



# Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

February 2023

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Janet Magedanz

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Heather Emberson

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### Newsletter:

Val Hall

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Melissa Cowan

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### Flower Therapy:

Donna Westwood

### Grants:

Svetlana Dascaluc

### Nominations:

Kathleen Rochester

## President's Message:

Happy February greetings! We're getting a bit closer to spring. Although it's been a cold, dreary, part of the year, there's been lots of planning going on in the EGC. The following are some highlights:

The Grants Committee, chaired by Svetlana Dascaluc, has met and the request for grant applications will begin February 1<sup>st</sup>. For the last several years the EGC has been able to provide funding to a variety of local nonprofits and the funding is the result of the fundraising efforts of our association. Speaking of fundraising, a new committee chaired by Heather Emberson has met, and will continue to meet, to brainstorm and plan for future fundraising events.

Nominations for the next fiscal year – July 2023 – June 2024 are nearly complete. As of today, January 30<sup>th</sup>, the position of co-secretary is still open. Serving in this position is an easy way to get better acquainted with the EGC and the other members on the board. The position will be shared with Nancy Mandel, who has been secretary for two years, so the responsibility would be shared and mentored by Nancy. Please email Kathleen Rochester, tell her you're willing, and make her day!!

We recently received a \$300 gift from Linda Rettig who was a very active member of both the Corvallis and State associations. The board voted to set aside the funds to be used as seed money for the Good Turn Project chaired by Melissa Cowan. As a reminder, this is the new project that will take on the ongoing task of maintaining the "bulb outs" at the intersection of Second and Madison Streets. Melissa indicated she has 13 people – 13 people!! – on the committee so it will be great fun to either participate directly or just enjoy the lovely work done for our city.

A new project for EGC is just beginning to take shape – Home Grown National Park initiative begun by our January speaker, Doug Tallamy, and Michelle Alfandari. The mission of this organization is "to regenerate biodiversity and ecosystem function because every human being on this planet needs diverse and highly productive ecosystems to survive". If you're interested in participating in this committee to explore and develop an action plan for our association, please email Cathy Kerr at [cgkerr11@icloud.com](mailto:cgkerr11@icloud.com).

The new book gatherings, begun by Nancy Mandel, have met, discussed various gardening books, and new book titles are lining up for the future. This is another comfortable way to get acquainted with other EGC members and, besides, we're all reading gardening books aren't we?? If you would like a bit more information, email Nancy at [rosefrog@gmail.com](mailto:rosefrog@gmail.com). I think y'all need to come up with a clever title for this group instead of "book gatherings". Let me know.

Last thought: Our February membership meeting, 7 PM, on February 6<sup>th</sup> will be in person and also available on Zoom. Our presenter will be Emily Carlson, OSU Dept. of Horticulture, speaking about native bees. I'll send out the Zoom link on Trumpetvine.

Last, last thought: "There are two seasonal diversions that can ease the bite of any winter. One is the January thaw; the other is the seed catalogues." *Hal Borland*

-Janet

## Meet a Member



**Cathy Kerr**

I grew up helping my grandmother in her garden and always had a patch at my home-of radishes or carrots-simple things. After going away to university I didn't take up gardening again until I moved to Alaska where I removed some spruce trees-and roots!-to make a vegetable garden. The moose and bear had their way with that garden but I pursued gardening when I moved to Anchorage and reveled in the 3 months of near perpetual sunshine and stunning growth. I expanded my repertoire to include perennials, including a friendship garden consisting of flowers my friends gave me to try.

While in Alaska I worked on design teams for K-12 schools and was always interested in the positive impacts of gardens in schools.

Finally weary of the 6 month Alaska winters, I discovered Corvallis on my way from Portland to Lebanon to see the Planting Seeds of Change program. I fell in love with downtown Corvallis and thought I would buy a hobby farm and live my dream of growing vegetables, fruit and nut trees and a cutting garden. But, as fortune would have it, the Fischer House found me and I have lived at 5th and Jefferson for 12 years.



My favorite garden success is about my "street garden". One day a woman stopped and told me she is a therapist nearby and she sends her clients to my garden to make observations, coming back to her office to discuss the changes, chaos, order, regrowth, etc. and their lives. A heart warming testament to never knowing that what you do may impact someone else!

The Corvallis Evening Garden Club has been such a wonderful resource for my learning to garden in the PNW. And I love the people I have met there and the fun we have!

## February Opportunities & Reminders

### EGC Membership Dues

EGC membership fees are due by February 21, 2023

Cost : \$20 per individual OR  
\$30 per couple

Payment Method : Checks only

Mail to : Corvallis Evening Garden Club

P.O. Box 315

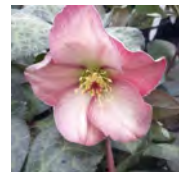
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### Happy Hellebores Days

#### Out in the Garden Nursery

Almost 40 *Helleborus* cultivars and many other winter interest plants for sale, plus a display garden. Visit their [website](#) for details and plant lists.



When: Friday, Saturday, Sunday for all of February  
10 AM – 4 PM

Where: Out in the Garden Nursery  
32483 S. Mathias Road, Molalla

### Hellebore Open Garden Days

#### Northwest Garden Nursery

Northwest Garden Nursery is known for its hellebores and they will have other early bloomers for sale as well.

It is also an opportunity to see their beautiful gardens. Check out their [website](#) for photos and more information.



When: Saturday, Feb. 18, 10 AM - 2 PM

Saturday, Feb. 25, 10 AM - 2 PM

Where: Northwest Garden Nursery  
86813 Central Rd., Eugene

### WILDLIFE AND WATER FRIENDLY GARDEN SERIES

**FREE, but pre-registration required**



This is a free online series from Clackamas Community College Environmental Learning Center. [Go here to learn more and pre-register.](#)

Thursdays, Noon-12:45 PM

**Feb. 2:** Encouraging Beneficial Insects, Spiders, & Mini-Creatures

**Feb. 9:** Avoiding Invasives in the Garden

**Feb. 16:** Drought-Tolerant Native Plants for Pollinators

**Feb. 23:** Attracting Birds While Protecting Watershed Health

**March 2:** Impacting Watersheds in our Garden Decisions

**March 9:** Garden Design Considerations for Managing Stormwater & Erosion

### Mary's Peak Orchid Society Orchid Show and Sale



Enjoy the beautiful and unique orchid varieties in the show, shop the wide selection of orchids from the vendors, and get expert orchid care advice. Bring in your orchid and have it repotted for \$5.

When: Feb 4, 9 AM—3:30 PM

Where: Garland Nursery

## Gearing Up For Gardening in-person lecture series

Presentations are free and open to everyone.

When: Tuesdays, noon—12:45 PM

Where: Corvallis Public Library  
645 NW Monroe

**February 7**—Native Plants in Your Garden Through the Seasons, Speaker: Joyce Eberhart

**February 14**—Seed Starting, Speaker: Joleen Schilling

**February 21**—Growing Raspberries, Speaker: Bernadine Strik

**February 28**—Root Veggies, Speaker: Darren Morgan

## Insights Into Gardening 2023!

This event is now full



When: Feb. 11, 9 am - 4 pm

Where: LaSells Stewart Center  
875 SW 26th St., Corvallis

## Buy Native Plants

These two organizations have different native trees, shrubs, and perennials available in February.

### Linn County Small Woodlands Association

Local Woods Fair and Annual Seedling Sale

When: Saturday, Feb 4., 8:00 AM—noon

Where: Linn County Expo Center  
3700 Knox Butte Road E., Albany,

[View plant list & other information](#)

### Benton Soil and Water Conservation District

(BSWCD) is having their annual native plant sale.

Shop online at <https://bentonswcd.org/shop/> until

Feb. 8 or until the plants are sold out. Pickup is Feb 28 at Benton County Fairgrounds.

## BEEvent Pollinator Conference

[Learn more & sign up here](#) in February



When: Mar. 4, 9 am - 4 pm

Where: Linn County Expo Center  
3700 Knox Butte Road E.,  
Albany

## 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

**February 1**— Pruning Ornamental Shrubs

**February 8**—Growing Blueberries

**February 15**—Growing Cane Berries

**February 22**—Growing Tomatoes I: Variety Selection & Seed Starting

## Household Hazardous Waste Event

This would be a good place to dispose of any toxic chemicals you have decided to stop using. See the [Republic Services](#) site for details.

When: Saturday, Feb. 11, 9 AM—2 PM

Where: Republic Services  
110 NE Walnut Blvd, Corvallis

## EGC Projects and Programs

### The Good Turn Project

EGC has taken on the renovation and maintenance of the 10 flower beds downtown at the intersection of Second St. and Madison Ave.

Contact: Melissa Cowan at [cowan196@gmail.com](mailto:cowan196@gmail.com)



### Homegrown National Park

EGC members are excited about the nationwide Homegrown National Park initiative. We are at the development stage of an action plan for our club's participation.

Contact: Cathy Kerr at [cgkerr11@icloud.com](mailto:cgkerr11@icloud.com)

### Floral Therapy

EGC members are leading flower arranging classes at Stoneybrook assisted living.

Contact: Donna Westwood at [ndbalumna@yahoo.com](mailto:ndbalumna@yahoo.com).



### EGC Book Groups



There are two EGC Book Groups and each has met once with everybody eager to meet again. All EGC members are welcome to attend either of these meetings or both. The books chosen for the March meetings are available from Amazon for less than \$20 and from the library.

#### The Thursday Book Group

Book: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*

by Barbara Kingsolver

Time: 2:30, Thursday, March 2

Place : Imagine Coffee Co.

5460 SW Philomath Blvd.

#### The Tuesday Book Group

Book: *The Earth in Her Hands* by Jennifer Jewell

Time: 2:30, Tuesday, March 21

Place: Home of Cathy Kerr

460 SW Jefferson

All members are welcome to attend either or both meetings.

Contact: Nancy Mandel at [rosefrog@gmail.com](mailto:rosefrog@gmail.com)

## 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
Jan 30	Feb 6 In-person and Zoom	<i>Improving Backyard Habitat for Bees</i> Presenter: Emily Carlson Emily is an OSU PhD student working on native pollinators.
Feb 27	Mar 6 In-person and Zoom	<i>Sustainable Landscapes with Natives and Cool Drought Tolerant Plants</i> Presenter: Tamara Paulat Tamara Paulat does the blog at Chickadee Gardens. We have an invitation to tour their garden sometime after this talk.
Mar 27	Apr 3 In-person	<i>A Look at Native Plants through the Seasons</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@corvalliseningardenclub.org](mailto:president@corvalliseningardenclub.org).





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Corvallis, Oregon

February 6, 2023 7 PM presentation

Improving Backyard Habitat for Bees

By Emily Carlson



Emily is a Graduate Research Assistant and PhD student at OSU in the Honey Bee and Pollinator Health Labs. She will be telling us how to improve our backyard habitat for bees including some common life histories of native bees that is critical to understanding how to support them.

This will be a hybrid meeting meaning you can attend onsite and join gardening friends or Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent via Trum-petvine. 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.corvallis-evening-garden-club.org/membership/](http://www.corvallis-evening-garden-club.org/membership/)

**General Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2023**

The meeting started at 7pm Jan 9, 2023, as a Zoom only meeting with Janet Magedanz presiding. There were 92 Zoom logins while other people watched the recording later making this one of our best attended meetings.

A very entertaining and informative presentation was given by our guest speaker, Doug Tallamy. He is a professor of entomology at the University of Delaware and the author of several best-selling books including *Bringing Nature Home* and *Nature's Best Hope*. We were amazed to learn the amount of native life an oak tree can support, but Dr. Tallamy emphasized the oak tree must be native to the area, an exotic does little good. He urged us to value caterpillars as they support a huge variety of bird species. He is a co-founder of the HomeGrown National Park movement whose goal is to have 20 million acres of yard area devoted to native plants. Every bit of space devoted to native plants, even if it's just a corner of a yard, helps protect the biodiversity of our land. Learn more at [homegrownnationalpark.org](http://homegrownnationalpark.org).

Submitted by Nancy Mandel,  
Co-Secretary of the EGC.

**Treasurer's Report  
EGC December 2022 Activity  
Hanne and Heinrich Niederhausen**

**Checking**

<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$5,356.54</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Dues	495.00
Donation from Linda Rettig	300.00
Donation from guest fees for Doug Tallamy talk	100.00
Fundraising Botanical Interests Seed Company	48.90
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$943.90</b>

**Expenses**

<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$6,300.44</b>
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<b><u>Savings Account - end of month</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,012.16</u></b>
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<b>Total EGC Accounts</b>	<b>\$13,312.60</b>
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Less outstanding checks	<u>90.00</u>
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