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President's Corner

Hi – from cooler, less smoky northern California.

Hope all of you have had a great summer with beautiful flowers and great vegetables.

All is going as good as it can here with daughter Elizabeth who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Today (8/31) she had her first treatment of Immunotherapy for her recently discovered lung cancer. We are all hoping it goes well. It will be a few treatments before we know. She will be doing them every 21 days.

As to the fires near Redding where Elizabeth lives, it really brought home the need for all of us to be ready for emergency. Then I got to thinking about our community. What would folks in women shelters, youth homes, and rehab shelters, etc. do? They ran a two day news article on this subject and what some of them did. I have sent them to Sherry for you to read if you like. And an article about a 91 year-old woman with dementia still living at home whose home burned to the ground.

Anyway, I am missing all of you and the many things I like to do there at the Club. Be safe and have a great time.



..... Sharon Wilson
President

Eugene Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, September 18, 2018

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:00 p.m. General Meeting

1:00 p.m. *Winterizing your Garden*

By Jeff Choate

Horticultural Agent for Lane County

HOSTESSES: Kathleen Gray*, Terrye Eames,
Mary Bromley, Patty Boynton

GREETER: Dale Haynes

2018 EGC OFFICERS

Willamette District Director Fran Tierce installed the new Eugene Garden Club officers and trustee at our meeting at The Springs this June.

President – Sharon Wilson

Vice Presidents – Georgia Zahar &
Janet Marcisz

Recording Secretary – Lucy Chambers

Corresponding Secretary – Sandy Bond

Treasurer – Jennifer Rabner

Board of Trustees – Terrye Eames

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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, Peggy Funkhouser, Carol Prud'homme, Lucy Chambers, 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 Dorothy Cruickshank, Sherry Cossey, Monica Henry, Jackie Getty, Sister Janet Marcisz, Camille Noel, Ruth Fry, Ruth Michaelson, Cheryle Hawkins, Kathie Spinola, Donna Michel, Jennifer Ellis. Congratulations to Monica Henry for winning the People's Choice award in the Floral Department (again!).

Dorothy Cruickshank and crew of at least Sharon Blade, Ruth Michaelson, Sister Janet Marcisz, Kathleen Gray, Julie Yamane, and Ann Rollins (I don't have a list) provided wonderful opportunities for Fair-goers on Wednesday & Thursday to make small flower arrangements in tuna cans with assistance from many club members. This project is certainly a team effort as it takes many hands preparing the containers and oasis, picking and transporting the flowers and then assisting the "arrangers". We especially appreciate the generosity of Grassroots Gardens for their donations of many buckets of flowers and members who bring foliage to use.

Thank you to members and husbands who served as hosts and hostesses in the Floral Department during the Fair this year: Terrye Eames, Peg Funkhouser, Camille Noel, Lucy Chambers, Ann Rollins, Janet Calvert, Bob & Jackie Getty, Lucy Chambers, Donna Michel, Ruth Michaelson, Monica Henry, Jennifer Ellis, Dana Downie, Marjorie & Marcus Lynch, Arlene Taylor, Mary Bromley, Georgia & Greg Zahar, and Carol Prud'homme along with many others from other Junction City, Springfield, Cottage Grove and Oakridge clubs.

Donor Awards went to Monica Henry for the Best Design in Open Class as well as the Best Design in All Design Sections, Ruth Michaelson for Best Design in Advanced Amateur, Donna Michel for Best Design in Novice Class, Sherry Cossey for Best Miniature Design in Open Class, and Jackie Getty for the Juanita Manley Award for Most Innovative and Creative Design. The Eugene Garden Club won the Best Garden Club Vignette (put together by Kathie Spinola, Marjorie Lynch, Mary Bromley, and Georgia Zahar.)

The Eugene Garden Club took 1st place and 3rd place, \$50 & \$10, for the Flower Barrel planting. More than a dozen flower barrels were displayed in the outside eating area during the Fair with appropriate signage. Thank you to Ann Rollins for her leadership and everyone who helped to plant 6 barrels and then folks who to helped keep all of the barrels watered regularly until fair time! Planters were Ann, Marjorie Lynch, Sherry Cossey, Georgia Zahar, Chris Johnson, and Ann Brandt. Sherry arranged for the Coastal Farm Supply to donate \$80 worth of plants again and Ann helped with the selection!



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

Below: Some of the completed arrangements



Flower Arranging Class

Thursday, September 20, 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 7 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



AMERICAN CROW

Corvus brachyrhynchos

- ❖ Crows are thought to be among the most intelligent of birds and are very social.
- ❖ They are black in color and have a distinct call, 'Caw Caw'.
- ❖ A group of crows is called a 'Murder'.
- ❖ The nest is built by both parents. It is a large bulky basket of sticks, twigs, bark strips, weeds and mud. It is lined w/grass, moss and feathers. The female will lay 4-6 eggs, dull green to gray in color.
- ❖ Crows will eat almost everything including garbage. It could be said that crows help clean up our planet! They scavenge along roadways and in dumps. They also eat bugs, frogs, snakes, shellfish, carrion, grains and fruit.
- ❖ American crows are susceptible to West Nile Virus making them a useful bio-indicator to track the virus's spread.

Georgia Zahar, Birds & Wildlife Chairman

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 28, 9:30 a.m., hosted by Westside Garden Club.

. . . 2. DISTRICT GENERAL MEETING

The large group general meeting will be held October 26 hosted by Cottage Grove Garden Club 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

....Jackie Getty reports that we will have the Atlas gloves for sale at our September meeting that the district is selling for \$6.50.

These are the nice light weight Nitrile gloves. They are available in small, medium and large in various colors. A good time to replace those we've been using all summer!

....EGC begins the fall gardening at the Shelton-McMurphy-Johnson House next week on Thursday, September 27, 11:00 a.m. All helpers are welcome!

To the right:
Georgia Zahar stands with Eugene Garden Club's award winning Planted Barrel at the Fairgrounds this July.



Fall Garden Fair

The Oregon Garden in Silverton is hosting an Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. event September 22 & 23, Saturday & Sunday in their main building 10:00-5:00 each day.

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: mscrdrumheller@msn.com)

Set up of all displays is Friday, September 21, 12:00-5:00 p.m.

“Hail to Thee, My Oregon – A Gardener’s Legacy” is a Standard Flower Show. Entries will be received on Friday, 6:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturday morning 6:30-7:00 a.m. Sherry Cossey, Georgia Zahar, Patty Boynton, and Monica Henry have entered the Crescent Design class and will also enter horticulture for the show as well.

Saturday Workshops – September 22

11:00 “Growing and Preserving Herbs” – Shelley Joyce, Grow & Show GC

12:30 “Plants for Pollinators” – Dave Doolittle, Petal Heads Nursery

2:00 “DIY Whimsical Garden Crafts” – Patty Sorensen, McMinnville GC

3:30 “Bees and Other Pollinators” – Nicole Sanchez, OSU Horticulture Dept,
and Klamath Falls GC

Sunday Workshops – September 23

11:00 “Fall Container Planting” – Sally Thompson, OSFGC Container Gardening

12:30 “Sunflowers” Secrets of a Native Sister” – Nicole Sanchez, OSU Horticulture
Dept. and Klamath Falls GC

2:00 “Tool Care and Sharpening” – Carl Heinke, OSU MG, and Salem Area GC
And

“Pruning Techniques” – Trish Paige, Odell GC

3:30 “Hot New Plants for 2019” – Dave Doolittle, Petal Heads Nursery

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.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

September



- 4 Eugene Garden Club Board Meeting
- 15-16 Lane County Dahlia Show, Wheeler Pavilion
- 18 EGC Regular Meeting
- 20 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 22 Master Gardeners Fall Festival at River Road Park & Recreation, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 22-23 Fall Garden Fair at The Oreon Garden
- 28 Willamette District Board Meeting, EGC, 9:30 a.m..
- 29 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Gardening



October



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



Clockwise from top right: *A few pictures from the 2018 Lane County Fair including Camille Noel's 1st place water design; Bethany Little's photo booth for Charles Little & Co. Commercial Booth to which the judges gave the Best of Show Award; Monica Henry's design which won both Best Design in Open Class as well as Best Design in All Design Classes; Ruth Michaelson's design which won Best Design in Advanced Amateur Class; Jackie Getty's design which won the Juanita Manley Award for Most Innovative & Creative Design and her 1st place Creative Reflective Design "Prom Night"; and Donna Michel with her Best Design in Novice Class.*

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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

