

# Eugene Garden Club News

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## President's Corner

National Garden Clubs, Inc. proclaims April 2023 as Plant America Month –  
- please see the proclamation on page 39 in the *National Gardener* that I forwarded to everyone recently. A very interesting and timely proclamation if I say so myself.

April 22 is be the 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of **Earth Day**

April 28 is the 151<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of **Arbor Day**

And.....

April 28 is the 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Eugene Garden Club.... Happy Anniversary to US!

In addition to all this, we also come alive as a club and around our state with activities and functions related to horticulture now throughout the summer months. Events are popping up all over the state: plant sales (ours is May 13<sup>th</sup>), tours, outdoor lectures, and educational opportunities galore.

If you know something about any of these events that interest you, please share with our members at the meetings or by dropping a note to me or any of the board members so we can get the information to others.

We have a little spring cleaning of the clubhouse left to do so come join us if you can on April 12<sup>th</sup> to finish up our spring cleaning.

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

## Eugene Garden Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

At Eugene Garden Club

11:15 a.m.      **Brown Bag Lunch**

11:45 a.m.      **Meeting**

1:00 p.m.      **Fun With Flowers**

**Hostesses:** *Ann Brandt, Lucy Chambers, Blanche Chase, Jacqui Cole, Renee LaFrance, Jennifer Rabner Lorraine Wong*

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Members are asked to bring something interesting or pretty that's blooming or budding in the yard for our tables. This can be greens or flowers.

We'll have medium size containers ready at each lunch table so that each group of four can collectively make a bouquet or arrangement. Bring scissors or a clipper if you can.

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Following the business meeting, we'll have a demonstration of floral arranging techniques given by some of the experienced designers in our club - Sherry Cossey, Sharon Wilson, Jennifer Rabner and Lorraine Wong. This is intended as an introduction to floral arranging and design, starting with the basics. This is not intended as a hands-on day, but rather as an overview.

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The following Thursday, April 20, 2023, we are beginning a series of Beginning Flower Arranging Classes here at the club. They'll meet mornings 10:00 a.m. to noon. More information will be available on our website.

*Jacqui Cole, Co-Vice President*

# INS & OUTS

## OF THE EUGENE GARDEN CLUB

### .....Clubhouse Spring Clean Part II

Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> starting around 9 a.m.  
We did not quite finish last month, but the carpets have been cleaned and now we must finish what we started.

Please join us if you can, even if it is only for an hour or two. The workroom was barely touched and each of the other rooms just have finishing touches that need to be addressed. It will go faster if you can bring some of your own supplies and tools although we will have some there for you as well. Thanks for helping us keep the house presentable.

### ...Glide Wildflower Show April 29 & 30

This show is over 50 years old and is the largest showcase of native flora in the Pacific Northwest with over 600 species of plants displayed. Displays, presentations, walks and products are available.

#### THE DETAILS

-Location:

Glide Community Center, Glide,  
17 miles east of Roseburg on Hwy 138

-\$3 suggested donation

-9 a.m. - 5 p.m. both Saturday & Sunday,  
(photographers-only hour from 8-9 a.m.)

-Handicapped accessible

Visit [www.glidewildflowershow.org](http://www.glidewildflowershow.org) for more information. If you have questions or would like advice on planning your outing, email [info@glidewildflowershow.org](mailto:info@glidewildflowershow.org)



EGC Vice-President Jacqui Cole came back with a few photos from the March meeting up the river where members got to plant hanging baskets.





# Garden Extravaganza Plant Sale 2023

Plant and Tuber Sale held by  
Willamette District Garden clubs and the  
Lane County Dahlia Society

**Saturday, May 13**

**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

in the front parking lot at  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
1465 Coburg Road.

*If you have some plants you can share,  
please to pot them up with  
store purchased soil and clean pots.*

*Camille Noel  
Plant Sale Chairman*



Good looking plants attract the most attention and sell first! Please have your plants' common and botanical names as well as preferred growing conditions marked on the white tags (use #2 pencil.) Tags are available at the garden club and some will be available at our meeting this month. Jennifer Rabner will have the tags.

It's a great idea to have a picture of the plant at its peak to help buyers know what they are purchasing. Use seed catalogs or go online to find color photos. Customers like to know what color the flowers are going to be as well.

Remember to bring no more than 5 pots of the same plant. We want variety of selection for our buyers.

## Garden Extravaganza Notes

### WHERE??

The new location for the plant sale is the front parking lot at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. This is across from Safeway and just north of the intersection where Cal Young Road meets Coburg Road.

Garden club workers for the sale can park in the dentist office parking lot just north of the church on Coburg Road. And "Thank You Notes" are always appreciated.

*Janet Calvert*

### GETTING READY . . .

People need to have labels that tell color, name of plant with both botanical and common names, perennial, annual, shrub, tree, size of plant, sun, part shade or shade for each plant.

I sure hope that many people in the Garden Club are growing plants for the plant sale. Only two people besides myself showed up at the potting party and I don't think anyone has come to get potting soil. We seem to need have better participation.

*Jackie Getty*





# Lane County Fair

The Lane County Fair is being held July 19-23, Wednesday-Sunday, this year as usual at the Events Center. Garden club members are asked to sign up for hostessing during the times the Fair is open to the public. Hosts will be given tickets for entrance to the Fair.

## **ENTRIES:**

The Floral Department entries come in on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 18, and judging is on Wednesday, the day the Fair opens.

All departments' categories are now open on the website. To find that, use Lane County Fair Entries, chose Creative Exhibits, and down at the bottom, the 2023 Fair Book is available to peruse. Online entries begin May 2, and I think anytime at the office.

## **FAIR BARRELS:**

Once again the Lane County Fair has asked our District Garden Clubs to plant the 15 oak barrels that get scattered around the area during the Fair (with our club names on them and our commercial plant material donors).

Our Barrel PLANTING DAY will be Thursday morning, May 25, at 9:00 a.m. in the usual area, by the small animal barn – where there is a water faucet! It would help if you let me know that you can be there. And if you can bring some flowers to plant yourself as well as those that are donated from Coastal Farm & Home Supply and others.

Thank you to Sharon Blade for assisting with procuring potted plants for us to use in the barrels this year. We expect to receive donations from Coastal Farm & Home Supply, Johnson Brothers, Fred Meyers West 11<sup>th</sup>, and a couple others as well. We appreciate their help in this and do use their names on our barrels as well as our garden club names.

## **Time to be in the Garden**

Cleaning up –

Fertilizing lawn

Fertilizing roses

Amending soil for vegetable garden

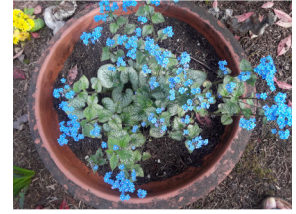
Planting veggies

Baiting for slugs

Pruning (after blooms are done)

Planting hearty transplants

# What's Happening



## April

- 4 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 10 Arrangers Guild, 10:00 a.m., Cascade Design
- 12 Finish clubhouse Spring Cleaning – 9:00 a.m.
- 18 EGC Regular Meeting –  
floral arranging program
- 20 Flower Arranging Class – 10:00 a.m.-12:00
- 29 Lane County Master Gardeners' Plant Sale  
Lane County Fairgrounds,  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## May

- 2 EGC Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m.
- 13 Garden Extravaganza, 10:00-3:00,  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Coburg Road
- 9 Willamette Arrangers' Guild, 10:00
- 16 EGC Regular Meeting
- 19 Flower Arranging Class, 10:00-12:00
- 25 Plant Barrels at Fair Grounds, 9:00 a.m.
- 30 Heritage Rose Society sale  
@ Eugene Pioneer Cemetery

### ***NEXT MONTH – Notes from Jacqui Cole***

On May 16th we're going to the Adelman's Peony Gardens in Salem. Adelman's has 30 acres of production fields and 2 acres of display gardens. They also have indoor peony bloom displays and members will be able to purchase both cut flowers and plants. We will get a tour of the fields and display gardens and we'll also have a short talk about the history of the nursery and peonies in general. The distance is 72 miles from Eugene. We will once again carpool from the Winco parking lot on Coburg Road. Carpool sign up sheet will be available at the April general meeting. We will meet on the west side of the parking lot over by the Human Bean coffee kiosk and Taco Bell. Meet at 9, leave by 9:15.

Members can bring a brown bag lunch, or, there is a nearby restaurant ½ mile away called Route 99. There will be a short business meeting before adjourning for lunch and the trip home.

Adelman's Peony Gardens: 5690 Brooklake Rd NE, Salem 503-393-6185

Route 99 Restaurant: 9015 Portland Road NE, Brooks, OR

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## **In the Garden – in April**

**Plant broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard, Chives, endive, leeks, peas, radishes, rhubarb, rutabagas, spinach, and turnips.**

**Fertilizer lawn, bait for slugs and clean up hiding places.**

**Do NOT cut foliage of spring-flowering bulbs.**

**Prune spring-blooming shrubs and trees AFTER blossoms fade.**

**Amend soil with organic material in preparation for spring planting.**

**Plant gladioli, alyssum, phlox, marigolds, and other hardy transplants.**

**Fertilize roses with 1 T. fish oil (5-1-1) to gallon water per each Rose bush by 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month.**

