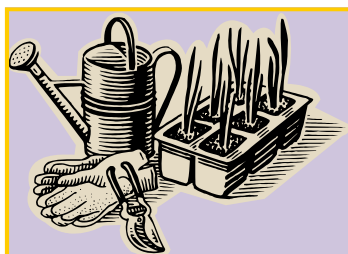


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Notes from the Director

Dear Gardening Friends,

Happy Spring! It's finally here after many months of seemingly endless rain, snow and gray days. We gardeners love spring as it heralds the arrival of daffodils, daphne, and lengthening daylight. Hang on... summer's just around the corner.

This issue of Pioneer Press lists many of the wonderful plant sales and garden tours coming up the next several months. Garden Club members work tirelessly many months before the events to plan, plant, organize, advertize and setup! With the enclosed list, it would seem to me, and in keeping with our theme, "Growing Friendships," that we all should support these gardening events by visiting those we can attend. "Why?", you might ask! Here are a few benefits:

You can observe and learn, gaining new ideas and insights into making your own Club's event new or improved. We all learn from each other, and yes, you'll probably find a special plant or garden idea you were needing! Our District has been looking for

ways for Clubs to meet each other outside of our meetings. Attending each other's plant or garden events shows support. So get your Club friends organized, get some carpools, put on your Club name tags and head out for a few hours of fun! You'll be with gardening friends you know, plus you'll make new ones. Please remember to introduce yourselves to the hosting Club so they know who has come to support them. Who knows? They very likely will come to your fundraising event! Each Club establishes annual community projects, anticipates the cost of each, and develops the fundraising strategies to provide the revenue needed. We can help each other, so let's do it!

Here's another idea for Club consideration:

Sometimes we have big projects that we've undertaken and more "people power" is needed. Why not invite a friend or two to join

you for the work party to help accomplish the job? People enjoy helping with a short term project, especially a friend, and who knows, they may even decide to join the Garden Club! This is a great way to recruit new members!

Attendees enjoyed our Spring Luncheon meeting Thursday, April 19th, in Newberg. We were honored to host Garnet Asher, our State President, and Peggy Olin, 1st Vice President, Lynn Chiotti, Recording Secretary and Nancy Ebsen, Paliamentarian.

Come share in the fun in Pioneer District! We're on the move!

Gaye Stewart

District Director



M Berti & B Cushman receive State Life Membership Awards at 2012 Spring Luncheon

2012 Spring Plant Sales & Faire

April 27, 28, 29 (Friday, Saturday, 9-6 & Sunday 9-3), The Five Oaks Garden Club will have their Annual Plant Sale at the Berger Farm, 5830 NW Brookwood Avenue, in Hillsboro. Follow the signs to SW corner of Brookwood Drive & Hwy 26. There will be perennials and annuals; several varieties of tomatoes and herbs and a gift table of plants and garden items. Also held will be a Raffle to benefit the Glencoe Greenhouse Program "Crimson Florists". The Liberty Lacrosse Team will have their annual garage sale in conjunction with our sale on the same days, times and location.

May 4, 5 (Friday, Saturday, 9-5), Cedar Mill Garden Club will host its 9th Annual Plant and Garden Art Sale, at the Cedar Mill Bible Church at 122nd and Cornell Road. Perennials, ferns, hostas, peonies and pink viburnum will be featured.

May 5 (Saturday 8-4), the North Plains Community Garden Club will host their Plant Sale along with the citywide Garage Sale at Jessie Mays Community Hall. Exit at Glencoe Rd, North off Hwy 26, go left on Hillcrest and proceed 2 blocks. Look for our PLANT SALE signs. Great plants, great prices. You'll find herbs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, garden art, succulents, planted pots & baskets, and house plants.

May 5 (Saturday 9-2), the Rainier Garden Club will have its Annual Plant Sale in the J&R Sales parking lot at 225 "B" Street West in Rainier.

May 5, 6 (Saturday 10-4, Sunday 10-3), Chehalem Garden Club will host its Annual Plant Sale, in the yard behind the Hoover Minthorn House Museum at 115 S. River Street, in Newberg, OR (1 block off Hwy. 99 from its intersection in Hillsboro with River Street). We will be selling annuals, perennials (including potted peonies), vegetables and some shrubs. Prices: 4" pots are \$1. Other pot sizes start at \$2.00.

May 5, 6 (Saturday 8:30 to 5, Sunday 10 to 4), the Tualatin Valley Garden Club will have their Plant Sale at the Washington County Fairplex (east entrance at 34th and Cornell Road), Hillsboro. The sale will feature the greatest selection and best prices in the area for annuals, perennials, native plants, rhododendrons, vegetables, herbs, miniature roses and a large variety of other plants and garden-related materials. Free admission and parking. Sponsored by the TV GC and the Tualatin Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society.

May 12 (Saturday 9-2), Tigard Garden Club is having its Plant Sale at the King City Plaza - outside of the Grocery Outlet. Lots of perennials will be offered as well as small shrubs, annuals, herbs, the occasional small tree and cut flowers for your Mother's Day bouquet.

May 19 (Saturday 10-2), Beaverton Garden Club will have its Annual Plant Sale in the NW corner of the Beaverton Resource Center's parking lot (corner of Hall and Allen Boulevards) in Beaverton. Annuals, perennials, shrubs and more will be available. Proceeds benefit our many charitable projects.

June 24, (Saturday 10-4), McMinnville Garden Club's 12th Annual Garden Tour and Faire. Enjoy a Tour of FIVE private gardens, 10-4, \$10 donation, 503.434.4344. Free HUGE Garden Faire in downtown McMinnville, 9-4, 45 vendors. www.mcminnvillegardenclub.org

Spring District Luncheon Awards

It's difficult to say which part of the April 2012 Pioneer District Luncheon was more fun but it was certainly gratifying to learn of the awards presented on April 19th. The West Point Garden Club awarded two youth awards to Madison and Makenzie W.

Several Certificates of Appreciation were presented:

Tigard GC President Peggy Schiller recognized Mona Steel

Beaverton GC President Leanna Woodall recognized Carol Mohr

The Five Oaks GC President Nancy Biehn recognized Beverly Seibel

In recognition of their Centennial, Jenkins Estate Director, Lynda Myers, was presented a framed certificate from Pioneer District and a \$250 Grant from the Oregon Roadside Council to purchase a commemorative tree.

Pioneer District's Director Gaye Stewart especially recognized Bruna McBride, a Beaverton GC member and former District Director. In presenting the award to Bruna, Gaye read her original poem, written for the occasion:

Bruna has helped me from the start

Offering her wisdom, gently from her heart.

Saying "I'll find us a free place to meet"

Searching for parking, chairs and rest-rooms complete

Faithful servant, working for all to the end

Pioneer District is blessed to have Bruna McBride as a dear friend.

I live in the garden....

I just sleep in the house. -- Jim Long

Chehalem & the Newberg Habitat House

On February 4, 2012, the Chehalem Garden Club planted the latest Newberg Habitat House. In addition to what the Garden Club provided, a majority of plant material was provided by the Newberg High School Greenhouse Project and pansies were provided by AI's Garden Center in Sherwood. The Club was joined by five high school students who did the majority of the digging. The next home to landscape will likely be available in late fall. Suzy Ramm



Western Bluebirds Visit

Dalice Sawyer of Banks Country Garden Club has a pair of Western Bluebirds visiting her again this year. In 2011, a pair raised five babies and then started a second nest and raised five more. The new pair has been at her home since February. She's kept them happy by feeding them meal worms. This year's pair must be one of last year's babies, as they are checking out the same bird house. Dalice has enjoyed watching them so much. The male comes to her window and looks in at her to let her know he's hungry. Aren't they adorable!



Leaf Manipulation

West Point GC enjoyed a superb March program : Our own Marcia Kay Whitelock introduced us to Leaf Manipulation. Marcia Kay, with Lucille Thomas, had organized a wide array of leaves and a million glue dots. She showed us photo examples of leaf combinations, then turned us loose to punch holes and slice. We stuck leaves back to back & added fringes of fern. We bent, folded, twisted and glued our leaves. What fun! A recommended project to bring out your creativity! Thanks Marcia Kay! S. Marshall

Susan Marshall shows an example of leaf manipulation: slicing, twisting & bending her plant material to her will!



Tigard Celebrates Club's 65th Year



Tigard Garden Club Float in Town and Country Days Parade, August 1975. Left to Right: Lena Nannousamp, Callie Bishop, Oakley Burgy, and Louise Pyle.

Tigard Garden Club celebrates its 65th birthday this year, having been founded and federated in 1947. During the early years, ladies held their meetings in their homes. Our club recently received a wonderful donation by way of an old three ring binder full of newspaper clippings, photographs and information of events from 1955-61. We found the members held public flower shows every year at the City Hall and other places and taught flower arranging to girls at Tigard

In Memorial

The Tigard Garden Club has lost another dear member. Mary Ann Hulquist, a member since 2002, passed away after a long illness on Monday, March 12, 2012, surrounded by her large and loving family. She was born and raised in Metzger, Oregon, and lived most of her life in Tigard. You could not go anywhere with Mary Ann without encountering one or more of her life-long friends. She was very involved in our club, serving over the years as a co-Vice President and Program Manager, Treasurer and as our representative to the Tigard Senior Center Board. Always pitching in to help with our various club projects, she also made time for activities in the Tigard, Metzger and Tualatin communities, serving on several boards and committees. She loved traveling and gardening and never missed a garden tour or show. She will long be remembered for her cheerful and friendly nature and her generosity and kindness to others. She will be greatly missed. Peggy Schiller

High School. In 1975, members entered a float in the Town & Country Days Parade. The ladies were all decked out in summery dresses and wide-brimmed hats covered in flowers. As now, members did volunteer work, in those days at the Veterans Hospital. One year they made 100 swags to decorate two hospital floors. Our Club is also heavily involved in community work. Members have designed a Memorial Garden and an Herb Garden at the Tigard Senior Center and we spend time with residents at Elite Care, where clients have varying degrees of Alzheimer's disease. We donate goods to the Good Neighbor Center and to the Caring Closet. Here's hoping TGC can enjoy another 65 years! Teresa Andrews

Deadline for Summer 2012

Pioneer Press Articles: June 9th

Pruning Schedule

Here are some recommended pruning candidates suggested by Portland Nursery, by month. (*) Refers to pruning after flowering.

April - *Abelia*, *Buddleia*, *Callicarpa*, *Caryopteris*, *Cistus*, *Continus* (before growth), **Erica*, **Forsythia*, *Hebe*, *Hibiscus syricus*, *Pine* (when candling), **Ribes*, **Salix caprea*.

May - **Azalea*, **Chaenomeles*, **Clematis armandii*, **Jasmine*, **Kerria*, **Lonicera periclymenum*, **Rhododendron*, **Ribes*, *Rosemary*.

June - **Azalea*, **Cercis*, **Flowering Cherry*, **Rhododendron*, *Rosemary*, **Syringa*, **Viburnum plicatum*, **Viburnum tinus*.

Hillsboro GC Mentors Minter Bridge

Since November 2009, Hillsboro GC has supported Minter Bridge Elementary School by donating Library books and assisting with their vegetable and flower gardens. HGC works alongside Kayla Schultz, an

AmeriCorps volunteer who does projects with the students. With guidance from Pioneer District, the club recommends gardening-related books & Librarian Carrie Bertram chooses from amongst those for donations. Sonya M. Rose-Hoatson



Bleeding Hearts Column Spring Round-up



THPRD Green Gardening Fair & Nature Park Native Plant Sale

Tualatin Hills Nature Park & Interpretive Ctr will hold its annual Fair & Sale on Apr 28, 10-2, at the Park located at 15655 SW Milikan Way in Beaverton. At the Green Gardening Fair, one can learn about sustainable gardening through activities and information booths. Experts will show how to conserve water, choose native plants, install a rain garden & improve your garden habitat. An array of native trees, shrubs & perennials that require less water and care will be on sale. 503.620.6350 or rgabriel@thprd.org

Master Gardener Spring Plant Sale

The OSU Extension Washington County Master Gardeners present their annual Spring Plant Sale! You'll find the entire Kinton Grange basement filled with \$3 annuals, perennials, shrubs, natives, the \$1 pot table, yard art, great raffle items, and even a Master Gardener Clinic to answer your questions. Visit www.metromastergardeners.org. *Check or Cash only!*

Oregon Garden University

The Oregon Garden in Silverton continues its interesting class offerings (classes held in the Education Center):

May 12, 1PM, **Garden Gems** by Dan Heims of Terra Nova Gardens.

May 19, 1PM, **Garden Up! Vertical Gardening** by Rebecca Sweet.

June 9, 1PM, **Dirt Cheap Gardening** by Marianne Binetti

www.oregongarden.org or 503.874.8100

District Luncheon



Cedar Mill Members Enjoy the Festivities

Dates to Remember

Spring Overstock Sale, Hydrangeas Plus, Apr 27 - May 12, 10 - 5, 6543 S. Zimmerman Rd, Aurora, www.hydrangeasplus.com.
Spring Garden Fair, Columbia Cnty Mstr Gardeners, Apr 28, 9-3, at St. Helen's High School, 5000 plants, 30 varieties of tomatoes, dozens of vendors.
Spring Garden Fair, Yamhill Cnty Mstr Gardeners, Apr 28, 9-3, Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 2070 NE Lafayette Avenue in McMinnville. 20+ vendors, soil testing, planting help clinic.
National Garden Week, Jun 3-6.
85th OSFGC State Convention, June 19-21, Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, Special Guest NGC President - Shirley Nicolai, Events: Leadership Workshop by Linda Nelson, Flower Show, Nursery Tours, Raffle. www.oregongardenclubs.org for Hotel Reservation and other Info.
Spring Bird Walk at Cooper Mtn Center, May 19, 8:30-11:30, Tualatin Hills Park & Rec, expert birder, James Davis; bring binoculars. Register (\$10/\$7.50-senior) at www.thprd.org SOON!



Beav'tn GC members at one of many group digs, potting plants for good selection at their May Sale

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