



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

October 2022

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Janet Magedanz

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Val Hall

Tours:

Melissa Cowan

Fund Raisers:

Kathleen Rochester

Flower Therapy:

Donna Westwood

Grants:

Svetlana Dascaluc

Nominations:

Kathleen Rochester

President's Message:

Happy Fall Season to you! I've always considered spring as my favorite season as I watch the perennials pop out of the ground and all the new growth on my shrubs. However, after our hot and dry summer, I'm reconsidering my decision as the days become cooler and I can actually sit outside and enjoy my garden.

In spite of challenging weather, the many volunteers of EGC outdid themselves. Kudos go to Melissa Cowan and her helpers for providing fabulous gardens to visit this summer. Without naming names, the best story that came out of the garden tours was finding out about one particular EGC member that knocked on the door at the home of one lovely garden she would pass when on her daily walk, asked if she could tour her garden, and the gardener agreed to open her garden to the entire club. Gardeners are such lovely people happy to share their artistic endeavors.

The "frosting on the cake" was the picnic held September 12th. President-elect Heather Emberson and her cohorts did an outstanding job and we had a great turnout of EGC people. If you attended you probably noticed the charming tableware and napkins that were provided. They were provided by Green Girl which is a free service that provides tableware for up to 300 people. The only requirement is to wash everything before returning the items. Keep this in mind for any future events in which you're involved.

One good piece of news is that Val Hall has agreed to be our newsletter editor for another year. Please be sure to express your appreciation to her because the newsletter is such a vital part of our communication and she does a great job!

Our first in-person fall event is coming up quickly – October 3rd – at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 NW Highland Drive. Doors open at 6:30, meeting begins at 7:00. Please come with or without a mask. Ruby Moon will review the schedule for future meetings and I will briefly discuss a new idea for a fabulous event for next summer. That's all I'm going to say for now so if you want to know what's "in the works" you need to attend. Our speaker for the evening is EGC member Nancy Mandel who will share pictures and information about exploring gardens across America.

Last thought: The size of our club has increased a lot in the last year or so and that's great news because we have more people to share our love of gardens. In addition, it increases the number of people that can get involved in planning for future speakers, future garden tours, future newsletter editors, etc. In addition, it increases the number of people to participate in fundraising ideas, flower therapy chaired by Donna Westwood, grant committee now chaired by Svetlana Dascaluc, and nominations committee now chaired by Kathleen Rochester. In other words, I'm encouraging you to get involved in the club activities.

Last, last thought: *"Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly. They take their time and wander on this their only chance to soar."* Delia Owens

Janet

October Opportunities



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



Soil Fertility and Nutrient Cycling in Garden Beds and Home Landscapes

Tuesday, Oct. 11, noon
webinar
FREE

Review how nutrients move through garden ecosystems, discuss the importance of soil testing, and learn about the ways to ensure your soil fertility is in balance.

Register for the presentation or watch the recording later.

[Learn More](#)

Houseplant Swap

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2:00-4:00
Albany Public Library
2450 14th Ave. SE, Albany
FREE

Bring your labeled houseplants or wrapped transplants/starts, to share. OSU Extension Master Gardeners and Urban Ag Supply will be on hand to answer your houseplant questions.

[More information](#)

Insect Explorations

Thursday, Oct. 6, noon-1:00
Albany Public Library
2450 14th Ave. SE, Albany
FREE

Retired entomologist Rich Little will introduce you to pollinators and pests alike.

Successful Gardening with Physical Limitations

Thursday, Oct. 20, noon-1:00
Albany Public Library
2450 14th Ave. SE, Albany
FREE

Learn tips for how to keep gardening over the years, using adaptive methods to match your garden and your abilities with Karin Magnusson.



Treasurer's Report
EGC August 2022 Activity

Checking

Starting Balance	\$4,435.44
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Income

Dues	80.00
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Total income	\$80.00
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Expenses

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Total Expenses	\$0.00
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Ending Balance	\$4,515.44
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<u>Savings Account - end of month</u>	<u>\$7,009.80</u>
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Total EGC Accounts	\$11,525.24
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Corvallis Evening Garden Club Program Schedule 2022-23

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.

Board Mtgs	Member Mtgs	Programs
Sept 26	Oct 3 In-person only	<i>Exploring Gardens Across America</i> Presenter: Nancy Mandel Nancy is a Corvallis Evening Garden Club Member. Her presentation will share some of the gardens she and her husband visited on a drive across the U.S.
Oct 31	Nov 7 In-person only	Plant Exchange
Nov 28	Dec 5 In-person only	Greens Party
Dec 26	Jan 2 Zoom only	<i>Nature's Best Hope</i> Presenter: Doug Tallamy Doug Tallamy is the author of <i>Nature's Best Hope</i> .
Jan 30	Feb 6	<i>Native Bees</i> Presenter: Emily Carlson Emily is an OSU PhD student working on native pollinators.
Feb 27	Mar 6	Presenter: Tamara Paulat Tamara Paulat is from Chickadee Gardens. We have an invitation to tour their garden sometime after this talk.
Mar 27	Apr 3	<i>Native Plants</i> Presenters: Joyce Eberhardt and Dan Luoma
Apr 24	May 1 In-person only	Plant Exchange

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



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Corvallis, Oregon

October 3, 2022, 7 PM presentation
Exploring Gardens Across America
By Nancy Mandel



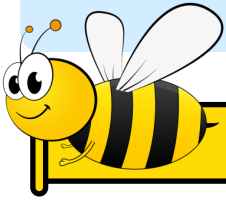
In 2014 both Nancy and David Mandel turned 65, an age when many of us reflect about our bucket lists. Theirs was to drive across America. They flew to Philadelphia, rented a car, and since they both love garden tours, did a garden tour across America. This presentation samples the gardens they saw along the way.

This will be an in-person meeting only. In future months, it will be cold, dark, and rainy so we'll be offering only Zoom meetings so please take this opportunity to gather together at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis. Doors open at 6:30, meeting begins at 7:00. Our November meeting will be our famous plant exchange event so be thinking about what you'll bring.

Please become a member at

www.corvalliseveninggardenclub.org/membership/

Meet a Member



Karen Hopson

I grew up near the shore in New Jersey and spent my first two years of college at Rutgers University, where I majored in Horticulture. I took a year off to travel across the country and ended up in Oregon, which was the most beautiful state I'd seen. I finished school at Oregon State where I met my husband Randy. My husband got a job managing the OSU Vegetable Research Farm where we raised our two sons and where I grew a very large garden.

Once my kids started school I worked for a year and a half at a tissue culture lab. Then I got a job at Garland Nursery where I eventually became the plant manager and buyer. Being a plant fanatic, the job was a perfect fit for me. Every year I was sent to seminars at the Far West show on plant varieties, diseases and insect problems and I met with a large array of nursery growers. I'm sure I learned more in my 32 years working at Garland than in my four years of college! Also I was able to grow a huge array of plants in my garden at the farm- there is no better way to know about plants than to grow them yourself.

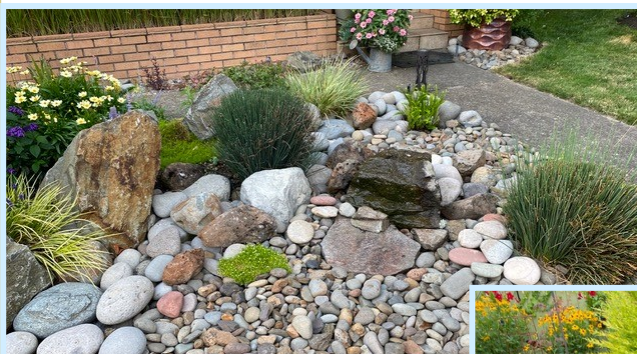
I am an avid reader and have learned a great deal from the garden books on my shelves as well as reading nearly every garden book at the Corvallis Library.

After living on the farm for 32 years, we moved to a house in NW Corvallis where I have been having fun creating a drought tolerant, pollinator friendly garden on a hilly acre. I am enjoying my retirement, spending time with my grandkids, taking long walks, reading, volunteering a bit and, of course, gardening.



Summer Gatherings

Quilts in the Garden



Gail Bartlett's Garden



South Corvallis Tour



Salad Toss Potluck

JoVanna's Crispy & Chewy Amaretti Recipe



2 3/4 cup almond flour or almond meal

1 cup granulated sugar

1/4 tsp salt

3 egg whites

Almond extract or Amaretto liquor 1/2 to 1 tsp

Sliced almonds

Extra 1/2 cup granulated sugar and 1/2 cup powdered sugar

- In a bowl beat egg whites until really beaten (should look creamy and really stiff); add extract and beat in.
- Mix dry ingredients together and fold into egg whites. Mix well.
- Place 1/2 cup of granulated sugar (more if needed) in a bowl and 1/2 cup powdered sugar in another bowl (more if needed).
- Take golf ball sized scoops of almond mix, drop in granulated sugar, roll around and form into a ball. Then drop the ball into powdered sugar and coat well. Set on parchment lined baking sheet 1 1/2 inches apart (or directly onto silicone non-stick mat).
- When all the balls are on sheet, press sliced almonds on the formed balls, pressing in well (which flattens them). Let them dry a bit as you preheat oven to 350 F.
- Bake 13 minutes. Cool and store in covered container.

Makes about 24.

**Each baker has their own touch so the Amaretti might come out crispier or more like chewy macaroons depending on your touch.

**You can try adding very tiny diced up pieces of moist dried apricots into the cookie mix for variety.