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Director's Notes

Autumn is a Second Spring where every Leaf is a Flower By Albert Camus

Even when I was a little girl, I loved trees. The first poem that I recited in school, 5th grade, was "I think that I shall never see a Poem as lovely as a Tree", by Joyce Kilmer. The framed poem hung in my parent's house. When I moved away from home, I took it with me. It now hangs in my house. At that time, I did not know that I was to marry a tree, James Trees. Hence, my name.

Our District Luncheon is October 17, 2019 at Joyful Servant Lutheran Church Hall in Newberg. Our speaker is our very own Robin Hood' President, Marilyn Ellis. She is speaking on "The Secret Lives of Birds." You will want to be there! We will have our Pink Panther Sale and Fun Raffles.

Our **Convention** Committee has been meeting every month for a year now. We will need many helpers before and during the convention. Please let me know if you are willing to help.

Save the Dates

**Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs
Annual Convention**

June 8-10, 2020

**Pre-convention set-up/meetings on June 7.
Holiday Inn—Wilsonville**

SAVE THE DATE

93rd Annual OSFGC Convention

2020 Vision

Eyes on Gardening in Oregon

Where:

Holiday Inn Portland South-Wilsonville

25425 SW 95th Avenue

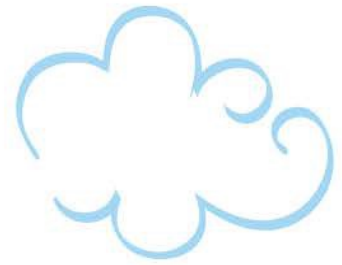
Wilsonville, OR

When:

June 7-10, 2020

Watch

***oregongardenclubs.org* for registration
in the spring of 2020**



WHO IS WILLING TO WALK THE RUNWAY?

WANTED! MODELS FOR OUR SHOW:

Entertaining Fashion for the Garden

TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER – JUNE 9, 2020



WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR: We take all walkers in any garden outfit—and that includes your favorite tool!

HOW TO SIGN UP: Send your name, contact info, club, and a description of your outfit for our event emcee to the email below.

CONTACT: Patricia Foster of the Beaverton Garden Club EMAIL: grufferop@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: May 15, 2020

What I learned at this NGC Fall Board Meeting

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Plant America Grant 2019-2020 applications – deadline October 15

We voted to increase Plant America Grant funds to \$50,000

Ames Tools and Espoma have renewed as partners. See website.

Awards of Excellence entries – deadline January 1

Awards entries deadline – January 15

An idea to encourage payment of dues from clubs is to withhold eligibility to any benefit offered e.g. insurance, grants, awards, etc.

That a motion can be made that authorizes someone (in NGC's case, the Organization Study Chairman) to remove all duplicate numerical references in the bylaws and/standing rules. E.g. one (1) or five (5)

That a Blue Star ornament will be available for this holiday season - \$10 from NGC Member Services

That no more donations will be accepted to the NGC International Disaster Fund. We voted to transfer the balance of the funds to the NGC Natural Disaster Fund in accordance with IRS rules.

Watch for news of a Plant America with Trees initiative (coming soon).

New NGC Life Members will no longer receive the printed version of *The National Gardener*. New subscriptions to the magazine will no longer be accepted.

NGC Life Membership donations have always been split 50/50 between the Permanent Home & Endowment (PH&E) and the Scholarship Fund. The Scholarship Fund is so well funded that we voted to change the split to PH&E and the Plant America Community Grant fund.

The new and improved NGC website is scheduled to roll out in February, 2020.

We voted to recommend to the membership (at the next convention) several bylaw/standing rule changes that will allow modification of guidelines related to administration of access to our invested funds.

Mark Your Calendars –

NGC Convention – Milwaukee – May 11 – 16, 2020

NGC Fall Board Meeting – Fargo, North Dakota – September 23 – 27, 2020

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY HGC!

On January 16, 2019 Hillsboro Garden Club turned 90 years old.

The club was founded on January 16, 1929. Mrs. L. J. Merrill served as the club's first president from 1929 through 1930.

So many years have passed, and we still are a happily active club, with great members.

TIGARD GARDEN CLUB

With a very full house, our September meeting was held Wednesday, September 4. As with every other meeting, good cheer, good work, and great food were front and center. Our theme this year is "Garden Color." We so enjoy our guest speakers, but September's was most entertaining. Nicole Forbes, Education and Events Coordinator for Dennis 7 Dees Garden and Landscape, gave a comprehensive presentation called "Ferns and Friends." She brought a whole new diversity of options for shade gardening. Ferns offer year-round beauty and interest, ask for very little help, and by and large are pest/deer resistant. We'll be hearing more from her at future district events. *A don't miss the experience!*

Many members are hard at work prepping for the Fall Pioneer District Luncheon on October 17. It's our great pleasure to share hosting with three other clubs: Chehalem, Sherwood Robin Hood, and Oregon Camellia Society. We look forward to seeing most, if not all, of you there. Here's to a great 2019-20 year of gardening!

Marilyn Isaac~Publicity



From your Pioneer Press Editor

Pioneer District is the largest District in the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. with fifteen federated clubs. Covering three large counties in northwest Oregon, we represent our waterways, agriculture, forests, mountains and our residents. We represent many diverse cultures as well as several pioneer families. Big business and educational Institutions are also part of our District.

With such diversity of opportunities, being a member of a Garden Club serves as a vital link to all our communities. But, even with at least four clubs with membership of over fifty men and women, getting clubs and members to submit articles is hard.

Please consider sharing your club accomplishments with the rest of the district. What you may consider as just a simple idea, may be just the stimulus to another member to create something beautiful. Also, our newsletter reaches several hundred club members. Your events such as fundraisers can benefit from publicity in the Pioneer Press.

Right now, only Tigard and Hillsboro plus an article from the director, Peggy Trees, information from the National Fall Board meeting, and Convention 2020 information are elsewhere in this edition.

Let's get more response from all our clubs for the Holiday edition. Share your joy for the season, recipes you like, events you are having. By sharing, we become stronger. Also, part of growing is reading and sharing your Pioneer Press. This is YOUR newsletter. I will be doing another short article from the St. Helens Garden Club, telling about some of our recent doings and plans. But realize that this edition will be very short.

Presidents: Please make sure to send all District and State Newsletters to your members. Set an example by reading about what is happening. There is no excuse for not knowing what is happening if you don't submit information, or read it.

St. Helens Garden Club Fall Perennial Sale

Saturday, October 19

St. Helens Public Library—185 South 18th St.
9-2

Daffodil bulbs, Iris Rhizomes, shrubs, mum starts, grasses, to name a few.

See you there!

St. Helens Garden Club

With five locations in the St. Helens area to care for, we have been busy all summer. These five areas include the entrances to McCormick Park, the Triangle at the start/end of the one way street grid in St. Helens, the Floral Building at the Fairgrounds, the Veteran's Memorial Park in Columbia City and the Caples House, a D.A.R. project, also in Columbia City. Our hardy crew of about six members spend time at a different location each Monday morning, Rain or shine. All are retired, with one being 90 years of age. Emphasis now is gradually becoming "tired".

We are now looking to get help on a couple of these areas from the "work" crew at the Columbia County Jail. The constant bending and lifting has taken a toll on our aching joints and muscles. So we have asked for help. And it looks as if we will get it for at least two high maintenance projects. We supervise, they bend.

Other projects include our plant sales. This Saturday will be the Fall Sale mentioned previously. Come on out, rain or shine, and get plants and bulbs. Because of the Japanese beetle problem in Washington County, we will not be part of the Master Gardener Fair in April. So this sale will be our Big Sale. Dress warmly, as it is outdoors and covered and rain in forecast.

See you at the Plant Sale and the District Luncheon on Thursday.

