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Pioneer District Director's Notes

Peggy Trees

Spring is here. Yeah! Like most of you I have been in my forested garden cleaning up. What a job it is. But, how exciting it is to see what is beginning to come up.

Since birds are the predators of slugs I am rearranging my bird feeders, putting them closer to my hydrangea and hostas. I will also put out the usual beer.

I was reaching for my Winter Wreath to take it down when a bird flew out of her nest. I guess it will stay up a little longer this year. I will take a photograph. It could be next years winner!

Please put upcoming dates on your calendars:

April 18, 2019, Pioneer District Garden Club Luncheon. Besides a great speaker this is a chance to see all of the Photos your clubs have sent in and find out which ones go to the State Convention and then on to National.

June 9th – 13th, 2019, Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs 92nd Annual Convention at Klamath Falls. My fellow garden club member and friend will travel with me. We go down two days early and stay 2 days later so we can see the sights. We make it a vacation. We usually come back with a full car of plants and other souvenirs. We always have a lot of fun. We meet new people and enjoying seeing old friends

I have been visiting Garden Clubs and so enjoy it. I learn something new every time. Everyone is so warm and friendly. I would suggest that others visit neighboring clubs. It is a good way to get new ideas for programs and field trips. We all have gardening in common.

Please send your plant sale dates online to Bruna McBride. We can all attend other plant sales at a good price. I am eager to pick up my 2 year old Milkweed Plants from Stan and Lynn at the Luncheon.

Hope you have a great spring and remember to take "time outs" when working in the yard. Be Safe.

Beaverton Garden Club

Pat Johnson, President

In December, we were very busy in our garden club. At our meeting, we made 60 holiday floral mugs. We used greens from member's yards plus small red and white carnations, baby breath and a pretty ribbon. Members took the floral mugs to Hearthstone Retirement Center on Hart Road in Beaverton. They were handed out that evening at the holiday dinner and party.

Our field trip committee organized a progressive lunch in December too. We carpoled to four members homes where beautiful Christmas decorations were on display. In addition, there was food at each home. Appetizers at the first house, salads at the second house, soup and bread at the third and all kinds of beautiful desserts at the last house. It was a very joyous and fun time!

Many members went to the Flower show in Seattle in February.

Speakers at our January, February, and March meetings were Harriet Ottaviano, master gardener, speaking on the topic of herbs, Heidi Berkman talking about the Bloom Project, and Sue Randall, president of the Oregon Fuchsia Society, giving a potting demonstration and power point presentation on the care of fuchsias and types of fuchsias plus overwintering tips.

We were fortunate to have Peggy Trees as a guest at our February meeting. She talked about scholarships for college students.

For our school projects, Pat and Dave Johnson weeded the planter by the Fir Grove Elementary school office and planted primroses. Pat will, also, be putting up a teacher resource table for the staff at Fir Grove and organizing additional activities for the students around Earth Day on April 22, 2019

Our member, Leslie Niiya, has been working with students at Hiteon Elementary school in Beaverton. The fifth graders have been involved in Colonial studies and have planted 200 native plant starts which they will donate to our plant sale.

Our garden club is very busy getting organized for our Plant sale which will be held on Saturday, April 27, and will be chaired by Bruna McBride. Members have been potting up plants at their own homes plus we're having "digs" at other member's homes. We have a large dig scheduled for next week.

Our club currently has 62 members which includes four new members. Bruna McBride was overwhelmingly voted as our Member of Distinction.

Hiteon Elementary School

Youth Project

On May 24, 2019, one hundred twenty-eight Hiteon Elementary School 5th graders will churn butter, stitch a quilt square, dip wax process a candle, build a cup and ball toy, shape soap, draw a silhouette, tie sturdy knots, punch tin a lantern, and visit an apothecary, during the annual Colonial Faire. This year Beaverton Garden Club will sponsor several herb based activities in the Apothecary Station as part of its continuing efforts to promote educational activities that foster an appreciation of the earth's resources and a love for gardening.

Students will first learn the benefits of herbal teas or tisanes by examining several herbal tea ingredients and prepared tea blends from local tea makers: Stash Tea Company, Steven Smith Teamaker, and the T Project Shop. Next, the students will mix and fill their own herbal sachets using locally sourced preserved herbs including French Lavender, Lemon Thyme, Lemon Verbena, Basil Mint, and Sweet Woodruff. The Sachets offer an example of the colonists' use of botanicals to freshen and protect clothing, linens, and household furniture from insects and other pests. Upon completion of their sachets, students will have an opportunity to taste and provide feedback on a variety of herbal infused jams, jellies, honeys, and chocolates. For the final activity, every student will be able to select an herb to plant up and bring home after learning it's care requirements and harvesting techniques.

If past Hiteon Elementary Colonial Faire's are any indication of how great an impact sharing herbal knowledge can have, we just have to look at all the local Beaverton gardens where student planted herbs are flourishing; nurturing pollinators and Beaverton families for over twenty five years!

Leslie Niiya,
Youth Gardening Chair
Hiteon Elementary School

A Reminder to all Club Treasurers—Don't forget to remit both District and State Dues starting July 1, 2019, the new Fiscal Year. Also Return money and Treasure Chest Tickets for Convention before June 7, the opening day. They cannot win if they are late!

A Little Internet Courtesy

Whether you are a Garden Club officer, District Director or even a higher officer, we all often send e-mails out to people in our sphere of Garden Club members. But no one wants to get an e-mail with the names and e-mails of the rest of the members, especially if you print them out. So many times, what is bulk e-mailed is not something we are interested in. Although it may take an extra minute, please consider sending those type of e-mails with a **bcc**: or blind copy. People are more likely to read it.

It's easy to do. When you compose an e-mail to many people, use your e-mail address on the **To** line, then take your cursor to the right of the same line and click on **bcc**, then paste the rest of the e-mails after that. Each person will get the e-mail, but not all the other addresses. It is a polite way to do it, and more secure. When you do a bulk send with all the e-mails on the same line, it leaves everyone open to being hacked. I have known this to happen to several people, including myself. No one wants to be hacked and this is a simple solution.

Most people tend to ignore e-mails with all the addresses visible. If you want something to be read, be polite and use **bcc**.

A Past District Director

Chehalem Garden Club

The Chehalem Garden Club invites you to attend the dedication of a Blue Star Marker, a tribute to the Armed Forces of America. The dedication will be held on May 18, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in Memorial Park, South Howard Street, Newberg.

Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Kami McNeill and Sally Thompson, Co-Presidents

For additional information contact mgtsat@comcast.net



ANNUAL PLANT SALE 2019
TUALATIN VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
SATURDAY ONLY
April 27, 8:30 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Washington County Fair Complex
East Entrance at 34th and Cornell Road,
Hillsboro, OR

Greatest Selection and the Best Prices in the Area
Annuals – Perennials - Native Plants
Vegetables – Herbs
Shrubs and Small Trees – A large variety of other plants and garden materials

Free Admission **Free parking**

Contacts: Joy Russ 503-647-9980 or Dave Russell 503-648-4236

Hillsboro Garden Club, Too!



14th Annual
Designers' Garden Tour

9am - 5pm
Saturday, June 22, 2019

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It has been four years since The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. began its Wildflower Project to plant wildflowers across the state to create a Tapestry of Color. Working with the Oregon Department of Transportation, our members have planted specific mixes of Oregon wildflowers in our communities and along our Oregon Highways. Even some of the Interstate Highway Medians have been planted. Where there was adequate water, they thrived. The perennials continue to bloom each year, but the annuals are replanted each Spring and Summer.

Doesn't Oregon already have a wildflower? No, we have a State Flower, the Oregon Grape. In doing our research, it was discovered that only eight states out of the fifty United States have a designated Wildflower. One of the Native wildflowers in Oregon that is threatened is the *Trillium*. If we want this, which of several varieties would we select? Rather than select a specific variety, we decided to choose the Genus *Trillium* and leave the species up to the regions of the state. What grows in Western Oregon, will not thrive in the high desert, but another species will.

Where do we begin? Right now we are collecting signatures of Oregonians who support this idea. This is not an Initiative Petition to be placed on the Oregon Ballot sometime in the future. Rather, it is to show the broad based support the idea has across the state. These interest petitions will be presented to a key State Senator to have a critical Sponsor for the Legislative Concept.

Our timeline is relatively short. We hope to collect several pages of signatures by the end of June, 2019 to begin the first steps. Then the Legislative Concept will be officially drafted prior to the September Legislative Days, where major decisions on bills are made to send to the appropriate committee. Once the bill is assigned to committee, the hard work begins. Letters of support will be needed to be sure it gets a hearing and moves out of committee and on to the floor for a vote. Once approved there, it must go to the other side and go through the process all over again. If approved in both Chambers, it goes to the Governor for signature. Our ultimate vision is to have it enacted in 2020.

Garden Club members and the general public all play an important role in this process. Let's make the *Trillium*, Oregon's State Wildflower, becoming the 9th state with a Native wildflower so designated.

Why is this important to everyone? We are one of the few states to have the diversity to have so many *Trillium* varieties. In order to protect this signature beauty, The Oregon Garden recently began a *Trillium* collection with a planting of over 100 plants and four varieties with more to come. It is fantastic to partner with The Oregon Garden on this legislative adventure.

Need a petition to take to your friends?

Ask your Garden Club President for a copy and get all your neighbors and friends to participate by signing. The more signatures, the better. Remind them that this is not to put it on the Ballot. It is to bring before the State Legislature. Mail complete signatures to P.O. Box 933, St. Helens Oregon 97051-1130.

Dates to Remember

- April 13, 2019 -** St. Helens Plant Sale
At the Library—9-2
- April 27, 2019 -** Hillsboro Plant Sale
St. Helens Plant sale
At the Master Gardener's Sale—High School
Beaverton Plant Sale
- May 11, 2019 -** Chehalem Plant Sale
Tigard Plant Sale
- May 18, 2019 -** Scappoose Plant Sale
Blue Star Marker
Dedication—Newberg -
2:00 p.m.
- June 7 -10, 2019** State Convention -
Klamath Falls. See the
March Mahonia for details.

Coming this Fall, another Fall Garden Fair. Look for upcoming details.

Tigard Plant Sale

Saturday
May 11, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
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Bull Mt. Farmer's Market
@ Canterbury Square
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1500 SW Pacific Hwy.