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National President's Award

NGC Photo Contest

Susie Ramm—Chehalem Garden Club

From your District Director

Peggy Trees

Hello Summer! You are here! If you cannot tell, summer is my favorite season. I begin most of my days eating a bowl of cereal and fruit with a cup of coffee while sitting on my deck enjoying the view of my backyard. It is a small forested area consisting of several large firs, cedars, bamboo and maples trees. I also have several rhododendrons, one camillia, lots of hydrangeas, hostas, ferns, trilliums and various other shade loving plants.

I am fortunate that my grandchildren live close by. Since most of them are now school age, summer is when I can see them for longer time periods. One granddaughter spent two weeks with me when I got back from convention. I leave in two days for Disneyland with five grand kids, ages 9 year through 24 years of age. I hope I survive.

In August I have a small (so they say) surgery on my eye lids. They say that my droopy eyelids are affecting my eye sight.

September is going to be full of garden activities for all of us. The OSFGC is having it's 2nd Annual Oregon Fall Fair at The Oregon Gardens on September 14 & 15, 2019. If you did not make it last year, hopefully, you can this year. The next day, September 16, OSFGC will have it's Fall Meeting at The Oregon Gardens. You could spend the night on the 15th, wake up for breakfast and attend the meeting. (pg. 2)

From the District Director—Continued

Besides our individual club activities, we have our Pioneer District Meeting on Thursday, September 19th at 9am at our Regular, newly renovated Beaverton Community Center in the Community Room. The address is 12350 SW 5th Street, in Beaverton. This meeting is not for just the board and club presidents, but, for all members. We are all connected. We are part of a larger National Garden Club. We learn from one another. The more we know, the more that we can find where we fit and what opportunities awaits for us.

We, Pioneer District, will be hosting the 2020 OSFGC Convention in June 8-10, 2020. The Convention Committee is wanting to hear your input on workshops, presenters, vendors and favors at our board meeting. We will also be hearing about our new Garden Study School. The first Course is on November 17 and 18, 2019. It will be held at The Oregon Gardens in Silverton. There will be a special rate if you want to spend the night. Ask Garnet Ascher if you have questions.

Please put our District Fall Luncheon on Thursday, October 17th on your calendar,

Enjoy your Summer.

Pioneer District Director,
Peggy Trees

A Tapestry of Color

Five years ago, we began planting wildflowers in numerous locations in Oregon. There were several plantings in Pioneer District. Some succeeded, others didn't. Here is a picture courtesy of ODOT Portland Maintenance taken near Clackamas Town Center on I-205 this last Spring. There were other locations around the state as well.



Beaverton Garden Club

Five of our members attended the OSFGC State Convention in Klamath Falls in June. Our garden club member yearbook received honorable mention, and several of our member's won photo contest awards.

Our June garden club meeting was held at The Garden Corner in Tualatin. We had a special area for our meeting with formal tables set up and complimentary iced tea and lemonade provided by the nursery. Members brought sack lunches, and hostesses from our club provided cookies, snack bars, fruit, etc.

The owner of the nursery, Jonn Karsseboom, spoke to us briefly near the end of our meeting. He described a variety of interesting plants for our yards. Members had time to browse around the nursery at the end of our meeting. It was a delightful experience.

Our second activity on June 27, was a garden tour of five of our member's gardens. We carpoled to the member's homes. Each home featured a variety of special plants and garden art plus shade and sun gardens. Lunch was served at the third house on the tour and light refreshments at some of the other homes. Tour hours were from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The yards were all beautiful and impressive. It was a learning experience seeing new plants plus old favorites in a variety of settings. A very impressive selection of yard art was included. We all came away from this inspired and full of new ideas for our own yards.

Hillsboro Garden Club Installation

Installation of officers for the Hillsboro Garden Club 2019 - 2021 term was held in June. Outgoing President Donna Soderberg, performed the installation with a plant theme.

Incoming President Gail Dawson, welcomed the new board with a cookie recipe theme.

Officers for 2019 – 2021 are:

President	Gail Dawson
Vice President	Donna Dixon
Secretary	Donna Soderberg
Treasurer	Jeanne Kirk

The garden club is looking forward to a fun and productive term.

FALL GARDEN FAIR

The Second Annual Fall Garden Fair is coming up in September. Dates are September 14 and 15th at The Oregon Garden. Plans are in motion for a beautiful design flower show, a floriculture and horticulture exhibit, work area booths, 8 workshops, plant and garden vendors, a children's craft and fun area. Highlight for The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. will be the dedication of a new Blue Star Marker at 11 am. on Saturday

Set up will be on Friday . More details will be coming soon. Please volunteer to help us make this a huge success. Your District Director, Peggy Trees will be forwarding information as it is available.

Join us as we showcase The OSFGC, Inc. and our various activities. Bring a guest interested in joining a club. Bring your kids and grandkids.

Following the Fair on Monday, will be the State Board Meeting at the Hotel. This will also be the location for the 2020 Pacific Region Convention. Garden Clubs are on the map in the west!

TIGARD GARDEN CLUB

As with every other club, our spring months have been cram-packed with events as diverse and interesting as a field of wildflowers.

Our excellent guest speakers broadened our horizons on numerous topics with broad appeal for all of us.

March: *Truls Jensen, Owner of Wild Ginger Gardens* in Beavercreek, enlightened us on bulbs, corms, tubers and rhizomes...geophytes for all seasons. His farm specializes in alpine woodland natives.

For April: *Darlene Betat, of Backyard Birds*, shared helpful tips on attracting birds to our Pacific Northwest gardens. May found a record number of members entering exhibits for our in-house Flower Show. The rules were relaxed and informal this year, which encouraged an exceptionally high level of participation.

In April, eleven members got together and made over 30 terrariums to be sold at our annual May plant sale. Balmy weather and outstanding plant selections contributed to record sales this year.



Member Jacki Lindquist poses at The Garden Corner entry.

With well-attended monthly field trips and our annual progressive members' garden tour, we're all feeling enlightened with new knowledge and an excitement for tackling those special gardening projects ahead.

Marilyn Isaac~Publicity

The Other Side of the West Hills and Cornelius Pass

Right now, Scappoose and St. Helens Garden Clubs are enjoying the isolation imposed by the closure of Cornelius Pass in early July. But when it is all complete, it will be a welcome improvement to a dangerous road.

But earlier this summer, both clubs hosted a garden tour featuring four eclectic gardens including the gardens at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. The Master Gardener Garden was the first stop showcasing their projects and plantings in an education site, followed by the Floral Building across from the previous garden. This has been an ongoing project to improve the horticulture around the display building. It now features the 4-H mural painted on the parking lot end. This year, there is a newly repainted Ticket booth featuring flowers and pollinators, also done by the muralist group. The third garden was in Columbia City and the fourth was a mystery garden.

Following the Garden Tour, work by both clubs began on preparations for the Columbia County Fair. Cleaning, scrubbing, painting and planting around the Floral Building, the setting up for the entries. Both clubs hosted a day at the Fair and then cleaned up following the closure. St. Helens Garden Club top winners included Melissa Hopper with a display of Succulents in Horticulture and Lynn Chiotti with top award for her Vertical design. Many members of both clubs won blue ribbons.



Looking forward to the 2020 Convention, hosted by Pioneer District. See everyone there.

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SUMMER BLESSINGS TO ALL!



Chehalem Garden Club Dedicates New Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker

The Chehalem Garden Club in Newberg dedicated a Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker on May 18, Armed Forces Day. A tribute to the nation's armed forces, the dedication included a presentation of the colors by VFW Post 4015, a tribute by OSFGC President Gaye Stewart, laying of a wreath by Chehalem Garden Club co-presidents Kami McNeill and Sally Thompson and keynote speaker Ian Domoshofsky of Veritas School.

OSFGC Chair Nancy Ebsen and Pioneer District Chair Marcia Kay Whitelock also spoke on the background of the Blue Star Marker.



Sally Thompson, Chehalem Co-President places a wreath at the Marker.

Legislative update

Lynn Chiotti—Chairman

Signatures are in, Trillium concept sent to Legislative Counsel. Now our work begins another phase. I heard this morning from Sen. Johnson that we will need to move our big push to the 2021 Session. The 2020 upcoming session is the short session and the Legislators are only being allowed to submit one new bill. With so many pieces of unfinished work from the session that just ended, it is a problem of priorities.

So with the additional time, we will be able to put together a really powerful presentation to give to whatever committee our “Bill” is assigned. Let’s plan of possibly doing a workshop at Convention in June, or gather during free time and do some creative brainstorming. We can also individually meet with our local Representatives and Senators to get them on board as co-sponsors of the Legislation when it is ready to present. So start thinking of how we can feature the Trillium in 2021!

DATES to Remember

The Oregon Garden

September 13—Set up for Fall Garden Fair

September 14-15—Fall Garden Fair

September 16 - OSFGC State Board

September 19, Beaverton—Pioneer District Board, 9 a.m. Beaverton Community Center

October 17, Fall District Luncheon—TBA

October 19, Fall Plant Sale—St. Helens Library

Other Dates will be in the Fall Pioneer Press. **Deadline for articles** will be September 30, so please submit items before that date.

See you at the Fall Garden Fair -

Lynn Chiotti, Editor

SAVE THE DATE!

Pioneer District Presents

93rd Annual Convention

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2020 Vision

Eyes on Gardening in Pioneer District

June 7-10, 2020

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McMinnville, OR