

# Eugene Garden Club News

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## President's Corner

Hello Everyone!

We will be voting for the officer nominees at our May general meeting. Our 2021-2022 year is coming to an end in June. There will be a whole new slate of officers and we are all hoping that our meetings, programs and events will be back to more like they used to be. Come join in the voting process.

National Garden Week is being held June 5-11 this year. There are lots of activities we can each do in it's honor, such as plant another tree in your yard to help with the tree canopy in Eugene's neighborhoods which will decrease carbon, plant a native pollinator in your yard to help the dwindling number of bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and beneficial insects.

The latest issue of *The Mahonia*, had an article about Penny Pines and total contributions from 6/2020 through 11/2021 from states in the Pacific Region. Oregon was #1 with \$12,444.00 in donations! This helped plant 183 plantations in our Region. EGC's latest donations helped with a plantation in the Willamette National Forest. Thanks for your donations!!!

Hoping to see you at least one of our last two meetings this year.



. . . . . Pat Kramer  
EGC President

## **INSIDE TODAY:**

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## **May Program**

We are pleased to welcome Kelly Goodwin, Master Gardener, and Master Melittologist to our May 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting of the Eugene Garden Club.

Kelly will be talking to us about Bees, Bee habitats and what it means to be a Melittologist. She can cover

- Bees as pollinators
- the challenges Bees face
- the status of Bees - especially in the PNW
- some very interesting studies of bees as a result of our recent wildfires
- what we can do in our home gardens/yards to help preserve their habitats and
- anything else you would like to know about our bees as pollinators.

Kelly is looking forward to this presentation since it is her first in person presentation since Covid sent her into the world of Zoom. Please come ready with your questions about bees and their habitats because she is hoping for some good Q &A with us to address what is most on our minds – about bees.

*Ann Brandt*  
EGC Co-Vice President



## INS & OUTS

### OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

#### . . . Dues for the coming year

\$25 for one or \$30 for family rate

You may begin paying your yearly dues at our May or June meeting. See Terrye Eames.

#### . . . Hostesses for the coming year

Sign ups will begin at our June meeting.

## May Meeting

Our new officers will be selected at our May meeting and installed at our June meeting. The following people have accepted being nominated. Other people are allowed to add their names at the meeting.

President: *Ann Brandt*

Vice-President: *Jacqui Cole & Mischelle Pennoyer.*

Treasurer: *Lorraine Wong*

Recording Secretary: *Blanche Chase*

Corresponding Secretary: *Lucy Chambers*

Trustee (new): *Ann Rollins*

We will also have our first opportunity to select which special committees we would like to be involved with next year. We will also sign up to Hostess in the Floral Department at the Lane County Fair and Barrel Planting for the Fair. Planting will be May 26, 10:00 at Fairgrounds.

Our Committees are listed on the next page. Look then over and see what you might like to be involved with in particular.

**Still no lunch together before meeting**

## OSFGC Convention in June

The OSFGC Convention will be held June 13-15 this year. Information is available on the state website, [www.oregongardenclubs.org](http://www.oregongardenclubs.org) or in the recently distributed *The Mahonia* newsletter.

President Cheryl Drumheller's theme "Promote our Pledge, Protect our Pollinators" will be a major focus throughout the convention being held in Rogue District at The Mill Casino in North Bend. Our club president will appreciate any EGC members joining her this year.

## LANE COUNTY FAIR COMING UP

The schedules for departments at the Lane County Fair are online now. Members Sherry Cossey, Chairman, along with Georgia Zahar and Sharon Wilson from our Eugene Garden Club organize the Floral Department. The dates for the Fair this year are July 20-24. The Fair books are available now and there will be a few at the clubhouse.

Entries can be made through the Fair website at [www.attthefair.com](http://www.attthefair.com) or in person or by mail anytime now through June. Changes or new entries can be made on entry day, July 19.

Our District Garden Club members are again being asked to **Host and Hostess for 2-hour shifts** during the run. EGC's assigned days are Wednesday and Thursday. I am sure we can also fill in on other days, especially Saturday, and Sunday. All hosts, demos, display folks, programs, etc. will receive passes for entry into the Fair on the day involved. AND all Still Exhibits, including Floral, will again be in the Performance Hall, with AIR CONDITIONING ! Entry and parking will be similar to what we did last year. Enter the building from the south end.

**EGC will enter the 6' x 4' Patio Vignette. We need a few people to plan and produce that.** Its set up can be started before entry day.

**EGC will also be planting several barrels Monday, May 26, at 10:00,** for the Planted Barrel Design Contest. The barrels will have each club's name prominently displayed with the barrels in the Fair in the Food Court areas. People are signing up to help with that and we thank Coastal Farm & Ranch and Fred Meyer each for donating \$75 worth of plants for us to use in our endeavor. Members are welcome to bring more! We will have 9 barrels this year!

Horticulture (Cut Flowers and Potted Plants) will include just about anything you have growing in your yard or your house!

The Design classes are organized the same as in the past, by Open, Advanced Amateur, and Novice. The Junior Fair has classes for 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-18, 19-21 years old.

EGC will put on a floral arranging activity for children and seniors again this year on Thursday and Friday. Plan to sign up for helping with this at our May and June meeting.

Plan to PARTICIPATE in the Fair!

# It's Time to Sign Up For Your Favorite Committee(s)!!

It's that time of year to decide which EGC committee(s) appeal to you and then sign up! Hopefully you will step forward and be a chairman of something you are well-practiced in or, just maybe it is now time to branch out and put your talents into a different activity! Below is a list of the activities we have had in recent past or some for many years.

## Awards

### Birds and Wildlife

### Building Management - Janitorial

### Building Management – Purchasing

### Building Management – Rentals

### Building Management – Maintenance

### Directory

### Flower Show

### Front Garden

### Garden Club Plant Extravaganza Sale

### Garden Club Website

### Garden Therapy

### Greens Gathering

### Greens Sale

### Greeters

### Historic Preservation - SMJ

### Horticulture

### Hostesses

### Lane County Fair Barrels

### Fair Helpers & Hostesses

### Fair Hands On Arranging

### Library

### Membership (Dues)

### Name Tags

### Newsletter

### Nominations

### Parking Passes

### Pearl Buck Projects

### Plant Nerd Night

### Plant Sale

### Publicity

### Scrapbook

### Youth

## 2022 Garden Extravaganza Held

Camille Noel says hello and thank you to all who contributed to and in any way participated May 7 at our Garden Extravaganza on River Road in front of BiMart.

She was pleasantly surprised at all the donated plants and tubers giving us so many appealing choices for our gardens and gifts. It was also nice to spend the day with garden Club folks and dahlia members. Mother Nature was somewhat cooperative until the wind kicked up.

We should be able to plant again soon when it dries out a little!

*Camille Noel, Chairman*

## Horticulture

How are you all coming with your garden clean up? I have gotten quite a bit done during the few breaks of the last couple of weeks but will be trying all summer to get ahead of the weeds that keep popping up. One good thing is that we haven't had to start irrigating. I think that I have had the best germination of vegetable seeds this spring of several years.

Hope all of you have been waging war on the slug and snail population. I have noticed the hungry creatures are busy chewing up the *Hellebores* and the aphids are really multiplying. The population of lady bugs is pretty high too so there is hope that they will get fat eating all the aphids. If you bought tomato and pepper plants planning to get a head start, you should be patient and keep those in pots where you can move them indoors at night. If they are getting pot-bound, plant them in larger pots and then outdoors when it warms up.

The *Clematis* are beginning to bloom. When the spring blooming varieties are through blooming, cut back the vines to invigorate them and get them growing to produce blooms again next spring. As all the spring blooming shrubs finish blooming, they can be cut back. For those that bloom after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, wait until dormant season to cut them back.

Last meeting I reported on starting cuttings of *Callibrachoa* (Million Bells). I had a large outbreak of aphids and lost several plants. My experience leads me to think that any plants brought in from nursery or store should be put in isolation until you find out if they are bug free. Also it would be a good idea to wash off all cuttings in soapy water before putting them in the starting medium to eliminate eggs and bugs.

Happy gardening! There is hope that we will soon be done with the rainy season and then it will be back to work watering. We really did need all this extra water!

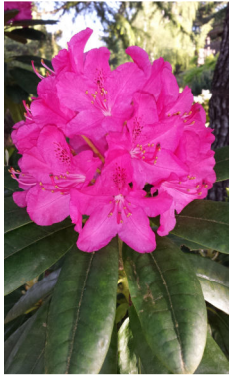
*Jackie Getty, Horticulture Chairman*

# What's Happening



## May

- 2 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00
- 7 Garden Extravaganza at BiMart River Road, 9:00-3:00
- 10 Shelton-McMurphey-Johnson House Workparty, 10:00 a.m.
- 21 EGC Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 26 Plant barrels at Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.

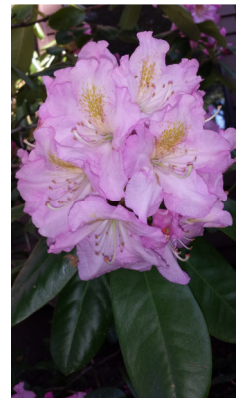


## June

- 7 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 13-15 OSFGC State Convention
- 21 EGC Meeting, 1:00 p.m.

## July

- 20-24 Lane County Fair



Counterclockwise from left: Some of our lovely Lane County rhododendrons include Cynthia, Blue Peter, Lem's Monarch, Pink Walloper, Virginia Richards, Scintillation and Catawbiense Boursalt.

Below: Some of the "Stretch" designs by members in the Arrangers Guild this week. Thank you to Lorraine Wong for photos.



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## **In the Garden – in May**

**Fertilize rhododendrons & azaleas with acid-type fertilizer and remove spent blossoms**

**Place pheromone traps in apple trees to detect codling moths**

**Transplant tomatoes & peppers in mid-May**

**Plant dahlia tubers now**

**Plant snap & lima beans, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, cucumber, dill, eggplant, kale, pumpkins, summer & winter squash, potatoes, and watermelons**

**Fertilize roses with 1 cu. Alfalfa meal around each rose bush and 1 T fish oil per gallon of water two times this month**

**Water roses at least once a week**

