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Pioneer District Director's Corner Peggy Schaller



I hope that each of you are enjoying the beautiful sunshine we are having. I prayed for rain and am appreciative for every drop that fell, but today the sun is shining, and all is right in my world.

This has been a difficult time for all of us. We held our first meeting in September, and as you would expect, we had very few attendees. Our October 21 meeting will be via Zoom. I hope you will make a special effort to join us. I am hopeful in the Spring we can have an in-person meeting. I look forward to meeting and working with each of you in the future.

We have lost a couple of clubs in the last year or two and several more are struggling. New membership is vital but being unable to meet regularly is taking its toll. I hope you will work diligently to keep your club growing. In the winter things begin to slow down in the garden a bit, so perhaps more time will be available for working in this area.

Even if you have a zoom meeting, have an interesting program and encourage visitors. There are so many folks out there that don't even know about garden clubs. It always amazes me. Put articles in your local newspaper advertising the meetings and stress the programs. Then write an article about the meeting and send it to the press. Do what you can to stimulate interest. Many clubs need younger new members as well. Some of us are getting old!

Have a wonderful Fall. Enjoy your Thanksgiving and Christmas. What a wonderful time of the year. Blessings to each of you and yours.

Peggy





Ever wonder what your district does for you?

The following is a list of chairs of Pioneer District committees that work on behalf of your club, the Pioneer District, the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., the Pacific Region, and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

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Here in a quiet and dusty room they lie, Faded as crumbled stone and shifting sand, Forlorn as ashes, shriveled, scentless, dry. Meadows and gardens running through my hand.

Dead that shall quicken at the voice of spring, Sleepers to wake beneath June's tempest kiss; Though birds pass over, un-remembering, And no bee find here roses that were his.

In this brown husk a dale of hawthorn dreams; A cedar in this narrow cell is thrust That shall drink deeply at a century's streams; These lilies shall make summer on my dust.

Here in their safe and simple house of death, Sealed in their shells, a million roses leap; Here I can stir a garden with my breath, And in my hand a forest lies asleep.



**Pioneer District
Garden Club Presidents**

Beaverton

- Pat Johnson

Cedar Mill

- Donna Cotton

Chehalem

- Kami McNeill

Hillsboro

- Donna Dixon

McMinnville

- Adele O'Neal

Northwest Cactus Society

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- Collier Brown

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- Thomas Berquam

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- Jeanette Pero

Tigard

- Lynn Stevens

Tualatin Valley

- Jerry Maasdam

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- Sharon Shafer



*A special thanks
to the district the
club president's.
We appreciate all
of your hard work!*

ANNOUNCING

National Garden Club Convention 2022
Orlando, Florida
May 15-21, 2022

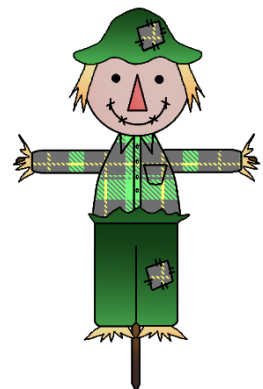
We need 6 members of the Pioneer District to attend the national convention. For further information, please contact Peggy Schaller, District Director.

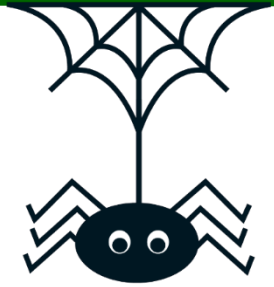
*"Autumn is
a second
spring when
every leaf is
a flower."
Albert Camus*

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Mary Warshauer, President

Mary's Message to Members: *"We will consider the future, set challenging goals and have the determination to achieve them. Our shared passion enhances the enjoyment of learning from and interacting with our beautiful planet. **After all, playing outdoors is what gardeners do best!**"*





**Greetings
from Cedar Mill Garden Club
President Donna Cotton**

CEDAR MILL GARDEN CLUB

Donna Cotton, President

The Cedar Mill Garden Club is once again back on the agenda, hopefully for the 2021-2022 year, since we were not active last year because of Covid.

With new officers for the next two years we are planning to become a growing Club.

- In October, we are planning a program by Gordon Jackman from the Vancouver Chrysanthemum Society.
- November we will do our annual Floral Arrangements by members to take home for the Thanksgiving Holidays.
- December is our Christmas Party Pot Luck.

Looking forward to 2022 with new ideas for the coming year.



**Greetings
from Beaverton Garden Club
President Pat Johnson**



Beaverton Garden Club members gather for a fall "dig" in preparation for their annual spring plant sale.

BEAVERTON GARDEN CLUB

Pat Johnson, President

We were able to have our June meeting in my back yard. Our members really enjoyed seeing friends again in-person as we had been having Zoom meetings through the Winter and Spring of 2021. In July, we also had a garden tour in five member's yards. The garden tour ended with a wonderful lunch at the last home. We enjoyed seeing a variety of landscaped yards with many good ideas to implement in our own yards. (continued on Page 5)



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BEAVERTON GARDEN CLUB

Pat Johnson, President



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Our annual Plant Sale on May 15, was our most successful ever bringing in excellent profits which will enable our club to make substantial donations to many philanthropic groups.

We have a new group in our club headed by our member, Hen Truong. Hen works for an organization called HOPE, or Help for our Precious Elders. As Hen and his crew go out to homes, they are sometimes asked to dig up and remove plants to complete a landscape. The homeowners usually don't want the plants so this group uses some of our garden club members to dig the unwanted plants. Our garden club then re-pots the plants for sale at our Plant Sale in the Spring. Our members are also being encouraged to divide any plants in their own yards now in the Fall, and re-pot them. This is a good time to begin on this as the soil is softer and wet from the rain which makes it easier to dig. We also have what we call many "digs" in the Spring.

Our meetings this year will be on Zoom until members feel that it's safe to meet inside and in person.

Our October 14, meeting will feature a garden club member, Ed Hobbs, who represents Simple Pleasures Bulb. Co. Ed will share ideas on the newer bulbs available this Fall for planting. He will also offer information on some of the Spring bulbs that will be coming out in April, especially many new varieties of dahlias.

Our club is staying active and welcoming new members. We currently have sixty four members and are looking forward to more!

Greetings from Hillsboro Garden Club President Donna Dixon



How you are greeted when visiting Hillsboro Garden Club member, Gio Burt.



Hillsboro Garden Club members got together for fun at The Reserve Golf Club for lunch.

"Love the trees until their leaves fall off, then encourage them to try again next year." Chad Sugg





Beautiful Dahlias in the garden of Hillsboro Garden Club Past President, Gail Dawson.



**PIONEER DISTRICT
FALL MEETING**

DATE

Thursday, October 21, 2021

TIME

12:00 PM

VIA ZOOM

Bring a brown bag lunch and we will break bread together.

SPEAKER

Carol Wright
Tigard Garden Club

TOPIC

“What’s Changed,
What’s New in
Recycling

All Club Presidents have Zoom meeting information.

Pacific Region Director

Lana Finegold

Pacific Region Theme

ONE GREEN WORLD

by Lana Finegold



ONE GREEN WORLD

*From pause to possibility, I'm hoping for stability
Our life before pandemic is no more.
Our world is changing rapidly,
the scourge of fire and rising sea,
Brings with it FEAR,
Not knowing what's in store.*

*Can we fashion ONE GREEN WORLD?
Can we choose peace, flags unfurled?
Communicate? Collaborate? Find a way to
celebrate?
Our task is huge. The stakes are high.
Each one teach one. Reach one. TRY.*

*“Thanksgiving is a time of
togetherness and gratitude.”*

Nigel Hamilton



Happy
Thanksgiving

Greetings from Tigard Garden Club

President Lynn Stevens



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TIGARD GARDEN CLUB

Marilyn Isaac, Publicity



Like all of you, our club continues to ferret out new ways of meeting and sharing our favorite gardening experiences. Not an easy trick since the CDC keeps us on our toes with new information guidelines.

In order to take advantage of outdoor/ social distancing we gathered at Cook Park here in Tigard for both the June and September meetings. The weather cooperated so well that we could even enjoy a presentation by Nicole Forbes of Dennis 7 Dees Nursery. She spoke on outdoor fall/winter container combinations.

If your club hasn't had a chance to have her visit, it's definitely worth a call. Nicole is a well-seasoned presenter and very knowledgeable in so many areas.

*"It looked like the world was covered in a cobbler crust of brown sugar and cinnamon."
Sarah Addison Allen
First Frost*

TIGARD GARDEN CLUB – September Field Trip

Marilyn Isaac, Publicity

The weather was again perfect for a September field trip to Lisa Graff's 37-acre home and



gardens. Plant propagation is such a favored hobby for her that she has proudly created Lux Perennials Nursery to sell some of her favorites. The view and surroundings are both soothing and eye-popping at the same time. Lisa's exquisite home and setting is one of those tucked-away treasures in the NW Skyline Blvd. area.

TIGARD GARDEN CLUB - New Meeting Location

Marilyn Isaac, Publicity

And if Covid weren't enough, we needed to find a new location for "if and when" we are able to meet indoors. Fortunately one of our members stepped up to contact her church. They've graciously given permission for us to meet there.

We are all looking forward to seeing each other's faces again as soon as possible. If that can't be arranged, at least we have become Zoom aficionados!





The Last Rose of Summer



TIGARD GARDEN CLUB

Lynn Stevens, President

“This rose is French Lace. It is so pretty, but only blooms about twice a season.”



TIGARD GARDEN CLUB

Lynn Stevens, President

“This one is prolific and smells great, Double Delight.”

*The glory of gardening:
hands in the dirt, head in
the sun, heart with nature.
To nurture a garden is to
feed not just the body, but the
soul. Alfred Austin*



*Christmas waves a magic wand
over this world, and behold,
everything is softer and more
beautiful.
Norman Vincent Peale*

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