



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

December 2021

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Thanks!

I am reaching out to update you on our progress on the raised bed project at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility that the Evening Garden Club helped us to fund. We are so grateful to the Evening Garden Club for helping us to fund this project, and we are so excited for the opportunities that this is opening up for us and for the incarcerated women at the Coffee Creek facility.

This fall we constructed the beds, filled them with soil, and have planted seeds for *Viola adunca*, which will stratify over the course of the winter and germinate when conditions are right in the spring. We were a little late getting them built due to scheduling challenges posed by COVID-related shutdowns at the prison, but we were able to get them finished and planted by the end of November, right on time for the violet seeds. The women on our crew are very excited about the potential for this project, as am I. I have long wanted to have raised beds as part of our resources there, and now, thanks to you all, it is becoming a reality! I have included a few pictures below. They'll be much more exciting next summer when the plants are growing, but this is a start!



Thank you so much for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Larkin Guenther Silvernail
Education Coordinator
Ecological Education Program
Institute for Applied Ecology

Corvallis Evening Garden Club Program Schedule 2021-22

Board Meetings are held one week before the Membership/Program Meetings, to discuss club business and set up the agenda for the Membership Meeting. Generally, that is the last Monday of each month. All members are welcome to attend.

Membership/Program Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, October through May.

All meetings and presentations will be held via Zoom unless informed otherwise*

Board Mtgs	Club Mtgs	Programs
December - none	January 3	<i>Garden Allies</i> Presenter: Frédérique Lavoipierre Frédérique Lavoipierre is the author of <i>Garden Allies: The Insects, Birds, and Other Animals That Keep Your Garden Beautiful and Thriving</i> .
January 31	February 7	TBA
February 28	March 7	Presenter: Jennifer Jewell Jennifer Jewell is the author of 2 books, the most recent being <i>Under Western Skies: Visionary Gardens from the Rockies to the Pacific Coast</i> . She is also the creator and host of the NPR radio program and podcast <i>Cultivating Place: Conversations on Natural History and the Impulse to Garden</i> .
March 28	April 4	Presenter: John Forti John Forti is the author of <i>The Heirloom Gardener</i> .
April 25	May 2	Plant Exchange

*Not a member? For information on Zoom link please contact K.J. Lee at president@corvalliseveninggardenclub.org.



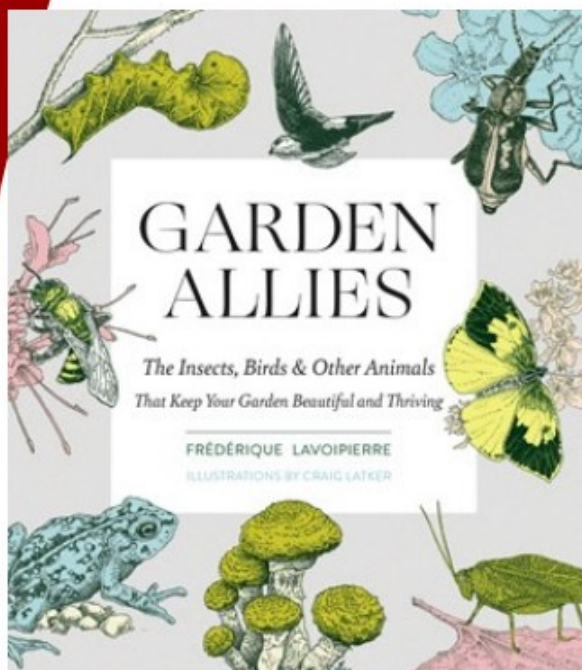
Fuchsia in the snow



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"Garden Allies: The Insects, Birds, and Other Animals That Keep Your Garden Beautiful and Thriving"



Frederique Lavoipierre, as director of education at the Santa Barbara Botanical Garden, shared her enthusiasm for native plants and insects. Frederique has a strong background in entomology, sustainable landscapes and teaching as well as a knowledge of heirloom vegetables and culinary herbs from around the world. Following a brief introduction to conservation biological control and its benefits, she introduces life in the soil, pollinators and other flower visitors, predators and parasites.

Her PowerPoint presentation is brought to life with photography of insects and garden habitats, illustrations from the book, and relevant anecdotes. The slide deck relies primarily on photos and illustrations, with a minimum of text on slides.

Following a brief introduction to conservation biological control and its benefits, she introduces life in the soil, pollinators and other flower visitors, predators and parasites, other common garden insects, spiders and other non-insect arthropods, and vertebrates. She will provide a few essential resources before taking questions.

Zoom Webinar—Link sent to EGC members
Not a member? Contact Michelle
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www.membership@corvalliseninggardenclub.org

The Fundraising Committee has been planning for new ways to raise money for both the club and for our grants program. Just to keep you interested in what's coming, we may be rolling out a program where you can purchase your seeds online from a very reputable firm for veggies, flowers, and herbs and a portion of the purchase price will be given to the club. Also, we're going to make significant changes to the spring bulb/plant sale to keep you interested AND purchasing. There's one more idea that's just in the very preliminary "thinking" stage which will require a committee to pursue it so be ready for fun garden things in the future!

Midwinter Fire dogwood



Treasurer's Report

EGC November 2021 Activity

Checking

Starting Balance	\$3,690.89
Income	
Dues	1,105.00
Fall bulb sales	2,533.75 **
Total income	\$3,638.75

Expenses

Linda Chalker-Scott program	250.00
Fall bulb purchase	1,651.16
Total Expenses	\$1,901.16

Ending Balance **\$5,428.48**

Savings Account - end of month **\$7,008.22**

Total EGC Accounts **\$12,436.70**

**Note: A late bulb purchase in Dec. raises the income to \$2598.75. So, EGC netted \$947.59.

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TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL GARDEN PHOTOGRAPHY

With a little knowledge, garden photography can be easy and satisfying. Here are some pointers:

SCALE: Mix some wide angle shots with closeups of individual plants and other elements.

POINT OF VIEW: Don't take all your photos from a standing position. Get down low for some, and take some from a second story window if you can. Stand in corners to get interesting perspectives.

COMPOSITION: The Rule of Thirds works great for most images. Put your key subject in one of the intersections of two evenly spaced vertical and horizontal lines, like this:



Mix in some symmetrical shots, especially for formal gardens. Take some vertical shots as well as horizontal ones. And look for leading lines to establish perspective.

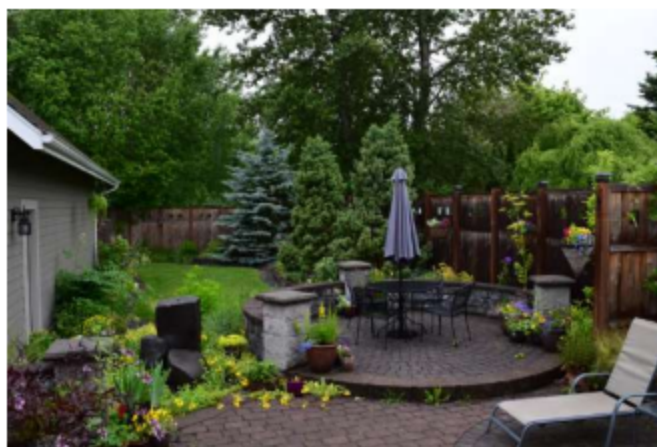
TIME OF DAY: Early morning or late afternoon are best. Overcast is better than bright sunshine. On sunny days, take pictures of things in shade or use an umbrella to block out the sun's rays. Sometimes a flash helps, but only if you have one that can be used off camera; on-camera flashes usually ruin the look.

SUBJECT MATTER: Everyone loves flower photos, but take pictures of other garden elements as well, and get some insects, birds, or even people into some of your images.

SEASON: After the flowers fade look for interesting seed pods, colorful autumn leaves, and dramatic branching. Rainy or snowy days make for lovely garden scenes.

EQUIPMENT: Don't worry if you don't have an expensive camera. Today's phones take great photos, and any modern camera is more than good enough. A tripod helps you to get crisp images.

POST-PROCESSING: Phones offer built-in processing to optimize the look of your photos. There are many good processing apps and software; some of them are even free.



By Owen Dell, Dell'Imagine Fine Art Photography, owendell.smugmug.com

December Plants



Left: Native evergreen huckleberry growing around the beautiful trunk of a crepe myrtle.

Below: *Garrya elliptica*, native to Southern Oregon and Northern California, is seen near the coast and the red-wood forests.



Left: *Cardamine californica* is a native of the redwood forests and is growing happily under the 3 huge red-woods right next to our lot. It has pretty pink lavender flowers in Spring.