

Spring 2013



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Peony "Border Charm"

2011-2013

Pioneer District

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Notes from the Director

Dear Gardening Friends,

I am so proud of Pioneer District! As I come to the close of my second term as your Director, I have been reflecting on our accomplishments:

- Set District themes:
"The Garden – Nature's Palette" (2009-2011)
"Growing Friendship through Gardening" (2011-2013)
- Developed/distributed District leadership support materials (notebooks with reference/program information, Leadership/Officers Directory, etc.);
- Banks Country Garden Club was re-organized under the capable leadership of Dalice Sawyer, who became its new President in 2009;
- District membership has grown from 18 Clubs and 697 members in Fall, 2009 to 19 Clubs and 821 members in Spring, 2013;
- The Camellia Society of Oregon joined our District in June, 2011;
- You "brainstormed" a list of suggestions to make our District stronger and many are being implemented;
- Contributed monies toward "Penny Pines for Oregon" to support the reforestation efforts in our national forests;
- Held District Memorial Service for members who have passed, 2011 and 2013;
- Increased financial support to the District Scholarship Program by \$5,500 and have provided 6 scholarships to dedicated students to pursue their educational endeavors;
- Provided people support for the OSFGC booths at the Oregon State Fair and The Better Living Show;
- Networked with District clubs for annual public events such as Garden Club Day at Al's Nurseries;
- Attended Club meetings, plant sales, vendor fairs, garden tours;
- Contributed to the purchase of a tree and a plaque to commemorate the Jenkins Estate Centennial celebration and held a District Board meeting there in Fall, 2011;
- Continued support to the Oregon Gardens through donations of a plant basket and contributions to the Children's Garden;
- Dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Marker at the North Plains Fire Station, November 10, 2012, sponsored by the North Plains Garden Club, Bunny Leuthold, President (total of 7 markers now in Pioneer District);
- Hosted the OSFGC Spring Board Meeting on March 10 & 11, 2013, in McMinnville;
- Our own Sally Thompson received a National Award of Excellence; (cont'd pg 3)



District Plant Sales Spring 2013



April 27th, 9am to 2pm - The Aloha Garden Club is holding their annual plant sale and garden faire at the Aloha Huber Park Elementary School, 5000 SW 173rd, Aloha, Oregon. There will be a variety of perennials, trees and shrubs, donated from members' gardens. Most of our plants will sell from \$1.00 for 4 inch pots to \$3.00 for gallon pots. Some specialty plants will be available at slightly higher, but still bargain, prices. In addition to plants, shoppers will find a variety of vendors with garden related treasures for purchase. Plant sale proceeds are used for grants and scholarships within Washington County. Since 2003, the Aloha Garden Club has awarded grants and scholarships totaling more than \$57,000 from the proceeds of our plant sales.

April 27th, 8:30am to 5am and April 28th, 10am to 4pm - Tualatin Valley Garden Club and Tualatin Valley Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society are co-sponsoring their 2013 Plant Sale at the Washington County Fairplex, 873 NE 34th Avenue, Hillsboro (East Entrance at 34th and Cornell Road, Hillsboro). Great selection and great prices: annuals, perennials, native plants, rhododendrons, vegetables, herbs, miniature roses and a large variety of other plants and garden-related materials. Free Admission, Free Parking at the Fairgrounds.

May 3rd and 4th, 9am to 5pm both days - Cedar Mill Garden Club will be holding its 10th Annual Plant Sale and Garden Art Fair, in the parking lot of the Cedar Mill Bible Church, 12208 NW Cornell Road (at 122nd and NW Cornell Rd). In addition to our usual choice, well rooted perennials for sun and shade from members' gardens, we will have numerous prize dahlias in pots. Vendors will have totems, gourds, birdhouses, embroidered aprons, and more. Make a day of it and take a look at the new boardwalk at the lovely, but unknown by many, Cedar Mill Falls (119th and N.W. Cornell Rd) on the John Quincy Adams Young House property next door! *Note: At the bottom of the program page on our website, www.thecedarmillgardenclub.org, you will find an article about the JQA Young House, complete with pictures of the falls and the sawmill that gave the area its name.*

May 3rd, 2-5pm, May 4th, 9am to 5pm, May 5th, 9am to 5pm - The Five Oaks Garden Club will have their annual plant sale at the Berger Farm located at 5830 NW Brookwood Parkway, Hillsboro. Many annuals and perennials will be for sale. We will feature nine wonderful varieties of tomatoes grown organically by one of our members. They are: Sweet Million Cherry, Snow White Cherry, Stupice, Principe Borghese, Amish Paste, Oregon Spring, Medford, Pineapple and Gill's All Purpose. We will have a raffle of two beautiful 'Miniature Gardens', similar to ones at the Spring Pioneer District Luncheon. The proceeds from the raffle will go to The Glencoe Greenhouse "Crimson Florists" program which includes about 90 young people, with different life challenges, learning skills to help them in their future.

May 4th, 8am to 4pm - North Plains Community Garden Club and citywide Garage Sale will be held at the Jessie Mays Community Hall, 30975 NW Hillcrest Street, North Plains (take Glencoe Road Exit north off Hwy 26, left on Hillcrest Street, two blocks down. Watch for PLANT SALE signs). Herbs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, succulents, planted pots and baskets, house plants and garden art. Great plants at great prices! Help us support our community.

May 4th, 10am to 4pm, May 5th, 10am to 3pm, Chehalem Garden Club will hold its Annual Plant sale at a new location, the Newberg Ace Hardware, 2100 Portland, Road (Hwy 99). Annuals (hanging baskets and containers), perennials, veggie starts (including tomatoes, sweet, warm and hot peppers, cucumbers, summer and winter squash, pumpkins) and more will be available. 4" pots-\$1, 1 gallon-\$3.50, peonies-\$8 in 2 gallon pots, other 2 gallon perennials-\$4.50, lilacs and other shrubs priced as marked.

May 11th, 9am to 2pm - Tigard Garden Club will hold their Annual Plant Sale at the King City Plaza in front of the Grocery Outlet, 15705 SW 116th Avenue, King City (corner of Highway 99 and Durham Road). Bring your friends and join us for our annual sale. Come early to get the best selection of annuals, perennials, grasses, herbs, small shrubs and special Mother's Day bouquets. *Quality plants for low, low prices!*

May 18th, 10am to 2pm - Beaverton Garden Club will have its fourth annual Plant Sale at the Beaverton Resource Center parking lot, 12500 SW Allen Boulevard, Beaverton. We will have our usual nice selection of perennials, succulents, shrubs and small trees and this year a great many raspberries. Most gallon pots will be \$3 and 4" priced at \$1. Proceeds fund our grants to local charities and scholarships to college students.

May 18th 8:30am to 12pm - Sherwood Garden Club "Like a Garage Sale, But with Plants" Sale; perennial divisions, vegetable starts and more. Sherwood YMCA at 23000 Pacific Hwy. (Enter fr Woodhaven Drive fr Sunset Blvd).

McMinnville Garden Club Schedules Its 13th Annual Garden Tour & Garden Faire



With the theme of "Every Garden is a Gift", McMinnville GC hopes for a good turnout for its **13th Annual Garden Tour** which will feature five private gardens. **Sunday, June 23rd** from 10 am to 4 pm, visitors will roam through front and back gardens, gathering design ideas and, hopefully, sunshine along the way. A \$10 donation entry fee is suggested.

This year's gardens vary from large lots on the outskirts of town with old farmhouses and outbuildings to newer homes with smaller lots. Some focus on peace and solitude, others offer unique plantings and site challenges. The bonus garden this year is a well-established Japanese garden a few miles out of town.

You should also take in the **Faire** at Third & Cows in downtown (9am to 4pm). Featuring 50+ vendors, you'll see a myriad of plants (ferns, grasses trees, natives, tropicals, herbs, unusual conifers, hanging baskets, and living wreaths) and garden and people art including arbors, wall hangings, baskets, jewelry, clothing and found and



Patti Gregory and Julie Hughes enjoying last year's Faire.

recycled items.

Tickets for the tour will be available May 15th at Amity Foods & Coffee, Roth's IGA, the McMinnville Hallmark store as well as at the Garden Faire on the 23rd. See the details of both the Faire and Garden Tour and more locations for tickets to the Tour at the McMinnville GC's website: www.mcminnvillegardenclub.org Call Judy (503.434.1656) or Elsie (503.434.5380) for more details.



Director's Notes, cont'd. from pg. 1

- Was privileged to present 3 workshops for the OSFGC:
 - "Building the Foundation" – Fall, 2010
 - "Planting for Growth" – June, 2011
 - "Leadership Support for your Team" – Fall, 2012
- Developed, trained staff and implemented a new website as part of the OSFGC network;
- Entered many contests and won numerous awards, including National Best Newsletter for Pioneer Press, Victoria Fuller, editor;
- Garnet Ascher, OSFGC President and Lynn Chiotti, OSFGC Recording Secretary, call Pioneer District home;
- Hours, hours and more hours have been devoted to Club activities, fundraisers and community beautification and service;

And the list goes on...You wonderful people have greatly contributed to Pioneer District, the county and the local community level. We are unified by our love of plants, protecting our environment, continued education, and service to others. You have blessed me with 4 years of friendship and beautiful memories! Thank you! May all your future endeavors "bloom" where you "plant" them.

Gaye Stewart, Director

Banks Garden Club Has Evening Meetings

Banks Garden Club is off to a great start this year. We have had some exceptional speakers thanks to Liz Myer, our Speakers Coordinator. She has a wealth of resources. February, we learned to make a willow trellis. Mine is now sprouting leaves and it isn't even in water. My husband says, "DO NOT put it into the ground!" Wonder why???

March we learned a little more about clematis and ground covers. Even when you think you know about a particular group of plants, there is always more to learn. We also got to buy and take home good stuff! That is always a plus.

April meeting is coming up and we are so looking forward to hearing Mindy Hughes speak on her fabulous succulents, water plants and exotic house plants.

May's speaker will be on Alpine Plants. Sound interesting. June starts our summer garden tours. We are planning on home tours as well as different outings, such as Seabright Gardens out of Brooks. If you are a hosta lover like me, this is right up your alley. They also have beautiful walking gardens in full sun with tags on each plant.

If anyone is interested in an evening garden club meeting, we might be the club for you! We chose evenings because quite a few of our members were young enough to still be working outside the home, yet are interested in joining a garden club. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at our City Hall building, 6:30. Please give me a call (Pres. Rita Hofsheier 503.324.9250) or our VP (Dalice Sawyer 503.324.9161). We would love to have you join us. We are fun girls, we are dirty girls!

DAHLIA HINT "Tip" your plant when 18" tall (count up 3-4 leaf nodes from the ground and cut off the top). You will get a shorter, stronger bush: a better structure for the flowers!

The Five Oaks Garden Club Community Projects

The Five Oaks Garden Club has been active in the community with its projects. We gave decorated pine cones to each of the 140 people served by the Meals-on-Wheels program for their Christmas meal trays. They looked like miniature Christmas trees with tiny ornaments, livening up their holiday fare.

We also made and donated bows to the Glencoe (High School) Greenhouse "Crimson Florists" program for the wreaths participants made for each of their families. Our members enjoyed doing this project and were very pleased when each of the students sent us a thank you note with a picture of their wreath. This program does not receive financial help other than through donations and the students' annual plant sale. They grow all the plants and learn lifetime skills in the process. A wonderful program! Nancy Biehn

In Memorial

North Plains Garden Club will miss their member, Joyce Whorley, who passed away on March 5th. Joyce grew up on a farm in Michigan and became a nurse. She traveled to several states with her nursing including Connecticut and Kentucky then settled in Oregon. Retiring in 1982, she moved to North Plains devoting her days to gardening and helping shut-ins. She delivered groceries for "Store to Door", was a Washington County Fair superintendent for the Floral Division and a valued board member of the Tualatin Valley Rose Society. As a club member, she was Editor of the newsletter and spent hundreds of hours working on sales and other projects. She held a District Chairmanship and was honored with a Lifetime Membership from the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. Victoria Fuller

...More Sales & Tours

Jackson Bottom Wetlands Native Plant Sale, Apr 20th, 9-4pm, 2600 SW Hillsboro Hwy, 503.681.6206 or www.jacksonbottom.org

Leach Botanical Gardens Sale, Apr 20th, 9-3pm, Floyd Light Middle School, 10800 SW Washington St, Portland, choice selection of trees, shrubs and natives from specialty nurseries from across Oregon as well as from the Leach collection. Free Parking and Admission. Visit www.leachgarden.org for list of participating nurseries.

Lake Grove Garden Club Plant Sale, Apr 27th, 9am-1pm, Wizer's, 310 First Street, Lake Oswego.

Native Plant Sale and Resource Fair, Apr 27th, TVPRD Nature Park Interpretive Ctr, 10-2; visit www.thprd.org.

Canby Spring Garden Fair, May 4th 9-5, May 5th 9-4, 200 garden vendors, Clackamas Co. Event Ctr, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, \$3 admission.

Eastside Garden Tour (West Columbia River Gorge), May 18th & 19th, 10-4, Including 12 locations, this tour has a working farm, a Museum's grounds, a country garden, miniature railroad garden, a B&B with spectacular gorge views as well as a convent. You'll need two days for this! Tickets \$20 at www.eastsidegardentour.com

Inviting Vines VI, May 25th, 10-4, a tour of 5 private clematis gardens in SW Portland as well as the Rogerson Clematis Collection at Luscher Farm. \$20 tickets can be purchased online at www.rogeronclematiscollection.org or, after Apr 17th, at Dennis' 7 Dee's (Lake Oswego), Gardener's Choice (Tigard), Joy Creek or Portland Nursery (5050 SE Stark).

Open Garden Tour, June 29th, visit 5 private gardens and a clematis collection in Lake Oswego/West Linn areas, co-sponsored by HPSO and The Garden Conservancy; tickets cost \$5 per garden or buy a book of 6 for \$25; www.hardyplantsociety/gs-tour.

Assoc of Northwest
Landscape Designers
Garden Tour

One of the premier garden tours in Portland, ANLD's 9th Annual Designers Garden Tour will inspire you with plenty of new ideas. This year's not to be missed tour showcases seven professionally designed private gardens on Portland's west side. Each garden features unique works of art, selected to enhance the site. Designers will be on hand to discuss their creative approach to design, focusing on solutions to both common and unusual challenges each garden can present. Homeowners will share their experiences of working with a designer and surviving the process and will inspire you with fresh, innovative ideas that were incorporated into their landscapes. On the tour you will find:

- Beautiful outdoor "rooms" for entertaining and outdoor living
- Unusual, low maintenance plants in stunning colorful combinations
- Kitchen gardens and spaces for urban farm animals
- Outdoor cooking areas and places to relax around the fire
- Stylish custom garden structures and unique water features
- Sustainable storm water solutions
- Creative blending of hardscape
- Wide variety of styles including Modern, Tropical, Naturalistic and Mediterranean.



Adding more interest to the tour, each garden will also be the outdoor gallery for a local artist showcasing their work. Metal and stoneware sculptures, steel art panels, pottery, and wood carvings combined will metal will intrigue you.

Tickets are \$20 each. If you can find four or more friends to buy as a group, ticket prices drop to \$17.50. Or contact Amy Whitworth (plan-it-earth@comcast.net) & order 10 by April 30th & pay only \$15!

Visit www.anld.com to buy tickets and to learn more about this non-profit's goals of networking for designers, contractors and homeowner's and for assisting those just beginning their landscape design careers.

Diantha Knott
Specialist in Ikebana
Pottery

Diantha Knott is a studio potter in West Linn, Oregon, specializing in making hand-built containers for creative flower art. Her mother, Elsie Skinner, was very active in Ikebana and the National Federation of Garden Clubs during Diantha's childhood and taught her a great deal about gardening and flower arranging. Elsie encouraged Diantha to study ceramics and to make unusual containers so others could find their own creative voices, introducing her to Sogetsu, which is the most modern of Ikebana schools. Diantha is now a qualified teacher of Sogetsu Ikebana and a member of the Elsie Skinner Memorial Designers Guild, founded by her mother.



annual Rose and Chrysanthemum Ikebana shows at the Japanese Gardens, Diantha also participates in the Dahlia and Chrysanthemum Societies' annual shows, giving her an opportunity to test out her containers and to show how the various shapes lend themselves to holding branches and enhancing the depth and character of a design.

containers are inspired by the natural world and are very sculptural, even without flowers. Many of the containers have more than one opening and the textures, colors and shapes are all meant to inspire one's own creativity. Her website, www.creativeflowerartcontainers.com, should be finished by the end of April. Diantha welcomes visitors to her studio and showroom. Please call her at 503.475.4640 to arrange a time to visit.

In addition to participating in the

Working in clay since 1995, Diantha opened her studio in 2004. All of her

Tour Lovely Gardens in Dunthorpe



After ten years absence, the Dunthorpe Garden Tour in the Dunthorpe neighborhood of Portland is being resurrected as a benefit for the Riverdale School District's 125th anniversary. The tour will be held Saturday, May 4th from 10 am to 4 pm and will feature four distinct and beautiful gardens, all within walking distance of one another. One of the gardens will feature classic sculptures and one a duck enclosure...talk about variety! Finish your tour with tea and cookies at the historic Cooley House, home to Lewis & Clark College's President.

Since it is a mile and a half circuit, there is shuttle bus service between the gardens. Please note that there will be slippery and uneven surfaces. Strollers and walkers are not allowed in the gardens. Tickets, available online at www.dunthorpegardentour.com or at the Zupans on Macadam Avenue, are \$30 individually (\$25 tax deductible) or, gather six friends and buy your tickets at \$25 each.

Upcoming Events

Classes at WA Co. Fair Complex; Free, No Registration Required:
Square Foot Gardening, Apr 23rd, 9:30-10:30am, Jerry Knott shares ways to grow veggies in limited space; hints on bed construction and plant maintenance and...
Tomato Planting 101, May 21st, 9:30-10:30, Vern VanDerZanden presents the basics, tips for getting the most from your plants. Info: www.metromastergardeners.org
Linda Nelson's Presidential Installation (Ntl Garden Club), May 26th, 7pm, Seattle, WA, Sheraton Hotel.
OSFGC Annual Convention, June 19th, Shilo Inn Suites Hotel, Airport Way, Portland; details: visit www.oregongardenclubs.org site.
Ntl Garden Week, June 1-8, clubs encouraged to take bouquets to Libraries and other public locations.

Gardening is the slowest of the performing arts - Mae Griswold, writer for NY Times



Bleeding Hearts Column Spring Round-up



State Handbook Advertising

Time to collect advertising for the State Directory Handbook! As you visit your favorite nursery, plant center or restaurant, remember to ask if they would like to purchase an ad in our State Directory that goes to about 3,000 customers for a two-year period. The ads run from a 1/4 page for \$30 to a full page for \$85. The forms with all of the information can be found on the Oregon State Garden Clubs' website, www.oregongardenclubs.org. Click on "Publications". If you have a Directory, carry it with you so you can visit the advertisers when you

are visiting in their area. For more information, contact Bruna McBride at bmcb1@frontier.com or 503.644.7417.

Cecil & Molly Smith Garden

The Smith Garden, world-renowned for its collection of rhododendrons, will be open Saturdays and Sundays, April 6 through May 19th, 11am to 4pm. The 3-acre woodland setting also has choice trees, shrubs, wildflowers and bulbs complementing the over 600 rhoddies and azaleas. Established in the early 1950's, there are many rare species grown from seeds imported from China and cuttings from England as well as hybrids Cecil Smith developed. Some

plants are available for purchase. Due to the slope, the garden is not handicapped accessible. Admission fee is \$3. 5065 Raybell Road, St. Paul, (7/10ths of a mile west of Hwy 219 between St. Paul and Newberg). Call Ginny Mapes for info (503.647.2896) or see www.smithgarden.org.

"Garden Magic" Spring Luncheon

Hosted by Hillsboro and the Five Oaks Clubs, April 18th, 9am, Meriwether National Golf Club, 5200 Rood Bridge Road. Speaker will be Mallory Gwynn, "Small Fruits & Berries". Don't forget! See you there!

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