



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

June 2023

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Nominations:

Kathleen Rochester

President's Message:

Happy gardening weather to you all! It's so nice to go outside to work in the garden, with birds singing, hummingbirds humming, breezes softly "breezing", bearded iris and peonies blooming, and sweat not pouring off my body because it's so darned hot. However, I've determined it's the YEAR OF THE WEED!! We always have weeds but this year is the winner by far!

This is my last president's letter because the "baton will be passed" to incoming president Heather Emberson on July 1st. As you all probably know it "takes a village" to well manage a nonprofit and this past fiscal year's Board has been a delight to work with. I was going to continue with listing the many individual contributions of each of the Board members but decided to focus on the non-Board members that have provided extra ordinary service to the club. However, please read the list of names to the left of my letter and consider expressing your appreciation to them for their service.

First on my list for plaudits is Melissa Cowan. Melissa, with help from others, has been lining up garden tours for at least two years. The garden tours are one of the very best reasons to be a member of EGC because we get to see lovely gardens – both private and public – and get to chat together and get better acquainted. In addition, she had a great new idea for a hands-on project. The Board enthusiastically approved the *Good Turn Project* and there is now a core group that is beautifying the bulb-outs (curb extensions) at the intersection of Second and Madison Streets.

Second on my list for plaudits are Cathy Kerr, Adrienne Guy, and crew that have launched the EGC project affiliated with Dr. Doug Tallamy's, *Homegrown National Park*. I'm now receiving on Facebook their postings and they're a delight to read so I encourage you to do the same if you haven't already done so. The postings are a real encouragement to consider how I can enhance my garden to encourage pollinators and other creatures to visit and stay.

Third on my list for plaudits is Val Hall, editor of our monthly newsletter. She would email me each month to remind me that I needed to write the letter and we would sometimes "negotiate" on when I would get it to her. She was always gracious and flexible about her publishing deadline. I hope you all have been consistent newsletter readers because they have always been filled with lots of good, informative, information.

Others that have done great work for the association are Svetlana Dascaluic and committee that worked on the annual grants awards, Kathleen Rochester and committee that worked very hard obtaining nominations for the 2023-2024 Board, and Ruby Moon and committee that obtained speakers for our membership meetings.

Last thought: I've always known that gardeners are special people. Even when you've had a concern or complaint, it was done with grace and thoughtful consideration. Thank you!

Last, last thought: *"The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul."* – Alfred Austin

Janet

EGC Projects and Programs

2022-23 Activities:

Flower Therapy:
Donna Westwood

Good Turn:
Melissa Cowan

Homegrown National Park:
Robin Strauss

Book Group:
Nancy Mandel

EGC Book Groups

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

Thursday Book Group

Book: *Where Lilacs Still Bloom*
by Jane Kirkpatrick

This is a novel based on the life of Hulda Klager, an early lilac hybridizer and creator of the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens in Woodland Washington.

Time: 10:30 am, Thursday, July 6

Place : Home of Pam Stephen
356 NW Autumn Place, Corvallis

Tuesday Book Group

On hiatus until fall

Homegrown National Park

NEW PROJECT: This new project has been started by a small group of EGC native plants enthusiasts to collaborate on gardening with native plants and to join the Friends of the Homegrown National Park strategy of Douglas Tallamy, author of *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation that Starts in Your Yard*. (<https://homegrownnationalpark.org/>)

NEW FACEBOOK GROUP: "Corvallis Evening Garden Club - Homegrown National Park"
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/220872717248212>.
18 members so far!



This is a private Facebook group, for Corvallis Evening Garden Club members only at this time. On this page we post about native plants in our garden or elsewhere, events about native plants, restoration projects, tours offered by various organizations -- usually within our Willamette Valley area -- and other topics related to native plants. Right now it's been the admins of the group who are posting but we want to open the conversation up for everyone in this FB group to be able to share their thoughts and photos on this topic.

NEXT ACTIVITY: We will have a table at the Corvallis farmers market on June 10, and be giving out homegrown national park brochures. Come by and see us or volunteer to help out.

Floral Therapy Program

Floral Therapy continues at 4 assisted living locations every month. Want to join us? Contact Donna Westwood, Floral Therapy Coordinator at ndbalumna@yahoo.com



Good Turn

Next time you go downtown, stop by the intersection of 2nd Street and Madison Avenue and take a look at our new plantings!

Meet a Member



Bea Van Horne

Now retired, I feel lucky to be able to create the garden of my dreams on a couple of acres. My working life as a vertebrate ecologist included 17 years as a professor of zoology at Colorado State University, where I conducted research on birds and small mammals, focusing on habitat issues. I also worked for the national offices of the US Forest Service (7 years) and US Geological Survey Biological Research Division (4 years). I moved to Corvallis as a Program Manager for the US Forest Service in 2010. Recent books are *People Forests and Change: Lessons from the Pacific Northwest* Olson, D. H. and B. Van Horne, eds, 2017 and *Shepherding Nature: The Challenge of Conservation Reliance*, Scott, J. M., J. A. Wiens, B. Van Horne, and D. D. Goble, 2020.

In my garden I strive to integrate food production for my family with ornamentals. I emphasize native plants or types that are closely related. I don't do much with rare types or varieties, and do not keep indoor plants.



The garden is surrounded by a deer fence that is raised a bit so small animals can go in and out. Each area of the garden has its own feel such as northwest forest meadow, dry ridge, wetland, shady hillside, or open shrubland. I find that gardening in the Pacific Northwest is mostly about removing biomass. I am somewhat nutty about compost and send only the woody stuff out to Republic Service's big grinders. A couple of times a year I douse the ornamentals with compost. I use wood chips as mulch in the outer areas of the garden, and allow favorite plants such as columbine to wander where they will. I suppose 60% of my garden time is spent weeding, 20% pruning, and 20% on growing, harvesting, and storing fruits and vegetables.

It is my hope that the garden will provide habitat for small mammals, arthropods, herpetofauna, and birds throughout the year. Also, that visitors and family will find it attractive and peaceful—a source of enjoyment and relaxation with little reminders of outdoor places they have known and loved.

Summer Opportunities & Reminders

10-minute University

Free online seminars from Clackamas County Master Gardeners. When it gets too hot to be in the garden, go to their [website](#) to view the recordings of any classes you may have missed this year.



CEGC Board Meeting Minutes

Take a few minutes and read what our board members have been talking about lately! Minutes are posted for each month after they have been approved at the following month's board meeting. You will need to use the new EGC member password that was recently sent out.

<https://corvalliseningardenclub.org/members-only>

Mini-College 2023 *The JOY of Gardening* Oregon Master Gardener Assoc.

When: July 7 and 8
Where: OSU Alumni Center
Cost: \$100

For complete details and to register go to <https://omgajoyofgardening.regfox.com/omga-joy-of-gardening>

Standard Flower Show *Peace, Love, & Strawberries* Presented by Lebanon Garden Club

FREE
Friday, June 2
Saturday, June 3

See flyer below for de-



Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series 2023 OSU Master Gardeners

June 13, noon

. The Bees' Needs: Make Your Backyard a Sweet Spot

July 11, noon

. Getting Wild: Using Native Plants to Restore Biodiversity

August 8, noon

. Savoring Summer: Safely Preserving Your Harvest

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



Corvallis Evening Garden Club Summer Tour Schedule 2023

Trumpetvine notices will be sent out about a week ahead of each tour. Mark your calendars so you don't miss out on the fun!

2023 Tour Schedule

**** Indicates an "On Your Own" event. Not an official EGC tour**

Date	Time	Name	Area	notes
April / May	any	**Rhodies at OSU Womens Bldg	160 SW 26th OSU Campus	**On your own
April 30	2 - 4	Caroline Choquette	Near Gathering Together Farm, Philo.	trillium, snowdrops, etc
May 6	9-3	**Master Gardener plant sale	Benton Co Fairgrounds	**on your own
May 7	10-4	**Corvallis Spring Garden Fest	Central Park	**on your own
May 20th	1-3	Bea Van Horne Member Garden	N Corvallis	Veggies and Fruit trees + natives. Creating communities. Carpool at Church Highland/Walnut 12:30
May 20 and 21	11-4	**Rare Plant Research	11900 S Criteser Rd, Oregon City 97045	Open House event: greenhouses with exotic plants, wine tasting , glass art, etc **on your own
June 14	10am	Joyce Eberhart	Corvallis	Many natives
June 11	9-4	**McMinnville Garden Faire	Cowls St btwn 1st and 3rd	Free **on your own
	10-3	**Mcminnville Garden Tour	5 Mcminnville home gardens	\$10.00 / **on your own
June 16	11:30	Thyme Garden (open 11-4)	20546 Alsea Hwy 97324	Pack a lunch / 10:30 carpool at Fairgrounds
June 17	10-4	**Thru The garden Gate	various gardens in Albany	**on your own
June 24	11:30	Chickadee Gardens - Tamara	St Helens, OR 97051	9:00 Carpool at Church Highland/Walnut
June 26	6-8	Colleen and Rob Schulze Garden	Philomath	
July 8	10am	Deb Garley Member Garden	Marys River Estates	Pack a lunch for lunch by the river 9:45 Carpool at Fairgrounds
Aug 17	4:30 til ~9	Sage Garden / Concert	Starker Arts Park	4:30 Set up blanket and chairs / 4:45 Tour / 5:45 wine & picnic / 6:00 concert
Aug 23	5-7	Marsha Ham Member Garden	Mulkey btwn Kings and 29th	Plus 3-5 neighbs incl Jan Gustavson, Sally
Aug 28	5PM	Tomato Tasting Event	South Corvallis	

**** Important note about the June 14 tour****

Parking is very limited on NW Edgewood Dr. Please park on nearby NW 36th, 34th or 33rd St off of NW Grant St. and walk up Edgewood. If you have restricted mobility feel free to drive up to the house, as there are a few parking places in front of our house. Edgewood is a dead-end street without a good turn around, so please don't drive up unless you need to park there. Three houses in a row will be open for viewing, numbers 5, 7, and 9, all on the right (east) side of the street. The gardens are all accessible from the driveway on the south side of #5.

Summer Plant Sales and Fairs

Month	Day	Title	Location
June	11	McMinnville Garden Club Tour & Faire	Cowl's St., McMinnville
	17	Annual Summer Kickoff	Seabright Gardens, Salem
	23-24	Hydrangea Plus pre-summer Open House	6543 S. Zimmerman Rd., Aurora
	24-25	Clackamas County Lavender Festival	Oregon Lavender Farm, 20949 S. Harris Rd., Oregon City
July	8-9	Midsummer Madness	Cascade Nursery Trail Nurseries
	23	Wine & Cheese at Out in the Garden Nursery	32483 S. Mathias Rd, Molalla
Aug	19	Jewel Box plant Sale	Sebright Gardens, Salem
Sept	9	Salem Hardy Plant Society Sale	Sebright Gardens, Salem
	23-24	Colors of Fall Festival	Cascade Nursery Trail Nurseries

Check Dates, Times, Addresses before going

Member Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2023 7:00

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

The meeting started at 7pm May 1, 2023, as an in-person only meeting at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church with Janet Magedanz presiding. There were 36 attendees.

Darren Morgan from Shonnard's Nursery gave a very entertaining and informative presentation on Growing Tomatoes and answered our many questions on the topic. Nancy Mandel announced that there will be a Tomato Tasting event on August 28 and urged people to attend and bring tomatoes to share. In the business portion of the meeting a motion was passed to not have fundraising events in fiscal year 2023-2024 and instead fund grants and scholarships through donations. The evening ended with our annual May plant exchange.

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

Treasurer's Report
EGC April 2023 Activity
Hanne and Heinrich Niederhausen

CHECKING ACCOUNT OSCU

Starting Balance \$4,049.44

Income

Dues	150.00
Donation from guest fee	35.00
Donation for grant fund	40.00
Fundraising	30.00

Total income	\$255.00
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Expenses

Joyce Eberhart - speaker fee April meeting	300.00
Home Grown Gardens gift cards	40.00
Grants: 5 checks	1,805.00
Grants: 2 checks \$935	Checks have not cleared yet
Rebecca Levien - Updating EGC website	240.00

Total Expenses	\$2,145.00
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Ending Balance **\$2,159.44**

SAVINGS ACCOUNT OSCU

Ending Balance **\$8.22**

SAVINGS ACCOUNT WaFd BANK

Certificate of Deposit including interest	9,051.29
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GRAND TOTAL **\$11,218.95**

Less outstanding checks	935.00
	\$10,283.95



2023



LEBANON
GARDEN CLUB
PRESENTS

PEACE, LOVE &
STRAWBERRIES

STANDARD FLOWER SHOW


SANTIAM PLACE
139 S. MAIN, LEBANON

FRIDAY, JUNE 2 ~ 1:00 - 4:30
SATURDAY, JUNE 3 ~ 12:00 - 4:30

FREE TO PUBLIC

FLOWER SHOW SCHEDULES AVAILABLE AT:

Lebanon Chamber of Commerce, Lebanon Library
Lebanon Senior Center, Green Thumb Nursery
Summit Ace Home & Garden, Garlands, Corvallis



Tomato Tasting

An Evening Garden Club Event

SAVE THE DATE:
August 28 at 5pm

**In the backyard of
David and Nancy Mandel
560 SE Alexander Ave
Corvallis, Oregon**



- Bring some tomatoes (home grown or purchased) to share and taste.
- Vote for the best in each category (cherry, salad, paste, slicing).
- Compete for the biggest and smallest ripe tomato.
- Be creative, have fun, and grow tasty tomatoes.
- Check out the video link below for one man's unusual but highly successful method of growing tomatoes.

www.growingagreenerworld.com/episode-803-epic-tomatoes/

Jennifer's Garden Gnomes will have tomato plants for sale Saturday, April 29th at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 9am to 1pm.

Darren Morgan will be speaking at the May 1st meeting on Growing Tomatoes.

More details via trumpetvine by August 1