



# Evening Garden Club

## Corvallis, Oregon

April 2023

### 2022-23 Officers:

#### President:

Janet Magedanz

#### President Elect:

Heather Emberson

#### Treasurers:

Hanne Niederhausen

Harriet Plumley

#### Secretaries:

Nancy Mandel

Nancy Sarpola

#### Members at Large:

Karen Hopson

Anne Schroeder

Gayle Parrish

### 2022-23 Chairs:

#### Programs:

Ruby Moon

#### Membership:

Adrienne Guy

#### Web page:

Bekki Levien

#### Raffles:

Harriet Plumley

#### Trumpetvine:

Janet Magedanz

#### Newsletter:

Val Hall

#### Tours:

Melissa Cowan

#### Fund Raisers:

Heather Emberson

#### Grants:

Svetlana Dascaluc

#### Nominations:

Kathleen Rochester

## President's Message:

I've spoken to several/many fellow gardeners the last couple of weeks and the consensus is that we can't remember a March that has been this cold day after day. Enough said about that!

Our April 3<sup>rd</sup> membership meeting will begin with a presentation by Joyce Eberhart and her subject will be native plants through the seasons. Joyce has a great PowerPoint presentation with excellent information about how we can increase native plants in our home gardens. In addition, Esther McAvoy of Willamette Gardens will have native plants available for sale.

After Joyce's presentation we will segue to a very important business meeting. The Nominating Committee has done a terrific job of compiling a full list of nominees for next year's Board of Directors. Kudos to Kathleen Rochester, Betsy Gordon, and Nancy Haldeman! You'll see the list of candidates included in this newsletter. Because of the importance of the positions on the Board, I am asking you to attend the meeting in person to show your support and encouragement to the incoming Board members that will take over beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Of course, the option of making nominations from the floor is available. However, if you plan on nominating someone, please get permission from the person before the meeting. Keep in mind, also, that making a nomination would be in the form of a motion which would require a second.

The second piece of important club business will be the vote on the Grants Committee recommendation that 7 grants be given that total \$2,500, the amount budgeted for this current fiscal year. The Grants Committee was chaired by Svetlana Dascaluc with Christina Clark, Sande Reitmeier-Coolen, and Karen Hopson as committee members. My thanks to them for a job well done.

The last piece of business will be a discussion about the recently held meetings and discussions about various fundraising activities. Heather Emberson and other members of the Fundraising Committee have spent a lot of time discussing potential future fundraising events and the number of people that each event would require. At our Board meeting this morning, we discussed the possibility of doing away with fundraisers and raising the dues instead. We have already received notification from the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs that our state dues will be increased from \$3 per person to \$5 per person. Because of the state increase, it will be necessary to raise the dues for 2024. I'm sure that none of you, including me, joined the Evening Garden Club to take time away from our gardens to raise money for the club so the Board is interested in your willingness – or unwillingness – to raise our dues next year. For example, if we increased our dues by \$12 - \$2 for the state, \$10 for EGC, that would generate nearly \$1,500 which could be directed to the grants budget. Please give this some thought and be ready to provide input Monday evening.

I can remember, in past years, that many members would leave the meeting immediately after the speaker so to encourage you to stay for the business meeting there will be 2-\$20 gift certificates from Home Grown Nursery available only to those that attend in-person and stay through the business meeting.

Final thought: "A house with daffodils in it is a house lit up whether or not the sun be shining outside. Daffodils in a green bowl – and let it snow if it will." A.A. Milne

-Janet

## EGC Projects and Programs

### 2022-23 Activities:

#### Flower Therapy:

Donna Westwood

#### Good Turn:

Melissa Cowan

#### Homegrown National Park:

Cathy Kerr

#### Book Group:

Nancy Mandel

### EGC Book Groups

All EGC members are welcome to attend either of these meetings or both.

#### Thursday Book Group

Book: *We Made a Garden*  
by Margery Fish

Time: 2:30, Thursday, May 4

Place : Home of Svetlana Dascaluic  
3018 NW Lisa Place, Corvallis

#### Tuesday Book Group

On hiatus until fall

### Homegrown National Park

Interested people are continuing to meet to determine what this group will be doing and how to make it an official EGC project.



### Good Turn Project

Our next workday is scheduled for **SAT** April 1st from 10 til 2 at Madison and 2nd. We welcome any and all helpers. Feel free to drop by for as long or short as you like.

Please bring your own small hand tools and shovels/rake if you have them. Due to the major cleanup at Riverfront, the City tools will be in use. I think I can get a wheelbarrow. Most of the major cleanup has been done already, so we shouldn't need a lot.

Remember, we will be looking for plant starts and seedlings in the coming months, so keep us in mind when you are thinning out your beds at home. We plan to use tough, hardy workhorse type plants – just the kind you may be thinning out!





## Floral Therapy Program

EGC member Anne Schroeder's Cloverbud group made bouquets for Prestige Assisted Living residents in Corvallis, a project created by Anne and an activity of EGC's Floral Therapy Program. The 4-H Cloverbud Program is an informal education program designed for youth ages 5-8. The kids had a fun time making bouquets and were really focused on selecting their flowers and arranging them in their containers.

Anne and her friend Nellie Oehler, pictured with the kids, talked about balancing height, color and texture. The residents at Prestige were thrilled to see the kids bring in all of the arrangements. The bouquets certainly brightened up the dining room and recreation room of Prestige. Anne and I coordinated the details and Trader Joe's generously donated the flowers.



In addition to this wonderful project of connecting youth with senior citizens, EGC members helped residents of three other Assisted Living Homes in Corvallis during the month of March. Everyone who attended enjoyed getting together and being creative with the lovely flowers donated by Market of Choice and Trader Joe's. Many thanks to all who participated.

Want to join us? Contact Donna Westwood, Floral Therapy Coordinator at [ndbalumna@yahoo.com](mailto:ndbalumna@yahoo.com)





# Meet Your Proposed 2023-24 Officers

Here is the proposed slate of officers for the term beginning July 1, 2023. Get to know them better through their bios below. Some bios are reruns from previous newsletters.

## President

Heather Emberson

## President-Elect

Nancy Haldeman\*

## Treasurers

Hanne Niederhausen

Paul Westerberg\*

## Secretaries

Nancy Mandel

Judi DeBord\*

## Members at Large

Karen Hopson

Gayle Parrish

Patrick Emblidge\*



\*These are the new officers being nominated by our Nominating Committee. If there are additional nominations they can be made at our April meeting.

## Patrick Emblidge



I have been gardening in Corvallis for 4 years after leaving my desert home in Las Vegas for the greener lands of the Pacific Northwest. My wife and I had spent the previous 8 years working on desert tortoise research projects and gardening in the Mojave Desert and were ready for new opportunities at OSU. Shortly after arriving I joined the Evening Garden Club, primarily for the excellent speakers I had seen advertised at the monthly meetings, and was quickly surprised by the great events, activities, and community of the club that has helped me to better understand the unexpected challenges of gardening in a wetter climate.

In my garden I try to balance my interest in native plants with my desire to grow food and medicine while following permaculture ethics of caring for the land, caring for people, and sharing the knowledge I've gained, the plants I've propagated, and the products I've harvested. My design is rather feral as I try to grow as much as I can so that I can learn which species thrive in my particular context. As I develop my list of species that grow well for me I am hoping to learn more about aesthetic design and how to balance beauty with function in my garden.





## Judi DeBord

I am a 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Oregonian, an Albany native, and an alum of both OSU and UO (of course OSU is my favorite!). Since 1999, my husband Ron and I have lived on two acres in North Albany, and in 2012 we added two horses, Pip and Jazz. On our hillside are remnants of the once vast Oregon Oak savannahs that used to cover this part of the Willamette Valley, and we have enjoyed all of the wildlife that calls “our” oak trees their home.

My paternal grandmother was an avid gardener all of her life, and she would send me out to her flower garden for flowers that she would arrange in vases for neighbors. She also showed me how to prepare and cook fresh vegetables from a neighbor’s garden or from the farmer’s market, and I enjoyed helping her, even though I didn’t actually eat those vegetables at dinner. My father usually had a tomato plant or two in our back yard, and would share his crop with anyone who was interested.



After graduating from South Albany High School, I lived all up and down the West Coast, and everything else took a back seat to work, education and travel for several years. Upon my return to Oregon, I did a little gardening – who wouldn’t, living in Oregon, a gardener’s paradise? Trial and error taught me what plants to avoid (mint!) and what plants I couldn’t get enough of (tomatoes!). But soon I had a job that required me to travel again, so wasn’t able to garden much.

In 2014, I retired and was finally able to be home with my family, horses and garden. In 2018, I completed the OSU Master Gardener program and made many new friends. I also took up canning, so now we enjoy the fruits of our garden all year long. My garden is a perpetual work in progress, as I think most gardens are. On our two acres, the vegetable garden is fairly small, focusing on family favorites like tomatoes, peppers, squash and herbs. I select ornamentals based on drought tolerance and look for natives attractive to our pollinators. Last year we converted the entire front yard from grass to xeriscape and planted some drought tolerant natives. This year we’ve had new birds visit our yard, including Bullock’s orioles, cedar waxwings, and both of the bluebird nest boxes are occupied.

I’m looking forward to meeting members of the EGC soon and hearing all of your gardening stories.

## Gayle Parrish



I grew up in western Montana, not a garden paradise by any means. I became interested in gardening there, but the hailstorms, grasshoppers and drought won most years.

In 1991, I moved to Eugene to attend graduate school and found myself in gardener paradise. My interest in gardening expanded to include permaculture, sustainable organic growing, and wildlife habitat.



After lots of mistakes, “shovel-based plant combination adjustments” and several house moves that included more plants in pots than furniture, I’m now working on a new garden fronting on a small lake near Corvallis. I’m working toward the Homegrown National Park goal of adding more natives as well as infecting my four grandkids with the love of gardening. I am so glad I found the Evening Garden Club after a chance conversation with some fellow shoppers at one of the O’Byrne’s hellebore sales. I look forward to learning and sharing even more about all aspects of gardening in years to come.

Here’s a picture of me in Giverny.



## Heather Emberson

I was vaguely aware of the Evening Garden Club (EGC) over the years, but after my retirement from state service in 2018, I became more aware. I had time for more leisurely walks with the dog (rather than power-walking after work) and read one of those Neighborhood Planter Kiosk (NPK) fliers which piqued my curiosity. I was also impressed by the enthusiasm I saw at one of the plant sales at Nellie's farm (off 53<sup>rd</sup> Street) where I picked up a membership form. I googled EGC and saw there was something called Floral Therapy – and that's what ultimately got me to join the club in October 2020.

Meetings were on ZOOM and Dan Edge was the President. I loved how at-ease and friendly everyone was and began to talk up the club to my friends. Eventually, there were pleas for members to volunteer so I thought I could volunteer on the Membership Committee since I was already recruiting. By a fluke, the Chair of the committee was new, herself, and she asked if I could be her backup while she attended to a personal issue. From there, I was trained to do Membership, was noticed by EGC leadership because I was reading the Bylaws and asking questions, and the next thing I knew I was on the Board as a Member-at-Large. I cannot take credit for the significant increase in membership size.

Since then, I became President Elect under Janet Magendanz. She has been a remarkable mentor and I sincerely hope I can serve the club half as competently.

I was born and raised on Long Island in New York State, across the street from a potato field. From the time I can remember, I was outside digging in the dirt. After college, I moved to Oregon in 1976 as my first husband was in forestry and this seemed like the place to be. The marriage didn't last, but my love of Oregon did. I am what I call a "Wanna Be Gardener." For nearly 30 years I commuted from Corvallis to Salem every day, and as I was promoted at work, my work hours increased – meaning I left when it was dark and returned when it was dark; there was very little time for gardening. So now, I have a "Disaster Garden," the remnants of a once lovely garden that I am slowly trying to reclaim and revive. Still digging in the dirt!

I practically need an instructional video when I open a packet of seeds – so I am thankful to have knowledgeable people joining me on the board. I'm the first to admit I don't know things, and will make plenty of blunders in the year to come. But I'm eager to help and to learn.



## Nancy Mandel



I was born and raised in Portland but have lived in Corvallis since 1977. For many years I was active in the Corvallis Rose Society but when it ended I joined the Evening Garden Club and have been very pleased with all the events and resources the club provides. Zinnias are my favorite flower. They have cheerful, bright colors and look great at the end of the summer when other plants are looking tired. I also like my micro-miniature rose bushes. They have a delicate, fragile beauty but are actually as tough as nails. They've survived 30 years with me despite occasional neglect.



## Paul Westerberg

Paul Westerberg certified as a master gardener in 2009 and joined the Evening Garden Club in 2022 to expand his horticultural knowledge.





## 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.



## Nancy Haldeman



My partner, Lorene, and I moved to Corvallis in 1994 after living overseas teaching English for 6 years in Korea, Taiwan, Guam and Turkey. She was born in Corvallis, as was her mother, which is what brought us here. Within 3 years we bought a house with an 1/8-acre lot close to the aquatic center. I had always lived in apartments and knew absolutely nothing about taking care of a yard. Luckily, a friend of mine referred me to Kapa Korobeinikov, a landscape designer in town. Kapa laid out a plan for the back yard, the next year the front, and the third year the side yards. I learned so much in those three years! Sometime in there I joined the Evening Garden Club and got to visit other gardens and listen to great speakers. Gardening has now become one of my main interests. I also thank Karen Hopson, an EGC member, who patiently answered my many questions at Garland Nursery.

My garden has four-season interest and my emphasis has been on color and easy to grow plants. I was the "dahlia queen" for a number of years with up to 100 dahlias. I've downsized my dahlias to 20 this year and added more shrubs. I have to realistically think what I can handle as I age.

My dad was a great role model for me since he always had a vegetable garden when we lived in PA and MD. Lorene maintains the vegetables.

I'm now retired after working a variety of jobs as a substitute teacher, CNA, Career Specialist at LBCC, and process operator at HP. I retired right before the pandemic and gardening really helped me adjust to the isolation. I love having more time for my interests in playing accordion, Choir of the Earth, cycling with the Mid-Valley bike club, international folk dancing, and travel.

I look forward to meeting many more of the members in the EGC and sharing our gardens. Each garden is unique!



## April Opportunities & Reminders

### Pot up Plants to Share

Remember to pot up your extra plants for the May **EGC plant exchange**. Do it soon so they have time to recover and will look their best!

### Local Nursery Activities

#### Spring Open House

Drawing, specials, wine, cookies...

When: April 22-23, 10-4

Where: Garland Nursery

<https://www.garlandnursery.com/event/>

#### The Benefits of Garden Journaling

When: April 15, 10:30 AM

Where: Home Grown Gardens

Please RSVP

<https://www.homegrowngardens.biz/classes>

### GREAT GARDEN WEBINARS

#### National Garden Bureau

Ask the experts about Celosia  
April 7, 10-11 AM



[Visit their website for registration and details.](#)

### Hortlandia

#### Hardy Plant Society of Oregon Plant and Garden Art Sale

When: Friday April 7, 5pm—8pm

Saturday, April 8, 9am—4pm

Cost: Friday \$25

Saturday before 3:00 \$5

Saturday after 3:00 FREE

Where: Wingspan Building, Westside Commons  
Hillsboro, Oregon

Go to their [website](#) for advance tickets, vendor list, and event map.





## 10-minute University

Free online seminars from Clackamas County Master Gardeners. Go to the [website](#) to see more details, pre-register, or view previously recorded classes.

Wednesdays, Noon—1PM



**April 5—** Spring Ornamental Gardening

**April 12—** Raised Bed Gardening: Tips and Tricks

**April 19—** Using Rain Gardens and Bioswales to Harvest Water

**April 26—** Invasive Pests and Look-Alikes



## Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series 2023

OSU Master Gardeners

**Global Gardening: Asian Vegetables for Pacific Northwest Gardens**

Presenter: Kristie Buckland

When: Tuesday, April 11, 12 noon

Where: Zoom



Go to the [website](#) to [register](#) for classes or watch recordings of previous classes. Classes are the 2nd Tuesday of every month, Feb.-Nov.

## Photo Contest

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs

Deadline: April 30

Categories:

Scenery

Floral blooms

Birds

Pets in the garden

Gardens

Animals

Insects/butterflies

[Details and entry forms](#)

## 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 usually held on the first Monday of the month, October through May. In-person meetings are held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 NW Highland Dr., Corvallis. Doors open at 6:30 PM and meeting begins at 7:00.

Board Mtgs	Member Mtgs	Programs
Mar 27	Apr 3 In-person and Zoom	<i>A Look at Native Plants Through the Seasons</i> Presenters: Joyce Eberhardt and Dan Luoma Esther McAvoy of Willamette Gardens will also be there with native plants for sale.
Apr 24	May 1 In-person only	<i>Growing Tomatoes</i> Presenter: Darren Morgan Followed by our Spring Plant Exchange!

\*Not a member? For information on Zoom link please contact Janet Magedanz at [president@corvalliseveninggardenclub.org](mailto:president@corvalliseveninggardenclub.org).





## What's Blooming?



Clockwise from upper left:  
hellebore  
anemone blanda  
cardamine nuttallii (native)  
mahonia repens (native)  
oemleria cerasiformis (native)  
crocus





**Member Meeting Minutes**  
**March 6, 2023 7:00**  
**Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church**

Adrienne Guy reminded the attendees that there is a group meeting to discuss implementing the Home Grown National Park project. The meetings are at Cathy Kerr's house and new participants are welcome. They have printed 20 Home Grown National Park lawn signs for those who want to join the movement. They were available at \$15 each and it is possible more will be printed if enough people express an interest in buying them.

Ruby Moon introduced Tamara Paulet, the Chickadee Gardens blogger. Tamara gardens on 2 acres in St. Helens. Her talk was about the plants that have done best for her over the last few years as the Northwest has experienced more extreme weather patterns. It was beautifully illustrated with pictures from her garden and featured native and non-native plants that have done well for her in both sun and shade. Tamara brought some of the plants that have done well for her to sell.

Heather Emberson told members that the Fundraising Committee has decided that the club will have a booth at the Spring Garden Fair Sunday, May 7. It will be a garden related garage sale booth. She asked that members save garden related things they are cleaning out this Spring to donate to the sale, to volunteer to help and to show up to shop.

There were 15 Zoom participants and 52 in person participants.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Nancy Sarpola  
 Co-secretary



**Treasurer's Report**  
**EGC February 2023 Activity**  
**Hanne and Heinrich Niederhausen**

**CHECKING ACCOUNT OSCU**

<b>Starting Balance</b>	\$6,189.44
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	230.00
Donation from guest fee	5.00
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<b>Total income</b>	\$235.00

**Expenses**

Emily Carson - speaker fee February meeting: \$100	Check has not cleared yet
Secretary of State: Oregon Business Filing	50.00
Transfer to savings account	<hr/> 2,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$2,050.00

**Ending Balance** **\$4,374.44**

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT OSCU**

On February 9th \$9,000.00 were transferred to WaFd Bank for the purchase of a 13 months CD.

**Ending Balance** **\$8.22**

**SAVINGS ACCOUNT WaFd BANK**

Certificate of Deposit 

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9,000.00

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$13,382.66**

Less outstanding check 100.00  
**\$13,282.66**



# Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

April 3, 2023 7 PM presentation

Native Plants in Your Garden Through the Seasons

By Joyce Eberhart



Joyce is a senior faculty research assistant in the Department of Crop and Soil Science at Oregon State University. She and her husband enjoy gardening, mushroom hunting, and wildflower hikes.

Joyce will be speaking about the fact that plants provide food and habitat for wildlife well beyond the spring season. Come enjoy photos and discussion of native plants throughout the season.

Esther McAvoy of Willamette Gardens will bring native plants for your purchasing pleasure!

This will be a hybrid meeting meaning you can attend onsite and join gardening friends or Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent via Trumpetvine. If you're not an EGC member and want to attend via Zoom, please click on the QR code.

We meet at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis. Doors open at 6:30, meeting begins at 7:00.

*Please become a member at*

[www.corvalliseveninggardenclub.org/membership/](http://www.corvalliseveninggardenclub.org/membership/)