats.

Cheetahs live and hunt mainly in open grasslands and bushy areas in parts of Africa and the Middle East. They eat mainly small to medium size animals such as hares, impalas, wildebeest calves and gazelles.

Wildlife Safari has a breeding program for the Cheetah. Through the years they have bred over 200 kittens into the program.

So, the next time you want to experience a little adventure, take the drive to Winston and cruise through the Wildlife Safari.

*Georgia Zahar  
Bird and Wildlife Chair*

## Veggie Group Meets

All you veggie lovers! Meet at the EGC Clubhouse from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Join a veggie gardeners' discussion group the second Wednesday of March, April, and May to share your knowledge and maybe gain a little info on the following topics that were selected by the February participants. Of course, there will always be time at the end of each session for Q & A to get your questions discussed. We also share resources, seeds, starts, and anything else veggie gardening that you can think of.

**March 14:** Lots of people want to talk about **pests and soil and compost.**

**April 11:** Many have questions concerning **watering and growing specific veggies**, *i.e.* corn, tomatoes.

**May 9:** Just one or two people want to discuss the following, so hopefully we can address their specific needs quickly on quite a few topics:

- Food preservation**
- Adaptive gardening**
- Vertical gardening**
- The basics of growing veggies**
- Designing a round garden viewable from one side mostly**
- Some fun and good new veggies to try this summer**
- Fruits – blueberries, raspberries, grapes, fruit trees**

Ok, so this last topic is not a vegetable, but a couple of people had some questions that hopefully can be addressed.

*Carol Prud'homme, Facilitator*

*Pictured to the right are floral designs created by Marj Petrousha, Georgia Zahar, and Sherry Cossey for Willamette Arrangers Guild recently. The guild meets monthly during the EGC year on 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays and has a new assignment each time to practice for floral design shows. The group has been existence for decades.*



*Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House* work party will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday this month, March 22, 11:00 a.m.

## Willamette District News

### ... Spring General Meeting

Willamette District Assistant Director Lucy Chambers reports the Spring General Meeting will be March 23, hosted by Oakridge Garden Club at Oakridge United Methodist Church 48137 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, in Oakridge.

There will be morning coffee and refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and the Spring Meeting followed by a potluck. All members are invited to attend.

During the day, the Photography Contest for the District level happens with photos all 6 Willamette District garden clubs participating:

- Cottage Grove Garden Club
- Eugene Garden Club
- Junction City Garden Club
- Oakridge Garden Club
- Springfield Garden Club
- West Side Garden Club

After lunch, the program is “*Pesticides for the Home Gardener*” by Jeff Choate, Lane County Horticultural Agent.

Come one come all!

# What's Happening

## March

- 4-5 OSFGC Board Meeting, Springfield
- 6 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 8-11 Lane County Home & Garden Show, Fairgrounds
- 14 EGC Veggie Growers Group, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- 15 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 21 EGC Regular Meeting & morning workshop
- 23 Willamette District Meeting,
- 29 Plant "Nerd" Night, 6:00 p.m.



## April

- 3 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 6-8 Pacific Region of NGC Convention,  
Chena Hot Springs, AK (north of Fairbanks)
- 7 Grass Roots Plant Sale at their garden, Coburg Road
- 17 EGC Regular Meeting
- 18 EGC Veggie Growers Group, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- 19 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.

## May

- 1 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 12 Garden Extravaganza at Key Bank, 10:00-4:00
- 15 EGC Membership Meeting
- 17 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.



*The March Flower Arranging class theme was all green for St. Patrick's Day. After the 1<sup>st</sup> design, they could add other colors for another arrangement.. Here are samples from Janet Marcisz, Patty Boynton, Deb Gilmer and Kathie Spinola.*



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## **In the Garden – in March**

**Plant cool season crops such as peas, lettuce, cabbage, onions, kale & chard.**

**Divide hostas, daylilies, mums, peonies, dahlias late in the month.  
(Note: If weather is very cold, wait until April for dahlias; wait until you can see the tuber eyes well.)**

**Feed rhubarb, cane berries, evergreen shrubs & trees with manure or complete fertilizer.**

**Plant berry crops (strawberry, raspberry, blueberry, blackberry).**

**Prune gooseberries & currants and feed with manure or a complete fertilizer.**

**Move existing rose bushes; plant new ones by the 15<sup>th</sup>; fertilize with 1 cu. alfalfa meal per bush by end of month.**

**Spread compost over garden and landscape areas.**

**Plant gladioli.**

