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Pioneer District Director's Corner Peggy Schaller

I hope each of you have enjoyed a special Christmas celebration. Amid all the hustle and bustle of the holidays it is so easy to forget the true meaning of Christmas. I hope you will stop and spare a moment to thank the Lord for His gift of grace through His son. He is the reason for the season!

This year for many the presence of COVID has curtailed our travels and family festivities. My thoughts and prayers go out to those of you in that situation. It is a difficult time. Hopefully 2022 is going to be a better, healthier year. I pray that is so. Have a wonderful New Year celebration and a joyous New Year.

It is my hope that we will be able to have our April 21 meeting in person. We will wait a bit and see what the situation is closer to the date. It is scheduled to be in Tualatin.

Our September Executive Board will be held in person (perhaps at Peggy Trees' home again) and the Board meeting on October 20 will be in King City.

The 2022 photo contest is getting underway. There will be no black and white photos again this year. You can read all the rules and categories, as well as obtain an entry form in the last Mahonia. The photo entry forms are also on the state web site. Each participation can enter one photograph per category (seven total).

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**Pioneer District
Director's Corner
Peggy Schaller**

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A number of clubs are once again meeting in person, though some are still using Zoom, or a combination of live and Zoom. Don't forget that the district purchased a Zoom account. If you wish to use our account, please call me at 903/681-4849 or email me at mpschaller10@yahoo.com. It is free for all and has unlimited time parameters.

Let us not forget our Promise Tree Project which was started in the fall of 2020. OSFGC wants to provide a \$50 voucher to each homeowner who lost a home in the 2020 fires and is rebuilding. We are not working with OAN nurseries and Tanja wants clubs to contact nurseries close to the burn areas for donations. This is a wonderful gift idea for any occasion throughout the year.

Peggy

**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

- Laura Watson

Oregon Camellia Society

- Collier Brown

Robin Hood (Sherwood)

- Marilyn Ellis

St. Helens

- Thomas Berquam

Scappoose

- Judy Thompson

- Michelle Berg

The Five Oaks

- Jeanette Pero

Tigard

- Lynn Stevens

Tualatin Valley

- Andy Stone

West Point (SW Portland)

- Sharon Shafer

*"Anyone who thinks
gardening begins in the
spring and ends in the fall is
missing the best part of the
whole year; for gardening
begins in January with the
dream."*

Josephine Nuese





Hillsboro Garden Club

Submitted by
Sonia Rose-Hoatson, Vice Secretary

Hillsboro Garden Club members came together recently to create arrangements for local charities and others listed: Community Action Organization, Family Promises of Washington County, Friends of Hillsboro Community Senior Center, the Hillsboro Public Library Shute Park, Tuality Community Hospital/OHSU, Open Door Counseling Center, and the Inukai Family Boys and Girls Club, Youth Contact.

This is an annual event Hillsboro Garden Club has done for many years. Making arrangements were Barbara Jones, President Donna Dixon, Gail Dawson, Treasurer Jeannie Kirk, Historian Liz Haide, Lori Hottenrothf, Ray Nolan, Vice President Susan Hayes and Vice Secretary Sonya Rose-Hoatson.



"DARKNESS CANNOT
drive out darkness;
ONLY LIGHT can do That.
HATE CANNOT
drive out hate;
only LOVE
CAN do That."
-MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
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Monday, January 17, 2022
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tigard Garden Club

Submitted by Marilyn Isaac, Publicity

The last two years have presented challenges, but also opportunities for new ideas.



For November, members gathered for a Holiday Workshop. Each created Christmas cards or pictures using dried flowers saved over the fall months.

The monthly field trip was an exciting trip to the Kendall Planetarium. The Omnimax theater was reserved as "all ours" for the presentation. Following the entertainment, some of the members enjoyed lunch at La Provence.



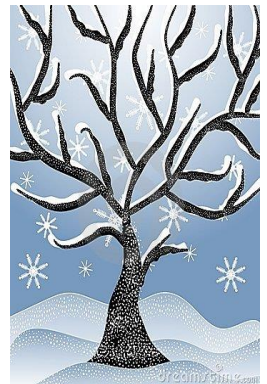
December provided us the chance to again gather and celebrate as one. This year's party was far different than in the past, but still very festive. Our annual group picture was taken in both masked and un-masked versions. 15 generous members created decorative take-home cookie plates for 45. We could still enjoy a gift exchange and party games. Added ambience was provided via classic long-play vinyl's on a portable Crosley record player. Perhaps you too remember some of those "oldies but goodies."



We continue to gather funds for Penny Pines (now up to five), make donations to the Good Neighbor Center, and provide much-needed supplies for the Tigard High School Caring Closet. We extend wishes to all our gardening friends for dreams of spring planting and harvests of joy and good cheer this Christmas.



*"Every
gardener
knows
that
under the
cloak of
winter
lies a
miracle."
Luther
Burbank*



Beaverton Garden Club

Submitted by Pat Johnson, President

At our October and November meetings, we focused on revising our club By-laws to reflect the State By-laws. This was a big project but very successful. These changes were very important to clarifying important information for our Executive Board, chair persons and general membership.

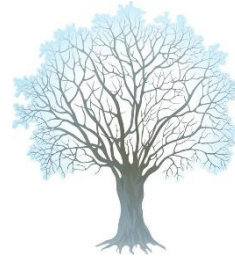
Those changes were written up in our new 2021-22 yearbook. Leanna Woodall is the editor of our new yearbook which reflects environmental themes. There are 114 "Apple-a-Day" thoughts in the book along with websites to obtain further information about conservation and sustainability topics.

Our speaker for the November meeting was Charlotte Trowbridge from the Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District. She presented an excellent program on "Managing Rainwater in our Gardens." We live in the Tualatin River Watershed with head waters in the Coast Range. Rain water is the biggest cause of pollutants in our rivers. Charlotte shared things we can do in our yards to manage rainwater and keep our soil healthy.

Our garden club has been having Zoom meetings in September, October and November of 2021. However, we decided it was safe to have our December 9, meeting at our new meeting place, the Westbrook Clubhouse in Beaverton.

The Clubhouse rules are that members present a vaccine card and wear a mask.

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We had a business meeting first, then assembled our Holiday Mugs for the remainder of the time. The mugs were filled with greens from member's yards, plus red and white carnations, baby's breath and a festive bow!

Our members assembled 69 mugs which were given to Hearthstone Retirement Center on Hart Road in Beaverton. The residents love the mugs which bring a festive feeling to their apartments.

We had a very good turnout for this meeting. Hostesses brought finger foods to compliment a very festive buffet table along with coffee and tea being served. We even had a raffle of beautiful gift baskets donated by Leslie Niiya in honor of her mother, who passed away recently. It was a wonderful occasion for members to see and greet other after many months apart.

Our garden club now has 66 members. We'll need to continue to have Zoom meetings in 2022 until the Omicron virus calms down.

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Beaverton Club members working on holiday mug bouquets.



Finished bouquets ready for delivery to Hearthstone Retirement Center residents!



Christmas mug bouquets being completed.

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

The Pioneer District needs 6 members to attend the national convention. For further information, please contact Peggy Schaller, District Director.

Be Like the Bird

*Be like the bird,
Who halting in his flight,
On limb too slight,
Feels it give way beneath him,
Yet sings,
Knowing he hath wings.*

Victor Hugo



