



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

May 2023

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President's Message:

I was beginning to think spring would never arrive but the good news is that spring has sprung! I took a quick walkaround in my backyard this morning - squish, squish, squish - and the new plant growth is making up for lost time. Yay!

I will soon send out the Trumpetvine reminder about our upcoming May membership meeting. It's going to be a "twofer". Darren Morgan from Shonnard's Nursery will be speaking to us about tomatoes, how to grow them and which varieties are best for the Willamette Valley. After Darren's presentation we will segue to our plant exchange. This is always a fun event because the range and depth of plant material is remarkable so your "job" is to be potting up whatever annual, perennial, shrub, tree, bulb, rhizome that you would like to share. Please remember to include the name of the plant so we know what we're gazing at.

To make our May event even more fun, if you've got one - or more - garden books that you no longer need, consider bringing it/them along to the May meeting. If you find a new treasure amongst the books, consider dropping a dollar or two into the new Grants Fund container and take home a new garden resource. However, if no one claims your contribution, it WILL go back home with you. At our last membership meeting we decided to accumulate funds for our annual grants awards with member contributions instead of sponsoring one or more fundraising events. Over the year we're hoping to raise \$1,000 from contributions with another \$1,000 from our financial reserves so we can continue to provide benefits to other gardening related nonprofits. So, if you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or whatever else, consider writing a check to EGC. Those gifts will be set aside for the grants process. Keep in mind that EGC is a 501(c)(3) organization so the gift will be tax deductible.

At our board meeting this morning, we approved a new project - Homegrown National Park. You'll remember hearing about this endeavor during the Zoom meeting with Doug Tallamy. Several EGC members began planning for how EGC could be a part of this endeavor and the HNP Committee, chaired by Robin Strauss, will be providing more information in the future.

Please take time to visit our website - CorvallisEveningGardenClub.org. Gayle Parrish has taken over responsibility for updating the website and there will soon be information about the Homegrown National Park project.

As you know, Trumpetvine is our primary vehicle for communicating about garden related information. However, I have received several emails complaining about the overuse of Trumpetvine and some have asked to be taken off because of the overuse. So, I encourage you all to be frugal in your use of the email service and, if you want to respond to an email, please, please, please only respond to sender, not Trumpetvine.

Final thought: "No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth....and no culture comparable to that of the garden...But though an old man, I am but a young gardener." Thomas Jefferson

-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

Thursday Book Group

Book: *We Made a Garden*

by Margery Fish

Time: 2:30, Thursday, May 4

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

Tuesday Book Group

On hiatus until fall

Homegrown National Park

This is now an official project! More information will be coming on our EGC website at <https://corvalliseveninggardenclub.org/> . Robin Strauss (rstrauss@peak.org) is the new chair.



Floral Therapy Program

Floral Therapy continues at 4 assisted living locations every month. Many thanks to all who participate.

Want to join us? Contact Donna Westwood, Floral Therapy Coordinator at ndbalumna@yahoo.com

Good Turn Project

We are ready to plant! We have purchased most of the structural plants and soil amendments. A notice of the next workday will be sent out via Trumpetvine - it will be weather dependent. We welcome any and all helpers. Feel free to drop by for as long or short as you like.

Current Plant list:

[Feelin' Blue deodar cedar](#)

[Hinoki cypress / Cryptomeria japonica 'Tansu'](#)

[All Gold juniper](#)

[Blue Pacific juniper](#)

[Hebe 'Sutherlandii'](#)

[Cryptomeria 'Little Diamond'](#)

[Nandina flirt](#)

[Iris pallida](#)

[Yucca 'Golden Sword'](#)

[Apricot Drift groundcover rose](#)

Cordyline

[Acorus 'Ogon'](#)

Calluna (Heather)

[Angelina](#), sedum, hens and chicks

Hardy perennials such as rudbeckia, penstemon, achillea, etc.



After we get the structure plants in the ground, we will work on sourcing perennials through Trumpetvine, MG, etc., 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!

And a huge **THANK YOU** to our member Karen Hopson for creating the design for the beds. Couldn't have done it without you!

May Opportunities & Reminders

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



May 3— Tomatoes III: Planting & Cultural Best Practices

May 10— Creating Year-round Color in the Garden

May 17— Growing Vegetables Year-round

May 24— Garden Wilding: Restore Ecological Function for Wildlife and People

Spring Park Cleanup

When: Saturday, May 6, 9:30 am - 12 noon

Where: Corvallis Central Park

Details: <https://www.corvallisoregon.gov/parksrec/page/spring-park-cleanup-event-may-6>

Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series 2023 OSU Master Gardeners

Forest Foe: How You Can Help Slow the Emerald Ash Borer Invasion

Presenter: Alex Gorman

When: Tuesday, May 9, 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.

Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale and Clinic

Nearly 10,000 plants, 2,000 native plants!

When: May 6, 9 am—3 pm

Where: Benton County Fairgrounds

Details: <https://www.bentonmg.org/plant-sale>

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://corvalliseveninggardenclub.org/members-only>



Missed BEEvent 2023? It's not too late!

Order a video of all of the BEEvent 2023 presentations for \$25.



<https://linnmastergardeners.com/product/beeevent-pollinator-conference-2023-video>

May Plant Sales and Fairs

Day	Title	Location
5-6	Yamhill Co. Master Gardener Plant Sale	Fairgrounds, 2070 NE Lafayette, McMinnville
6	Benton County Master Gardener Plant Sale	Benton County Fairgrounds
6-7	Spring Garden Fair	Event Center 694 NE 4th Ave., Canby
7	Corvallis Spring Garden Fest	Central Park, Corvallis
12-13	Polk County Master Gardeners	Fairgrounds, Rickreall
12-13	Lebanon Garden Club plant sale	10th & Tangent, Lebanon, OR
13	Willamette Valley Hardy Plant Sale	Fairgrounds, Eugene
19-29	Hydrangea Plus Overstock Sale	6543 S. Zimmerman Rd., Aurora
20	Dallas "In the Garden Faire"	Evangelical Bible Church, Dallas
27-29	Spring Fever Open House	Cascade Nursery Trail, All the CNT Nurseries

Check Dates, Times, Addresses before going



Oregon native, *erythronium revolutum* (Pink Fawn Lily)



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

The Evening Garden Club announced the winners of the 2023 Grants competition.

The grant program, funded entirely by the fundraising activities of EGC, supports learning, practicing, and appreciation of gardening in our community.



This year, the projects supported by EGC grants include school gardens (Bessie Coleman Elementary School, Philomath Elementary and Middle School, Philomath Montessori, and Ashbrook Independent School), community gardening and beautification projects (DevNW/Thriving Communities, Philomath Community Services).

Corvallis Evening Garden Club is thrilled and honored to support the projects that make our community so special.

Next grants cycle will start in January 2024, the information will be posted on the Club's web site:

<https://corvalliseveninggardenclub.org/grants/>



Previous Grant Program Highlights:

DevNW was awarded a grant in 2022 from the Corvallis Evening Garden Club to provide gardening resources at two of the community gardens located on our affordable housing properties: Leonard Street Community Gardens and Lancaster Bridge Community Gardens.

The funds were used to purchase soil amendments, seeds, and plant starts for the established plots gardened by the community residents.



The pictures above and below were taken early (above) and late (below) in the 2022 season at the Lancaster Bridge Community Gardens in Northeast Corvallis. The bounty from the 19 garden plots maintained by the residents provides access to fresh vegetables in high-density, resource-poor neighborhoods.



The grant also funded books for the Little Free Library constructed in the Fall of 2022 at the Leonard Street Community Gardens. The LFL construction project was funded, in part, by a grant from the Benton Community Foundation, combining two local funding sources for a beautiful designated site where neighbors can access reading material, community garden produce, non-perishable donations and monthly newsletters. The books purchased with Evening Garden Club funds are garden resource books for beginner- and youth-gardeners.



Little Free Library ribbon-cutting event in October 2022.



A neighborhood event took place in October for the Little Free Library celebration. This picture shows a corner of the Leonard Street Community Gardens, and resident neighbors enjoying a potluck meal together in front of the Pickford Leonard Apartments.

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
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.



Oregon native, *viola glabella* (Stream Violet)

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	

Member Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023 7:00
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

The meeting started at 7pm April 3, 2023, as a hybrid meeting with Janet Magedanz presiding. There were 62 in-person attendees and 11 Zoom attendees.

Joyce Eberhardt spoke on Native Plants in Your Garden Through the Seasons. Joyce is a retired, senior faculty research assistant in the Department of Crop and Soil Sciences at OSU. Her presentation of recommended native plants was arranged by season and then by size (tree to groundcover). It is amazing how many beautiful, garden worthy plants are available to us who live in Western Oregon. After Joyce's presentation, members could purchase native plants from Esther McAvoy of Willamette Gardens.

Anna Cassilly and Donna Schultz have volunteered to oversee name tags. We thank them for volunteering and give a big thank you to Catherine Whiting for her two years of service doing this job.

The business meeting had three agenda items: election of officers, approval of grants, and discussion about grant funding. The members elected new officers, who will begin their duties on July 1. The incoming officers are President – Heather Emberson, President elect – Nancy Haldeman, Co- treasurers – Hanne and Heinrich Niederhausen and Paul Westerberg, Co- secretaries – Judi DeBord and Nancy Mandel, Members at Large – Karen Hopson, Gayle Parrish and Patrick Emblidge. Thanks were extended to the Nominating Committee (Kathleen Rochester, Betsy Close and Nancy Haldeman) for a good slate.

The Grants Committee (chaired by Svetlana Dascaliuc, with Sandra Reitmeier-Coolen, Christina Clark, Karen Hopson and Debbie Cornitius) proposed seven grants totaling the budgeted amount of \$2,500 be provided to: Corvallis Neighborhood Housing - \$500, Bessie Coleman Elementary School - \$490, Philomath Middle School - \$150, Ashbrook School - \$500, Philomath Community Service - \$435, Philomath Elementary School - \$250, and Philomath Montessori - \$150. Members approved the grants as proposed.

Because of the difficulty in finding volunteers, the Board is considering funding grants through an increase in dues instead of fundraising events. Presently all the club activities except grants are funded through dues while grants are funded through fundraising and from the club's savings. The Board is suggesting that dues be increased by \$10 per year, resulting in an additional income of approximately \$1,500 which would be devoted to grants. Money from the club's savings would be added to that amount. The club has about \$10,000 in total after distributing this year's grant money. The Board wanted a sense of what the membership thinks. Janet led a lively discussion. Fundraising events require a lot of time and effort and soliciting volunteers for them has been difficult. The Board feels the club should pursue an alternative method of funding grants and the membership agreed. However, members were generally not in favor of a dues increase to fund grants. It was felt that the club should instead seek voluntary donations. This can be done by having a collection basket at in-person events and by asking for donations. The club is a 501c non-profit organization so donations are tax deductible. Members felt the club should try this for one year. Consequently, we will not have a booth at the Spring Garden Festival on May 7, or have fundraising events in the upcoming fiscal year. We will have a collection basket at the May 1 meeting.

The meeting ended with Marge Alig and LeAnna Trosen winning the raffles to Home Grown Gardens.

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

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

CHECKING ACCOUNT OSCU

Starting Balance \$4,374.44

Income

Dues 60.00

Donation from guest fee 15.00

Total income \$75.00

Expenses

Emily Carson - speaker fee February meeting 100.00

Tamara Paulat - speaker fee March meeting 300.00

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition - Spring Garden Festival
space: \$45 Check has not cleared yet

Total Expenses \$400.00

Ending Balance **\$4,049.44**

SAVINGS ACCOUNT OSCU

Ending Balance **\$8.22**

SAVINGS ACCOUNT WaFd BANK

Certificate of Deposit **9,000.00**

GRAND TOTAL **\$13,057.66**

Less outstanding check 45.00

\$13,012.66

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

Master Gardener Plant Sale & Clinic

Great Plants at Great Prices



Perennials



Edibles



Natives



Trees & Shrubs

Over 10,000 Plants

May 6, 9am-3pm

Benton County Fairgrounds

Two Venues: Solar Barn and Floral Courtyard

**More info at:
bentonmg.org/plant-sale**



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