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Pioneer District Director's Corner Peggy Schaller

My Friends, here we are at the tail end of our garden club meetings – for the most part – for this year. I honestly don't know where the time has gone. It was so trying when we were home-bound with COVID and now that we can meet, have field trips and plant sales, time is flying by. I am really enjoying this time of year. Of course, my southern blood would prefer it to warm up a bit!

For those of you who were present at our April 20th luncheon, we had a wonderful meeting, despite the comedy of errors – a cancelled speaker at the 11th hour, illness and injury to the administrative staff and I can't remember anything else. I was beside myself and running around like a chicken with its head cut off. Peggy Trees was having to deal with the run of the mill details. God bless you, Peggy. I would never have made it without you. However, Lynn Stevens was able to save the day by getting John Karseeboom for us from the Garden Corner as a speaker (one hour before time!).

He was wonderful and we all enjoyed listening to him. I can't wait to go see his nursery! Amanda, my daughter, had already ordered a basket from him. When it is ready for pickup, we are going over to get it and shop!

The summer months bring a time of work for the yards, visiting with family and friends, travel plans etc. I hope you have a wonderful summer. I look forward to meeting with more groups in the fall – or any this summer if there is a time to be had for that. It is one of the best things about being Director. Getting to visit all the clubs, and meeting each of you. Thanks for sharing that with me.

Peggy





Hillsboro Garden Club
Submitted by Sonya Rose-Hoatson



After the Hillsboro Garden Club February Meeting, members made button flower arrangements for surprise Valentine gifts.



Sunshine on my
shoulders makes me happy.

Sunshine in my eyes
can make me cry.

Sunshine on the water
looks so lovely.

Sunshine almost always
makes me high.

John Denver





**Tigard Garden Club
Submitted by Marilyn Isaac,
Publicity**

Tigard Garden Club would like to share a uniquely interesting field trip that many of us enjoyed this past February.

With Covid continually leaving our schedules in flux, we share here a really delightful excursion that your club might also enjoy.

Displayed items include numerous pieces from the 1926 Tualatin United Methodist Church building which stood on Boones Ferry Road for 80 years. The building was moved in 2006 to its present location and is now the Tualatin Heritage Center, co-operated by the city and the Tualatin Historical Society.

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In this quaint tucked-away location, you will find a treasure trove of historical information about the Willamette Valley, upcoming live programs, even a Glacial Erratic rock which is believed to have been carried via the Missoula Flood to our own Willamette Valley.... 15,000 to 35,000 years ago.

There is much to learn about the Atfalati band of the Kalapuyans, who were the first local inhabitants. One of the staples of their diet was the common camas which, along with many other native Tualatin plants, can be found growing in their attached historical garden.

While the City of Tualatin didn't pay our club to advertise their many amenities, we are pleased to do so. While Covid may have dampened our spirits for a couple of years, requiring us to use our imagination, we still found ways to gather.

Of course, no field trip would be complete without a friendly gathering of friends for lunch.

Check out your vicinity for other hidden, yet treasured places of history.



*Spring won't let me stay in this house any longer!
I must get out and breathe the air **deeply** again.*

Gustav Mahler



Beaverton Garden Club Submitted by Pat Johnson, President

The Beaverton Garden Club has had a busy last three months of January, February and March.

We have had Zoom meetings during those months with many interesting speakers as follows:

- **January 13, 2022**
Dr. Dana Sanchez from the Dept. of Fisheries & Wildlife speaking on the topic of Dueling with Diggers. She explained how to control yard damage done by squirrels, gophers, moles, voles, birds and especially crows.
- **February 10, 2022**
Lauren Kraemer Professor of Family and Community Health speaking on the topic of Earthquake Preparedness. She covered sanitation and hygiene post disaster.
- **March 10, 2022**
Nicole Forbes from 7 Dee's Nursery speaking on the topic of Container Gardens. Nicole gave us lots of special plant ideas to use in our own yards and in creating containers for our plant sale.

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Our first in-person meeting will be April 14, 2022 at our new meeting place of Westbrook Clubhouse in Beaverton. We'll spend most of our time with final planning and organizational details for our plant sale on Saturday, April 30, from 8:30 to 2:00. Special features will be large and small containers, house plants, native plants, pollinator plants and a raffle of donated gift cards, containers, fertilizer, etc. from local nurseries. We usually have over 2,000, one gallon perennials, plus herbs, 4 inch garden vegetables and succulents. We, also, have shrubs and sometimes smaller trees.

We've had several Zoom meetings of the Plant Sale Planning Committee, plus a number of plant "digs" in member's yards where there are many plants to dig.

All unpurchased plants are donated to Habitat for Humanity at the end of the day. All the proceeds of the sale are donated to philanthropies such as Penny Pines, Promise Trees, H.O.P.E. (Helping Our Precious Elders Organization), 4H members, District Scholarships, Oregon Garden, Veteran's Memorial Park, Elsie Stuhr Remembrance Garden, and the Beaverton Library.

We're looking forward to a busy and energizing Spring!!



**BEAVERTON
GARDEN CLUB
14TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH
8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM**



**NOTE
Native Plants
and
Pollinator Plants
will be labelled.**

**ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PARKING LOT
5105 SW FRANKLIN AVE
OFF 5TH STREET - BEAVERTON**

**1500+ PERENNIALS, SHRUBS,
TREES, VEGGIE & HERB STARTS,
HOUSEPLANTS, SUCCULENTS
PLANTED CONTAINERS W/RAFFLE**

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**WE WILL FOLLOW COVID SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.
PLEASE WEAR MASKS IF REQUIRED.**



**“Despite the forecast,
live like it’s spring.”
Lily Pulitzer**



St. Helens Garden Club Submitted by Lynn Chiotti

Slowly, we are all recovering from meetings in the virtual world, and meeting face to face in a new location. Our previous spot for several years at the PUD is no longer available.

We now meet at the historic DAR Caples House in Columbia City.

Free is a thing of the part, so we work at the Caples House and get the room at a reduced rate. It really is nice because we don't have to decorate for our meetings.

Even with Zoom meetings, we continued our regular community projects at the Parks and the Fairgrounds. Each week our devoted worker bees were at a different location, cleaning, weeding, and planting. Two member work every Tuesday at the Community Garden at the Senior Center.

On April 28th, the club will be driving to Woodland, Washington and the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens, then to Tsugawa Nursery.

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May 7 will be our annual Spring Plant Sale at the St. Helens Library. This is a great fundraiser for the club and is in conjunction with the Friends of the Library Book Sale inside the Library. We open at 9 am and go until 2, so please drive out our way for some great bargains in plants and books

In June during National Garden Week, we will again be creating floral arrangements for local businesses and schools. Last year we made over 65 arrangements in less than an hour and then delivered them. A great way to spread cheer and a welcome to all in the community.

We are also starting to prepare the Floral Building for the Columbia County Fair, July 20-24, 2022. This is another of our club projects and is a highlight for fair goers every year.

As we all adjust to the new Covid-19 world, gardening will continue in St. Helens. New members are always welcome to join us. Contact Tom Berquam, Club President at 503-556- 3501.

Spring Savings Are In The Air

"Flowers don't worry about how they're going to bloom. They just open up and turn toward the light and that makes them beautiful."

Jim Carrey



Pictures from a delightful Pioneer District Spring Luncheon at the King City Civic Association Hall on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.



Pictures from the
Pioneer District Spring
Lunchon, Wednesday,
April 20, 2022.

Spring
is nature's way of saying
Let's Party!
Robin Williams



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