



# Evening Garden Club

## Corvallis, Oregon

March 2023

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#### Nominations:

Kathleen Rochester

## President's Message:

Chilly March greetings to you all. During these last many very cold days it's been really nice because of the sun streaming into my sunroom, but I'd sure like to go outside to do some yard cleanup without getting sooooo cold!

In spite of the cold weather, the EGC has been busy. We had our board meeting this morning and I was delighted to hear how well The Good Turn Project is doing. This project is a perfect example of one EGC member having a great idea and getting other EGC members involved in renovating an area on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street that was in great need of improvement. You'll see more information in the newsletter so, if you haven't already volunteered, you are welcome to join in.

Last month the board approved a motion to only allow EGC members on the Trumpetvine list. I'm sure a few of you will not be pleased about this but the purpose of Trumpetvine is to keep EGC members informed about meetings, garden tours, free plants, etc., and the decision was made that Trumpetvine is such a valuable attribute to membership, we shouldn't be "giving it away". Consequently, in the next few weeks, those that did not renew their membership will be removed. So, if you want to continue to stay informed on Trumpetvine, you can still renew your membership.

Those of you that have been EGC members for several years will remember the Corvallis Spring Garden event that was held in May at Central Park. If I'm remembering correctly, at this event in 2019 we held a sale of used garden related items. Many of us participated both by giving away our extra things and/or volunteering at the event. It was so good to get rid of stuff I no longer needed or used thus freeing up space to buy more stuff! This event went on hiatus because of COVID but it's back this year. Information will shortly be forthcoming since the event is May 7<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, take time to look around at your accumulated "stuff" because we'll want it for the sale.

Next Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, our speaker Tamara Paulat of Chickadee Gardens will be at our meeting place – Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 NW Highland Drive. It will be a hybrid meeting meaning both in person and on Zoom. Tamara worked at Joy Creek Nursery for several years so she has lots of experience with a wide variety of plant material. Her presentation is entitled *Garden Successes in a Changing Climate*. Please consider attending the meeting because she is coming from St. Helens, OR to speak to us and there's a strong rumor she is bringing along plants to sell.

I recently received a state-wide membership report for the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, of which we are members. Of all the individual clubs in Oregon, we have the largest membership and we had the highest number of new members in 2022 of 36. We are obviously doing something right! Glad you're one of the 125 Corvallis members.

Last thought: *"Join the whole creation of animate things in a deep, heartfelt joy that you are alive, that you see the sun, that you are in this glorious earth which nature has made so beautiful, and which is yours to enjoy."* Sir William Osler

-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: *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*  
by Barbara Kingsolver  
Time: 2:30, Thursday, March 2  
Place : Imagine Coffee Co.  
5460 SW Philomath Blvd.

#### 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

### Good Turn Project Update

Our first work day on Feb 5<sup>th</sup> was a huge success!

Under the threat of rain, eight hardy workers pulled weeds, dug out old ratty lavender plants, pruned roses and did a general cleanup of the adopted beds at the intersection of Madison and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. I was impressed by the amount of work we got done and what a difference it made - and we haven't even planted anything yet! The City provided tools, debris cleanup, encouragement and support. They really appreciate the work of the garden club.

We have a bit more cleanup to do, then will move on to the design phase. 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!

Our next workday will be March 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 until 2. We welcome any and all helpers. Feel free to drop by for as long or short as you like.





# Floral Therapy Program

I'm pleased to share the great news that our Floral Classes are back in full swing now that the Assisted Living Facilities have reopened. Thanks to the interest of eight EGC volunteers (including 6 new members), we have been able to hold weekly classes in February at Stoneybrook Lodge, Stoneybrook Assisted Living, and the Regency Park Place, all in Corvallis.



We are grateful to Market of Choice and Trader Joe's for their generous donations of flowers since 2009, when I began putting this project together. It's a win-win for all involved, especially the residents who continue to say that this is their favorite activity and that they always look forward to making their creations!

If you might be interested in joining Gwen, Sue, Suzanne, Roz, Paula, Pat, Sheila, and Heather, please contact me at [ndbalumna@yahoo.com](mailto:ndbalumna@yahoo.com). Be prepared to make a rewarding contribution to grateful seniors in our community! See for yourself...

Donna Westwood, Floral Therapy Coordinator



Gwen and her mom, Jean





## LeAnna Trosen

# Meet a Member

I was born in North Dakota and didn't have any real gardening experience growing up except occasionally helping my mom with weeding her vegetable garden.

Soon after I got married in 1990, we moved to Portland, OR. I immediately developed an interest in gardening as I had a neighbor with a flower garden like nothing I had experienced before. My passion was born and I wanted to know as much as possible about everything to do with plants. The timing of this newfound enthusiasm wasn't ideal because we were just starting our family and I had two busy toddlers that just wanted to play in the dirt! Thankfully we had a retired couple living next door who would hand me a fresh bouquet of dahlias across the fence each week.



We then moved to Malaysia with my husband's job. That time was a wonderful experience enjoying all the tropical plants in their natural habitat. I would purchase a bouquet of orchids each week for less than 5 US dollars! Our family really enjoys experiencing new cultures as well as eating the local cuisine so living in SE Asia was a food paradise for us! Upon returning from overseas we landed in SE Idaho near Yellowstone Park for 15 years. It was picturesque but the winters were VERY long. During those years in Idaho my affection for houseplants grew immensely with the extremely short growing season.

When my husband considered a job at Consumer's Power in Philomath I was hesitant to pull up our roots again. After agreeing to the transplant and now having lived in Corvallis the past 7 years, I absolutely love our new life in western Oregon. I was introduced to the Evening Garden Club by a flier posted in a kiosk at Franklin Park, across the street from our home. I have met so many wonderful new friends through EGC and have learned so much from all the speakers and members willing to share their knowledge AND their plants.

I have been married for nearly 33 years and we have two grown children and a new daughter-in-law! I teach volleyball classes at OSU part-time. As well as gardening, I really like coffee, chocolate, birding, being outside, enjoying the mild climate of the Willamette Valley and cheering on the Beavs.



My mother who recently passed away encouraged me to 'Bloom Where You Are Planted' so I strive to be content where I have been placed and make the most of every opportunity!

### Some of my favorites:

Garden Style- *Cottage*

Magazine- *Fine Gardening*

Website- *The Middle Sized Garden*

Annual- *Apricot Lemonade Cosmos*

Evergreen Shrub- *Daphne*

Native Plant- *Rose Checker Mallow*

Local Nursery- *Alsea Thyme Garden*

Private Garden- *Marietta and Ernie O'Byrne in Eugene*

Public Garden- *Butchart Gardens in Victoria, British Columbia*

Place in Corvallis- *OSU Campus when the magnolias or rhododendrons are blooming*

Traditions- *Our daughter lives in Oregon City and every time she comes to visit during gardening season, I send her home with a fresh bouquet!*



## February Opportunities & Reminders

### Name Tag Volunteer Needed

Please consider taking on the responsibility of managing the name tags for EGC. This involves creating name tags for new members and making sure the tags get to our meetings.

Contact: Catherine Whiting  
catherinewhiting@gmail.com

### Local Nursery Activities

#### Members' Weekend

Raffle, classes, wine, ...

When: March 11&12, 10-4

Where: Garland Nursery

<https://www.garlandnursery.com/event/members-weekend/>

#### Boosting Your Soil Performance

When: March 18, 10:30 AM

Where: Home Grown Gardens

Please RSVP

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

### GREAT GARDEN WEBINARS

#### National Garden Bureau

Ask the experts about:

- Cool season annuals March 7, 10 AM
- New plants for 2023 March 9, 10 AM
- Seed starting March 10, 10 AM
- Gardening in the Southeast March 16, 9 AM

Meet the Authors Book Party  
March 23, 4-5:15 PM



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

### Propagation Fair

- **Grafting** - Purchase scion wood and root stock, and/or have the scion grafted to the rootstock. Featuring apple, plum, peach, pear, grape, figs and berry scion wood cuttings.
- **Seeds swap**
- **Live plants** for sale at affordable prices
- **Pollinator speaker**
- **Master gardener Q&A**

When: Saturday, March 25th, 1 to 4 pm

Where: 28721 Liberty Rd,  
Sweet Home Charter School  
Sweet Home

Flyer below

### WILDLIFE AND WATER FRIENDLY GARDEN SERIES

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



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

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

## BEEvent Pollinator Conference

[Learn more & sign up here](#)

When: Mar. 4, 9 am - 4 pm  
Where: Linn County Expo Center  
3700 Knox Butte Road E.,  
Albany



## Santiam District Garden Clubs' Spring Meeting

**RSVP** to attend our district event in Albany on March 16, 10:30 am. Donate a garden item to the raffle, build a topiary, eat dessert! Details in the flyer below.

## The Mahonia Winter edition

This is the official newsletter of Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, to which EGC belongs.

[Check out the article](#) near the end about a new glyphosate-free alternative to Roundup.

## Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series 2023 OSU Master Gardeners

**Put It to the Test: Improving Garden Fertility with Soil Analysis, Soil Regions, and Microclimates**

Presenter: Mykl Nelson

When: Tuesday, March 14, 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.

## 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

**March 1—** Home Hydroponic Gardening

**March 8—** Growing Early-Season Vegetables in Times of Weather Challenges

**March 15—** Attracting and Hosting Mason Bees

**March 22—** Inviting Beneficial Insects to Your Garden

**March 29—** Tomatoes II: Transplanting & Planting into the Garden

## 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
Feb 27	Mar 6 In-person and Zoom	<i>Garden Successes in a Changing Climate</i> Presenter: Tamara Paulat Tamara Paulat does the blog at Chickadee Gardens. She will be bringing plants to sell. 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@corvalliseveninggardenclub.org](mailto:president@corvalliseveninggardenclub.org).



## Member Favorite Podcasts

### Gardening with the RHS

Based in the UK, but has lots of practical seasonal gardening advice that is applicable in our similar climate.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/about-the-rhs/publications/podcasts>

### Cultivating Place

Jennifer Jewell, a recent speaker at the EGC, interviews people doing interesting and innovative things in the gardening world.

<https://www.cultivatingplace.com/blog-1>

### The Slow Flowers Podcast

Debra Prinzing focuses on the business of flower farming and floral design through the Slow Flowers sustainability ethos.

<https://www.slowflowerspodcast.com>

### Pollination

OSU faculty member [Andony Melathopoulos](#) is the upbeat knowledgeable host on many pollinator topics.

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/podcast/pollination-podcast>

### Gardeners' Question Time

A panel of horticultural experts answer gardeners' questions in England.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qp2f/episodes/downloads>

### Gardeners' Corner

David Maxwell hosts inspirational garden advice, news, and visits to local gardens. From Ireland.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b007b5wg/episodes/downloads>

### You Bet Your Garden

From Philadelphia with Mike McGrath -- "fiercely organic" and rather folksy.

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/1087444113/you-bet-your-garden>

### A Way to Garden

Margaret Roach often has good current garden topics and her website/newsletters have full transcripts and other info. Sometimes I just read her, and sometimes I listen.

<https://awaytogarden.com/podcast>

### Fruit Love Letters

Isn't really about growing fruit so much as eating it and a lot of cultural information, nutrition -- you name it.

<https://www.listennotes.com/podcasts/fruit-love-letters-whetstone-radio-collective-7zqOvAhw9Pi/>

### Gardening with Ciscoe

Podcast for the PNW ended in 2020 but 100 podcasts are still available. He was super popular apparently.

<https://www.audible.com/pd/Gardening-with-Ciscoe-Podcast/B08JJPBHHG>

### Talking Dirty: Get Gardening

Thordis Fridriksson and Alan Gray chat with guests about favorite plants. Lots of laughter and plant lust.

<https://www.getgardeningnow.co.uk/talking-dirty>

### The Joe Gardener Show

Joe Lamp'l loves to educate people about the science behind gardening. Quite a lot of advertising, but worth it.

<https://joegardener.com/podcasts>

### 2 Minutes in the Garden

Gives us the facts on all kinds of gardening subjects. Quick (2 to 10 minutes) and to the point. Very educational.

<https://empressofdirt.net/two-minutes-in-the-garden/>



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

Kathleen Rochester made a request for a volunteer co-secretary to serve from June 2023 to May 2025. She stated that Nancy Mandel has agreed to serve a third year through May 2024 and would work with and train the new co-secretary during that year.

Cathy Kerr introduced Emily Carlson, a research assistant and PHD student at OSU. Emily gave an engaging presentation on "Improving Backyard Habitat for Bees". She stated that there are 630 known species of native bees in Oregon. Bees need a suitable place to nest. 70% of Oregon native bees nest in the ground. They also need appropriate pollen sources. Some bees are generalists and can use many types of flowers, others can use any of several native species of flower and others require one specific native flower. One suggestion she made was to use lots of different flower shapes and to use some native plants. She did not cover plant requirements for butterflies but stated that the Flora of Oregon book has an appendix that lists host plants for our native butterflies.

There were 34 Zoom participants and approximately 18 in person participants.

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

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

**Checking Account**

<b>Starting Balance</b>	<b>\$6,210.44</b>
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**Income**

Dues	530.00
Donation from guest fees for Doug Tallamy talk	115.00
<b>Total income</b>	<b>\$645.00</b>

**Expenses**

Doug Tallamy - speaker fee January Zoom meeting	500.00
PO Box service fee for 2023	166.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$666.00</b>

<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$6,189.44</b>
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<b><u>Savings Account - end of month</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,013.05</u></b>
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<b>Total EGC Accounts</b>	<b>\$13,202.49</b>
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# Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

March 6, 2023 7 PM presentation  
Garden Successes in a Changing Climate  
By Tamara Paulat



Tamara studied art history at Portland State before transitioning to horticulture and worked for several years at Joy Creek Nursery in Scappoose. What started with creating her mother's garden in 2000 has morphed into blogging at [Chickadeegardens.com](http://Chickadeegardens.com), writing for *Pacific Horticulture* and now is on the Great Plant Picks selection committee.

This talk will focus on tough, low maintenance, plants that have sailed through both record wet and record hot and dry seasons in Tamara's Oregon garden.

Her aim is to garden not only for herself but for the chickadees, the butterflies, the bees, the frogs and all the critters that call her garden home.

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/)

**"Welcome to Spring!"**



**Santiam District Garden Clubs  
Invites Club Members and State Officers  
To the**

**Santiam District Garden Clubs' Spring Meeting  
Thursday, March 16, 2023, 10:30 a.m.  
Hosted by Grand Prairie Garden Club at  
First Church of God  
1225 S.W. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Albany**

**Note: The meeting will be in the former Parsonage; park in the church lot.**

Bring your own lunch – drinks and dessert will be provided.  
Special Plant Project (Ivy Topiary) planned for your "hands-on, take-home" enjoyment. Bring a 6" pot – Other supplies will be provided.  
Business meeting includes Election of District Officers for 2023-2025.  
Wear your "green," or floral clothing, and a flower-decorated hat.

**It is going to be great fun!**

Please RSVP by March 10th to: Trudie Bason, District Secretary  
541-258-7693 or [trudie@timeless-gardens.com](mailto:trudie@timeless-gardens.com)



Agrarian Sharing Network

*Spring 2023*  
**PROPAGATION FAIR**  
**SWEET HOME**

**Saturday, March 25, 1–4PM**

✧ **SWEET HOME CHARTER SCHOOL** ✧  
28721 Liberty Road • Sweet Home, Oregon

**SHARE IT!**

*We are seeking cuttings  
of named varieties of  
prolific, healthy,  
unsprayed and organic*

**APPLE, PLUM  
PEACH, PEAR  
GRAPE, FIGS  
& BERRIES**



**CALL TO  
ACTION!**

*We are looking for  
folks to contribute  
& share in this  
community-driven*

**PROPAGATION  
FAIR &  
SEED SWAP**

**THIS FREE EVENT INCLUDES**

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Free Quality Selected Scion • Free Seed Swap  
Free and Affordable Live Plants

*For more info and to volunteer, contact:*  
[sweethome@agrariansharing.net](mailto:sweethome@agrariansharing.net)

[www.agrariansharing.net](http://www.agrariansharing.net)

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