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From Your District Director

Hello everyone,

I had a call from a farmer friend of mine, out Forest Grove way, and she had told me about something she found on the Oregon State Dept. of Ag. site. Thought it might be handy for another farmer friend. It reminded me of something I had seen and I wanted to look into further. What a surprise I found when I went to their website! It has changed.

So I got into the looking around loop, read lots of new and interesting topics that would apply to all of us, making us more responsible growers and just more responsible citizens. Then I couldn't get to any pages to download to copy on the subjects I wanted, but there was a phone number.

No surprise to find many taking vacation but just not during the winter months. One receptionist made me feel like I had hit the jackpot at her office. Awaiting call back very soon if not I will go after it again. Some of the topics that I was most interested in were *Noxious weeds*, (I think the list has been updated), *Invasive Plants*, and *Bugs* we are to be on the lookout for.

And under that were the words, do not move wood? My eyes bugged out, and no more info. Now I must know exactly what that means.

If you have some other ideas, give me a call and if I did hit the office jackpot, I will be more than

happy to ask all kinds of questions. Do you have other topics you would like to know more about? The biggest problem with OSDA, is, they are geared for the commercial farmers. I understand that. I have been invited to symposiums and classes on some of the farms where I have "played". The state does not realize how many thousands of active gardeners we have around that should probably have this information. I am hoping to find an ear that will be able to invite us volunteers to something that would normally be very expensive for each one of us to attend. Fingers crossed.

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News From the Clubs

Beaverton Garden Club

Each year Beaverton Garden Club makes Christmas arrangements in holiday cups for the residents of a Retirement center in our area. This year we took 81 arrangements to Hearthstone Retirement Center and still were able to take some home. Members bring greens from their yards and holiday cups if they have any. This year Leanna Woodall spent her free time getting cups from Goodwill, yard sales etc. and brought more than enough. We purchase flowers, and flower foam in which to arrange the flowers.



OREGON CAMELLIA SOCIETY DATES

March 10: 11:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.: *How to Prepare Your Blooms to Enter a Camellia Show.* Children and adults will have fun at this free workshop. Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E. Sheridan St., Newberg, Oregon.

March 17—18: Oregon Camellia Society display of blooms and arrangements at Lan Su Chinese Garden, 239 NW Everett Street, Portland, Oregon.

March 24—25: People's Choice Awards Camellia Show, Portland Japanese Garden.

April 7, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.: Oregon Camellia Society Show, Newberg Camellia Festival, Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E. Sheridan St., Newberg, Oregon. All are encouraged to enter camellia blooms in the show from 8:00—11:00 a.m.

Oregon Camellia Society

Must-Have Camellias for the Smaller Garden

Some camellias love to reach for the sky. Just think of the tree-like camellias that decorate older Portland homes. But many of us now have smaller gardens, so instead, consider camellias that show off at a lower level, often extending branches in elegant horizontals. And as a bonus, they bloom from late October through January, maybe even beyond, brightening the late fall and early winter gloom. These sasanqua and hiemalis camellias thrive in full or dappled sun, producing many buds that open over a long period. If there is a light freeze, some blooms might suffer, but lots of buds continue to open.

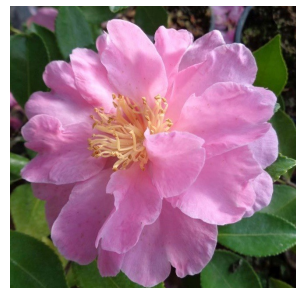
They can fill many roles—a graceful shrub at the front of a border, a compact hedge, an espalier to cover that barren fence, an evergreen ground cover, a container plant, or even a screen for that ugly air-conditioning unit. To keep at a selected height, give a light pruning every couple of years, just after blooming. Since all the colors of the camellias listed below harmonize, go to town putting together a stylish grouping.

Here are a few to tempt you. Most can be found at local garden centers, such as Portland Nursery, Cornell Farm, Gardener's Choice, Loen Nursery, and maybe even Home Depot and Lowe's.

C. hiemalis 'Shishi-gashira' — Abundant, small, deep pink, semi-double to rose-form blooms. An even smaller form, 'Dwarf Shishi,' can be found through the mail-order Camellia Forest Nursery.



C. hiemalis 'Showa-no-sakae' — Small-to-medium, soft clear pink, semi-double to rose-form flowers. Since it is especially low-growing, it is particularly good as a ground cover for a sloping site or as a front-of-the-border beauty. A similar color with a peony-form flower, 'Showa Supreme,' can be located through the mail-order Nuccio's Nurseries.



Camellia Society con't.

C. hiemalis 'Chansonette' — Medium, brilliant pink with a hint of lavender, formal double blooms with ruffled petals.



C. sasanqua 'White Doves' or 'Mine-no-yuki'—Small, snow white, semi-double-to- loose peony-form blooms.



C. sasanqua 'Bonanza'—Medium, very dark (not pictured).

CONGRATULATIONS

Kathleen Henderson, Cedar Mill Garden Club, has completed her National Handbook Exam to be a Flower Show Judge. Kathie also loves to enroll in painting classes when in England visiting her daughter and family.

Hillsboro Garden Club

Warm clothing, food, blankets and personal care items were brought to the annual Christmas potluck and gift exchange at the home of Randy and Eilene Woven. Lots of delicious food and great fellowship was enjoyed by everyone attending. Everything donated was taken to Open Door, a day shelter and food pantry for homeless men and women in the Hillsboro and Cornelius area. Many thanks to Eilene and Randy for not only delivering everything to Open Doors but also as members of the Hillsboro Elks lodge, reaching out and facilitating the delivery of 1200 pounds of food from the Elks Lodge!

HGC also donated \$25 in Burger King gift certificates and \$25 in bus passes to Open Doors and Home Plate Ministries. As a part of our ongoing commitment to Home Plate, member Jeanie Kirk helped at Home Plate's Holiday Store. Members also prepared and served meals this year at the

the Hillsboro location. Christmas activities for club members included attending AI's Garden Center's Christmas Opening and a glorious Christmas Concert at Portland Christian Church.



This fall's other activities included cleaning up the remains of wildflowers planted with seeds from OSFGC, at the downtown Hillsboro branch of the USPS. With the help of members and under the direction of Jeanie Kirk, community projects co-chair, hostas, daylilies, quince and iris, donated by members, were planted. HGC'S ongoing community service project for improving the landscaping at the post office was designed by HGC club member Rita Laxton.

In October, the home of Sonya Rose-Hoatson was buried in evergreens and ribbons of every description for the annual Christmas swag making project. They were delivered to local non-profit groups in Hillsboro!

The members of HGC are looking forward to another successful year in our club and in our gardens! We wish the same to all Pioneer District members!

Robin Hood Dates to Remember

Feb 7-11: *2018 Northwest Flower and Garden Show*, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle.

Fri March 2: *Plant Nerd Night* -Will be held at Lake Bible Church, 4565 Carmen Dr, Lake Oswego. Doors open at 6 pm, presentations at 7 pm

Sat April 14, Sun April 15—*Hortlandia 2018:* Spring Plant and Art Sale at the Portland Expo Center.

May 19—Annual all member plant sale at the Sherwood Family YMCA.

From the Robin Hood Newsletter

Are you interested in pollinators and how to help them?

Here is a link to a podcast that you might like: <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/pollinationpodcast/2018/01/01/dr-gail-langellotto/>

Some topics covered:

What common misconceptions and knowledge gaps exist in the field of urban landscapes and pollinators
Why gardeners need to consider nest sites for all bees

What is the impact of a few neighborhood gardeners working for pollinators
How urban landscape researchers secure funding and support

How many environmental issues that affect pollinators have public health consequences
Why plant lists for gardeners can be hurting pollinator habitats

What bees need to create their nest

What the nest of a ground nesting bee looks like...

...and more

St. Helens Garden Club

Our Christmas gathering this year was a great success. Over 100 pounds of food was collected for the local food bank. 51 of our 58 members were in attendance. Tom Berquam received a special gift from the club: A Certificate for an acre of Penny Pines was presented to Tom for his work on various club projects. The lighted tree was donated to the Children's Haven Garden, another club project.



To Think About

Temperatures the past weeks have been in the high 50's and even low 60's in Oregon.

It has been both sunny and wet. What starts to happen when temperatures like this occur? Have you noticed the trees in bud? Grass is growing and bulbs are almost ready to bloom. A few more days like this and the bees should be showing up. And it is still January!

What happens if we get a typical *February Freeze*? Be prepared to protect the plants and provide places for bees and other pollinators to be protected from the cold. Our very agriculture depends on our pollinators that could be devastated by the extremes of temperature we are having.

No such thing as climate change? Think again.

Northwest Flower and Garden Show

February 7-11, 2018—Seattle

New for 2018: “Floral Wars” features top professional florists competing head-to-head to create floral designs at the Northwest Flower & Garden Festival, Feb. 7-11

SEATTLE—“Floral Wars,” a new “friendly” competition between the Northwest’s most talented professional florists, joins the big line-up of feature attractions at the 2018 Northwest Flower & Garden Festival, February 7-11 at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle.

Presented by American Grown Flowers, “Floral Wars” will be held each day from 3-4 p.m. on the North Hall Stage. It pits two top floral artists against each other as they create three arrangements—a bridal bouquet, a centerpiece and a “surprise” floral creation—all in an hour or less. It’s a test of the contestants’ grace under pressure as they showcase American-grown flowers, USA-made floral accessories and eco-design techniques.

“Garden enthusiasts yearn for more flowers in their lives and ‘Floral Wars’ delivers on a promise—to inspire and educate our audiences with great ideas for floral design. It’s a fun way for showgoers to learn how to choose, combine and arrange flowers from your own backyard,” said event host. Debra Prinzing, author of *Show Flowers* and *The 50 Mile Bouquet*.

During the hour-long event, floral pros will be given several surprise buckets of stems, and with clippers, vases and ribbons in hand, they’ll demonstrate their unique aesthetic styles and share tips and techniques with audience members. Heightening the drama, watch how they react to our “secret” ingredients and unexpected challenges.

Adding to the fast-paced fun, Corona Tools and Johnny’s Selected Seeds will provide door prizes and giveaways for the audience during the hour-long event. Showgoers are encouraged to arrive early to take advantage of café seating and enjoy a meal, snack, and a beverage while learning from the floral artists.

Celebrating 30 years of inspiring all experience levels, The Northwest Flower & Garden Festival showcases 18 magnificent, idea-generating display gardens, demonstrations and displays focusing on small space and container gardening, more than 100 free “how-to” seminars by top experts, shopping for a cornucopia of quality products, artwork and regional food items in the bustling Marketplace, and much more.

Festival dates and hours are Wednesday through Saturday (Feb. 7-10), 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday (Feb. 11), 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Early Bird adult tickets now on sale online and over 60 retail locations (until February 6) - \$19; regular adult (at the door) - \$24; youth (13 to 17 years) - \$7; and children 12 and under are FREE. For more information, or to purchase tickets online, visit www.gardenshow.com.

“Floral Wars” contestants include:

Wednesday, Feb. 7: Melissa Feveyear, Terra Bella Flowers (Seattle) and Jessica Gring, Odd Flowers Floral Design and the Seattle Wholesale Growers Market (Seattle)

Thursday, Feb. 8: Gina Thresher, AIFD, From the Ground Up Floral (Kent) and Jon Robert Throne, AIFD, Countryside Floral & Garden (Issaquah)

Friday, Feb. 9: Rizaniño “Riz” Reyes, RHR Horticulture (Seattle) and Mick Payment, Flowers for the People (Bellevue)

Saturday, Feb. 10: Anne Bradfield, Floressence (Seattle) and Kelly Sullivan, Botanique (Seattle)

Sunday, Feb. 11: Tobey Nelson, Tobey Nelson Events & Design (Langley) and Tammy Myers, First & Bloom (Issaquah)

Floral Wars is made possible by:

FLOWERS/FOLIAGE: Certified American Grown Flowers is the exclusive provider of flowers and foliage used in the competition. Certified American Grown program ensures consumers of the domestic origins of their flowers and foliage and stands for the high quality, farm fresh blooms.

VASES/MECHANICS: Syndicate Sales, an American manufacturer of vases and accessories for the professional florist.

RIBBONS: Offray Ribbons is the last U.S. manufacturer of woven satin ribbon for the floral and craft marketplace.

APRONS: Raw Material Design, a Seattle-based maker of aprons and other textile products.

St. Helens Garden Club Dates

April 21, 2018—Spring Plant Sale 9am-2pm
St. Helens Library / Annual Poo Sale too.

April 28, 2018 — Plant and Poo Sale at the Master Gardener’s Faire. 9-4—heirloom tomatoes available from the Master Gardeners.

April 28, 2018—Columbia County Home and Garden Show at the Fairgrounds Pavilion .

Make a day of it and go to both sales!

Tigard Garden Club

Longtime member Margaret Hutchens was fondly remembered for her generous bequest to our club as we took our annual field trip September 20 in her honor. This year's very rainy journey was to the newly renovated Portland Japanese Gardens and included a unique tour of the newly renovated landmark. Renowned Japanese architect Kengo Kuma designed three distinct new landscapes, new educational facilities, and a hilltop Cultural Crossing Village, all linked by a large gathering courtyard impeccably tooled of 1,000 tons of Eastern Oregon blue granite. This was a marvelous way to kick off our new membership year and a great opportunity to celebrate this iconic haven of serenity right here in our own Portland.

Members gathered clear vases to be taken to The Bloom Project facility in Portland. Volunteers here create fresh floral bouquets for hospice and palliative care patients in this area. This becomes a most welcome surprise for those in fragile medical circumstances and is a worthy charity to keep in mind year round.

As a unique mid-summer activity, a number of members tried their hand at an engaging Hyper-tufa Class, creating take-home planters just in time for fall arrangements. The class was directed by King City resident, Fae Lloyd, who has a special enthusiasm for this fun activity. No one minded getting a little dirty to make their gardens grow even more beautifully.

Our annual Grand Tour of Members Gardens included a delightful surprise from Vicki Adams, Director of the Tigard Senior Center. She presented individual Hawaiian leis to our members who then wore them throughout the day while enjoying a progressive lunch at three uniquely beautiful gardens.

This article was omitted from the Fall Edition 2017

Tigard Garden Club

The fall and winter seasons present a special opportunity for our club to reflect upon and respond to the needs of our community. During the November meeting, our new book exchange continued to gain momentum with many excellent titles to choose from. Member Cora Corliss again chaired our Caring Closet drive to provide clothing and hygiene items for children in need within the Tigard-Tualatin school district. Each school age child referred by their school counselor can have one visit to the store in the fall/winter and one visit in the spring for summer clothes. We're happy to contribute to this ongoing project.



In December, members gathered at Jack and Mary Clinton's home to celebrate both the season and each other through potluck and gift exchange. While no delicious food was left ignored, once again we were able to collect a sizeable donation of some 225 items for Tigard Good Neighbor Center. Located on SW Greenburg Road, the center is a 36-bed facility serving up to nine homeless families at a time. There is space so that each family has a private room where they can live for up to six weeks with three meals per day while working toward becoming income-stabilized.



We will continue to think of ways that our gardening endeavors can grow more than just thriving plants, but strong, healthy roots for our disadvantaged community members as well.

Submitted by Marilyn Isaac

SPECIAL REMINDER

Photography Contest entries are to be brought to the **April Spring District Luncheon** where they will be judged at the District level (*the entries should have already been judged once at the club level*).

Best of luck to all who participate!

Deadline: District First Place winners to State Photo Chairman first day of State Convention.

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. For the 2018 contest, photos must be taken between January 2017 and April 2018. The photo must be 8"x10" and matted, not to exceed 11"x14". The categories are as follows:

- 1. Landscape/Seascapes a. Color b. Black/White**
- 2. Gardens a. Color b. Black/White**
- 3. Floral a. Color b. Black/White**
- 4. Birds, Butterflies, Insects a. Color b. Black/White**
- 5. Pets a. Color b. Black/White**
- 6. Wildlife a. Color b. Black/White**
- 7. Bees-President's Choice a. Color b. Black/White**

State Wildflower Project

Time for replanting wildflowers is fast approaching. Last June there were several individuals who volunteered to collect information from several sources to establish a database of organizations and agencies who could be interested in working toward the naming of the Trillium as the State Wildflower. I have received a detailed listing from one region, but I have not received any information from other parts of the state. With the short session beginning in a few weeks, we need to start preparing for the 2019 long session now. I have been asked to develop a letter or press release that can be used when contacting these various groups. That material will be available by the Spring State Board Meeting in Springfield in March.

Hopefully, those who planted the perennial seed last year are seeing new growth on the plants. Please check and send pictures so we can create a brochure or flyer on our work. More news should be available at State Board. **Lynn Chiotti**

Spring Pioneer District Events

March 4,5 State Board—Springfield

March 15 - 9 AM—District—Board Meeting in Beaverton

April 19 - Spring District Luncheon— Host Club is McMinnville/ Photography judging.

June 11,12,13 - State Convention—Lebanon

Deadline for next Pioneer Press - March 20, 2018.
Send plant sale dates and special event information.



We Remember

Ruth Irene Berger
Dec. 7, 1927 - Dec. 31, 2017

Past State President—1999-2001

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Roberta Jean Whitelock (1968 - 2018)

Daughter of Marcia Kay Whitelock

Past State President—2005-2007

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Will Mother Nature Make Up Her Mind?

Deer Photo Credit: Taken January 14, 2018 in my back yard. Last Saturday, she was back in the lower yard with her yearling. More fun than watching the football game. L. Chiotti

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Glide Wildflower Show

April 28 & 29 ♦ 2018
9 am to 5 pm
Photographers' Hour 8 am Sat & Sun

Over 600 species
of Southwest Oregon wildflowers, trees & shrubs, grasses
ferns, lichens, mosses & liverworts

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Flora books & posters
Native plants
Food & beverages
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See our website for details!

Glide Community Center
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