



Sunset over the Coast Range

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Director's Notes

From Peggy Trees

I hope each one of you have an opportunity to attend OSFGC Convention. This year it was at Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn in Lebanon, Oregon. Houchi Kurisu was our esteemed speaker who designed the one-acre Japanese garden & Koi pond at the Inn. Can you imagine waking up every morning, going down to breakfast with indoor and outdoor seating facing the gardens. Then, walking to our Meeting Hall next to or through the garden and then, sitting through our meetings and meals facing a wall of windows that looked out at the beautiful gardens. That is what we did, everyday!

Congratulations to so many of our Pioneer District Garden Clubs people and clubs. On the National and Pacific Region Levels, Marcia Kay Whitelock received 1st Place for her edition of "The Next Twenty Years of Federation." Pioneer District won 1st Place in Pacific Region for our Newsletter by Lynn Chiotti.

Thank you all for participating in the State Photography Contest. Congrats to the Winners:

1st Place Eilene Wolven Wildlife/Black & White

1st Place Marie Bailey, Pets Color

2nd Place Eilene Wolven, Birds, Butterflies, Insects/black & white

2nd Place Eilene Wolven, Floral/black & white

3rd Place Yolanda Moser, Floral Color

3rd Place Eilene Wolven, Landscapes/Seascapes/black & white

The "**Gardener of the Year**" was Kim Saville, member of The Five Oaks Garden Club. (continued on Page 2)

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State Yearbook awards:

Clubs under 20 members, West Point Garden Club
(Cover only) **1st Place**

Clubs between 30-44 members, Tigard Garden Club

2nd Place

Clubs between 45-69 members, Beaverton Garden Club **1st Place**

There were several awards for our youth as well. Their names are elsewhere in this newsletter. See the Chehalem Garden Club report.

We had an interesting workshop. Our own Sally Thompson put on a Program about Tillandsias. Our last night's banquet was "Magic in the Garden." The arrangements on the tables consisted of a Magician's Hat filled with bunnies, small flower vases with flowers bursting out and of course magic wands. What could follow that? A Magician, Jeff McMahon, "Jeff Magic." Phyllis Olson and I were on the stage with him. He had us test the strength of a shoe string and metal washer. Both were as he said. The washer on the shoe string turned into a coin. I was so close and kept my eyes on the string and washer. I guess it was magic. I could not see otherwise. He did several other tricks with other members of the audience. We were all in awe.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Oregon Garden's Fall Garden Fair on Saturday and Sunday, September 22st and 23nd, 10am to 5pm. We are partnering with the Oregon Garden and putting on a Horticulture Display, Flower Show, Adult Workshop, Vendor Faire and Children's Workshop.

We need help in all these areas including Registration, Set-up and Take down and Publicity.

Please tell me how that you would like to participate: Name _____ Phone _____ Area & Hours to help _____

Please call me or email me and I will get you to the right person. Hm # 503-620-0703, cell #503-320-6552 e-mail twofirsclean@aol.com

Club Presidents, please let your members know. This is a good time to invite friends and families.

Be prepared to let visitors to the Oregon Gardens know about your club and when they may visit. If you stay the weekend to help, there is a discount on rooms. Make your reservations early.



Jeff Magic, Phyllis Olson (Mt. Hood) and Peggy Trees (Pioneer)

Chehalem Garden Club News

Kami McNeil—Co-President

Chehalem Garden Club submitted 10 posters to the *Smokey Bear*, *Woodsey Owl* poster contest. Veritas School has an after school garden club and used their time during stormy days to make the posters. They were the only school to submit posters in Pioneer District. The State winners from Pioneer District for the *Smokey Bear* poster contest were Oliver Brittingham, 1st grade, Tanner Eppink, 2nd grade, and Caleb Palmer, 3rd grade. The state winners for the *Woodsey Owl* contest were Sadie Nguyen, 1st grade, Ruby Veeman, 2nd grade, Spencer Olander, 3rd grade, and Landon Nguyen, 5th grade. Sadie, Ruby, and Spencer went on to each receive 2nd place awards for their grade level at the Pacific Region level. Landon Nguyen received a 3rd place award at the regional level.

The *Smokey Bear*, *Woodsey Owl* contest is a wonderful connection with our school garden programs. Being part of the contest builds awareness for forest care, as well as an awareness of The National Garden Club organization. Hopefully more schools will be involved in the contest next year!

Beaverton Garden Club

Awards at State

Club Yearbook award 45-69 members
1st place State, Honorable Mention -Pacific Region

Photography

1st place Pets Color - Marie Bailey
Third place Floral color - Yolanda Moser

Robin Hood Garden Club Fields a Trip

Where can you find dozens, if not hundreds of varieties of lavender for sale by a woman who has been in the lavender business for 36 years? Why, at Barn Owl Nursery, located in the countryside not far from Wilsonville.

Our field trip there, arranged by one of our members, included a super-informative talk by the owner, Chris, who runs Barn Own with her husband. She also treated us to lavender-infused teas, cookies, and jam, and escorted us around her display garden.



Of course we had to leave time shopping towards the end. Chris has nearly a hundred varieties of lavender plants for sale, many in those hard-to-find 4" pots, along with culinary herbs. She also sells a tasteful selection of related gifts in the rustic and tidy gift shop there.

Are you inspired to visit? Barn Own Nursery is open May 4 through July 29 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10-4. Here is the website: <https://barnownnursery.com/>.



Tigard Garden Club

Members relish the spring gardening season with so many opportunities to put those winter dreams of new growth into action. Fittingly, *Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden* provided the stunning backdrop for our April field trip. What better way to experience our Pacific Northwest spring debut. That same month was Earth Day Spring Cleanup at Alberta Ryder School where students work with Dottie Buss and other club members to maintain an ongoing community garden.



In May members spent the day at a multi-stop field trip to *Sebright Gardens*, *Fesslers*, and *Bauman's Garden Center* followed by a welcome lunch break at *Creekside Restaurant*. Of course, many took the opportunity to buy plants that they found completely irresistible.

Not through with May yet...ten members prepared 100 Mother's Day corsages for *Meals on Wheels* clients. Thanks to Mona Steel and Kathi Foster for their tireless efforts and enviable organization skills.



Numerous members contributed time and plants to our *Annual Plant Sale at Bull Mt. Farmer's Market*. It was a beautiful day for so many lucky buyers. All remaining plants were taken to the Senior Center for their own garden plantings. And not to shortcut the incredible learning experiences provided by our monthly speakers, we had extremely knowledgeable and engaging guests to broaden our horizons: *Maggie Stuckey*, noted Portland author with tips on container vegetable gardening; *Growing Fuchsias* with *Sue Randall*, *President of the Oregon Fuchsia Society*; and in May, *Maurice Horn of Joy Creek ursorery* with fool-proof great plant

Tigard Garden Club—Continued

Nursery with fool-proof great plant picks.

At this transitional time of the member year, many thanks to Gayle Allen as she steps down from six years on the board. Lynn Stevens will now handle the helm with help from Jacki Lindquist, Nadine Holten, and Maxine Walker. We close our notes this month with a special salute to our own Peggy Trees who begins serving as our Pioneer District Director. She has such an enviable track record of service in our own club and the district is so fortunate to have her in its fold. Congratulations Peggy from all of us!



Submitted by Marilyn Isaac

St. Helens Garden Club News

Spring has kept our members busy as the bees we are helping to survive. With members working at five different public spaces getting them cleaned up for Spring and Summer, planting more wild-flowers, helping refurbish the Floral Building at the Fairgrounds with the Scappoose Garden Club, we have even had time to participate in the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Columbia City Veterans Park.

Beginning three years ago on a barren patch of rock overlooking Highway 30, this park is now a gem for all who take the time to visit it. Every time people visit, there is something new to see that enhances the spirit of the place. From the four brick walls with brick people have purchased, to several individual monuments, to the Blue Star By-Way Marker, visitors are surrounded by beauty and solitude. It is our hope to install a Gold Star Marker near the Blue Star marker in the future. The families of those who have served and given their lives should be remembered as well.



On June Fourth, members gathered at the home of one of the members for their regular meeting, followed by a project called, “This is Us – St. Helens”. This is an art project where each of us painted a small 4x4” wooden “house”. Several community groups are part of the project and the houses creatively decorated will become part of a large art installation near the Courthouse Square, representing the community as a unified group.



Following the art project, members created floral designs (over 65) that were then delivered to various locations including government offices, businesses, schools, care facilities. What a joy to go around town and see the various arrangements.



Next on the docket will be the Columbia County Fair July 18-22 followed by a garden party the afternoon of the closing of the fair. Members have been encouraged to enter as well as participate as a club. Should be fun.

Congratulations on 80 years of Federation

Scappoose Garden Club has been awarded a Certificate of Merit from National Garden Clubs, Inc. on reaching a major milestone, 80 years of Federation.

They now have joined McMinnville and St. Helens in reaching a major anniversary. McMinnville and St. Helens have been Federated for over 90 years.

Recently, Scappoose dedicated a bench in Heritage Park in recognition of their club anniversary.



September 22, 23, 2018

At

The Oregon Garden

Join us this September for the Fall Garden Fair, presented by the [Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs](#), an event that invites visitors of all ages to engage with and learn about gardening in the state of Oregon. Peruse a horticultural and floral showcase to learn more about the plants that grow in our region, learn about beautification projects throughout the state and efforts to preserve pollinators. Find a new addition for your own garden from local nurseries at the plant sale and get hands-on during a live lecture or workshop. Above all, enjoy the thriving gardening community we're so lucky to be a part of.

Plant sale

Floral showcase

Horticultural showcase

Judged floral design show

Educational workshops and lectures

Free gardening book and magazine booth

Children's crafts and activities

Food... and more!

General Admission

Your admission to The Oregon Garden includes entrance into the event. At the door prices:

Adults: \$12

Seniors: \$10

Students (12-17) \$9

Children (5-11) \$6

Children (4 & under) Free

Oregon Garden Members (must show membership card) Free



Be a part of this exciting event. Contact your District Director and Club President to see how you can be part of this new event! Share your talents and reach out to new people across Oregon.

Deadlines for the Pioneer Press

Fall Edition—October 1, 2018

Winter Edition—January 15, 2019

Spring Edition—April 1, 2019

Club and District news, activities, sales etc. need to be sent early enough so they reach people on time.

Dates to Remember

September 20—Pioneer District Board—Beaverton

October 19 Pioneer District Luncheon—St. Helens
Co-host with Scappoose Garden Club

Have a Great Summer!