

# Eugene Garden Club News

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## President's Corner

A big thanks to all of you who were able to come to the Spring Cleaning at the clubhouse 1<sup>st</sup> of March. It's getting there. About half of what needed to get done was completed, so a second date has been set to finish up – Save the date – **April 12 starting at 9:00 a.m.** Hope you can join us.

Fingers crossed that the weather will start warming up soon so we can get into our gardens and get things growing again. I'm sure you are as anxious as I am to get out there and get dirty.

Our Front Garden crew will be starting up soon and the ladies that tend the flower beds up at the Shelton-McMurphy-Johnson House could use a couple of hands as they start planting color for the season. In general, spring at the club and around the state are full of activities.

We have field trips scheduled, a District Meeting in Junction City, our Plant Sale in May and the Lane County Fair to start thinking about. There is the Glide Wildflower Show in April. Watch for specific details of these activities and more in the Newsletter and on our website.

Rumor has it that we are working to revive our Flower Arranging Classes soon – stay tuned and hope to see you soon.

. . . . . *Ann Brandt*  
*EGC President*

## Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

### Field Trip

#### McKenzie River Nursery

38698 Camp Creek Road,  
Springfield, 541.747.2767

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

(See notes below)

## March EGC Field Trip

Our March program is a field trip to McKenzie River Nursery in East Springfield which specializes in hanging baskets. We'll be able to work in their greenhouses to plant our own hanging baskets, and then they'll be ready for us to go back and pick them up right before Mothers Day Weekend. Their manager will call to let us know exactly when they can be picked up.

The cost is \$25 for a 10" basket and \$40 for a 12" basket. (Many of us will be out and about on May 13 working at Willamette District Plant Extravanza and could share rides to drive up to get our baskets that afternoon.)

In March, anyone who would like to carpool or needs a ride should meet at the Winco parking lot out Coburg Road across from COSTCO. It's a huge parking lot, and we will meet at the part furthest from the store near the Human Bean Coffee Spot, and leave extra cars parked there during our day. We should plan to leave Winco parking lot by 9:15 a.m.. So meet there at 9:00 a.m.

The nursery is 13 miles east of Eugene and takes nearly a half hour for the drive. The nursery has blocked out 10-12:30 for us.

*Jacqui Cole, Co-Vice President*

# Willamette District

Our Willamette District Meeting will be sponsored by Junction City Garden Club on Friday, March 24, with doors open at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting is at the Nazarene Church, 1737 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Junction City and is a **POTLUCK**.

District Director Sharon Wilson reminds us that all club members are invited.

## Proposed Change to the EGC Constitution

*Jennifer Rabner, EGC Treasurer*

The regular Board of Director's meeting was held on February 7, and the **Board voted to change the term length of elected officers from one to two years.** This change, shown in red below, will require a vote by the general membership and is as follows:

### ARTICLE IV -- OFFICERS, ELECTIONS

SECTION 3. The OFFICERS and TRUSTEES shall be nominated at the April general meeting, voted on by ballot at the May general meeting, installed at the June general meeting, and officially take office July 1st. Officers shall be elected for ~~one~~ **two** year terms and may serve two consecutive terms, with the exception of the Treasurer; duly qualified Treasurers may serve more than two consecutive terms.

**Per our Bylaws, a copy of the change will be present at the February General Meeting on February 21 and voted on the March General Meeting on March 21.**

## INS & OUTS

OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

### ...Yearly House Cleaning

We began our cleaning up our clubhouse from to back and top to bottom this month and will continue April 12, 9:00 a.m.

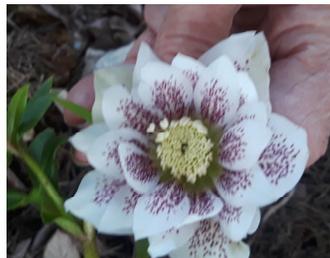
### .....Lane Country Fair July 19-23

We will be asking members to sign up -

1. to help with planting Fair Barrels on Thursday morning, May 25, 9 a.m.
2. to produce a Vignette for the Fair, (entry on July 17-18)
3. Hostessing during the Fair – and we need a chairman for this.

### .....Rare bamboo seeds

Member, Patty Boynton, reports that her black bamboo has produced many many seeds. Very unusual! Generally you have to wait 40-50 years or even 100 to see a black bamboo produce flowers! She doesn't have flowers yet, but does have little new starts.



# What's Happening



## March \*\*\* *(changes from book)*

- 1 EGC house cleaning! - beginning 9:00 a.m.
- 7 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 21 EGC Regular Meeting, 10-12:30 (a change)  
Field Trip to at McKenzie River Nursery,  
– carpool from Winco at 9:15 – (show up 9:00)  
– bring lunch or plan where to eat up there
- 24 Willamette District Meeting, 10:00 a.m.,  
Nazarene Church, 1737 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.  
Junction City. POTLUCK

## April

- 4 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 12 EGC House Cleaning, 9:00 a.m.
- 18 EGC Regular Meeting –  
floral arranging program
- 30 Lane County Master Gardeners' Plant Sale  
Lane County Fairgrounds,  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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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.**

