



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

March 2022

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President's Message:

It's Spring!! It's such a fabulous time of year because the days are getting warmer and the bulbs are blooming and the perennials are growing nicely. My next-door neighbors have three plum trees that are in full bloom that I can enjoy during my early morning walk. Life is good!

Our April membership meeting speaker will be John Forti of Massachusetts who has written a charming book entitled *The Heirloom Gardener – Traditional Plants and Skills*. Last August I went on a Hardy Plant Society garden tour of several east coast states and I met John at one of the gardens, purchased his book, and he kindly autographed it so it will be fun to see him again. Because he is on the east coast, this meeting will be a Zoom meeting so please expect to receive the Zoom link by Trumpetvine. As an aside, because the chat function is distracting to both the speaker and the audience, I will turn it off so remember to make note of your questions for the end of John's presentation.

The Nominating Committee is actively working on asking members to serve in various positions and we are hoping to have a potluck installation event in May. I'll be in touch with a few members to help with the planning for this event so more information will be forthcoming. Because we've endured two years of very little in-person interaction, the Board is hoping to provide more opportunities to get together.

In addition to Board positions, we have several committees that are active throughout the year and this information is particularly addressed to new/newer members. Participating in a committee is a great way to meet other gardeners and learn more about the Evening Garden Club so please consider getting involved in one – or more – of the following: Garden tours are held during the summer months and Mellissa Cowan, Garden Tour Chair, got us off to an early start with a tour March 25th. Grants Committee is appointed in October and this committee has been part of EGC for over 35 years. The Fundraising Committee has been responsible for the bulb/plant sale the last two or three years but will probably be considering segueing to a different project so this will be an opportune time to join the committee. The Program Committee is vital to the success of our club because obtaining interesting speakers is such an important part of maintaining and increasing our membership. The last committee I'll mention, which means there are others, is the Flower Therapy Committee ably chaired by Donna Westwood. This committee has basically been on hiatus for the last two years because of the virus, but as things open up, Donna will be looking for more people to get involved with providing flowers for people living in assisted living facilities. So, now the ball is in your court, if you want to meet new, fun and interesting people, and get involved in EGC, send me an email and indicate what committee(s) you're interested in – jkmagedanz@gmail.com. If I don't hear from you, you may hear from me!!

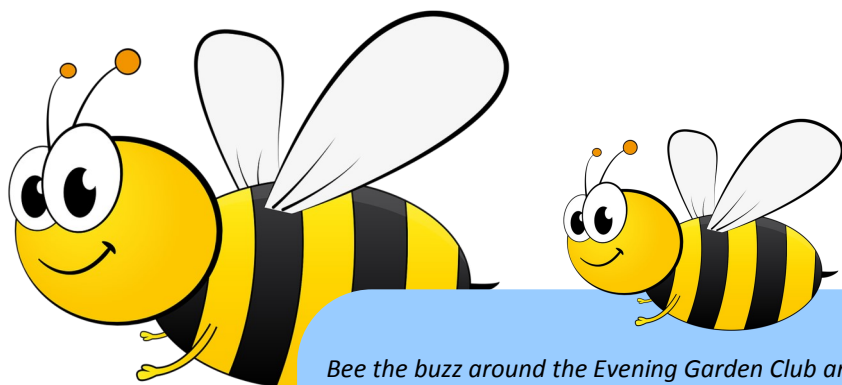
The committee to review the bylaws and create a Policies and Procedures (P & P) document has completed its charge. Nancy Mandel chaired the committee and Marge Alig, Pat Werner, and Nancy Sarpola rounded out the committee and they did a fabulous job! The old bylaws included a lot of information more appropriate for the P & P so the approved bylaws will be much more succinct. The issue of quorum is of importance and the proposed bylaws has defined it as follows: "A quorum at a

regular or special meeting will be 1/3 of the membership or 30 members whichever is smaller except in specific cases detailed elsewhere in the bylaws." This sentence was added to the bylaws to ensure that a sufficient number of members is in attendance when motions are proposed for passage. I completely understand that no one joins a garden club in order to become proficient in bylaws and P & P but we have learned over the last year the importance of them and reviewing them regularly to ensure they're up to date with current practices. The full documents will be sent out by Trumpetvine two weeks before the May membership meeting and I encourage you all to sit down with a cup of coffee or tea and read both documents carefully because the vote for approval – or amendment(s) – will be included in the May meeting. Last thought about the May meeting – it includes our famous plant exchange – so you may want to begin thinking about which plant(s) you want to share. This is always a fun event and we'll plan on including an opportunity to meet and greet our new(er) members.

Last, last thought. Dan Edge, our president July 2019 through June 2021 wrote, "Our monthly meetings offer an opportunity for like-minded people to develop friendships centered on a common interest in gardening and natural beauty, and a desire to give back to our community." Well said. Let's all plan on doing this going forward.

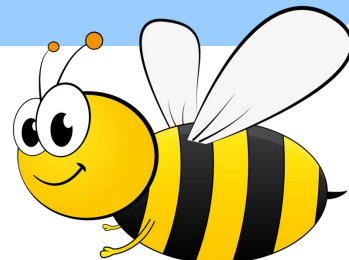
Janet

"Everything that slows us down and forces patience, everything that sets us back into the slow circles of nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of grace." May Sarton



Bee the buzz around the Evening Garden Club and pollinate your good deeds with a term of service on the Board or a Club Committee. We will all benefit from the addition of new ideas, energy and the flowering of projects on our "honey do" list. After two years of dormancy, it's time to spread those wings! Positions available include President-Elect, Co-Secretary, and Member-at-Large. Other important functions include Membership (not an elected position), Programs, Tours and computer work. Even if a position is not open now, it may be next season. Reach out to any Nominating Committee or Board Member and let us know of your interest. Don't be bashful.

-- Nominating Committee (Kathleen Rochester, Ruby Moon, Heather Emberson)



April 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!**



Share Your Quilts

EGC members are invited to share their handmade quilt(s) at the biannual Quilts in the Garden show this **June 18**.

For information about signing up, please contact Harriet Plumley at h.plumley@comcast.net or 541-753-3722.

Floral Therapy

Floral Therapy is back (woohoo!) and in need of several more volunteers. More details from Donna in the article below.

When: April 12, 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



Summer Bulb Sale

SHOP

Just a few plants left and they are on SALE!
[Order here!](#)

PACKAGE

The final bulbs should be arriving soon. Watch Trumpetvine for the opportunity to help with packaging.

PICK UP and PAY

Location, dates, and times will be communicated via Trumpetvine once they are decided. Take a look at the summer bulb planting guide below for tips on planting some of your new babies.

QUESTIONS

Contact any committee member:

Kathleen Rochester

Janet Magedanz

Christina Clark

Melissa Cowan

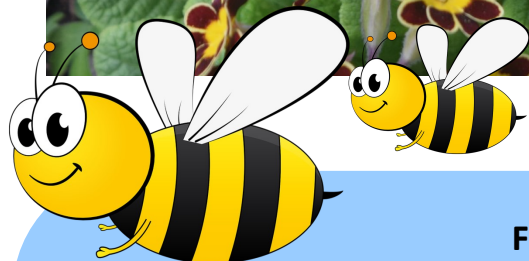


Tours

Save the date for a tour and talk with James Cassidy at Fitton Green on April 16. Learn more about our soils and see where they come from. When it's James Cassidy, you know it's going to be fascinating and fun! More details to come via Trumpetvine.



Primula 'Gold Lace'



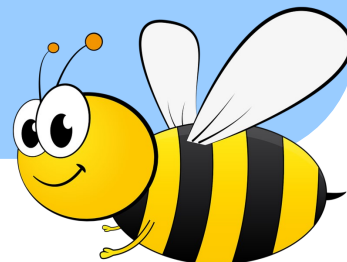
Floral Therapy is back!

This year marks the 10 year anniversary of Floral Therapy's Flower Arranging Classes for residents of Assisted Living Facilities in Corvallis. Due to the intrusion of Covid, this activity had to be put on hold for 2 years. The wonderful news is that on April 12 at 2:00, Stoneybrook Assisted Living will resume these classes for EGC volunteers to teach once again. This will continue every second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 for approximately one and a half hours. Vases and clippers will be provided for residents by Stoneybrook and volunteers are asked to bring their own clippers. Flowers will be provided by either Market of Choice or Trader Joe's.

If you would like to join me in helping to make someone's day just a bit brighter, please email me: ndbalumna@yahoo.com or call me: 541-753-0476. There is no previous flower arranging experience needed, just a pleasant disposition. I hope you can join me for a warmly welcomed activity!

If you have any ideas or suggestions on other ways this program can expand in the community, please share. Thank you in advance for your much appreciated feedback!

Donna Westwood
Floral Therapy Coordinator





Meet a Member

Donna Westwood

In conjunction with the Floral Therapy update, Val asked me to share a few highlights of my background that brought me to EGC and this program.

During my childhood in CT, my introduction to gardening was watching my mom plant our veggie garden and 'playing restaurant' with my cousins. We creatively used maple leaves as plates and overripe tomatoes as pasta sauce. Yummy! Throughout the years, I enjoyed watching and helping her in the garden, except for pulling **each and every weed!**

Fast forward to college when I graduated with a degree in Home Economics and chose to work in Retail Management. During my career, I was able to travel to Hong Kong and New York on multiple buying trips for fashion retailer Bullocks Northern CA and managed branch stores including Bloomingdales and Saks Fifth Avenue in Palo Alto, CA. This career, along with teaching various textile and retail classes at a community college, gave me a background in color and design that I could later apply to my interest in landscaping. My final job before retirement was spending 6 years in event planning, fundraising, and alumnae developing for the girl's college prep high school I attended in CA, and for many reunions enjoyed making floral arrangements for the tables.

The day after retirement, I decided to enroll in a Landscape Program in a local Community College and received a degree in Landscape Design. Once again and in more depth, I studied the principles of design, my favorites being color, balance, and contrast, all used in my retail career. Once I graduated I had the opportunity to receive a certificate in Floral Design from Filoli (on the National Register of Historic Places) in Woodside, CA and, as a member of the floral design committee, gave seasonal floral presentations to the public. At the same time, I began a floral design business making and selling dried floral arrangements and wreaths at craft fairs, Stanford University, and local businesses and taught a class in floral design at the same community college I received my Landscape degree from.

Finally, when my husband and I moved to Corvallis 13 years ago, I immediately joined EGC and took over the position I currently enjoy in Floral Therapy. From the Books and Blossoms program, whereby flower bouquets were made by EGC for library patrons who were homebound, to the current Floral Therapy program, the rewards have been gratifying to both recipients and volunteers!

During the 13 years I've lived in Corvallis, I have transformed almost all of my three acre property into a year round pollinator paradise. Organic shaped perennial beds were created between a connective lawn path and a waterfall was added for a background melody of flowing water. I was fortunate to have had my garden be one of eight gardens in the Corvallis Parks &



Rec first Hidden Treasures tour in 2010 followed by the 2014 Quilts in the Garden tour. Some of my quilts were displayed since I have devoted as much time to making textile wall hangings as to tilling in the soil! In 2014, EGC was invited to tour my garden as well as to attend an evening landscape lighting tour, teaching club members the process and rewards of low voltage lighting in the landscape.

Since 2019, I have been very fortunate, thanks to club member Fifi Andersen, to be a part of the St. Mary's Catholic Church Flower Arranging Team, making weekly bouquets throughout the church. Fifi and I also made the many floral bouquets for passed club member Carol Farnes's Memorial Service, a request she had personally made to us.

A side note: My favorite garden color resource is **Fearless Color Gardens** by Keelya Meadows, who I was fortunate to hear speak at a Western Horticulture meeting in CA. She was as **colorful** as the photos in her book!

Donna Westwood

General Meeting Minutes March 7, 2022

The meeting started at 7pm as a Zoom only meeting with Janet Magedanz presiding. The meeting was attended by more than 45 people (some Zoom screens had two people).

Ruby Moon introduced our guest speaker, Jennifer Jewell. Jennifer is the host of the podcast/public radio show *Cultivating Place: Conversations on Natural History and the Human Impulse to Garden* and the author of the books *Under Western Skies: Visionary Gardens From The Rockies to the Pacific Coast* and *The Earth in Her Hands: 75 Extraordinary Women Working in the World of Plants*. Both books are available at our local library. After telling us a bit about her own gardening journey, Jennifer told us about eight women featured in her book, all of whom have made remarkable contributions to the environment, education, and/or people through their work with plants. You can learn more and sign up for her podcasts at her website www.cultivatingplace.com.

Two raffle prizes of \$10 gift certificates to Susan's Garden and Coffee Shop were given out. They were won by Heather Emberson and Val Hall. Janet is trying to arrange some opportunities for members to visit in-person. She is hoping that our April regular meeting will be a hybrid (Zoom and in-person) and she is arranging some small meetings where members can discuss gardening books. She will send out an email to learn who is interested in the latter and will look for a meeting place. Kathleen Rochester suggested we devote money from our book sale to future garden restoration in Ukraine. She reminded us that Corvallis has a sister city in Ukraine, Uzhhorod. **The meeting ended at 8:30.**

Submitted by Nancy Mandel,
Secretary of the EGC



Church flower arrangement by Donna Westwood

Treasurer's Report EGC February 2022 Activity

Checking

Starting Balance	\$6,039.74
Income	
Dues	45.00
Meeting fee	5.00
Total income	\$50.00

Expenses

Sec. of State, Corp. Division	50.00
Agric. Research Foundation	150.00
Frederique Lavoipierre	300.00
Janet Magedanz - bulb purchase	936.10
Total Expenses	\$1,436.10

Ending Balance **\$4,653.64**

Savings Account - end of month **\$7,008.74**

Total EGC Accounts **\$11,662.38**

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
March 28	April 4	<i>The Heirloom Gardener—Traditional Plants and Skills</i> Presenter: John Forti John Forti is a garden historian, ethnobotanist, biodiversity specialist, and author of <i>The Heirloom Gardener—Traditional Plants and Skills for the Modern World</i> .
April 25	May 2	Plant Exchange

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



Erythronium revolutum (Pink Fawn Lily) is a Western Oregon native plant.



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Corvallis, Oregon

April 3, 2022, 7 PM presentation

"The Heirloom Gardener—Traditional Plants and Skills"

By John Forti



John Forti is a garden historian and an ethnobotanist who has directed gardens in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. As a Slow Food—Slow Food USA—governor and biodiversity specialist, his preservation work has helped to restore countless native and heirloom plants and brought traditional artisanal practices to modern thinking.

John will draw on information from his newest book of traditional plants and skills for the modern world. His PowerPoint presentation will inspire us from our long history of heirloom preservation, garden craft, and homestead lifeways. Please join us by Zoom for a refreshing look at how we can make a difference and build habitat in our own backyards and community.

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.corvalliseveninggardenclub.org/membership/

Summer 2021 Survey Results

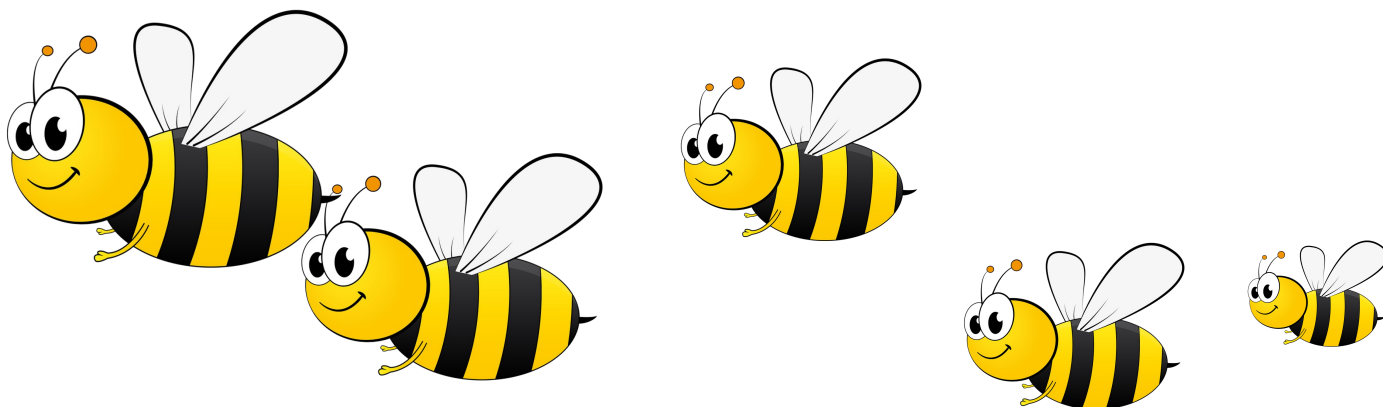


Spring is upon us and so, too, is the third vignette of our Summer 2021 member survey.

This question, **What are some new things we might explore (tours, trips, workshops, etc.)**, yielded over 20 different suggestions; of these, there were 8 popular ideas with two or more "votes.". The idea and number of votes are shown:

* Plant propagation & pruning workshops	5
* Tours of member gardens	10
* Tours to nurseries	5
* Workshops	5
* Trips to gardens outside of Corvallis	6
* Garden "crafts," e.g., rain chains, bending rebar, soldering	2
* Unusual gardens, e.g., native plants, dry gardens, gardens of BIPOC	4
* Plant sales and exchanges	2

It appears members of the Evening Garden Club want to get up and go! Go to workshops, see gardens and nurseries, do interesting crafts together to strengthen relationships and our garden hardscapes, and again - to give. It is so rewarding to be part of a group that wants to encourage others to garden. Life IS like a bowl of cherries.



From Neighborhood Planters Kiosk—NPK

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

April thoughts from the Evening Garden Club

Where should I plant my Summer blooming bulbs?



Nerine bowdenii needs a warm, sunny spot and should be planted just below the surface. It likes to be baked in summer.

Cannas prefer rich moist soil in full sun and enjoy a hot spot.

Gladiolas do best planted 2-6 inches deep in an area with good drainage and full sun.

Freesias need full to part sun in rich, moist, well-drained soil. Consider a pot as they are not hardy enough to make it through most winters in the Willamette Valley.

Galtonia viridis needs to be planted 5-6 inches deep in well-drained soil as it prefers dry in the winter with even moisture in the summer. It needs sun to part shade.

Asiatic, Martagon and Oriental lilies should be planted about 6 inches deep, pointy end up. They all do best with at least 6 hours of sun. Martagon and Oriental lilies prefer to be cooler so consider full morning sun and a little afternoon shade. Asiatic lilies do well in all day sun. All lilies need excellent drainage so they don't rot.

Plant **dahlias** when the ground is approximately 60 degrees or warmer and don't water them until you see sprouts. The more sun a dahlia gets the more it will bloom but provide at least 6 to 8 hours per day. Poor drainage kills more dahlia tubers in our climate than does cold so consider a slope or raised bed.

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April Plants



Left: Erysimum 'Winter Orchid' and Heuchera

Below: Berberis stenophylla 'Irwinii'



Right: Podophyllum 'Spotty Dotty'