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From Your District Director

Peggy Trees

Thanksgiving is over. On to more holiday celebrating, decorating, shopping and cooking. I am working on my front entrance to make it holiday inviting.

If you need a break from the festivities, you might want to consider a garden movie or two. One that I recommend is Dare To Be Wild on Netflix. It is based on the true story of Mary Reynolds who won a Gold Medal at the Chelsea Garden Show in London. Her book The Garden Awakening: Designs to Nurture Our Land & Ourselves is on my Christmas list. A Little Chaos is a 17th Century period piece on The Garden of Versailles.

Our Pioneer District Garden Club's Convention 2020 Committee met for the first time in November. We are excited and have our beginning marching orders. If you would like to join us please let Margaret Jeppesen, our Chairwoman, or myself, Peggy Trees, know. We would love to have you on our committee.

Happy Holiday's to you all.



CHRISTMAS BOUQUET

Each year at the December meeting, Beaverton Garden Club makes Christmas bouquets in Christmas mugs to take to one of the Retirement Homes in the area. This year 62 arrangements are going to Hearthstone Retirement Center. Members bring greens and mugs and the committee adds the oasis, small flowers and small bows to enhance each arrangement. President Pat Johnson and her husband Dave, deliver them to the center. As time permits, members are then able to make a arrangement to take home.



Hillsboro Garden Club's annual charity swag making day.

Every year we create and deliver Christmas swags to local charities. This year charities happy to receive swags were:

- Boys & Girls Club
 - Community Action Organization
 - Family Promises
 - Hillsboro Senior Center
 - Home Plate Youth Services
 - Open Door Counseling Center
 - ARMS (Abuse Recovery Ministry Services)
 - Youth Conflict - Safe Place
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Washington County Department of Human Resources
- HGC is happy to share a bit of Christmas cheer to these charities



2019 Dates to Remember

March 21—Spring Board Meeting
Beaverton

April 18—Spring District Luncheon
Cedar Mill and West Point

The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Convention

June 9-12 Klamath Falls
Installation of New Officers

National Garden Week
June 2-8



TIGARD GARDEN CLUB

Our November meeting guest was John Fer-
via, Tualatin Riverkeepers' archivist. His
presentation on the history of the Tualatin
River had our members' rapt attention. John
shared the geographic events that created the
Tualatin and the Atfalati tribal influence from
their 24 villages that once thrived on its
banks. This familiar waterway runs through
so much of our lives. But now we'll never
look at our unsung waterway in the same way
again.



Our November activity was something we'll
definitely repeat at future holidays. Members
gathered at the home of Lois Rutkin to create
small sized evergreen centerpieces for the
Tigard Senior Center. Each was beautifully
different, and extras were made to adorn our
Christmas potluck tables.



The annual Christmas potluck luncheon was
held December 5 at the welcoming home of
Mary and Jack Clinton. Some 40 members
shared an abundant buffet. We gathered do-
nated goods for the Tigard Good Neighbor
Center and enjoyed a lively gift exchange.
Good spirits reigned for the day as we shared
the essence of the season: good friends, great
food, and shared generosity.

Reminders

Photo Contest entries

Club Judging in March

District Judging in April

State Judging at Convention

Rules in next Newsletter

Other Contests—See your State Directory for
State, Regional and National Deadlines.

Keep collecting signatures for the State Wild-
flower Legislative effort.

St. Helens Garden Club

Fall has been a very busy time for St. Helens Garden Club. Club Programs began with a visit from Dave Doolittle from Petalheads with his new plants for fall planting. His annual visit is always exciting and a great way to freshen up our plantings with new ideas. Then several members worked and attended the Fall Garden Festival at The Oregon Garden. This new program was very well received by the public and we look forward to a repeat performance and even better attendance by OSFGC members. In late September, Judy Alleruzzo from Al's Nursery was able to come and visit the Veterans' Memorial at Columbia City. To see plants that she had suggested for the Memorial thriving was rewarding. And she offered additional suggestions for plantings also.



October was our Fall Perennial Sale at the Library. Competing with Halloweentown was a challenge, but we still had a successful sale. After a very dry Summer, it was a challenge to bring worthy plants to sell, but we had a great variety. And of course, the Pioneer District meeting was a huge success, with our guest speaker, Judy from Al's, as well as State President and past Pioneer Director, Gaye Stewart, and Pacific Region Director and Past State President, Peggy Olin, Peggy Trees, current District Director at the Head Table. Other District Directors from the Metro area Districts were also in attendance. It was a beautiful day, with hosting shared by both St.

Helens and Scappoose Garden Clubs.



November 11, the annual Veterans' Day Ceremony was held at McCormick Park, highlighting the progress that has been made on the new Veterans' Memorial Plaza. The Plaza will be completed in 2019, we hope in time for the ceremony on Veterans' Day. Once completed, the new Memorial wall and the re-located Blue Star Marker will be dedicated. This new Plaza will provide covered seating, the restored cannon and several other special features. Look for information in the Pioneer Press next Fall.



December will be our Annual Christmas Party and Gift Exchange, as well as Donations for the Columbia Pacific Food Bank. We will also meet the day prior to the party for wreath-making at Ida's Wreath Shop in Yankton. We are invited to make wreaths for our personal use or to give to family and friends. This is always a lot of fun .

We had the honor of celebrating the 97th birthday for Charlotte Wilburn, a member for almost 48 years



Happy New Year to Everyone!