

Eugene Garden Club News

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President's Corner

Hello Everyone,

I hope many of you will be able to come to our first general meeting in the clubhouse. It will be exciting to be back and I look forward to seeing you.

Stay safe and healthy!

Take care, see you on the 19th.

Pat Kramer, EGC President



EGC Board Plans for In-Building EGC Meeting

Our EGC Board met and decided to hold our October Garden Club meeting with some changes from our usual to be safer from our COVID issues.

We will not have food or drink prepared and doors will open at noon. When you enter, get your own chair and set it in the big room where our program will be where you would like. We should continue to keep the recommended social distancing.

After our meeting and program, we will each wipe our own chairs and put them away.



OCTOBER MEETING EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

October 19

Noon Building Doors open

1:00 p.m. "Downtown Riverfront Park Project"

Emily Proudfoot

Followed by meeting

HOSTESSES: None - No food or drink prepared

GREETER: Janet Calvert

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Emily Proudfoot, Landscape Architect for the City of Eugene, and Project Coordinator for the Eugene Downtown Riverfront Park Project, will present a program about the park's development, progress and what it means to the city of Eugene.

The Park will be the heart of a 16-acre greater commercial riverfront development. The design concept calls for a 4-acre riverfront park that is fundamentally urban in character balanced by riverbank and habitat enhancements such as **new native vegetation** and much more.

This is a project that has met with many challenges working towards its completion because of the COVID pandemic. Come listen to Emily speak to us on this exciting addition to the City of Eugene.

Ann Brandt, EGC Co-Vice President



NO GREENS SALE 2021

The annual Eugene Garden Club Greens Sale has been cancelled this year because of the pandemic. Members will be able to use the clubhouse to make wreaths, swags, floral designs, etc. for themselves, or even to sell to others, but no publicity or staged sale in the building. We are sending our usual card out to former purchasers with the note about “No Greens Sale” again this year.

It’s time to start thinking about which shrubs or trees to wait on cutting back until late November so that the trimmings can be used in wreaths, floral designs, and more as we prepare for our holiday displays.

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 blooming tips)
eucalyptus	camellia
pine (short needles)	cryptomeria
incense Cedar	broom
magnolia	magnolia buds
yew	euonymous
skimmia	osmanthus
pieris	aucuba
grand fir	juniper (berried)
western red cedar	blue spruce
huckleberry	chaemecyperis
boulevard cypress	vinca minor
sage	curly branches
artemesia	lavendar
santolina	rosemary
hazelnut (w/catkins)	corkscrew willow branches
viburnum davidii	NOT hemlock

Also -- Anything with berries that will last: holly, nandina, rose hips, juniper.

And -- Small branches, twigs, any color but especially yellow or red or gnarly, like barberry, filbert, willow, blueberry, etc.

* * * * The cut part of boughs or branches can be up to about ½” thick both for wreaths and designs; 12”-18” is a good length.

GREENS GATHERING

Club members, we need GREENS!! Since we will be allowed to use the clubhouse to create our own wreaths, etc., we will of course need greens. If you can accumulate some materials for use at the clubhouse, please bring them the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. Many of us will be working during the next 7-10 days or so creating our projects (even some to sell to friends).

See what you can find and bring it to share with others. Most of us depend on selecting from the many materials that many club members bring and place behind the clubhouse. We do have wreath rings to use.

For new folks who would like to learn how to make wreaths, come any morning to the workroom to see how it’s done. Especially early in the week. If you would like to be sure about time or day, call Sherry Cossey, 541.515.5839, or Sharon Blade, 541.688.6592, or Janet Calvert, 541.686.2697.

If some of us go by local Christmas tree sales operations, we may able to pick up lots of cut lower branches that will be useful to us.



HORTICULTURE COLUMN

The season for active gardening is almost over. When the rain begins remember that rain doesn't go under the roof overhang so you may need to check the soil periodically for moisture and water if needed. If we get freezing weather have plants well watered so they won't get dehydrated.

This is a good time to get plants from the nursery for fall color. Leaves that turn color are one of the wonders of fall and plants that are supposed to be colorful often vary a great deal in color so choose while they are in their fall glory.

Black aphids are very active now and may need treatment although the lady bugs are still working on them. I was told that a tea made of rhubarb leaves and mixed with soap made a good spray for aphids. I have tried it with varying success. It is only poisonous if it is used as a beverage. Mark the container with the word poison. It is a good idea to test it on a few plants to see if they tolerate it.

The weeds are still growing quite well and it is a good time to get them pulled before they sow seed for next spring.

The Dahlias are beautiful right now and will keep blooming if dead headed until we get cold weather. About the end of October or early November cut the Dahlias back to about 4 to 6 inches and cover the cut stocks with a plastic bag to keep the rain water out. You can dig the tubers after a week or so after the tops have been cut back. Hose off the dirt and lay out in a well ventilated area for the tubers to harden up. I think it is easier to divide the tubers soon after they are dug and not so hard to cut. Mark the tubers with their names written with an ink pencil so you will know what they are. Store in slightly damp sawdust for the winter in a cool place where they will not freeze and check them periodically.

If you have apple trees be sure to pick up all that have fallen on the ground and put them in the garbage to help keep the ones infected with coddling moth larvae and apple maggots from overwintering in your ground under the trees.

Spring bearing raspberries should have the canes that produced raspberries this summer cut back to about 1" above the ground. In the spring you can thin out the new canes keeping the healthiest ones.

Jackie Getty Horticulture Chairman

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OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

. . . DIRECTORIES

Sharon Blade said they will be available at our meeting this month.

. . . PLANTS FOR SPRING SALE

Fall is a good time to start planting up things from our gardens for the spring Plant Fair.

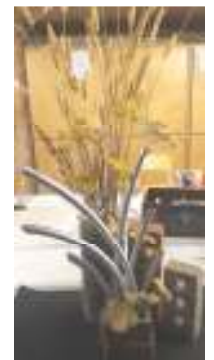


Flower Arranging Class

Thursday, October 21,
1:30 p.m.

"Halloween" is the theme.

Bring a container and material for a Creative Style Halloween Floral Design



Willamette District Fall Board Meeting

Friday October 30, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

At the Eugene Garden Club

Sharon Wilson, District Director

What's Happening



October

- 5 EGC Board Meeting
- 11 Willamette Arrangers Guild
- 12 SMJ Work Party, 10:45 a.m.
- 19 EGC Regular Meeting, 1 p.m., doors open at noon
- 21 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.
- 30 Willamette District Board Mtg., EGC, 10:00 a.m.



November

- 3 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 8 Willamette Arrangers Guild
- 9 SMJ Work Party, 10:45 a.m.
- 16 Regular EGC Meeting
- 18 Flower Arranging Class, 1:30 p.m.



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In the Garden – in October

Dig dahlias or mulch in well-drained soil, making sure rain won't get into cut stem. If you dig your dahlias, do so about a day or so after you cut the plant back to a stalk. (If you leave your dahlias in the ground over the winter, put a small can or baggie over the end of the cut stalk to prevent rot or freezing from rain.)

At first sign of cold weather, cut all rose bushes to 40" above ground.

Clean up annual flower beds and mulch with manure or compost.

Plant garlic for harvesting next summer.

Dig and store potatoes, harvest pumpkins and squash.

Save seeds from vegetables and flower gardens.

Mulch around roses, azaleas, rhododendrons for winter protection.

Plant ground covers and shrubs.

Fertilize lawn for last time this year.

