

Summer
2013



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Notes from the Director

Dear Pioneer District,

I'm happy to introduce you to the new officers of the Pioneer District. Stan Chiotti, Assistant Director (St. Helens Garden Club), Diann Conser, Secretary (Chehalem Garden Club), Sue Owen, Treasurer (Cedar Mill Garden Club), and I'm Leanna Woodall your new Director (Beaverton Garden Club).

I would like to send a special thank you to all of our former officers for their work on behalf of Pioneer District: Gaye Stewart, Kim Saville, Barbara Cushman, and Mike Stewart.

The past few months have seen a turnover in officers not only in our district, but at the state, regional, and national levels too. The new officers include Pacific Region Director Elaine Gunderson, Oregon State President Peggy Olin, and National President Linda Nelson (from Oregon).

At the recent State Convention, National President Linda Nelson announced the formation of five new awards, all tying into our conservation pledge of becoming "caretakers of our air, water, forests, land and wildlife." More information will be coming out soon on these awards.

Another announcement at the State Convention was for the dates and theme of the 2014 State Convention. The "Summertime in Oregon" Convention will be held June 16-18, 2014 at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn. As the Pioneer District is hosting this convention, a Steering Committee has been formed and we are already making plans. There are many tasks associated with planning a convention - from making name tags, collecting door prizes, providing floral arrangements, to working registration, etc. Each garden club in the district will be asked to help in one way or another. If you or

your garden club has a specific area you'd like to help with, please contact me directly. I will be sharing a list of needed tasks with all the club presidents soon.

Lastly, I'd like to share with you my theme for the next 2 years: "Gardening for Life - Gardening for the Future." Our gardens provide so many opportunities to each of us - beauty, education, community, exercise, food, etc.

According to a recent article in The Oregonian¹, "44.2 percent of the State's children are considered low-income." What this translates to is that almost 1 in 3 children in Oregon are 'food insecure,' meaning they don't always know where their next meal is coming from. For the past two years, Beaverton Garden Club has been collecting canned goods at each meeting and contributing monthly door prize earnings to local food banks.

My theme "Gardening for Life - Gardening for the Future" is two-fold. One, I'd like to encourage clubs throughout the district to collect food items to donate to their local food pantries (many churches have a food pantry and The Oregon Food Bank is always looking for donations). The Oregon Food Bank also collects fresh produce, as do the Washington County Gleaners. If you've got extra vegetables or fruit you can't use, please consider giving to one of these organizations or a similar one in your county. As gardeners, we can truly make a difference.

The 2nd part of my theme is to challenge each garden club to encourage and expand your projects to include children. Although many children may not have access to a garden plot, everyone can cont'd. on page 3...



Single Hybrid Tea Rose
'Mrs. Oakley Fisher'

2013-2015

Pioneer District

Officers

Leanna Woodall,

Beaverton GC, Director

Stan Chiotti,

St. Helens GC, Asst. Director

Diann Conser,

Chehalem GC, Secretary

Sue Owen,

Cedar Mill GC, Treasurer

Chehalem GC Celebrates 20th Anniversary

On May 17th the Chehalem Garden Club celebrated its 20th anniversary with history, games and cake. Original founders Sally Thompson and Diann Conser are still members and organized the event. They also were presented with letters of recognition from Newberg City Mayer Bob Andrews and from Sara Monroe, Director of the Hoover-Minthorn House Museum.



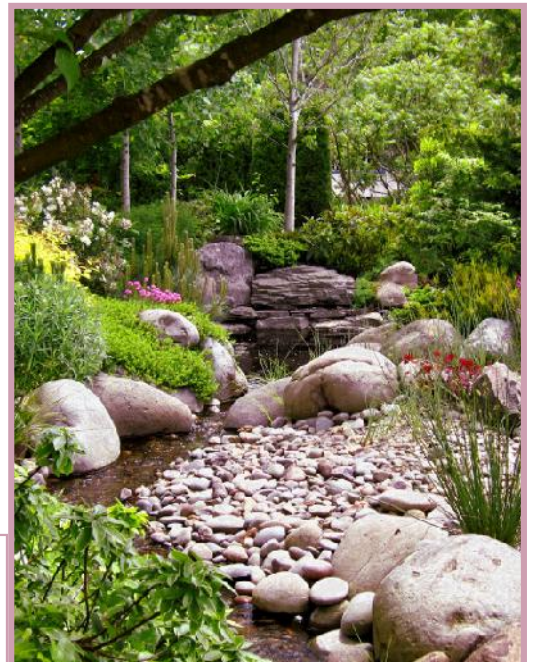
Beaverton's Linda Gerstenfeld & Leueen Haviland at the successful May Plant Sale



Suzy Ramm, Old Barn in The Dalles, 2nd Place, Cityscape/Architecture, Black & White Division

State Convention Photo Contest Winners from Pioneer District

Victoria Fuller,
Dundee Winery Garden, 1st Place,
Landscape, Color Division



Suzy Ramm, Haystack Rock, 2nd Place,
Landscape, Black & White Division

Victoria Fuller, Seaside Cove, 2nd Place,
Seascape, Color Division



Director's Notes

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have a pot of vegetables. Lettuce, radishes, beans, etc. all do well in pots and can provide any household not only with fresh produce, but with a sense of pride for the children growing them.

I look forward to hearing from each club on how they've been able to incorporate these ideas into their projects. Further information on many other projects involving children and gardening can be found at <http://www.gardenclub.org/youth>.

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer. If you have any suggestions or comments, please always feel free to give me a call.

Happy Summer!

Leanna Woodall, 503.649.8743

1. "44 percent of children statewide in 2011 were poor or low-income, study says," *The Oregonian*, by Xuxing Zheng,

Themes for 2013-2015

Each "administration" at every level of Garden Club selects a theme for its tenure. Here are the themes at various levels, from District to National:

Pioneer District

Director Leanna Woodall
"Gardening for Life;
Gardening for our Future"

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

President, Peggy Olin
"Growing for the Future;
Planting in Special Places"

Pacific Region

Director Elaine Gunderson
"Expand Horizons;
A Conservation Rainbow"

National Garden Clubs, Inc.

President Linda Nelson
"Making A World of Difference;
Choices Matter"

Tigard Garden Club's June Outings

On June 5th, the Tigard Garden Club met at the beautiful gardens of Ferguson's Fragrant Nursery to hold their final meeting of the season and to install their new 2013-14 Secretary, Marilyn Isaac. It was followed by a scrumptious potluck luncheon and later, a walk through the beautiful floral gardens and shopping for new plants.



Tigard GC's Potluck at Ferguson's on Jun 5th

On June 19th, 20 of our members met for 2 private garden tours. In the morning we drove to the West Slope of Portland, to Craig Quirk's and Larry Neill's incredible remodeled Mediterranean garden. It was designed for all-season entertaining that included a dining pavilion, a fire pit and Gunnera fountain area with bamboo and steel, and a newly finished covered living room area that is open on two sides. The front yard features twelve tons of flat-topped boulders anchored by three lovely, mature Katsura trees. There are lots of examples of beautiful and funky garden art made of glass, concrete and metal, in every nook and cranny of the yard! It was a feast for the eyes!

In the afternoon, we traveled to Lake Oswego to visit Mike Darcy's private garden. Again, we were awed and inspired by the artistry of placing plants in the right places for maximum effect. Mike has a passion for interesting and unusual trees and plants. He has an abundance of huge pots that are clustered in groups filled with trees, bushes and flowers blooming. His wife, Linda, loves to decorate and they find the right niche for their ample collections of sayings, bird houses, mirrored windows, benches, picnic tables, etc.

Mike was anxious to identify each plant and tree on his 1/3 of an acre wonderland. We finished the tour with refreshments.



Tigard GC's Trip to Mike Darcy's on June 19th

We were warmly welcomed at each garden, saw plenty of decorative ideas and learned several successful new growing techniques.

Marguerite Morin

Hillsboro Garden Club “Floats” Again

Hillsboro Garden Club members volunteered recently by helping decorate the Spirit Mountain float for the Rose Festival Parade. It was the club's second year volunteering and they had so much fun again they plan to make it a yearly project. Sonya M. Rose-Hoatson, President

Pictured left to right front row: Barbara Ternus, Treas., and Lori Hottenroth. Back row: Sonya Rose-Hoatson, Pres., and Jeanne Kirk



Changing of the Guard at District Scholarship Committee

Leaving with our grateful appreciation are Stan Chiotti, Gaye Stewart and Mike Stewart. Continuing to volunteer their time are: Garnet Ascher, Bruna McBride, Barbara Ternus, Lucille Thomas, and Marcia Kay Whitelock. Our new members are Merry Lloyd, Sue Owen, and Leanna Woodall. Interested in serving? Contact: Marcia Kay Whitelock 503.524.5309 marciawhitelock@comcast.net.

Wheelchair Accessible Trails and Gardens

Getting out and enjoying the lovely gardens we have created as well as the beautiful scenery that surrounds us is second nature to gardeners. But for those who need some assistance in the form of canes, wheelchairs or scooters, that simple desire to “get out” can be complicated by rocky paths, curbs and stepped levels. So I thought it might be nice to take a little survey of our area and let members know about trails, gardens and parks that have made the effort to become handicapped accessible.

There is a great website, www.trailink.com by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, that lists wheelchair accessible trails all over the US. Just enter your city name and a map appears with listings for each trail. You can zero in on the map to find trails just in your immediate area. Then there is a detailed description of each trail along with, in some cases, reviews of the trail written by the public. Many trails still have segments that are in the process of being completed for wheelchair access and that is detailed in the descriptions. Access points are described including parking facilities.

Some local trails:

Brookwood Trail 1.8 mi. — Parking is at the Hillsboro City Library. Skirts the airport and winds through some

corporate campuses.

Rock Creek Trail 1.6 mi. — Good parking at Orchard Park (with restrooms, picnic areas). Scenic greenway winding through wetlands, meadow, evergreens.

Some local gardens:

The Memory Garden - located at SE 104th Ave and Powell Blvd, in the corner of Ed Benedict Park, this garden is designed with wheelchair-bound visitors in mind with raised plantings of colorful aromatic flowers lining wide-paved, flat walkways. Ample benches provide plenty of space for relaxing. One of only eight such memory gardens in the country, this demonstration garden is meant to foster understanding of Alzheimer's and its effects.

Peninsula Park Rose Garden 16 ac.— 700 N. Rosa Parks Way. Thanks to the addition of a ramp, Portland's oldest public park with its sunken rose garden (dedicated in 1913) is now accessible to all visitors. The Rose Garden just celebrated its 100th birthday with volunteers working overtime to get the gardens whipped into shape. There are 9,000 rose bushes to be admired, sniffed and photographed and with the garden having been freshly tidied up, this would be a great time to visit. The Park itself has accessible picnic tables and restrooms as well as a variety of sports

fields and courts, a large fountain and swimming pool. **Smith and Bybee Wetlands** - The Interlakes Trail, paved and accessible, has two wildlife viewing platforms. At 2000 acres, this is the largest protected wetland within an American city. Take I-5 North to Exit 307 (just before Vancouver) and drive 2.2 mi. west. Victoria Fuller -ed.

A Special Word from our Director...

‘Accessible — ac-ces-si-ble, adjective, easy to approach, reach, enter, or use.’ As many of you may already know, I have multiple sclerosis and use a wheelchair or scooter to get around. I also have a vehicle with hand controls, so I can get to places more easily.

One thing I've noticed recently is that many announcements for meetings, field trips, or tours don't mention if they are accessible for those of us using canes, walkers, or wheelchairs.

Even though I know there may be some places I won't be able to get into, as long as I know if something is accessible or not, it gives me the ability to choose if I can attend an event.

Many times making something accessible is as simple as having help to get up one step, getting help with taking a scooter out of a car, or just lending a strong arm. Please add a note to your notices that lets anyone with mobility issues know if they can attend easily or not. Leanna Woodall

ANNOUNCING

The 87th Annual
Oregon State Federation
of Garden Clubs, Inc.

2014 Convention

June 23 – 25, 2014

Holiday Inn

Wilsonville, Oregon

SAVE THE DATE!

More information to follow...



New District Officers Installed for 2013-2015 Term

The new slate of Officers was approved at the April Spring Luncheon. They are pictured at the luncheon. Right to left: Sue Owen, Treasurer, Dian Conser, Secretary, Leanna Woodall, Director and Stan Chiotti, Assistant Director



2013-2014 Pioneer District Scholarship Program Winners

At the District Spring Meeting in April, the members approved a motion made by the Scholarship Committee to award two \$1,000 scholarships for academic year 2013-2014. The recommendation was based upon the generosity of our garden club members who have supported this program with their donations.

Jeannie Klein is a student at Oregon State University with a double major in Botany and Microbiology with Honors. She wrote a note of thank you which included the following, "This (scholarship) will allow me to continue on with school at OSU and pursue my ultimate dream of being a research scientist in the field of Agriculture." She plans on continuing onto graduate school. Her goal is to help those in the agriculture industry, particularly farmers, like her grandfather.

Mee-ya A. Monnin is also a student at Oregon State University. She is enrolled in the University Honors College majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Science and expects to graduate in 2014. She has interned with the College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences and the U.S. Navy Marine Mammal Program. Earlier this year she returned from her second field season in Antarctica. She has also spent eight months over the past two summers living and working in Newport, Oregon at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. She has received many awards and honors.

2014 applications are NOW available and will be handed out at the District Fall Board Meeting. Talk this up amongst friends and relatives...we love applicants! marciawhitelock@comcast.net

Introducing District Club Presidents

- Aloha Garden Club: President Beth Rose
- Banks Country Garden Club: President Rita Hofsheier
- Beaverton Garden Club: President Bruna McBride
- Cedar Mill Garden Club: President Barbara Cushman
- Chehalem Garden Club: Co-Presidents Suzanne Miller and Janet Marie King
- Hillsboro Garden Club: President Sonya Rose-Hoatson
- McMinnville Garden Club: President Cozette Caster
- North Plains Community Garden Club: Co-Presidents Sue Cropp, Ellen Vanasche and Crystal VanderZanden
- Oregon Cactus & Succulent Society: President Luther Sturtevant
- Oregon Camellia Society: President Christie Dooley
- Rainier Garden Club: President Bill Redding
- Robin Hood Garden Club: President Jacki Dougan
- Scappoose Garden Club: President Linda Pollard
- St. Helens Garden Club: President Stan Chiotti
- The Five Oaks Garden Club: President Marietta Sorenson
- Tigard Garden Club: President Peggy Schiller
- Tualatin Valley Garden Club: President Jerry Maasdam
- West Point Garden Club: President Susan Marshall

Congratulations! Gaye Stewart, The OSFGC, Inc. 2013-2015 Second Vice President

Gaye Stewart was formally installed Wednesday, June 19, 2013, as the State Second Vice President by Linda Nelson, 2013-2015 National Garden Clubs President, during the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. 86th Annual Convention at the Shiloh Inn, Airport Way, Portland, Oregon.

She served on the State Board as the Pioneer District Director during 2009-2011 and 2011-2013 and as the State Parliamentarian during the 2009-2011 administration of Karen Brown.

Gaye has been a member of McMinnville Garden Club for twelve years and was President during 2006-2008. She has served in various leadership roles for the Club's annual Garden Tour and Garden Faire (always the Sunday following Father's Day) and for the last two years has been Co-Chair (with husband Mike) of the Vendor Faire. She brought to the District organizational skills, love of people, and a goal to bring our members together

in the spirit of our mission. She was an awesome inspiration!

For 30 years, Gaye was employed in the field of education. She was an administrator in the Salem-Keizer School District for 17 of those years. Upon her retirement, she was invited to become a Board member for the Mid-Valley Christian Academy, an Independent accredited school, serving students ages 4 through grade 12. When the academy needed administrative leadership, she assumed that responsibility for 2 1/2 years then mentored her successor. Gaye is currently the Superintendent at the school.

Gaye and husband, Mike, recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. They have three children, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. The family lives close to one another and enjoys getting together often.

Gaye loves to garden and if there is a choice between gardening or housework, the garden always wins.

She owned Roses Remembered, a floral business, for over four years and she continues to design flowers.

Although they have traveled abroad, Mike and Gaye now spend time at their homes in Dallas, OR, Palm Springs, and Pacific City.

Gaye is looking forward to serving on the State Executive Committee. She hopes to rekindle the passion for garden clubbing, maximize the time our members have together to fulfill our hopes and dreams of making this a better world, and share the goals of our organization with all ages.

The members of Pioneer District Garden Clubs, Inc. appreciate the time and talent Gaye and Mike have shared with us during the past four years. We are so proud that Gaye is our State Second Vice President, a path to become State President in 2017.

Best Wishes, always! Pioneer District Garden Club Members
Marcia Kay Whitelock



Bleeding Hearts Column Summer Round-up



Upcoming Events

Aug. 3rd, 10th, 17th, Saturdays, Farmington Gardens Nursery, 10:30-Noon, Garden to Table cooking demonstrations to showcase the bounty of your garden, 503.649.4568, www.farmingtongardens.com

Aug 10th, Sat., 7 Dee's Nursery Cedar Hills, Fall/Winter Vegetable Gardening, 10-11, 503.297.1058, www.Dennis7dees.com

Aug. 15th, Thurs., Leach Botanical Garden, Basic Ikebana Class (take home your bouquet), 10-Noon, 503.823.9503, www.leachgarden.org

Sept 14, Sat., Connie Hansen Garden Conservancy, Lincoln City, Fall Plant Sale, 10-3, 541.994.6338, www.conniehansengarden.com

Gordon House—Free Entry Day!

October 21st (Mon.) will be a free day to visit the only Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home in Oregon. More details in next Pioneer Press!

Swan Island Dahlia Festival

Saturday thru Monday the last two week-ends at the end of August (the 24th-26th and the 31st, Sept 1st & 2nd), stroll 40 acres of dahlias (8am-6pm), watch tuber dividing demonstrations (12-5pm), and see indoor floral displays (10-6pm). Food carts & refreshments available. Dogs allowed in the outside fields but not indoors. Canby, Oregon. Ph: 800.410.6540 www.dahlias.com

Cannon Beach Cottage & Garden Tour

Friday, September 13th, the 10th Annual Cottage & Garden Tour will kick off with a noon lecture/luncheon at the Tolovana Inn. Saturday the 14th, from 1-5, homes and gardens will be available for touring. There is a 6pm reception with door prizes, refreshments and the raffle of a quilt made by Marilyn Dwyer. Sunday, the 15th, there will be a brunch and garden demonstration by local garden designer, Beth Holland at 11am at the Tolovana Inn. Contact the Cannon Beach History Center & Museum for details of tickets to each event. Ph: 503.436.9301

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