



# Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

December 2023

## 2023-24 Officers:

### President:

Heather Emberson

### President Elect:

Nancy Haldeman

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Judi DeBord

### Members at Large:

Karen Hopson

Gayle Parrish

## 2023-24 Chairs:

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Val Hall

### Programs:

Karen Hopson

### Tours:

LeAnna Trosen

### Website

Gayle Parrish

## 2023-24 Projects:

### Book Club:

Nancy Mandel

### Floral Therapy:

Donna Westwood

### Good Turn:

Melissa Cowan

### Homegrown

### National Park:

Robin Strauss

## President's Message:

Friends are the Flowers in the Garden of Life.

My granddaughter and I spent time together this week buttoning up the garden for winter. One little statue I have in my garden was given to me long ago and has inscribed on it, "Friends are the Flowers in the Garden of Life." I think about this, and about my friend, every time I pass by. It's a reminder that I ought to contact her and say thank you. I have also read and seen on TV this past month stories about simple acts of kindness. Research suggests that even the smallest acts (a smile, help with a door, making a donation) is good for the recipient AND for the giver.

So, with that in mind, and because I could use a good dopamine neurotransmitter hit, I want to give thanks to the Annual Greens Party ad-hoc committee. These women stepped forward to plan, strategize, and implement our December 4, 2023 program meeting at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church at 2650 NW Highland Drive in Corvallis and I am SO grateful: **Kathleen Rochester** (chair), **Bonnie Burkart**, **Barbara Glover**, **Cathy Kerr**, **Cory Koos**, **Barbara Loeb**, and **Sande Reitmeier-Coolen**. I am also aware that, after sending out the invitation, some other EGC members have also stepped-up to help. Your generosity during these busy times is notable. THANK YOU!

The committee asks that you bring your good cheer, a beverage in a spill-proof container, gloves, clippers/secateurs, any extra greens, a wreath form or container (and pre-soaked floral foam if you use it), wire, and special additions like ribbon, ornaments, or pinecones. The **meeting will be from 6:00 – 8:30** with a wreath-making demonstration at 6:30.

The board can report our finances are looking good (thanks everyone for paying your dues), our membership numbers continue to rise (current count is 190), and we are making progress on our public relations presence (both paper and digital). I want to take a moment to thank **Patrick Emblidge** for his service on the Board. Patrick has been lured back to California and will depart Oregon in mid-December to start a new job as the Seed Program Manager at the Mojave Desert Land Trust. We wish him all the best!

You are the flowers in my life! See you soon.

Heather

## CEGC Membership Dues December 15 Deadline

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

Payment Method : Checks only

Mail to : Corvallis Evening Garden Club

P.O. Box 315

Corvallis, OR 97339



## Annual Greens Party

December 4, 2023 – in person



Another EGC tradition, the Greens Party celebrates the Winter season by bringing together a wide variety of greens that can be crafted into indoor and outdoor decorations while enjoying the company of others.

**Be sure to RSVP** to [loebb@comcast.com](mailto:loebb@comcast.com).

Details in invitation flyer below.

## Homegrown National Park



With our gardens sleeping, EGC-Homegrown National Park is turning our attention to propagating native seeds for our Spring and Fall farmers markets. We continue to look for a non-profit located in a house where we can plant a native garden in the front yard.

## Good Turn

Our workdays are typically held on the second Sunday of each month which is the Sunday after the monthly members meeting.

A notice is sent out about a week prior to each workday. **We could sure use a few more volunteers.** You may show up at any workday, and stay as long as you like.



# Club Activities

## Book Club

The EGC Book Group meets on odd-numbered months on a Thursday. All members are welcome.

Book: *The Earth Moved, On The Remarkable Achievements of Earthworms* by Amy Stewart

Time: January 4, 2024 at 2:30pm

Place: Imagine Coffee

5460 SW Philomath Blvd

Corvallis, OR 97333



*Our March book is The Gardener's Year* by Karel Capek.

## Garden Tours 2024 Hosts Wanted

Already longing for spring? I just planted some ranunculus corms and am dreaming of those, almost too perfect to be real, blooms arriving in late winter! As you plan for next year's garden, why not **CONSIDER** opening your piece of land for the rest of us to enjoy. Invite us to your garden or rally together some friends to join you so we can walk to other gardens in your surrounding neighborhood. With well over 100 members in the EGC, surely there are many hidden treasures to be shared in spring, summer or fall! Please don't hesitate because you think everything has to be perfect. To build a garden is not to simply make something. It is to embark on an unfinishable project. If you **MAY BE INTERESTED**, contact me at [leannamtrosen@gmail.com](mailto:leannamtrosen@gmail.com) to get on the "THINKING ABOUT IT" list.

Leanna Trosen, CEGC Tour Coordinator

## Floral Therapy

Through the generosity of flower donations from Trader Joe's, EGC volunteers and the 4-H Cloverbuds share time



at local assisted-living facilities each month to help residents create bouquets.

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

# Community Activities

## Growing Sprouts and Microgreens Indoors

Benton County master gardeners Jill Farrow and Jennifer Klammer (EGC past-president) will be teaching how to grow these nutritious edibles indoors. See flyer below for details.

When: Tuesday, December 5, Noon-1:30pm

Where: Corvallis Library Meeting Room

## 10-Minute University

*Clackamas County Master Gardener Assoc.*

The 10-Minute University 2024 schedule preview is included below.

The [schedule and archived presentations](https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/) from previous years are available at <https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/>

[OSU Garden Ecology Lab](https://gardenecology.oregonstate.edu/gardenecology/gardeners) is collaborating with 10-Minute University to provide more garden webinars. Find them at <https://gardenecology.oregonstate.edu/gardenecology/gardeners>



## Rewilding the Mind Beth Chatto Symposium 2022

Fifteen free video presentations about ecological landscaping by some of the foremost designers, landscape architects, rewilding experts, ecologists and horticulturists in the UK and Sweden.

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrWeAlwB-hAFtsSI\\_JixjRUrpAfDu77Pk](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrWeAlwB-hAFtsSI_JixjRUrpAfDu77Pk)



## Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series

New classes begin in February 2024.



If you haven't seen all of the old classes (started in 2021) you can view them at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series>.

## Winter Native Plant Sale

*Benton Soil and Water Conservation District*

Some plants are already sold out, so hurry up and get out there if you haven't already. Their web site also has some free native plant garden designs and a native plant bloom timetable for the Willamette Valley.

Pick up your plants February 24, 2024 at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

## The Confluence Open House

Take a look at an exciting new building going up in Corvallis and learn about this new style of earth-friendly building. The Confluence is built to Living Building Challenge standards, including local reclaimed and urban-salvage wood, with screw and bolt connections that enable deconstruction and remodeling without sacrificing the re-usability of the materials.

When: Friday, December 15, 3-5pm

Where: 400 block of SW 2nd St.,  
next to Robnett's Hardware.

Learn more about [The Confluence](https://www.theconfluencecenter.com/) at <https://www.theconfluencecenter.com/>

Learn more about the [Living Building Challenge](https://living-future.org/lbc/) at <https://living-future.org/lbc/>

# Program Schedule 2023-24

Board Meetings are held once a month to discuss club business and set up the agenda for the following Membership Meeting. All members are welcome to attend and observe the proceedings. RSVP to Heather Emberson is requested. If you have an issue you want the board to address, please send it to Heather **ahead of time** for inclusion in the agenda for the next board meeting.

Location: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis

Time: 4:00-5:30 PM

Membership/Program Meetings are generally held on the first Monday of the month, October through May.

Location: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis

Time: Doors open at 6:30; meetings begin at 7:00

\*\*\*There are no hybrid meetings this year. All meetings will be in-person only, except for those specified as Zoom-only. The link for our Zoom meetings will be sent via email approximately one day before the presentation. These presentations are intended only for our members and paying guests, so please do not share them with others. Non-members who would like to attend should contact Heather at [president@corvalliseninggardenclub.org](mailto:president@corvalliseninggardenclub.org) to pay a small fee and receive the link.

Board Meetings	Member Meetings	Programs
Nov 27	Dec 4	Greens Party and Winter Festivities
Dec 18	Jan 8 <b>Zoom only</b>	<i>Gardening with Ferns and Design Considerations</i> Presenter: Richie Steffen, Exec. Dir. Elisabeth Miller Botanical Gardens.
Jan 29	Feb 5 <b>Zoom only</b>	<i>The Joy and Beauty of Integrating Natives into Your Gardens</i> Presenter: Eileen Stark, Author of <i>Real Gardens Grow Natives</i>
Feb 26	Mar 4	<i>Adaptive Gardening</i> Presenters: Dana Hughes, Seedgrass PT Sharon Knight, Garland Nursery
Mar 25	Apr 1	Designers' Panel Q&A, short business meeting, and gift certificate raffle Panel: Signe Danler, Owen Dell, and Alan Shay, EGC members Jeff Cope, Homegrown Gardens
Apr 29	May 6	Presentation, Business Meeting, and Plant Exchange <i>Year-round Edibles Gardening</i> Presenter: Janet Throop
May 20		
Jun 24		



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# Member Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023 7:00

## Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

The meeting started at 7 pm as an in-person only meeting with Heather Emberson presiding. The meeting was attended by 56 people. This was the first meeting where we had the 50/50 raffle and Sandy Piper won. She kept \$20 of her half and donated the rest to the club. There was \$88 total, so the club received \$68 for the Grants and Scholarship Fund.

Our speaker was recent past EGC president Janet Magedanz. She presented a slide show on *Year-Round Pollinator Plants, What to Grow For a 4-Season Blooming Garden*. She gave every attendee a printed list of all the plants included in her slide show, which was very helpful for note taking. The presentation was entertaining and informative and the photos of plants in her garden were lovely.

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



## Treasurers Report EGC October 2023 Activity

Janet Klingler

Hanne and Heinrich Neiderhausen

### CHECKING ACCOUNT OSCU

Starting Balance	\$100.92
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#### Income

Dues	1,070.00
Grant Fund	105.00

Total income	\$1,175.00
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Expenses	0.00
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Total Expenses	\$0.00
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Ending Balance	\$1,275.92
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### SAVINGS ACCOUNT OSCU

Ending Balance	\$8.22
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### SAVINGS ACCOUNT WaFd BANK

Certificate of Deposit including interest	9,143.53
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GRAND TOTAL	\$10,427.67
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Please come to the Evening Garden Club

## Annual Greens Party

Monday December 4 at 6:00 pm

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

(Corner of Walnut & Highland)



We would love to see you, to share some good cheer and to create wreaths, centerpieces, and swags! Demonstrations for wreaths and centerpieces will begin at 6:30. There will be a wreath and centerpiece raffle as well. Come get your TICKETS!



Please RSVP by email to Barbara Loeb at [loebb@comcast.net](mailto:loebb@comcast.net)

EGC needs to know how many people to expect – so do reply!

Refreshments will be served except for beverages. So **BYOB** in a spill-proof container. If you would like to bring some snacks to share (sweet or savory), please let Barb know when you rsvp.

This is a judgement-free zone – Please do come and have some fun.

**Bring:** gloves, clippers, container, wreath form, string or wire, and baubles to sparkle up your creation.

Looking forward to seeing you there!





# Growing Sprouts & Microgreens Indoors

**Come learn how to economically grow  
nutritious sprouts and microgreens  
this winter with BCMG  
Jill Farrow and Jennifer Klammer.  
Taste samples and take home free  
organic microgreens seeds to grow now!**

**Tuesday Dec 5  
Noon - 1:30 P.M.  
Corvallis Library  
Meeting Room  
Learn more:**



**Oregon State University  
Extension Service  
Benton County**

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# 10-Minute University™ News

## 2024 Webinar Preview

Registration Links will be released in batches.

Can't attend live? Register and receive a recording link 2 days after the session.

## 10-Minute University™ Webinars: Let's Grow Together!



Every Wednesday and some Thursdays, 1/10 - 6/12/2024. Free w/ pre-registration. Details @ [cmastergardeners.org](http://cmastergardeners.org)

<b>1/10</b> Climate-Resilient Garden	<b>1/17</b> Pruning Fruit Trees	<b>1/18</b> Pruning Ornamental Trees	<b>1/24</b> Growing Fruit Trees	<b>1/31</b> Growing Blueberries	<b>2/7</b> Garden Tools	<b>2/8</b> Growing Cane Berries	<b>2/14</b> Soil Amendments
<b>2/21</b> Growing Tomatoes I	<b>2/28</b> Growing Early-Vegetables	<b>3/6</b> Garden Design 101	<b>3/7</b> Rain Garden & Bioswale	<b>3/13</b> Hosting Bees (Mason & Leafcutter)	<b>3/14</b> Soil & Planting	<b>3/20</b> Integrated Pest Management	<b>3/27</b> Climate-Friendly Lawns
<b>3/28</b> Growing Tomatoes II	<b>4/3</b> Garden Transformation	<b>4/10</b> Debunking Gardening Myths	<b>4/11</b> Raised Bed Gardening	<b>4/17</b> Plant Trial Winners	<b>4/24</b> Gardening For Birds	<b>5/1</b> Native Plants	<b>5/8</b> Groundcovers for Un-irrigated Landscapes
<b>5/15</b> Growing Tomatoes III	<b>5/22</b> Growing Root Crops	<b>5/29</b> Growing Cover Crops	<b>6/5</b> Growing Vegetables Year-Round	<b>6/12</b> Enabled Gardener	 Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener In collaboration with and in support of the Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program.		
Climate Resilience	Healthy Plants	Beauty	Clackamas County Master Gardener™ Association		Garden Biodiversity	Nutritious Food	Healthy Gardener

## Garden Ecology Brief

A new collaboration --- [OSU Garden Ecology Lab](#) and 10-Minute University

Garden research presented in the 10-Minute University style

[Native Plants](#)

[Biocontrol](#)

[Bee Vision](#)

[Petal Cutters](#)