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Hoar Frost on Cotoneaster

Notes from the Director

Dear Gardening Friends,

Happy New Year – 2013! If you're like me, I always make a New Year's resolution or two – this year there are two: 1) to eat healthy, low calorie foods and 2) to keep the garden weed-free! Feel free to ask me how I'm doing as the year progresses.

Pioneer District will be hosting the OSFGC Spring Board meeting beginning with the Executive Committee meeting Sunday, March 10, and the full Board meeting Monday, March 11, in McMinnville, Oregon. Here are some details: *Theme:* "Getting Your Blooms On!" Each attendee is to come wearing clothing, hats, bags, and shoes – all with flowers / floral designs. It should be fun to see everyone "getting their blooms on" to celebrate spring's arrival.

Lodging: Comfort Inn, 2520 Stratus Avenue, McMinnville, ph. 503-472-1700. Each reserved room has two queen beds at \$92.70/room, including breakfast.

Monday's Meeting Site: Hillside Retirement Community – Activity Center (ground level), 300 NW Hillside Parkway, McMinnville.

Luncheon Buffet: 11:30 a.m. Menu includes baked salmon with wild rice, mesquite chicken with vegetables and pasta, roasted root veggies, coleslaw, fresh fruit, green salad with 3 dressing choices, dinner rolls, assorted cheese cakes for dessert and beverage – \$12.00/ person.

Pioneer District Clubs will be providing an array of small muffins, fruit breads, fresh fruits, cookies, nuts or anything you'd like for morning light snacks.

You'll hear more about this soon for your Club's planning. This is an honor to host a State Board meeting and we want it to be special. Thanks to all of you for helping.

Our next Pioneer District Board meeting will follow the State Board meeting and will be on Thursday, March 21, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Beaverton Community Center, where we've been meeting.

The Spring Pioneer District Luncheon Meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 9:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. This will be the time to elect new officers for Pioneer District 2013-2015; anyone interested in one of the District officer positions may contact Leanna Woodall (503-649-8743), Cozette Caster (503-397-0805) or Stan Chiotti (503-397-0805). The open positions are District Director, Assistant District Director, Secretary and Treasurer.

Peggy Olin, OSFGC 1st Vice President, has a new member recognition program. Peggy is asking that each Club President send her the name of each new member as they join your Club and she will create a special certificate and return it to you to present at your next meeting. Be sure to include your own address with the new member names. Feel free to email (peggyolin@gmail.com) or phone (503-666-4083) Peggy if you have questions. We all appreciate Peggy's extra effort to officially welcome our new members. Remember that one of our District goals is to add 100 new members to Pioneer District! We CAN do it!

Again, I wish each of you a "Happy New Year – 2013!"

Blessings, Gaye Stewart, District Director

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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

North Plains GC Blue Star Memorial Dedication



WA County Fire District Chaplain Patrick Lautenbach, Ret'd Fire Chief Dennis England, North Plains President Bunny Leuthold, Police Chief Bill Snyder and Lt Dexter Kindel



Evelyn Herinckx, Jean Vandehey, Nancy Haskins, Sue Duyck, North Plains members, gather for the ceremony at NP Fire Station.

North Plains Garden Club was the driving force behind placement of the new Blue Star Memorial at the North Plains Fire Department last November. A joint effort, including the Club, the City of North Plains and the Fire Station, helped to locate the perfect boulder, and reposition it in its Memorial location. Garden Club members were on hand to advise in the placement of the boulder at its best angle and later to help set-up the honoring ceremony.

The Dedication Ceremony took place November 10th. A good-sized group of about 100 citizens and veterans were there to witness the unveiling. An attractive Americana-styled quilt covered the plaque and a wreath created by Joyce Reynolds provided a backdrop to the grassy location. Several officers, representing many branches of the armed services were present including the North Plains Chief of Police, Bill Snyder, Washington County Fire District Chief, Retired, Dennis England (a Marine Silver Star recipient himself) and their Chaplain, Patrick Lautenbach (Coast Guard veteran). Several members of the Banks Legion Hall and other Air Force and Navy veterans who were spouses or family members of the North Plans GC also were there.

Bunny Leuthold, President of the North Plains Garden Club, with instruction from Marcia Kay Whitelock (Pioneer District's Blue Star Memorial Chairperson), organized the program and introduced Retired Chief England who officially accepted the marker and who was the keynote speaker.

The Dedication included the singing of the National Anthem by a North Plains city employee, Sierra White, unveiling of the Marker and then a reception held at the Fire House. Cake, refreshments and the speakers were organized by the North Plains GC. Members attending included Suzanne Dailey, Sue Duyck, Ginger Jones, Nancy Haskins, Jean VandeHey, Vickie Devlaeminck with their husbands as well as Jolene Adams, Teri Greenwood and Evelyn Herinckx. Representing the District was Director Gaye Stewart, Marcia Kay Whitelock and members from other clubs. Everyone enjoyed the well-organized ceremony and felt having the Silver Star holder, Retired Fire Chief Dennis England as the keynote speaker was especially appropriate. Bunny Leuthold, President of the North Plains GC



Members of the Banks American Legion Post 90 were on hand to help commemorate this tribute to the Armed Forces.



Pioneer Director Gaye Stewart, NP GC Pres Bunny Leuthold & Beaverton GC's Ella Jefferson follow as Blue Star Memorial Marker Chrmn Marcia Kay Whitelock shares her thoughts.

**2013-2014
Pioneer District
\$1,000 Scholarship**

The application and flyer for the 2013-14 Scholarship (posted on the District website, www.oregongardenclubs.org/pioneer) are now ready for county applicants. Click on the "Items of Interest" link at the top of the page. Just to recap the requirements:

Applicants must be:

- 1) Residents of Columbia, Washington or Yamhill counties.
- 2) Enrolled as a full-time student at an Oregon community college or four year college or university in the sophomore, junior or senior year with a 3.00 GPA. Freshman students may make application for their sophomore year.
- 3) Majoring in Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Design, Conservation, Forestry, Botany, Agronomy, Plant Pathology, Environmental Control, City Planning, Land Management, Alternative Energy, Biology, Fish and Wildlife, or related subjects.

Information will have been forwarded to all garden clubs in the district the first week of January. The Scholarship Committee is asking our membership to spread the word of this opportunity. Please post the flyer in public places; publish an article in local newspapers, and contact other organizations to which club members belong. With tuition on the rise, this \$1,000 scholarship will greatly assist a student attending a state college/university. Remember, education is part of our mission. Through the generosity of our members and garden clubs, a dedicated account has been established to fund this scholarship. Please contact your Chairman, Marcia Kay Whitelock, 503.524.5309, marciawhitelock@comcast.net for additional assistance and/or information. The deadline for receiving applications is March 15, 2013.

**Time to Begin
Awards Planning**

This is an ideal time of the year for your club to begin planning for awards. Applications will be due to the State Awards Chairman by December 1, 2013 with yearbook entries due by November 1st. Have you considered having a flower show? It would be fun and interesting to work together on a show with another club in your area. Pioneer District has several accredited judges who will be glad to work with you. They can provide guidelines to your great ideas and help to ease the planning process.

Another possible award to consider is Horticulture Therapy. You may already be helping people in nursing homes or schools in your community and would be interested in a garden project for them. Two possible awards in that area are #19 "Horticulture Therapy", work-

ing with the physically or learning challenged in nursing homes, schools, prisons, low income housing, etc. or #48 "Horticulture Therapy Garden Project", for establishing a garden to benefit the physically or learning challenged residents in similar facilities as mentioned above. These are just two of the many examples of National level awards that also include big projects like #20 "Roadside Beautification" or #42 "Bird Protection" or smaller scale ones like #73 "Civic Projects with Native Plants" in a memorial garden or the #8 "Youth Horticulture Education" award for best promotion of gardening among youth. If you scan the many numbered award categories in the OSFGC Handbook (beginning on page 18), your club might just find a project to re-energize your membership! For queries or additional information, contact Sally Thompson, Pioneer District Awards Chairman: mgtSAT@comcast.net

Cedar Mill Garden Club Visits Lan Su Garden

The Cedar Mill Garden Club recently took a guided tour of the Lan Su Chinese Garden during their "Mumvember" Chrysanthemum Festival. The chrysanthemums were gorgeous and there was lots of beautiful fall color within the walled garden to enjoy. The Lan Su Garden has long been one of the beneficiaries of our annual Plant Sale and we would heartily recommend enjoying its beauty and tranquility several times during the year to refresh and renew your soul. Among the visitors to the garden were Diane Plesset, Renata Berry, Barb Cushman, Lillian Nipoti, Annabel Bednarz and Sherrie Wade. Other recent field trips included: a trip to the Rose Test Garden, the flower show at the Dahlia Convention and the Fall Garden Palooza at Fir Point Farms. Barb Cushman, Cedar Mill Garden Club



Diane Plesset and Renata Berry enjoy the Lan Su Chinese Garden's chrysanthemums.



Lan Su Chinese Garden November 2012

Tigard GC Gives to Needy

Once again, the members of the Tigard Garden Club opened their hearts and wallets to generously give to those in need during the holidays. In November, our members drew tags from our annual "Thanksgiving Tree" to donate needed items to The Caring Closet. This organization supports the clothing, shoe and hygiene product needs of kids K-12 in the Tigard/Tualatin School District who would otherwise go wanting. A carload of these items was delivered in time for Thanksgiving. Then, at our Christmas party in December, everyone brought a substantial amount of canned and dry goods along with gently used adult clothing for the homeless at the Good Neighbor Center in Tigard. These two projects provide us with wonderful ways to share our many blessings with others less fortunate.

Peggy Schiller, President



Linda Light, Victoria Fuller & Bruna McBride, Beaverton GC, enjoy their tea while visiting Lan Su Garden's Chrysanthemum Festival.

Regarding Spring....

Our next edition of Pioneer Press, which will publish the first week of April, will have a list of all the District's Spring Plant Sales & Garden Tours. Be sure to provide the times and dates and brief description of your sale's contents to Victoria Fuller by March 15th. Please remember that any 501(c)(3) club's sale expected to garner more than \$200 will require a temporary nursery license

Cedar Mill Creates Holiday Floral Arrangements

One of the favorite meetings of the Cedar Mill Garden Club is a hands-on creation of Holiday Floral Arrangements. This year, designer Ruby Warren discussed different items or props florists use to make their bouquets special and 3 of our judges and designers, Donna Cotton, Jeanette Benson and Aloha Cannon, created beautiful designs on the spot, giving a brief explanation. Then we all went to work on our own individual design. The club provided Oasis & flowers and everyone brought greens, as well as curly willow, magnolia, heavenly bamboo, holly and other unusual foliage to share. We almost filled a huge tarp with them and what was left over will be used by Ruby to create two huge wreaths for the Cedar Mill Library. B. Cushman



Ruby Warren demonstrates methods to use in building a bouquet. Sleigh arrangement in foreground by Donna Cotton.

(\$5), good for one week, from Oregon Department of Agriculture (www.licenseinfo.oregon.gov). Also, BIG NEWS...The Nt'l Garden Club Convention is in Seattle, May 24-26. Our own Linda Nelson from Capitol District, Wilark Park Club in Keizer, will be installed as Nt'l President. If ever you wished it was close enough to attend this is your chance! They always have marvelous speakers. See www.gardenclub.org/2013-convention for lodging rates, etc.

Cedar Mill's Roma Leuthold Celebrates 100th Birthday!

Member, Roma Leuthold, celebrated her birthday with Cedar Mill GC on Nov. 24th. Roma, who joined the club in 1946, has always had a positive outlook. She's been active as an avid gardener and an artistic crafter, including exhibiting her lovely paintings at art shows. One time, she pitched in and made soup for 28 club members. She's truly a gem to be admired by all!



Roma with her Cedar Mill GC admirers. Garnet Ascher was there to give her regards.

Upcoming Events

Rain or Shine Nursery, 13126 NW Airport Way, Portland, has begun a "going out of business" sale. Everything in the store is 25% off with some items at greater discounts. Find great gardening tools, books, clothing, and landscaping supplies as well as plants. 503.255.3597

Yard, Garden, Patio Show, February 8,9,10, at Portland Convention Center. Showcase gardens, outdoor cooking, lectures, demonstrations, inspiration! Discounted tickets available at Seven Dees Nursery, 503.777.777 Details at www.yggsow.com

Portland Home & Garden Show, February 20-24, Portland Expo Ctr. Exhibitors cover home design and maintenance as well as hard-scaping, art & latest trends in design to make your gardens live more like outdoor rooms.

Native Plant & Tree Sale, Saturday, March 9th, 9-3, Bales Thriftway, 17675 SW Farmington Rd, WA County Small Woodlands Assoc. Quality native plants adapted to local soil, water & climate. Nature-scaping experts & handouts. Hard to find species. For full plant list, visit: www.wcsa.org. Proceeds fund college scholarships.

Chehalem Christmas

Chehalem Garden Club was honored to welcome special guests Garnet Ascher, Gaye Stewart and Marcia Kay Whitelock to our wonderful second Christmas Tea on December 6th. With lots of tea-time goodies provided by our members, Sally Thompson was our gracious host for the day. We had good tea (especially the green chai tee) and lots of good company. Diann Conser, Secretary

State President, Garnet Ascher chats over tea with Chehalem Club members.



Gaye Stewart & Marcia Kay Whitelock enjoy the Chehalem tea.



Marcia Kay Has Moved

Marcia Kay Whitelock has moved. Her new address is: 7335 SW Kimberly Ct, Beaverton, 97008-8633. Her phone & email remain the same: 503.524.5309, marciawhitelock@comcast.net

Banks Country GC Enjoys Winter Off

Unlike most clubs, Banks Country Garden Club takes the winter off. We decided we would rather meet during the summer when gardens are blooming and tours are scheduled. We did have a wonderful, energetic speaker, Anna Foleen, of Bamboo Garden & Nursery (North Plains). Bamboo is her passion! If any club is looking for an interesting and fun speaker, Anna is it! Gerome, our Traveling Gnome, is also taking the winter off, sleeping at Dalice Sawyer's until our first meeting, the 3rd Tuesday in February. He then will go home each month with another lucky member. Each member takes a photo of Gerome lounging in her garden and we add it to our Club album. We're looking forward to another exciting year of speakers, tours and plant sharing. In the meantime, we are enjoying quiet winter garden walks. At our last elections, we were lucky enough to retain Robin Cavenish as Secretary as well as Producer and Editor of our newsletter, Bette Prickett as Treasurer and Liz Myer as Program Director. The changes to our board were Rita Hofsheier as President and Dalice Sawyer as Vice President. Rita Hofsheier, President



Anna Foleen tells Banks CGC about Bamboo

In Memorial

Members of the Tigard Garden Club were deeply saddened by the passing of Margaret Hutchens, 93, on November 2, 2012. Margaret, a member since 2003, served as our club historian and did a wonderful job of maintaining a history of all our activities. She will be warmly remembered for her cheerfulness and sweet smile, her dedication to the club and as a talented artist. Peggy Schiller, President, Tigard GC

St. Helens Garden Club lost 50 year member, Frances Ahlborn, January 15, 2013, at the age of 95. A talented designer and community activist, Frances continued to come to Garden Club even when confined to a wheelchair following several health set-backs. Until just this past year she actively worked in her beautiful yard along McNulty Creek. Then she moved to Avamere Assisted Living, a short distance away. Her delightful, upbeat attitude and her gift for gardening and design will be missed by all who knew her. Lynn Chiotti, St. Helens

Stan Chiotti, President of St. Helens GC, presents Frances Ahlborn with her 50 yr certificate from National Garden Clubs, Inc., October 2012



It is with a heavy heart we let you know of Keith Olson's passing on December 30th. He had been ill for the past several years. His wife, Gwen, was our Pioneer District Treasurer for many years as well as the OSFGC Treasurer for two terms. She is a beloved member of Scappoose Garden Club. Gwen has asked that donations be sent to: Columbia Pacific Food Bank, 474 Milton Way, St. Helens, OR, 97051 or the charity of your choice. Garnet Ascher, OSFGC President

OSFGC 2013 Photography Contest

To ensure good District turn-out for the 2013 State Photo Contest, here are the rules; you can see how easy it is to enter your pictures!

RULES

Photos must have been taken between January 2012 and April 1, 2013.

Photos may be either 35mm or digital. If digital, they may not have been enhanced by any Photoshop or similar photo editing programs.

Photos submitted must measure 8" x 10". Photos must be matted with the overall size not to exceed 11" x 14".

On the back of the photo, tape a card with the following information (Do Not write directly on the back of the photo):

EXAMPLE

Name of Photographer: Gaye Stewart

Garden Club and District: McMinnville Garden Club - Pioneer District

Date (Month-Year) / Location of Photograph: April 2012, Bend, OR

Make and model of Camera Used: Pentax K1000

Type of Media: Film or Digital

Category of Entry: Cityscape/Architecture - Black and White

Please bring a stand of sufficient size on which to place the mounted photo (no frames)

CATEGORIES

1. **Landscapes** - A. Color B. Black & White

2. **Seascapes** - A. Color B. Black and White

3. **Floral** - A. Color B. Black and White

4. **Birds, Butterflies, Insects** - A. Color B. Black and White

5. **Cityscapes/Architecture** - A. Color B. Black and White

WHO MAY ENTER Photos must have been taken by a current Garden Club Member in good standing.

HOW TO ENTER Garden Club members should submit their entries in the different categories (labeled per the example above) to their local **MARCH** club meeting. Club members will then be asked to select a photo from their members' entries in each category represented (so ten photos if all categories are represented). Club Presidents will bring all their category winners to the March District Board Meeting and give them to Lynn Chiotti (St. Helens GC), chairperson of the Photo Contest Committee for Pioneer District. Selection of District winners will be determined by voting by the attendees to the April District Luncheon. District winners in each category will then advance to State Convention for final judging. Individual Clubs are encouraged to give awards to their winning entries.

DEADLINE *You must bring your photos, matted and labeled, to your MARCH club meeting when your club will vote on their favorites in each category.*

Hillsboro GC Makes Swags

Hillsboro Garden Club had a great time in December making their annual Christmas swags for nonprofit organizations in Hillsboro. The organizations receiving 2 swags each were: Counseling Center Open Door, Harmony House, Hillsboro Boys and Girls Club, Lacey House, Minter Bridge Elementary School, Hillsboro Senior Center and Sequoia Mental Health.



Hillsboro Club and their beautiful swags for non-profits:
(Back Row) Sharon Keeney, new member; Suzanne Perra, Secretary; Kathy George, President; Eilene Wolven, Donna Soderberg, Sonya Rose-Hoatson
(Front Row) Liz Haide, Past President; Lori Hottenroth, Giovanna Burt, Jeanne Kirk and Dianne Pinkerton

Robin Hood GC Assists at Sherwood High School

Members of the Robin Hood GC are proud to assist with a class at Sherwood H.S. The project is to build a home - constructed by the students - that will be completed and sold this June. Club members are helping at "Bowmen House" by guiding the design and construction of the native plant landscape. The class they are working with is Environmental Studies; Engineering, Building and Interior Design are other courses involved. A true hands-on experience! Jacki Dougan, President

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