

Summer
2012



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District

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Pioneer District

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Cedar Mill GC, Secretary

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Notes from the Director

Dear Friends,

Summer has actually arrived with temperatures above 60 degrees, giving hope for our flowers and veggie gardens to thrive!

The OSFGC annual convention, held June 19-21 in Wilsonville, and wonderfully hosted by Clackamas District, included a small flower show with many beautiful specimens. The business meetings were lively and informative, the lodging was quiet, comfortable and well-appointed, the food was excellent, self-guided tours of local nurseries were superb, and the banquets, each with special programs or speakers, were very inspiring! Linda Nelson, National 1st Vice President, gave an excellent workshop on Leadership Skill Development with numerous "how-to" tips.

Pioneer District received recognition in numerous areas:

National Achievement Awards for Club Anniversaries:

- McMinnville Garden Club Year-85 Yrs
- St. Helens Garden Club - 85 Yrs
- Tigard Garden Club - 65 Yrs

Participation Award:

- Cedar Mill Garden Club

Newsletters:

- Class 2 - Cedar Mill GC - 2nd Place
- Class 3 - Beaverton GC - 2nd Place
- Class 5 - Pioneer District - 2nd Place (\$10 award)

Yearbooks:

- Class 1 - Chehalem GC - 2nd Place
- Class 3 - Tigard GC - 1st Place

Yearbook Covers:

- Class 1 - West Point GC - 1st Place
- Class 3 - Tigard GC - 1st Place

Photo Contest:

- Suzy Ramm, Chehalem GC - 2nd & 3rd Place (\$25 gift card)

Membership Increase:

- 14 of 19 Pioneer District Clubs received National Garden Clubs, Inc. certificates

OSFGC Container Contest

2012 Conservation:

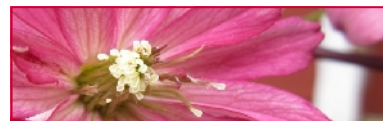
- Pioneer District received Honorable Mention & Certificate of Appreciation

These awards will be presented to the Club Presidents at the Pioneer District Fall Luncheon Meeting on October 18th, hosted by North Plains, West Union and Banks Garden Clubs.

Our Pioneer District theme "Growing Friendships through Gardening" will continue through this coming year. Plan now to invite another Club President to visit one of your meetings or events. That invitation may have inspirational results and you'll develop a new friendship. Use your Pioneer District directory for names and contact data. Please include me in the invitation cycle. I greatly enjoy coming and getting better acquainted.

Enjoy the summer and the bounty and beauty of your garden.

Gaye Stewart, Director
Pioneer District



Clematis montana
Broughton Star

Jenkins Estate Centennial Celebration

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District will celebrate the 100th year of the Jenkins Estate on Sunday, August 26, from noon to 4pm at the Estate at 8005 SW Grabhorn Road in Beaverton.

At 12:15, THPRD Management will kick off the celebration with a Welcome speech and introductions in front of the Manor House.

At 1:00 p.m., there will be a planting of the Centennial Commemorative Tree on the side lawn of the Manor House. (A grant from the Oregon Roadside Council allowed procurement of the tree.)

Guests will receive a program of the day's events as they enter the Estate which will include a Passport that will list twelve areas of interest within the estate to include: Manor House, Stable, Carriage House, Tea House, Pump House, Water Tower, Gate House, Greenhouse, Rhododendron Garden, Herb Garden, Cutting Garden, and Elm Grove. They can use their Passport to take a self-guided tour. Volunteers will be available with information and answer questions about the particular site. Interpretive materials will be on display.

As guests visit each site, they will have their Passport

stamped. When the Passport is completed, they will go to the kitchen at the Manor House to receive a dish of apple crisp and ice cream (a very popular dish in the early 1900's).

Guests are encouraged to bring picnic lunches and spend the afternoon. "Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins" will be on the front porch of the Manor House. All guests are invited to visit with them. This event is free of charge and is presented by the Staff and Volunteers of Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District. Marcia Kay Whitelock

PIONEER DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS — HELP REQUESTED

Our district was largely responsible for restoring the gardens at the Jenkins Estate when it was purchased by the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. The Jenkins Estate is very interested in receiving information (pictures, articles, etc.) or other memorabilia your garden club may have which can be shared during this important and historic event. Please contact Lynda Myers, 503.628.6355, lyndamyers@thprd.org. Save the date and plan to attend the Centennial Celebration, August 26, 2012!

In Memorial Ruth Pasley

Ruth Eleanor Pasley

August 27, 1912—June 7, 2012

Our garden clubs and their members will remember Ruth as a friend and mentor. She lived almost 100 years and would often say that every day of her life was interesting. She is survived by her five children.

Ruth was active in garden clubs at the local, district, state and national levels. She was the sixteenth elected Director of Pioneer District Garden Clubs serving during the years of 1981-1983. Ruth served as the National Publicity Chairman for the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., now known as National Garden Clubs, Inc., and attended several national conventions. Throughout the years, Ruth held leadership positions at all levels.

Ruth lived in Washington County all her life. She graduated from Beaverton High School in 1930 and was one of the oldest living graduates of Oregon State Agricultural College (now Oregon State University). Orange and black were her colors and she was a faithful Beaver.

Ruth started several garden clubs, including West Metro, Beaverton, North Plains, The Five Oaks and West Union. Kathy Rinck, President of Rainier Garden Club, reminded us she started up Rainier Garden Club again in 1983. Ruth maintained active memberships in these garden clubs.

Beverly Seibel, The 2001-2003 Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs President, shared the following information. As a charter member of The Five Oaks Garden Club, Ruth was instrumental in restoring the Joseph Meek Marker along Highway 26 which was moved to the south side of Jackson School Overpass. She was also involved

with the Jenkins Estate and the restoration of the gardens.

Her passion was writing. Ruth enjoyed sending handwritten cards and letters to friends and family. Marcia Kay Whitelock remembers those cards and letters and the messages of encouragement and friendship. Ruth continued to study and write about local history and helped found the North Plains Historical Society.

Let us celebrate the life of this special woman; and, for those of us who were blessed to know her, we are thankful for her strength, courage, hopes, and dreams. Marcia Kay Whitelock, Chaplain Pioneer District Garden Clubs, Inc.



Marie Nelson Day West Point GC

Members of West Point Garden Club and our District Director, Gaye Stewart, gathered together at the home of Lucille Thomas on Thursday, May 3, to honor a totally charming and delightful lady who has been a member for over forty years.

Marie Nelson is 96 years young! She is a Past President of the garden club and a State Life Member. Marie currently serves on the Program Committee and is always ready, willing and able to participate and share her knowledge. Rarely does she miss a meeting.

She has lived in the West Point neighborhood for many years. The May 3rd celebration was a surprise and she was very pleased. Marie was crowned with a pink heart and crystal tiara and presented with a balloon bouquet of pink hearts (pink is her favorite color) and a photo album with pictures of her and her many garden club friends.

Lunch included a special cake decorated like a garden. Friends who were present, together with those who were unable to attend, wrote Marie special notes which were shared along with a few tears and big smiles.

The small bit of land called Eden Gardens has been a community project of West Point's for many years and one in which Marie has been involved. Members presented her with a pink clematis, named 'Empress', which was planted in the garden next to our newly installed fence.

It was a wonderful and unforgettable day.

Susan Marshall and
Marcia Kay Whitelock



Marie Nelson celebrates 40 years with West Point Garden club this year!



Cedar Mill GC's 9th Annual Plant Sale and Garden Art Fair

Despite the 1st day of rainy weather, our club finished the two day sale very successfully. Over 1,000 plants from Pat Still's garden helped to provide lots of inventory from which the public could choose. Although the

rain kept us inside doing the potting and general grooming beforehand, when the plants were placed on the tables, they looked beautiful! Six vendors &

two non-profits added fun & interest; Bill Cushman's metal garden sculptures added an arty feel. Most of our 13 new members pitched in, resulting in some fun and profitable bonding for the club!



In Memorial

Eleanor Abraham was 101 years old and a charter member of Rainier Garden Club as well as a life member of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. It seems fitting that she died on Earth Day, April 22, 2012. She was a gardening mentor and contributed to the Rainier area with her stories in the local newspapers.

While in the assisted living facility, she lost her ability to see, hear and walk. But now, Eleanor has been called to the Lord; her sight and hearing restored. She will mentor those in the Heavenly Garden and we will be thankful. Diana Wallin, Rainier Garden Club
Marcia Kay Whitelock, Chaplain, Pioneer District Garden Clubs



OSFGC Convention 2012 - Oregon was pleased to host the National Garden Club President, Shirley Nicolai, at our annual state convention. She's pictured here with our own Pioneer District Director, Gaye Stewart, Pioneer District Treasurer, Mike Stewart and, & also from Pioneer District, the Oregon State Federation of Garden Club's 2011-2013 President, Garnet Ascher.

Like people, plants respond to extra attention.
H. Peter Loewer

Legacy Therapeutic Garden Tours

Legacy Health operates several hospitals in the local area and many of them have therapeutic retreats to be enjoyed by patients, their families and visitors, hospital staff and the general public. It has been found horticultural therapy can aid in patients' recovery and as we gardeners already know, just being in a garden can improve one's outlook. If a garden club has a group of ten or more, tours of the various gardens can be arranged to include a 30 minute Power Point presentation

about the garden's development and programming, with a guided tour to follow. Smaller groups are welcome to tour on their own (no charge to enjoy the gardens) and coffee, a snack or a meal can be enjoyed in the cafeterias before or after.

The following garden sites have tours available:

Legacy Mt Hood Med. Ctr - Gresham

Meridian Park Medical Ctr - Tualatin

Emanuel Med. Ctr, including the Children's Garden & OR Burn Ctr - Ptld

Good Samaritan Med. Ctr - Portland

Good Sam also hosts Senior Neighborhood walks, beginning with a tour of the garden then a stroll

through the neighborhood to view interesting plants, Heritage trees, architecture and more. From 10-11:30, these are FREE with no registration required on 8/21, 9/11 and 10/9.

Please contact Teresia Hazen, Coordinator of Therapeutic Gardens, 503.413.6507 or thazen@lhs.org if your club would like a guided tour or more information.

FACT - Legacy is the only U.S. healthcare organization to offer Horticultural Therapy-specific coursework for horticulture students. Oregon State University and PCC also offer degrees in this growing field.

www.legacyhealth.org/gardens

Beverly Seibel - 40 Years with Five Oaks



The Five Oaks GC is proud to honor Beverly Seibel as we celebrate her 40th year with our club. Beverly is a past Club President, District Director, and OSFGC President and has worn many other hats in this organization over the years. Anyone who has served with Beverly, knows what a pleasure she is to work with. She is the "go to" gal for the members of The Five Oaks.

Beverly is our mentor and our friend. She continues to fill many roles, at all levels of our organization.

I had the occasion to visit Beverly at her property recently and found her out gardening in the rain! I believe she said something like, "I like lots of flowers." Indeed! She maintains several acres of beautiful flowers, shrubs and a killer veggie garden. I was more than impressed!

Her keen knowledge and love of gardening shows as vividly as her flowers. If there is a plant she can't identify, I haven't discovered it yet! The Five Oaks and I are sure the Pioneer District and the OSFGC thank you, Beverly, for 40 years of dedication and friendship.

Kim Saville

Successful Chehalem Plant Sale

Chehalem Garden Club held their annual plant sale Saturday and Sunday May 5 & 6th at the yard of the Hoover-Minthorn House in Newberg. It was a successful sale with a steady stream of customers both days. 30% of the profits are donated to community projects; 10% each to the Newberg City Library for Children's Gardening Books, the Newberg High School Greenhouse

program and the Pioneer District Scholarship. The leftover annuals are being used to create baskets and planters for the Serenity Garden at the Newberg Relay for Life.



Janet Marie King, Kathy Ronning, Suzanne's mother, Suzanne Miller prepare for the sale.

Beaverton Improves their Plant Sale's 'Fun Factor'

This year we had our best ever member involvement. Our dig parties were truly parties! We had a job at every level: digging, dividing, replanting, labeling, pricing and grooming the plants. Large or small, we've found everyone's garden can stand some dividing. Each year, we streamline the process and get to know each other better as we work together. WA County Gleaners take our leftovers, easing the clean-up duties after a long day. Sue Taylor

Pat Still Honored

Pat Still has been honored as Gardener of the Year by the Cedar Mill GC. Pat has been a mainstay of the Club since 1981. She has held all of the offices in CMGC and has been chairman of an increasingly successful plant sale for the last 9 years. Always supportive of OSFGC and Pioneer District, she has been awarded the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs Life Membership.

Pat is one of those friendly people who is always willing to help whether the task is large or small. A member of the Hardy Plant Society and having attended Garden Study School as well, Pat also does double duty as a member of the Aloha Garden Club.

Pat is very knowledgeable about plants, including where and how to grow them, as well as knowing their Latin names. I call her one of the resident plant gurus. She is very generous in sharing her love of gar-

dening and plants with others and is a joy to know.

Pat has always had a beautiful garden with specialty plants growing everywhere. Recently she constructed a grouping of raised beds at the back of her garden for her current love, peonies, of which she has about 45 plants! The beds were constructed after visiting gardens in Europe with the Hardy Plant Society in 2008 and 2009. For a more complete biography, look on the Gallery page of our Website, www.thecedarmillgardenclub.org.
Barbara Cushman



Pat Still, receiving her Gardener of the Year award from the Cedar Mill Garden Club, presented by Barbara Cushman, Club President

Stuffed Peppers Recipe

A raving success at the Pioneer District Luncheon, Suzy Ramm's Maple Cheese Stuffed Peppers recipe is presented here to prepare with your summer garden bounty.

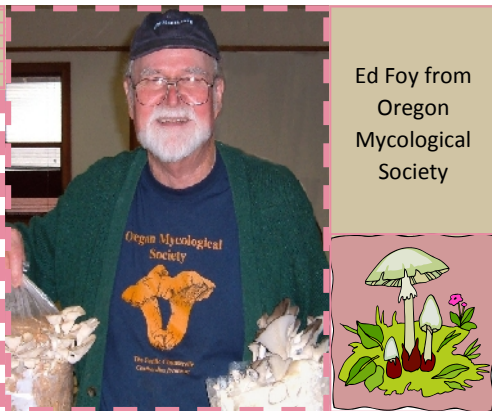
Maple Cheese Stuffed Peppers (serves about four dozen)

- 25 sweet mini fresh peppers
- 8 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 3 c. finely shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 tsp. Mapline flavoring
- 1/2 c. chopped walnuts
- 1/2 c. chopped dried cranberries

- Preheat oven to 250 degrees.
- Cut peppers in half length-wise, removing seeds and membranes.
- Place on baking sheet and place in oven for 15-20 minutes until slightly softened.
- Meanwhile in a bowl beat the cream cheese, shredded cheese, nuts, cranberries and Mapline flavoring together.
- Remove peppers from oven when ready and turn oven up to 400 degrees.
- Spoon 2 teaspoons full into each pepper half. Place back on greased baking sheet.
- Bake for 5-10 minutes or until cheese is melted.
- Serve warm or at room temperature.

Interesting Speakers

Cedar Mill GC has had some great speakers lately. Ed Foy from the Oregon Mycological Society gave a fascinating presentation called "Good & Bad Mushrooms" during which we learned all about mushroom propagation. See the accompanying picture of Ed with his mushroom bags and go to www.wildmushrooms.org for more information.



Ed Foy from Oregon Mycological Society



Pat Thompson from Secret Garden Growers (Canby) gave an interesting talk and slide presentation on "Exciting Perennials for the Adventurous Gardener" that included special perennials that do well in our area and that are sometimes overlooked. See more about their 8 acres of gardens & garden store at www.secretgardengrowers.com.



Bucket List

Members of the Hillsboro Garden Club volunteered to decorate for the 2012 Portland Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade. Attending were Eilene Wolven, HGC President, and members Donna Soderberg, Sonya Rose Hoatson and Lori Hottenroth. They volunteered a total of 20 hours and now Eilene Wolven can check this off her bucket list!



Successful Spring Events

The *North Plains Community Garden Club* had a wonderful spring. It started in April with the planting of the 52 beautiful flower baskets that are now hanging in downtown North Plains. The next project was our annual Plant Sale, with many hours of plant preparation, loading them, working the sale and then the clean-up at our new location, Jessie Mays Community Center tennis courts. The new location was a great success; with lots of room for plants, it also gave people in wheelchairs/scooters the opportunity to shop. It was the most profitable sale we've ever had! Next, we planted two flower beds in the new North Plains Community Garden. Our last spring project was the ongoing care of the "Wall" at the main entrance to downtown North Plains. We cleaned, weeded and planted the 75 containers behind the wall. The Garden Club continues to work on the "Wall" as needed, having spread barkdust in June. Bunny Leuthold

At their May 2nd meeting, the *Tigard Garden Club* held a non-standard flower show. The show included horticulture specimens and large, small and miniature floral designs. Members voted for their favorites. In horticulture, Nancy Ackley won both 1st Place and Best in Show ribbons for her orange, with black center, poppy. Jean Snow won both 2nd & 3rd ribbons for her large purple and pink tree peony blossoms. Mary Clinton also won a 1st Place in the flowering shrub category for her Double File viburnum, and Mona Steel for her lilacs, in the flowering tree category. In floral design, Nancy Ackley, Mona Steel and Florence Rider received most of the ribbons.

After the voting, Mary Clinton, a certified OSFGC Flower Show judge, walked around the room and gently critiqued our entries, providing education and guidance for a future Standard Flower Show. Afterwards, some of the winning horticulture specimens and floral designs were taken to the seniors at the Elite Care Retirement Center. T. Andrews



St. Helens Garden Club held two plant sales in April; one at the library for National Library Week and one at the high school in support of the Master Gardeners. Both were very successful. For Memorial Day week-end, club members cleaned-up the McCormick

Park Veterans and Blue Star memorial area, made a wreath and held a quiet ceremony. In June, for National Garden Club Week, we made 43 flower arrangements for our local businesses, fire & police, schools, banks and various government agencies. Stan Chiotti



Bleeding Hearts Column Summer Round-up



Jenkins Estate Painter's Showcase

September 28th through the 30th, the Jenkins Estate will host its 33rd Annual Art Show & Sale. The Stable and Main House will be filled with over 350 pieces of art work, including paintings, etchings and drawings of both modern and representational compositions. The show is from 10 am to 5pm daily. Ph: 800.629.6355

Recycling Reminder

Stan Chiotti, our State Recycling Chairman, tells us that amber prescription bottles are no longer being collected by the Hillsboro Federated Women's Club. They thank everyone for their support. OSFGC is still collecting both hard and soft plastic lids.

Cannon Beach Cottage & Garden Tour

Saturday, September 8th, there will be the 9th Annual Tour of Cottages from 12-4 pm (a lecture/luncheon is available from 12-1). Sunday, the 9th, there will be a separate tour of gardens only from 11-2. Contact the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum for details & tickets. Ph: 503.436.9301

Garden Study Classes Start SOON!

The OSFGC fall Garden Study program is scheduled for Sept 4, 5, & 6 at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Gresham. Call or email Debbie Simone (503.695.2658) (dlsimone@comcast.net) before August 23rd.

Swan Island Dahlia Festival

Sat thru Mon, August 25-27 & September 1-3, stroll 40 acres of dahlias (8am-6pm), watch tuber dividing demonstrations (12-5pm), and see indoor displays (10-6pm). Food carts & refreshments available. Canby, Oregon. Ph: 800.410.6540

Dees Pruning Class

Sunday, Sept 2nd at 2 pm, there will be a pruning class for dormant perennials and common landscape plants including Japanese maples. Free; registration required. Cedar Hills location. Ph: 503.297.1058

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