



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

April 2022

2021-22 Officers:

President:

Janet Magedanz

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Heather Emberson

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Harriet Plumley

Hanne Niederhausen

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Nancy Mandel

Becca Smith

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Karen Hopson

Anne Schroeder

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2021-22 Chairs:

Programs:

Ruby Moon

Membership:

Heather Emberson

Digital Comm:

TBD

Raffles:

Harriet Plumley

Trumpetvine:

Janet Magedanz

Newsletter:

Val Hall

Tours:

Melissa Cowan

Fund Raisers:

Kathleen Rochester

Flower Therapy:

Donna Westwood

Grants:

Svetlana Dascaluc

Nominations:

Kathleen Rochester

President's Message:

May is nearly here! For some silly reason, I had determined that, after I retired, time would slow down, the days would seem to be longer, and I would have more time to do nothing. Well, you of "an age" know how contrary to actual life that was! The days seem to fly by, one after another after another. I've told friends at church that it now seems as if there are only 5 days in a week.

The Quilts in the Garden Committee is continuing to get ready for the big event scheduled for June 18th so "cross your fingers" that we will have wonderful weather. Quilts in the Garden is a biennial event sponsored by the Mary's River Quilt Guild and they made contact with EGC several months ago asking EGC to co-host the event since we probably know where nice gardens are located. Our QITG Committee is probably still looking for volunteers so please be willing to help. It's a great way to meet other EGC people (and probably see the gardens for free.) This will be an opportunity for you to purchase one of the \$10 tickets or buy another for a friend and have a fun, enjoyable, Saturday.

MAY PLANT EXCHANGE: This is our last meeting until this fall and it will be lots of fun. During the summer months we'll have several opportunities to do garden visits and other fun adventures. We will be making a change from past plant exchanges to speed up the exchange process. There will be several round tables set up with tarp coverings and labels indicating what type of plant goes where. For example, sun perennials, shade perennials, houseplants, shrubs, etc. Your job before coming is to make a postcard size description of the plant, attach it to a popsicle stick or a plastic fork so we can read about the plant. I'll bring a bunch of plastic forks and note cards in case you forget. Although our meeting will begin at 7 PM, I encourage you to start coming around 6:30 so you can place your plant(s) on the correct table and start perusing the lovely offerings. I'll have numbered tickets to hand out and we'll use those tickets in numerical order to allow plant selections and try to keep plant lust under control. Before the fun begins, we have two pieces of business: (1) We need to vote approval of the amended bylaws that were emailed to you on April 11. (2) We received an additional grant request that got lost in a spam filter. The Grants Committee has approved the request so the membership needs to approve payment.

We're looking forward to a big turnout - wearing masks or not - and, if you're a newer member, we especially invite your attendance - with a plant or without.

Janet

We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course, it's our garden that's really nurturing us. - Jenny Uglov

May Opportunities

Fitton Green Tour

Saturday, May 14
9:30—11:30

Learn more about our soils and see where they come from. When it's led by James Cassidy, you know it's going to be fascinating and fun!

Contact Ruby Moon at irubymoon@gmail.com if you plan to attend as space is limited. And don't forget to cross your fingers for good weather!

Floral Therapy

When: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2:00 PM
Where: Stoneybrook Assisted Living
Duration: Approximately one and a half hours
What to bring: Clippers for yourself
Skills needed: A pleasant disposition
Contact: Donna Westwood
ndbalumna@yahoo.com
541-753-0476



Plant Sale

Saturday, April 30
9:00—1:00

Outdoors at Shepard of the Valley Church
at the corner of Highland and Walnut

BFF Nursery Wholesale Prices

BFF (Breeden Family Farms) Nursery is a large wholesale nursery in Lebanon that is now providing some of its products to the public at wholesale prices. One large greenhouse is filled with plants that change weekly.

Every Friday & Saturday (April—Sept.)
10:00—4:00
38846 River Dr., Lebanon



Botanical Interests Seed Company

Order anything from their catalog and EGC will receive 35% profit on every purchase. Order as often as you wish.

Website: www.botanicalinterests.com
Checkout promo code: **CorvallisEGC**
Lasts until **August 1**

Lebanon Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

Friday & Saturday, May 13 & 14
10:00—2:00
880 Tangent Drive (Hwy 34)
at the corner of Tangent and 10th

General Meeting Minutes April 4, 2022

The meeting started at 7pm as a Zoom only meeting with Janet Magedanz presiding. The meeting was attended by more than 50 people (some Zoom screens had two people).

Ruby Moon introduced our guest speaker, John Forti, author of *The Heirloom Gardener: Traditional Plants and Skills for the Modern World*. John is a lecturer, garden historian, ethnobotanist, garden writer, and the Executive Director of Bedrock Gardens, a 30-acre public garden in Lee, NH. He explained that many of the plant varieties and artisanal skills used by previous generations have been lost or little used even though they are still relevant today. For many years, John has been recovering those lost varieties and promoting traditional skills such as food preservation. He urged us to consider gardening and its related activities as crafts that we should take time to enjoy and to share with the next generation. He has a blog on Facebook (which he updates almost daily) and his website is jforti.com.

The Grants Committee (Svetlana Dascaliuc (chair), Sandra Reitmeier-Coolen, Anne Schroeder) recommended the club give grants totaling \$2,400 to seven organizations. Svetlana gave a presentation explaining the process the committee went through to arrive at this recommendation. The club passed a motion approving the grants. The Nominations Committee (Kathleen Rochester (chair), Ruby Moon, Heather Emberson) introduced the slate of candidates to serve as club officers in the upcoming fiscal year. The new incoming officers are Heather Emberson (president-elect), Becca Smith (co-secretary), and Karen Hopson, Anne Schroeder, and Gayle Parrish (members-at-large). Kathleen gave a brief biography of each. Officers returning for a second year are Janet Magedanz (president), Nancy Mandel (secretary), Hanne and Heinrich Niederhausen and Harriet Plumley (co-treasurers). As there were no nominations from the floor, Janet as president was able to declare them elected by acclamation.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel,
Secretary of the EGC

Treasurer's Report EGC March 2022 Activity

Checking

Starting Balance	\$4,653.64
Income	
Dues	110.00
Total income	\$110.00

Expenses

Agric. Research Foundation, OSU	80.00
Susans's Garden Center	20.00
Jennifer Jewell - March speaker	300.00
Janet Magedanz - bulb purchase	669.60
Total Expenses	\$1,069.60

Ending Balance	\$3,694.04
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<u>Savings Account - end of month</u>	<u>\$7,008.92</u>
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Total EGC Accounts	\$10,702.96
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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.

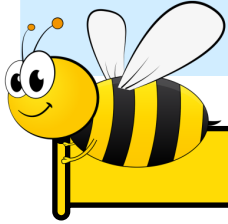
All meetings and presentations will be held via Zoom unless informed otherwise*

Board Mtgs	Club Mtgs	Programs
April 25	May 2	Plant Exchange (in person)

*Not a member? For information on Zoom link please contact Janet Magedanz at president@corvalliseninggardenclub.org.

2022 Summer Garden Tours	
Date	
5/14/22	Fitton Green Soils Hike
6/6/22	Val Hall Member Tour and Lebanon Japanese Gardens
6/12/22	Mcminnville Garden Club garden tours and Faire (\$10 for tours, Faire is free)
6/18/22	Quilts in the Garden Corvallis (\$10 admission includes all gardens)
6/25/22	Backup plan if rainy of the 18th
6/29/22	Member Garden tour -Sheila Goodwin and Neighbors
Early July	Member Garden tour -Patrick Emblidge
"	Leonard Street Community Garden (DEvNW - 2021 EGC Grant Recipient)
Early July	Member Garden Tour - Cathy Kerr
"	ARC Garden - Dream Place, off Grant (ARC -2021 EGC Grant Recipient)
7/28/22	Deepwood House Tour (\$6.00 / Seniors \$5.00)
	Deepwood Garden tour (free)
8/1/22	Gail Bartlett Garden Tour
August	Edible Garden Tour - Sustainability Coalition Corvallis
9/10/22	Sebright - Salem Hardy Plant Society Fall Sale

Meet a Member



Val Hall

I am an Oregon native and have lived on 3 acres a few miles north of Lebanon for 30 years. In 2019 I joined EGC after attending one of its monthly presentations that I had seen advertised. The fact that EGC meets in the evening was a perfect fit for me since I worked days at HP in Corvallis.

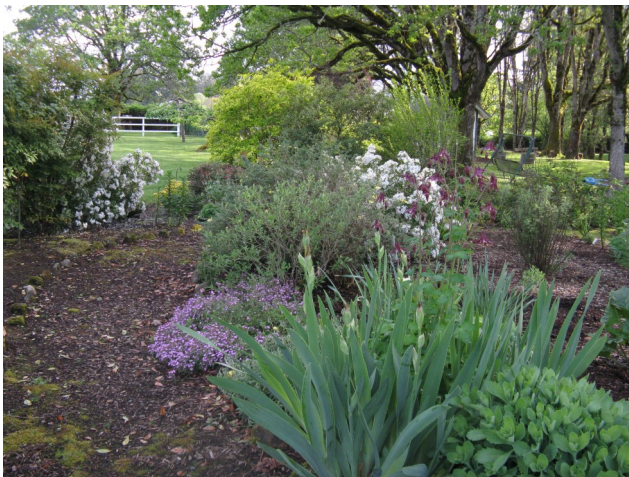
In 2020 I retired from HP and decided it was time to start contributing more to EGC. I volunteered to take on the newsletter because computers are more my thing than leadership roles. It has been a great way to get to know more members and to stay connected with what is going on in the club. Please feel free to give me any constructive feedback as I work to make its content relevant to you.



Water conservation has always been important to me so, with a few exceptions, I garden with plants that will eventually be able to thrive without supplemental water. This has involved a lot of trial and error (and more than a few dead plants) since there are a lot of factors involved in how much water any given plant may need. Thankfully, drought-tolerance is getting more attention these days so there are now more sources of useful information than there used to be.

For the birds and bugs, my garden has been getting more plants that are native to the West Coast or to the Willamette Valley specifically. I have also been increasing my gardens and decreasing my lawn space. The newest garden is in full sun and is still more mulch than plants at this stage, but

the young shrubs are starting to grow and I can already see more activity by the finches, quail, and other birds that we love to watch. My older garden, under mature oaks, is pictured at left.



We are welcoming EGC members to our gardens on June 6 so come by and take a look if you are interested. Do not expect perfection, but do expect to see ongoing projects and a variety of plants, some of which may have come from you! I would love to talk gardening with you.

Summer 2021 Survey Results

The fifth month of the year and the fifth Summer 2021 membership survey question.

There were 30 open-ended responses to this question, **What past experiences do you have in gardening that you might be willing to share.** Suffice it to say that an overwhelming majority of respondents took the time to identify something they would be willing to share which proves the EGC members are generous with their talents. Let's go on to question six.



Ours is an active club which DEPENDS UPON MEMBER HELP to achieve our goals. I would be willing to help with the following: This question was followed by forced choices of YES, MAYBE, and NO. This summary includes a table of responses highlighting those that are greater than 40%.

TOPIC	YES	MAYBE	NO
Carpool on excursions	42	49	9
Serving on committees	33	43	24
Plant and bulb sales	55	34	11
Plant exchanges	57	36	7
Holiday & creative activities	27	49	24
Identify plants	29	42	29
Community service projects	49	49	2
Get rid of invasive species	41	46	13
Elderly members do spring garden prep	37	51	12
Start seeds and roots	28	43	29
Plant propagation	30	50	20
Insect & pest control	13	35	52

Note there is a sizable number of respondents who might be willing to help... but would benefit from some encouragement. And there was one resounding NO topic.

This was followed by an open-ended option of additional ways members might, **Help with:**

- * Growing the club
- * Interesting projects
- * Grant committee
- * Propagation, disease identification, etc
- * Identify plants
- * Plant exchange
- * Bulb sales



From Neighborhood Planters Kiosk—NPK

<http://npkpost.blogspot.com/>

Northwest Garden Design/Plant Choice Websites:

I often try new perennials or bulbs impulsively because they catch my eye at the Garden Center but trees and shrubs are a different matter. They cost more, take up more space and last longer so I have learned (the hard way!), to research these larger plants. Here are 3 websites I have found reliable and useful:

Greatplantpicks.org: Created by the Elizabeth Miller Garden in the Seattle area, this site includes recommendations by Northwest experts for a comprehensive palette of outstanding and generally available plants for the maritime Pacific Northwest. To date over 1,000 exceptional plants have been selected for gardeners living west of the Cascade Mountains. There is a search feature and lists of plants for various functions. Most entries include a photo.

Egardengo.com: Portland designer, Darcy Daniels, has created a website suggesting plant combinations for our area. There are planting designs available for a fee but information and great photos to help gardeners put together appealing combinations of plants are available at no charge.

Landscapeplants.oregonstate.edu: This site put together by horticulturalists from Oregon State University includes a large palette of mostly woody plants, many with photos of flowers, fruit, plant habits and leaves. My favorite unique feature is that the location of an actual, living plant is often given in Corvallis or nearby. Sometimes it helps to see what a 30 foot tree actually looks like!



From Nancy Sarpola for the Corvallis Evening Garden Club www.corvalliseveninggardenclub.org

May Plants

Below: *Trillium luteum* (from an EGC plant exchange),
Anemone nemerosa, and *Adiantum venustum* (Himalayan
maidenhair fern)

Right: Clematis 'Snow Queen' in a purple rhododendron.



Right: *Cerinth*

Below: Alliums, Peony, and Achillea

