



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

February 2022

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President's Message:

March 2022 greeting to you!

I'm delighted to leave February in the dust/mud! We had a couple of days that hit 61 degrees and nights that fell to 20 degrees. The good news is that, in spite of significant temperature swings, the bulbs are showing signs of life and we all will soon have daffodils and/or tulips blooming.

I recently attended a Zoom meeting of garden club officers of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs and was introduced to the Santiam District which comprises Benton and Linn counties. Included in our district is Alsea Garden Club, Corvallis Flower Basket (!), Grand Prairie Garden Club in Albany, Lebanon Garden Club, Santiam Floral Design Guild, and Oregon Daffodil Society. Our district will be holding a gathering on Thursday, March 17, 11 AM – 1:30 PM at the Santiam Place in Lebanon. The speaker will be the co-owner of Adaptive Seeds from Sweet Home. I hope to attend and, if anyone would like to join me, let me know and I'll be the driver. It's on St. Patrick's Day so we'll have to wear green to prevent getting pinched by the leprechauns.

Be sure to Zoom our March membership meeting. The speaker will be Jennifer Jewell, author of *Under Western Skies* and *The Earth in Her Hands*. You'll see the flyer in this newsletter so I won't repeat what's included there. However, she is a very talented person – writer, photographer, host of a weekly public radio program, and probably much more.

I'm beginning to think ahead to opportunities to get together once we're able to meet together without social distancing and masks. Over the last many months, many people have joined our garden club and I'm hoping we will have opportunities to get together and get acquainted. My experience is that, once we find out we're fellow gardeners, there is an immediate connection and a desire to talk gardening. Although it's a few months away, you may want to begin thinking about our May plant exchange. Perhaps we can incorporate a "meet and greet" as part of that event so we can put a face – complete face without a mask!!! – to the name.

The EGC By-laws Review Committee is close to completing its work and we hope to have the proposed by-laws emailed to you two weeks before the April 4th membership meeting. I'm sure you didn't join the EGC to peruse by-laws but we've learned over the last many months that they're very important so please be sure to take time to read them before the April meeting.

Last thought: The Summer Bulb & Plant catalog is so close to becoming live, you should be able to smell the blossoms. Please shop early and often because the net proceeds of these sales provide money for our grants.

Remember – Money can't buy happiness. But it can buy plants, and that's the same thing!

Janet

March Opportunities

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**



Narcissus 'Loveday'

Photo Contest

The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs is holding their 2022 virtual photo contest. Submission deadline is **March 31**. Let's show them what we can do!

Find [rules and submission form here](#):

Summer Bulb Sale

Order here today!

Bulbs to be delivered about mid-March. Callas and cannas --both tall and dwarf; gladiolas of many colors and new glaminis -- shorter glads; tigridia, trilelia, tricyrtis, several eremurus, a giant colocasia, tuberoses, just a few bee-friendly dahlias -- and MORE!

See Kathleen Rochester's Trumpetvine email for more ordering details or contact her at 541 231-5303 with any questions.

Santiam District Meeting

March 17

There are 7 clubs in the Santiam District of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, and EGC makes up about half of its membership. Join our president, Janet Magedanz, at the district meeting in Lebanon this month. More details below.

Oak Creek Conservancy Tour

We have a special opportunity to visit a private property in Corvallis. The planting of over 6000 daffodils is just the icing on the cake. "Oak Creek Conservancy" is an oak woodland restoration project that is dedicated to environmental and ecological research, education and enjoyment. The visionary work being conducted on this property is quite impressive. The tour date will be mid to end of March. We will set a firm date based on weather and timing of optimal bloom. Watch your email for a specific date.

General Meeting Minutes February 7, 2022

The meeting started at 7pm as a Zoom only meeting with Janet Magedanz presiding. The meeting was attended by more than 56 people (some Zoom screens had two people) including several non-members.

KJ Lee introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Linda Hardison, director of the Oregon Flora Project. The Oregon Flora Project is assembling a comprehensive guide and database of all the native plant species of Oregon and some non-natives that have naturalized. They have an excellent website, Oregonflora.org and are publishing a three-volume reference. Two volumes are presently available and the third will be published in 2023. Members were offered the opportunity to buy volume 2 at a discounted price.

Two raffle prizes of \$10 gift certificates to Shonnards Nursery were given out. They were won by Susan Hoffman and Ruby Moon. In the business portion of the meeting, we elected Heather Emberson to serve as a member at large for the remainder of the fiscal year, approved the January regular meeting minutes, and raised the dues on dual households from \$25 to \$30 beginning with the 2023 dues.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel,
EGC secretary



Globularia

Treasurer's Report **EGC February 2022 Activity**

Checking

Starting Balance	\$6,039.74
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Income

Dues	45.00
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Meeting fee	5.00
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Total income	\$50.00
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Expenses

Sec. of State, Corp. Division	50.00
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Agric. Research Foundation	150.00
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Frederique Lavoipierre	300.00
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Janet Magedanz - bulb purchase	936.10
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Total Expenses	\$1,436.10
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Ending Balance	\$4,653.64
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<u>Savings Account - end of month</u>	<u>\$7,008.74</u>
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Total EGC Accounts	\$11,662.38
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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
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 Janet Magedanz at president@corvalliseningardenclub.org.



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Corvallis, Oregon

March 7, 2022, 7 PM presentation

"Cultivating Place: A Garden Culture of Care"

By Jennifer Jewell



Cultivating Place



This talk will speak to you if you believe that gardens/gardeners are powerful agents and spaces for potentially positive change in our world, helping to address:

Climate Change

Habitat Loss

Cultural Polarization

Individual & Communal Health & Being

She will explore this through her books

THE EARTH IN HER HANDS 75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants

UNDER WESTERN SKIES Visionary Gardens from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Coast (people place plants)

Zoom Webinar—Link sent to EGC members
Not a member? Email jkmagedanz@gmail.com
to get the link and send \$5 to CEGC, PO Box 315, Corvallis, OR 97339

Please become a member at

www.membership@corvalliseninggardenclub.org

Summer 2021 Survey Results



Here is the second vignette of our Summer 2021 member survey. See if this describes you!

The question was: **What do you expect to get out of your membership in EGC**, and had the following six responses and percents:

* Camaraderie/community	28 %
* Education	30
* Tours (gardens & nurseries)	13
* Workshops/speakers	15
* Garden resources (tips, exchanges, plant sales, fund raisers, nurseries)	9
* Have fun	5

This is a information-hungry group who wants to learn more about gardening in exchange for their membership dues.... AND they want to feel the camaraderie and sense of community that is built from connecting with like-minded folks. It's wonderful to see how giving the membership is to one another and the community. Dig in!

With these six items as guiding principles, we could be happily busy for months to come. What will next month's survey results suggest?

From Neighborhood Planters Kiosk—NPK

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

5 Things You Can Do for a Regenerative Garden

DID YOU KNOW that urban gardens and landscapes can contribute to the fight against climate change?

Animals, insects, natural ecosystems, AND OUR GARDENS are suffering the effects of a changing climate more each year.

You can help by planting a REGENERATIVE garden that...

- is densely planted with a variety of different species.
- is resilient to changes.
- stores carbon in the soil.
- supports pollinators and other fauna.
- is also easier to maintain!



HERE'S HOW

1—Minimize soil disturbance

- Avoid tilling – *it destroys soil structure and kills soil life*

2—Keep soil covered

- Long-lived, dense plantings – *carbon is held in soil organic matter and woody plants*
- Add mulch on top – *it breaks down and improves soil over time*
- *leave some bare soil for ground-nesting bees*

3—Increase plant diversity

- Multiple levels of growth – *ground covers, herbaceous plants, shrubs, trees and vines*
- Multiple species – *include as many native plants as you can*

4—Roots in the soil

- Living roots year-round – *hold carbon rather than releasing it*
- Permanent rather than annual plants – *reduces need for disturbance*

5—Keep herbicides to a minimum

- A healthy, varied ecosystem is resilient against most insect pests without interference



Santiam District Spring Meeting

Thursday, March 17th 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Santiam Place - 139 Main Street in Lebanon

Wear your green, bring a sack lunch and anything Irish you wish to share – a story, an item to “show and tell,” or a special memory related to St. Patrick’s Day. (Note: Coffee and dessert will be provided.)

A short business meeting with brief reports and perhaps a comment or two from special guests in attendance will proceed a great program. You won’t want to miss it!

**Questions??? – Call Gaye Stewart, District Director
(503-510-4370)**

More February Plants



Anemone pulsatilla



Pulmonaria 'Benediction'