

Fall
2012



Inside this issue:

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Elsie Stuhr Garden | 2 |
| District Office Holders | 2 |
| Cedar Mill New Officers | 2 |
| Gardener of Yr Nominee | 3 |
| Beaverton GC Activities | 3 |
| Hillsboro GC Volunteers | 3 |
| District Luncheon | 4 |
| Hoyt Arboretum Events | 4 |
| Fall in Public Gardens | 4 |
| Bvrtn Library Reading | 4 |
| Club Award Certificates | 4 |
| Area Farmer's Markets | 4 |

Notes from the Director

Dear Gardening Friends,

What a glorious Fall we've enjoyed! Now we're beginning to prepare our gardens for Winter by pruning, gathering seeds from favorite annuals and pulling those persistent weeds. Some gardening catalogs have arrived to inspire me to purchase new plant additions to the landscape.

At our recent Board meeting held Thursday, September 20th, we participated in a small group brain-storming activity focusing on three questions:

- 1) In your small group, brain-storm ideas to build garden club membership. Rank your top three.
- 2) Brain-storm suggestions for involving clubs who join, but do not participate in, activities outside their local club.
- 3) What special project or activity would you like to have/do this year (September 2012/May 2013)? List all suggestions.

There was some lively discussion resulting in some interesting ideas suggested for our District.

Following the meeting, all club presidents received an emailed copy of the 3 questions to provide club members an opportunity to discuss and suggest their ideas. As presidents are meeting with their clubs, ideas are being sent to me for inclusion in the list, to be compiled and distributed at the Fall District meeting, October 18th. The overall goal is to bring meaningful "connections" to members, clubs and the District. More on this topic to come later.

North Plains Garden Club has proudly announced the dedication of a Blue Star Memorial Marker on Saturday, November 10th, at 1pm. Bunny Leuthold (mrsiron@live.com), President, is coordinating the ceremony and encourages attendance at this inspirational dedication. It takes many months of work and preparation to purchase and site a Memorial marker in a city or by-way. Let's celebrate their success by our presence.

Our District will host the OSFGC Spring Board meeting on Sunday, Mar. 10 & 11, 2013 in McMinnville. Details will be published soon.

I hope to see you in a couple of weeks at the District Luncheon Meeting, October 18th. Our guest speaker is the interesting owner and grower of "The Secret Garden". We will also have our ever-popular Annual Pink Panther sale!

Bouquets to you all,
Gaye Stewart, Director



Rosa, Cl. "Autumn Sunset"

2011-2013

Pioneer District

Officers

Gaye Stewart,

McMinnville GC, Director

Kim Saville,

The Five Oaks GC, Asst. Director

Barbara Cushman,

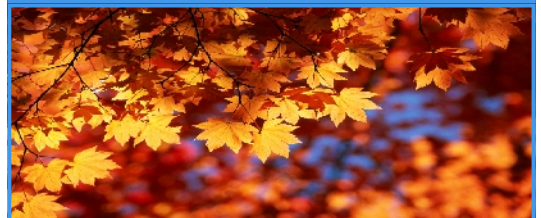
Cedar Mill GC, Secretary

Mike Stewart,

McMinnville GC, Treasurer

*O suns and skies & clouds of June,
And flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour,
October's bright blue weather.*

Helen Hunt Jackson (1830-1885)



Elsie Stuhr Remembrance Garden

In the Spring of 2007, the Beaverton Garden Club was asked if they would take over the Remembrance Garden at the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center located on Hall Boulevard in Beaverton. There were a few shrubs, iris, Shasta daisies, phlox and a nice bench from which one could enjoy the garden, but it had not been maintained.

We started by clearing out some of the debris and conditioning the soil. We purchased mostly perennials as they wanted a cutting garden so we added lupine, coneflowers, penstemon, coreopsis, yellow yarrow, rudbeckia and salvias. As the plants were young and small, we added annuals: zinnias, cosmos and Victoria blue salvia. The next spring we added more perennials and annuals to keep flowers blooming until fall. We had work parties in the spring to get new plants planted, during the growing season to keep up with the watering and deadheading and again in the fall to clean up the garden.

By the spring of 2012, the garden was quite full and we were having to divide many of the plants. The National Federation of Garden Clubs had issued a challenge to

clubs to plant a pink garden to honor breast cancer patients. So, since the garden was already divided into four sections with a brick walk dividing the sections, we cleared one section of all plants and started anew with all pink plants - three pink hydrangeas, a pink azalea, a pink Knockout rose and pink petunias around the edge. We filled in with lupine, impatiens, a few geraniums and dahlias. It really turned out quite nicely.

Many people have thanked us as we worked in the garden for keeping it so pleasant for them to enjoy. Users of the Stuhr Center do actually come and sit in the garden or at least enjoy the blooms as they pass by, mentioning the blooms brighten their days.

In September we cleared the annuals, planted some pink chrysanthemums, 20 pink tulips and trimmed the rose and hydrangeas so everything was neat and tidy. Next spring we will add a few more

annuals and start all over again.

Bruna McBride, Beaverton GC

Ed. Note: Brunna McBride has been the driving force behind this rescued garden since 2007. The Club thanks her for her efforts to turn a struggling space into a bloomin' success!



Looking For a Few Good Gardeners...

Do you like public speaking? Like leading meetings? Want to make new friends? Then a wonderful opportunity is on the horizon for you! The Pioneer District will be holding elections next spring for a new slate of officers to serve in the 2013-2015 time frame. Specifically, they are looking for club members to fill the positions of Director, Assistant Director, Treasurer, and Secretary. These are positions that last two years and we need volunteers to step up and relieve our current, capable team.

If you are currently a member of one of the Pioneer District Garden Clubs (clubs in Columbia, Washington, and Yamhill counties), you are eligible to run for office. If you are a current club President, you are in a wonderful position to challenge yourself and take on a new role in the district.

Please contact any of the members of the Nominating Committee if you are at all interested in one of the open positions, or if you would like to nominate someone from your club.

Nominating Committee:

Columbia County
Stan Chiotti, President
St. Helens Garden Club
chiotti1@gmail.com

Washington County
Leanna Woodall, President
Beaverton Garden Club
lwoodallor@comcast.net

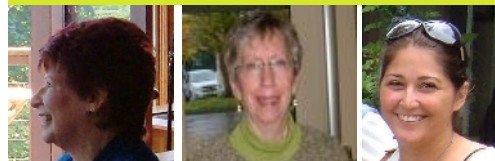
Yamhill County
Cozette Caster, President
McMinnville Garden Club
Coz@hughes.net

Leanna Woodall, Beaverton GC

Cedar Mill Finds Volunteers Amongst Newest Members

Three of Cedar Mill Garden Club's newest members, Diane Pleshett, Summer Browner and Sherrie Wade have taken on major positions in our club. Diane will be organizing field trips and is on the Program Committee, Summer will fill the position of co-Secretary and is doing our Facebook page and Sherrie will take on the Chairmanship of the Plant Sale Committee. Hooray for all three! Barbara Cushman, President

Three of Cedar Mills newest members step up to take on important club roles



Diane Pleshett

Sherrie Wade

Summer Browner

Pioneer District Nominee for State Gardener of Year

Last quarter, Pat Still (Cedar Mills) was highlighted in the Pioneer Press, one of two Pioneer District members to be entered in the State Gardener of the Year Contest. This month we share the accomplishments of our other entry, Bruna McBride. Linda Stokes, Innominata Club at Gold Beach, was the 2012 Contest winner.

Bruna McBride has been a leading force for the Beaverton Garden Club for over 14 years and has also served for the Pioneer District and the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. Bruna has been gardening since she was old enough to pull weeds. Inspired by her mother, an avid vegetable gardener, Bruna's love of gardening took off in grade school. She would often clip and save gardening articles from the newspaper, many of which she still has. When married, she grew vegetables to help nourish her growing family of eventually eight children. When her husband passed away, 22 1/2 years ago, Bruna began growing flowering plants in earnest. Now a

Master Gardener, she gladly shares her extensive knowledge and her garden's prodigious and glorious output.

Working tirelessly, she has made the Blue Star Marker and Garden in Beaverton an attractive addition to the Veterans Memorial Park since its inception in the late 90's. She also leads a program beautifying the Remembrance Garden at the Elsie Stuhr Senior Center. This year she created an all-pink section, featuring hydrangea, roses, azalea, impatiens, petunias, snapdragons, lupines and cosmos.

Bruna was a prime instigator of the Beaverton Garden Club's annual plant sale, which this year raised over \$2,000 for scholarships and other projects. Her own lush backyard provided hundreds of the plants for the sale and yet, she is often among the first to participate in plant sale "digs" for other members. Last fall, she "rescued" dozens of varieties of unusual day lilies a grower had nurtured but could not keep. She is an inspiration for all of us in the Garden Club.

Her home has been the meeting spot for countless garden club

meetings and projects such as flower arranging for nursing homes and planning ceremonies for the disabled community. Her door is always open to those needing gardening advice and assistance.

Bruna has served as Director of Pioneer District, two terms as President of Beaverton Garden Club and is a member of the Hardy Plant Society and the Golden Gardeners. She is active in her church and is always there for her children and 20+ grandchildren.

She is a marvel!!

Beaverton Garden Club

Beaverton Garden Club is off and running this fall. We're holding 'digs' in members' yards to pot plants for next spring's plant sale, collecting food donations again for local food pantries and maintaining two civic gardens in Beaverton.

At the Beaverton Veterans Memorial Park, the city has given us another large plot to re-landscape. We're also hoping to have a bench installed for park visitors.

At the Elsie Stuhr Memorial Garden, we've planted a "Think Pink" garden for the National Garden Club's project on raising breast cancer awareness.

Speakers for this next year will cover such topics as square foot gardening, community rain gardens, designing a four season border, and summer flowering bulbs. We'll also be holding our 3rd Annual Small Standard Flower Show next April.

This Fall, we've made some changes to our monthly meeting agenda so we have more time for members to ask questions and share tips on gardening.

Beaverton Garden Club meets at 9:30 am the second Thursday of the month at the Beaverton Community Center. Please feel free to stop by one of our meetings; we'd love to have you visit. Leanna Woodall, President

Hillsboro Lends a Hand at Minter Bridge School



Members of the Hillsboro Garden Club recently held a "garden party clean up" at Minter Bridge Elementary School. The "party" was organized by HGC Treasurer, Barbara Ternus. Per Barbara, "The Garden Club wanted the teachers to return to nice outdoor surroundings". Pictured left to right: Gio Burt, Jeanne Kirk, Lori Hottenroth, Sonya Rose-Hoatson, Kathy George, Barbara Ternus and (in front) Liz Haide. They all had fun while working to clean up the garden for the start of school.



Bleeding Hearts Column Fall Round-up



Pioneer District Fall Luncheon Details

Club members from the Banks, North Plains and West Union Garden Clubs have been working hard, coordinating to make the Fall District Luncheon a fun and informative affair. Held Thursday, October 18th, at the Bethany Presbyterian Church, 15505 SW Springfield Road (Portland), from 9am-1pm, our speaker will be Pat Thompson from Secret Garden Growers (see the mention about Pat in last quarter's Summer edition, as a speaker at a Cedar Mills meeting).

The Luncheon will cost \$17 and checks are due October 4th so if you *immediately* contact one of the clubs' Presidents (Dalice Sawyer, Bunny Leuthold, or Bonnie Rosatti) whose email addresses are on the Pioneer District website (oregongardeclubs.org/pioneer), you might be able to get your reservation in. Hope to see you there!

Library Reading

There is a free, entertaining reading at the Beaverton City Library, Saturday, October 6th, at 2pm that might interest local gardeners. Author Ricki Grady, Northwest gardening expert, will read from her new book, "Bebop Garden" and delight you with her common sense approach to planting and useful gardening tips. For more gardening hints and information visit Grady's blog at bannerbyricki.com. The library is located at 12375 SW Fifth Avenue, Beaverton and the program is in Rooms A&B. There is plenty of parking and the building is handicapped accessible. Marcia Kay Whitelock

Hoyt Arboretum Offers Busy Schedule

Here are some classes offered this Fall through the Hoyt Arboretum's educational program. Call the Visitor's Center (503.865.8773) for detailed information. It is located at 4000 SW Fairview Blvd., two miles west of downtown Portland.

Oct 20th, noon-3, *Natural Impressions on Cloth Workshop* - use living plant material to transfer colors to fabrics. HAF mbrs: \$25, non-mbrs: \$35

Oct 21st, 2pm, *Fall Color Tour*, Free

Nov 10th, 10-12, *Small Tree Pruning: Tips & Techniques*. Learn professional arborist pruning techniques & tips from our curator. Instructional book included with registration fee. HAF mbrs: \$35, non-mbrs \$45.

Dec 10th, 7pm, *History of Arboretum & Forest Park*. Author Marcy Houle tells stories of the people behind Portland's great outdoor spaces. Free.

Certificate of Appreciation

Pioneer District will now be awarding District level certificates for outstanding service in individual clubs. Please send me the name of a person you want to honor including a few short words about their admirable qualities. These certificates will be announced at the Spring and Fall luncheons and can be given at that time or during your own club meetings. If you prefer to award your member with an OSFGC certificate, contact new state awards chairman, Karen Varty at kvarty@aol.com Sally Thompson, mgtSAT@comcast.net, Pioneer Awards Chairman

Public Gardens Fall Hours

With our beautiful warm weather with us still, how 'bout an outing?

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, SE 28th Ave & Woodstock Blvd, 503.771.8386, October 1-March 31, 6am to 6pm.

Elk Rock Garden of the Bishop's Close (6 acres of English gardens), 11800 SW Military Lane (on the way to Lake Oswego), open 8-5, seven days a week, closed on Christmas.

Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SW 122nd Avenue, Portland, Tuesday - Saturday 9-4, Sunday 1-4, closed Mondays.



District Director, Gaye Stewart's, little frog friend sunbathing on her hydrangea.

Don't Forget Fall Farmer's Markets!

Beaverton's Farmer's Market continues Saturdays through November 17th (8-1:30).

Hillsdale's Sunday Farmer's Market continues through November 18th (10-2). Located at Wilson High-Rieke Elementary School parking lot, 1405 SW Vermont St. Will also have twice monthly markets Dec - Apr. Check website for dates at www.hillsdalefarmersmarket.com.

Hillsboro's Downtown Saturday Farmer's Market through October 27th (8-1:30), *Orenco Station's Sunday Farmer's Market* through October 28th (10-2).

Pioneer Press

Published Quarterly

Editor: Victoria Fuller 503.259.9987 1savoy@comcast.net

Subscription Price: \$3.50/year

Subscription requests send to Pioneer District Treasurer, Mike Stewart, 761 SW Lyncet Lane, Dallas, OR, 97338