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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

The past Christmas season was great. As District Director I got to attend four Garden Club parties. Chehalem, North Plains, St. Helens, and West Point all did wonderful jobs, I'll be dieting for months. I've also had club invites from five other clubs to speak, thus fulfilling over half of my duties to visit all 16 clubs in the District. My calendar gets full fast, so allow me a few weeks advanced notice for club visits.

The wettest December on record is behind us. Hopefully everyone survived all the flooding, mudslides, fallen trees, road blockages, and power outages. A lot of communities really took a beating. We were without power for 31 hours. (My wife says I've been in the dark for years).

With the new year ahead of us, let us all continue to grow as individuals, making our clubs and district stronger and more fun being part of them. We need to grow as gardeners more produce for sharing and plants that help endangered species. We need to strive to be good stewards of the planet Earth by limiting our use of pesticides, conserving our use of water, and planting new shrubs or trees. We can make a difference.

This past year, and with several clubs still not reporting, Pioneer District has given over 29,000 pounds of food to local food banks or the like. 2016 has the potential to be an outstanding year for the "Share the Bounty" program.

Keep April 21, 2016 open, it is Pioneer District luncheon time. It will be held in Newberg and the speaker is Robert Herald. His topic is Camellias.

Stan Chiotti—District Director

District Scholarship Update

We have two students at Oregon State University. One received a scholarship for \$1,500 and the other received a \$1,000 scholarship. Checks for Fall and Winter Terms have been forwarded to OSU. Payments for Spring Term will follow.

*THANK YOU MEMBERS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
TO HELP THESE STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES!!!!*

We received a card and letter from Jeanne Klein who was awarded scholarships for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 in the amount of \$1,000 each academic year. She will graduate this year from OSU. She is applying to graduate schools to continue her studies in plant pathology. Her letter ends as follows: "I would like to thank you again for making this all possible by supporting my education and I hope I am continuing to make you proud."

The Scholarship Application is available and can be sent via email. If you have any questions, please contact your Chairman.

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GETTING TO KNOW THE TIGARD GARDEN CLUB

The Tigard Garden Club will celebrate its 69th birthday this year with 42 members. We meet the first Wednesday of every month, September through June, at the Tigard Sr. Center.

Our club focuses on education, community projects and having a fun and sociable membership. Since we all love to eat, our meetings start off with a full lunch and social hour, hosted by a rotating team of members, which probably accounts for our near 100% attendance each month. Meetings include a presentation on gardening practices, horticulture or conservation by member Master Gardener Carol Tracy followed by a professional speaker for our regular program. Our January speaker

was Don Sprague, owner of Garden Gallery Iron Works who gave us a delightful program on catching moles and gophers. Every other year we hold our in-house semi-standard flower show which includes awards and special critiques by our own State Accredited Judge, Mary Clinton.

Besides our meetings, we conduct monthly field trips to tour private or public gardens, nurseries, historical places or other interesting venues. We love to tour and recently we've enjoyed such fun visits as the Cannon Beach Cottage and Garden Tour, Mike Darcy's private garden, Bosky Dell Natives, KATUs AM Northwest TV show, Pistils Nursery on Mississippi and Digs on Alberta, Nancyland, Portland Nursery Apple Tasting Event and The Oregon Garden among others. And of course, these trips always include lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant. In June, everyone had a great time at our biggest event of the year, our 7th Annual Members Garden Tour & Progressive Lunch where we toured 3 of our members' gardens and enjoyed our moving lunch along the way. (Did I mention that we love to eat?) We ended the year with our wonderful annual Christmas party at Mary Clinton's beautiful home.

Our club has a long history of community service. We always have an on-going number of projects that keep us busy. Yearly, we support the Tigard Senior Center dining room by planting and maintaining a culinary herb garden for the kitchen chef. Starting early in spring, a large group of our members start digging in raised beds and plant a full array of herbs and some vegetables maintaining them throughout the summer. Every October, we raise our "Thanksgiving Tree" to support the Caring Closet in Tigard. Tags on the tree are drawn by members for K-12 clothing needs and then member donations are delivered 2 weeks before Thanksgiving. Later in the year, we hold a member donated hygiene kit drive for the Caring Closet as well. In May, we gather to make 75-100 Mother's Day corsages for all the women on the Tigard Loaves & Fishes route. At

Loaves & Fishes route. At Christmas members donate clothing and food for the Tigard Good Neighbor Homeless Center. In memory of members who have passed away we created and maintain a beautiful Memory Garden at the Sr. Center for everyone to enjoy. This past year we partnered with the City of Tigard to plant wildflowers in open areas around Tigard parks and trails and will do this again in early spring. We recently began a project to plant 1500 daffodil and tulip bulbs provided by the city to help beautify Tigard and in early December we began this project by planting the first 500 bulbs at the Tigard Sr. Center.

Also during the past year we made a number of major monetary donations to various community organizations throughout the area as selected by our membership. Among those, we helped Alberta Rider Elementary School create the Alberta Rider Memorial Learning Garden around her original old log home on school grounds, and helped the Bethlehem House of Bread Community Garden purchase a many needed materials. And of course, we support the Pennies for Pines project and have helped to reforest 7 plantations.

We're all pretty proud of our club!

Peggy Schiller—Past resident

CEDAR MILL GARDEN CLUB

February 17th Program

Dr. Judy Harpel, Curator and currently serving as an Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia, will do a 45-60 Minute program on Bryophytic plants (better known as mosses). Meeting will be on February 17 at Garnet Ascher's home, 9342 SW Washington Street. Please call for directions. 503-292-4460.

MCMINNVILLE GARDEN CLUB

Here is the update on the number of pounds and cash donations made to our local Food Bank. We call it YCAP (Yamhill Community Action Partnership). These donations were made in the month of November. Each year our club adopts a local charity in the months of November and December. YCAP was the November charity and Juliettes' House was the charity for December. Each time, the clubs' member generosity is over-whelming and this year was no exception.

There were personal checks amounting to \$305.00 plus food stuffs weighing 273 pounds plus a turkey donated directly in the name of the club of a credit of \$21.55.

There are several of us that also have a monthly amount that we give automatically. So I know that the gifts extend farther than what we can account for here.

Our local Community Garden raised and harvested over 2500 pounds of produce that went directly to YCAP. Several of our members are also involved here. So I'm confident that we can say that we "Shared the Bounty – tipping the scales".

Judy Egger, President

BEAVERTON GARDEN CLUB

The Beaverton Garden Club has been very busy with a variety of projects. In addition to the two schools we have youth gardeners, we sponsor a youth garden club at the Beaverton PAL which is a safe and affordable kids program aimed at building partnerships between youth, police, and the community through recreational, educational and enrichment programs designed to encourage and develop good citizenship and improve the quality of life in the community. It is a great after school and summer safe place for the children to be.

The City of Beaverton donated an apple and pear tree for the garden we have helped them build. The city crew helped the kids plant the trees and the kids kept them watered thru the summer and enjoyed the fruit.

This is added to the blueberries and strawberries we have already helped them plant and each year we help them grow vegetable in the raised beds that have been built and filled with soil by the City crew.!!

At our December meeting we made 80 flower arrangements in Christmas mugs for the residents of one of our Retirement Centers. All mugs were filled with oasis and the greens which were brought from members homes were available. We also had roses, chrysanthem-



OSFGC 2016 Photo Contest
PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST RULES

OSFGC, Inc. will have a state wide photography contest. Photos must have been taken between January, 2015 and April 1, 2016. Photos can be digital or film photos, and should not be enhanced by any computer program other than conversion from color to black and white. Photos must be 8"x10" and matted, not to exceed 11"x14" inches. No Framed photos will be accepted. The categories are as follows:

1. **Landscapes/Seascapes** A. Color B. Black and White
2. **Gardens** 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. **Pets** A. Color B. Black and White
6. **Wildlife** A. Color B. Black and White
7. **President's Choice:** -Subject - Frogs A. Color or Black and White

Clubs should hold a local contest and choose a first place winner from each category. There is a possibility of 13 winning photos from each club. These first place winners will then be presented to their respective District representative to be judged at the District level. Districts will select the first place winning photograph from each category to be displayed and judged at the State Convention. Winner in each division at the state level will receive a certificate and ribbon.

Photos must have been taken by a current OSFGC Garden Club Member in good standing.

On the back of the photo, tape a card with the following information. - Do not write directly on the back of the picture.

Example

Name of Photographer: Ima Photobug

Contact info: Phone number or email

Garden Club and District - Grants Pass Garden Club – Siskiyou District

Date / Location of photograph if possible - April 1, 2015, Disneyland

Make and model of Camera used -Nikon Coolpix 9500

Type of media – Film or Digital-Digital

Category of entry –Landscapes/Seascapes – Black & White

A stand of sufficient size on which to place an 11X14 mounted photo will be provided.

OSFGC would like to use the winning photos at the State Convention in a calendar and note cards. Photo contest entrants are asked to have a digital copy of their photo available and to sign a release allowing OSFGC to use their photos for the calendar and note cards and to post on OSFGC web page.

For any questions, please contact Jeannette Rogers, Photography Contest Chair at (541)415-1035 or E-mail to hsrcidr@aol.com.

16th Annual Garden Tour and Faire—McMinnville

The McMinnville Garden Club has begun promoting its 16th Annual Garden Tour and Faire and encouraging people to reserve Sunday, June 26, for the festivities. This year's theme is borrowed from an Audrey Hepburn quote: "To Plant a Garden Is to Believe in Tomorrow". The Tour and Faire have garnered a well-deserved reputation for being one of the Willamette Valley's premier garden events. Participants are encouraged to visit five unique private gardens and to browse the offerings of many varied garden-oriented vendors. With McMinnville's enviable location in the very heart of Wine Country, attendees are also provided numerous unique eating and sipping opportunities.

The cost of admission into the Tour Gardens is \$10.00. Proceeds of the Tour are directed toward funding three scholarships offered to students pursuing horticulture-related college degrees and toward community-oriented beautification projects. The Tour Gardens open at 10:00 a.m. and remain open until 4:00 p.m. Tour participants may Tour all or some of the Gardens at their own pace in any order they choose.

The Faire is free and open to all between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The Faire is staged in McMinnville's much publicized picturesque Historic Downtown area. The heart of the Faire is at Third and Cowls Streets with adequate parking in the surrounding streets and city lots. Varied eateries and wine tasting rooms are just steps away. A special feature at the Faire is the Kiddie Corner that allows children (and young-at-heart adults) to create their own Fairy Gardens.

Mark your calendars now and begin planning a June 26 day trip or a weekend in McMinnville. Information on the Tour and Faire will appear on the Club's website at

<http://mcminnvillegardenclub.org> or call Trudy at (503) 883 9741 for Tour information and Mike at 503 831 3087 for Faire information.

OREGON CAMELLIA SOCIETY

The Oregon Camellia Society held its first meeting in January, 1942, when a small group of camellia enthusiasts met to draw up by-laws. OCS has a current membership of 35 and is one of the oldest camellia societies in the country.

The 1942 by-laws defined the society's objectives thus: to promote and stimulate interest in growing and caring for Camellias. Camellias arrived in Oregon during frontier days, with the oldest plant believed to have been carried west by pioneers and planted in Sutherlin, Oregon. Gradually new varieties were introduced to the region, whose mild climate was ideal for camellia culture.

The 1940s was a decade during which camellia culture enjoyed great growth in popularity across the country. In like manner, by 1949 OCS membership had grown from fifty to three hundred. The society's motto was to "Know, Grow and Show Camellias," and early flower shows drew huge crowds. The March, 1942, show (at the Portland Art Museum) attracted around 7,000. In 1949, attendance was estimated at 25,000.

In the 1950s, the camellia show moved to the 10th floor auditorium of the Meier and Frank building in downtown Portland. Later, other venues included various suburban malls and the Portland Japanese Garden. In April 2009, the OCS show moved to the Newberg Camellia Festival in the "City of Camellias," where the Chehalem Garden Club makes the flower show more special by lining the exhibit hall's window sills with striking camellia arrangements.

We OCS members let ourselves in for good-natured teasing because of our single-minded devotion to camellia plants. Yet we haven't really strayed from the objectives set out in the society's earliest by-laws.

Then as now, OCS is dedicated to promoting camellias. Decades ago, the society selected a "Camellia of the Year" each spring to plant along the circular drive at the entrance to the Shriners Hospital for Children (then located at NE 82nd and Sandy Boulevard in Portland). These days, OCS propagates unusual camellia cultivars for eventual planting in local communities.

All are welcome to join the OCS. But whether you become a member or not, we hope you'll pick up a few hard-to-find camellias at our periodic sales and bring your best blooms to the April show. We love to see new exhibitors go home with trophies!



Camellia Show at the Japanese Garden

Gloria Everson an active member of the Beaverton Garden Club since 1993 passed away peacefully on Jan 1, 2016. Her pet project had been decorating the tables at the Tualatin Valley Workshop's Thank You Recognition Event to honor the employers that employed the mentally challenged adults from the workshop. She will be greatly missed.

FOUNDED IN 1965

GLIDE Wildflower SHOW

APRIL 23 & 24 * 2016

FEATURING

EXHIBITS:
Edible & Medicinal Plants
Natural Dyes
Spinning
Beekeeping
Noxious Weeds

SALES:
Flora books & posters
Native plants
Homemade pies
Food & beverages

9 AM - 5 PM
\$3
SUGGESTED DONATION

600+ species
of Southwest Oregon **wildflowers**
trees & shrubs, grasses & ferns
lichens, mosses & liverworts
plus
roving botanists to answer questions



SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- ❖ Fungi through the Seasons
- ❖ Tour the Show with a Botanist
- ❖ Native Americans & Fire on the Umpqua
- ❖ Landscaping with Native Plants
- ❖ Guided Wildflower Walk

For details, see our website

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HWY. 138, GLIDE, OREGON

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The Oregon Camellia Society
presents its
75th Annual Camellia Show
and Camellia Sale
at the

Newberg Camellia Festival
Chehalem Cultural Center
415 E. Sheridan Street
Newberg, Oregon
Saturday, April 9, 2016

Camellia show entries 8 – 11 a.m.



ANLD TOUR

Mark Your Calendars
Saturday, June 18, 2016
Association of Northwest
Landscape Designers
Annual Garden Tour
Seven Private Gardens
in Portland Eastside
MORE INFORMATION
TO FOLLOW REGARDING
TICKETS AND LOCATIONS

Add April 9 to your calendar. Come celebrate the camellia!
At our sale, look for collectible plants that are generally
not found at local nurseries.

PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING - March 17th—Beaverton Community Center - 9:00 a.m.
Coffee and refreshments followed by the Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. . All Club Presidents or alternate
and District Chairmen please attend.

Spring District Luncheon — April 21 in Newberg — Details to follow.