



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

January 2024

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President's Message:

Happy New Year!

It is seventy-nine days until spring – but who's counting! The beginning of a new year makes me think about the future and the possibilities ahead on any number of subjects. Gardening is certainly one of them. I am learning SO MUCH in this club and expect to learn more in the coming months.

I am excited to tell you more about our January speaker. Few people have a passion for plants or an excitement about gardening more than **Richie Steffen**. Richie is the executive director for the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden, overseeing the development of the garden, its programs, and the rare plant collections. His expertise comes from over thirty-five years of experience in the horticultural field, with the last 24 years spent at the Miller Garden. Ferns have become a specialty for him, and he maintains extensive collections at the Miller Garden and his home garden. His topic is, **The Beauty of Ferns in the Garden**. He has traveled to Europe, Japan, Chile, New Zealand and Costa Rica as well as numerous trips around the US studying ferns and other plants.



Athyrium otophorum, limelight fern, with a seedling
Paeonia suffruticosa, tree peony

He is active in the gardening community and is currently past president of the Hardy Fern Foundation and the Northwest Horticultural Society. A noted lecturer, writer and photographer, Richie is the co-author of the "Plant Lover's Guide to Ferns" with his friend and fern mentor Sue Olsen.

Join us on **Monday January 8th at 7:00 for this ZOOM ONLY program**. Richie said he will moderate the meeting and take questions from the group, so start compiling your questions. Additional instructions will be sent via Trumpetvine the week of January 1.

Happy New Year, Everyone! See you soon.

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.

Floral Therapy



The Floral Therapy team continues to brighten the spirits of the residents in 4 local retirement facilities in Corvallis. The team visits them monthly with freshly donated flowers from Trader Joes, creating lovely flower bouquets for the residents to enjoy.

If you would like to join the team and share your creative talents (though no experience is needed), please contact Donna Westwood at 541-740-7942 (cell) or ndbalumna@yahoo.com for more information.

Club Activities

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 with the generous help of Jennifer Klammer. We continue to look for a non-profit located in a house where we can plant a native garden in the front yard. We are also working with HNP to feature Corvallis, along with other "early adopters", on the HNP Map.

Our first meeting of 2024 is on January 17, and interested EGC members are welcome. Please contact Adrienne Guy if you plan to attend the meeting so she knows how many to expect.

Date: Wednesday, January 17

Time: 3 pm

Place: Adrienne's home

Meeting Contact: 330healthyliving@gmail.com



Good Turn

Spring blooming bulbs have been planted and the beds have been tucked in for winter. As I reflect on our work of the first year of this project I realize how much we have accomplished. What was a hopeless looking weed patch has been rejuvenated with an interesting variety of hardy plantings. I can't wait to see what blooms first!

Thanks to all who participated in the most challenging portion of the project. In the coming year, we will focus primarily on maintenance and add or replace plant material as needed. This should be a piece of cake compared to last year.

Our scheduled work days are the second Sunday of each month from 10am to 2 pm. We will likely get started in February, depending on the weather. A notice will be sent out on Trumpetvine about a week ahead.

We depend on the generosity of volunteers for the success of this project. As they say – many hands make light work. Even if you cannot come to every work day or stay the whole time, your help is needed and appreciated. If you are interested in participating but our days/times don't work for you, please let me know what we can do to make it easier for you to help out.



Stay cozy and warm this winter season

Melissa

Cowan196@gmail.com

Community Activities



Insights Into Gardening 2024!

<https://www.bentonmg.org/iig>

A day full of wonderful programs, vendors and fun! Register early for best class selection. See flyer below.

When: Feb. 10, 9 am - 4 pm

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

10-Minute University

Clackamas County Master Gardener Assoc.
FREE

To see details, pre-register, download handouts, and view previously recorded webinars go to: <https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/>

Wednesdays, noon-1:00pm



Jan. 10 - Make Your Garden More Climate Resilient

Jan. 17 - Pruning Fruit Trees

Jan. 18 (Thursday) - Pruning Ornamental Trees

Jan. 24 - Growing Fruit Trees in the Pacific Northwest

Benton County SWCD Annual Meeting

Learn about Benton SWCD and listen to guest speaker Andony Melathopoulos who will present *Take a Walk on the Wild Side: The remarkable Wild Bees of Benton County*.

When: January 16, 6pm—8pm

Where: Corvallis Community Center

More info at <https://www.bentonswcd.org/2024-01-16-2024-benton-swcd-annual-meeting>

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

Many plants are already sold out, but some are still available.

Volunteers are still needed to help prepare plants and distribute to customers.

Learn more, shop, or volunteer at <https://www.bentonswcd.org/annual-winter-native-plant-sale>

Gearing Up For Gardening Surprising Plant Phenomena

This in-person lecture series is **Free** and open to everyone.

When: Tuesdays, noon—12:45 PM

Where: Corvallis Public Library
645 NW Monroe

Jan. 9 - The Good Guys and the Bad Guys-Native Plants and Invasives

Jan. 16 - Poisonous Plants-Who Knew??

Jan. 22 (Monday) - If You're Going to Use Pesticides-Be Safe

Jan. 30 - Yes, You Can Grow Vegetables Without Irrigation - Dryland Gardening

Get details at <https://www.bentonmg.org/gearing-up-for-gardening>.

Meet a Member

Nancy Sarpola

I am a 5th generation Oregonian born in the territory of Alaska because my dad joined the Coast Guard. Our family traveled all over the coastal areas of the US and even to Thailand, where I attended the International School of Bangkok. What a surprise to discover that Kathleen Rochester, who is also a member of the Evening Garden Club, attended there a few years after me! Dad retired when I was 15 and we returned to Oregon. I graduated high school in Astoria, where I met my husband, and then went on to OSU.



I have been blessed to garden in Corvallis on a steep quarter acre for 40 years. The first 20 years consisted mainly of raising boys, labrador retrievers and tomatoes while working as a nurse. As the kids grew up and left home, I replaced their basketball hoop with a trellis, the pool with a sitting area and the club house with a flower garden. Some of my paths are paved with 12 x 12' concrete pavers that used to be the floor of the dog kennel. I still grow a few vegetables plus berries (grandkid and labrador retriever favorites!) and dahlias in terraced

vegetable beds but have added many more woody plants, perennials, bulbs, vines, and annuals in the rest of the yard. My other gardening projects include working on the landscape around my church and on my son's yard, where I have opportunities to learn which plants survive neglect and drought!

I became interested in the Evening Garden Club through Spring plant sales and have been a member about 25 years, serving in quite a few capacities. I have always enjoyed swapping stories and plants with the many fascinating people who have joined the club over the years. I also enjoy tours, trips to fun nurseries and programs. Now that I am retired and noticing that it is a bit harder to get up off the ground, I have been trying to cut back on big, vigorous perennials and focus more on easy care shrubs. Simplifying is a two step forward, one step back process as I cannot resist trying new plants even though there is hardly a square inch to spare in my garden. Among my favorites are Spring ephemerals as they require very little space or maintenance. Heading out to the garden every morning to see how the plants are progressing is one of my greatest pleasures.



Philomath Elementary School

2023 Grant Thank you

Dear Members of the Corvallis Evening Garden Club,

My heart is full of gratitude for your generous donation of \$250 to install native planters in front of Philomath Elementary School. With these funds, we installed 2 cheerful, high-quality ceramic planters; they are filled with a variety of native plants including dwarf manzanita, larkspur, and sea thrift. Our goals: to educate the public about native plants and to show them how natives can be beautiful and beneficial. The planters provide interest all year 'round with a mix of natives and non-natives.

In addition, we have put up a poster next to the planters. It explains what is special about them, how native plants play a role in our ecosystem, and where passersby can find more information about making their own insect habitats. The poster includes the Corvallis Evening Garden Club in the list of resources and also credits the EGC for providing the planters.

As I've nurtured these pots the last several months, teachers, students, and parents alike have made wonderful comments as they pass by. They have said that the planters bring joy to the front of the school whether through a smile or a conversation or through simply showing that the community cares about "our" school and wants to make it look nice.

Thank you so much for bringing this lovely addition to Philomath Elementary!

Warm regards,
Anne Schroeder
Parent Volunteer at Philomath Elementary



Ashbrook Independent School

2023 Grant Thank you

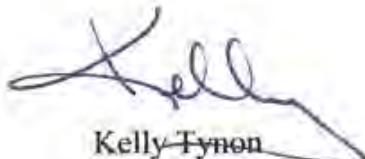
Grant Committee Members,

Thank you for giving Ashbrook Independent School a \$500 grant for our summer program! We initially applied to use the funds for Ashbrook's Explore Summer Pioneer (5-8th graders) class, "Project Garden," but that class did not have enough participants to run. Instead, we used the funds in our Young Explorers (Preschool-1st grade) and Pathfinders (2nd-4th grades) 6-week Summer Camp.

The students had so much fun painting and installing bee drinking stations; examining the different pieces and parts of plants and learning how they grow from seed; assembling and painting bird houses for our garden friends; painting stepping stones and protecting young plants; and creating a small worm farm to watch how worms make compost. Each week, between 20-25 students were able to learn more about gardening thanks to your grant.

Thank you for supporting the Ashbrook community and having such a generous spirit when it comes to the students at Ashbrook.

Sincerely,



Kelly Tynon
Advancement and Communications Director



Students created and painted bee watering stations from jars and dishes, and they discussed how bees need water but they can't swim! They took home flat marbles and instructions on how to set up the drinking station in their yard.



Fake flowers were used to discuss how flowers and plants grow from seed to a whole plant.

Students then dissected flowers and examined them under a magnifying glass so they could see the pieces and parts up close.



The students put together a bird house kit and then painted it. They discussed that birds were an important friend to gardens as they scattered seeds and ate pests that would harm the flowers.



The students learned about stepping stones and how they can help beautify the garden but also help us stroll lightly through gardens so we don't destroy tender plants.

Students learned about the life cycle of a worm and how —by breaking down materials and turning them into compost—worms create soil that is beneficial for gardens.



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 to pay a small fee and receive the link.

Board Meetings	Member Meetings	Programs
Dec 18	Jan 8 Zoom only	<i>The Beauty of Ferns in the Garden</i> Presenter: Richie Steffen, Exec. Dir. Elisabeth Miller Botanical Gardens
Jan 29	Feb 5 Zoom only	<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		

Member Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2023 6:00

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

The meeting started at 5:30 pm at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church as an in-person only meeting with Heather Emberson presiding. The meeting was attended by 43 people.

This meeting was the club's annual Greens Party where attendees make wreaths and holiday centerpieces. Participants brought greens along with various paraphernalia (wreath frame, wire, vase, ribbons, baubles, etc) needed for their projects. The Benton County Master Gardeners provided many greens for our event. At 6:30, Cory Koos led a demonstration on wreath making, and Jennifer Klammer staffed a table for those interested in centerpieces. At 7:30, three raffles were held: Carla Wightman won half of the 50/50 Raffle of \$155, and she promptly donated her winnings back to the Grants Fund; Melissa Cowan won the wreath and Sunia Yang won the centerpiece.

A good time was had by all and many lovely items were made. A big thank you to Kathleen Rochester (chair), Bonnie Burkart, Barbara Glover, Cathy Kerr, Cory Koos, Barbara Loeb, and Sande Reitmeier-Coolen for organizing this year's party and thanks also to all who brought treats and cleaned up.

The meeting ended around 8:30.

**Submitted by Nancy Mandel,
co-Secretary of the EGC,
as reported by Heather Emberson.**





Treasurers Report

EGC November 2023 Activity

Janet Klingler
Hanne and Heinrich Neiderhausen

CHECKING ACCOUNT OSCU

Starting Balance \$1,275.92

Income

Dues 725.00

Grant Fund 163.00

Total income \$888.00

Expenses

Oregon Department of Justice: Form CT-12 20.00

Janet Magedanz: speaker fee Nov. meeting 50.00

Total Expenses \$70.00

Ending Balance \$2,093.92

SAVINGS ACCOUNT OSCU

Ending Balance \$8.22

SAVINGS ACCOUNT WaFd BANK

Certificate of Deposit including interest **9,143.53**

GRAND TOTAL \$11,245.67



Above: *grevillea*

Below left: *hamamelis* 'Sunburst'

Below right: Evergreen shrub *dichroa febrifuga* with fall berries



INSIGHTS INTO GARDENING



Presented by

Benton County Master Gardener™ Association

A fun day of research-based classes on edibles, ornamentals and general garden topics.

Exhibits  **Bookstore**  **Raffle**

For new and experienced gardeners!

Saturday, February 10, 2024

LaSells Stewart Center
875 SW 26th St.
OSU Campus, Corvallis

Information and to register
beginning Jan. 2 visit :
bentonmg.org/iig

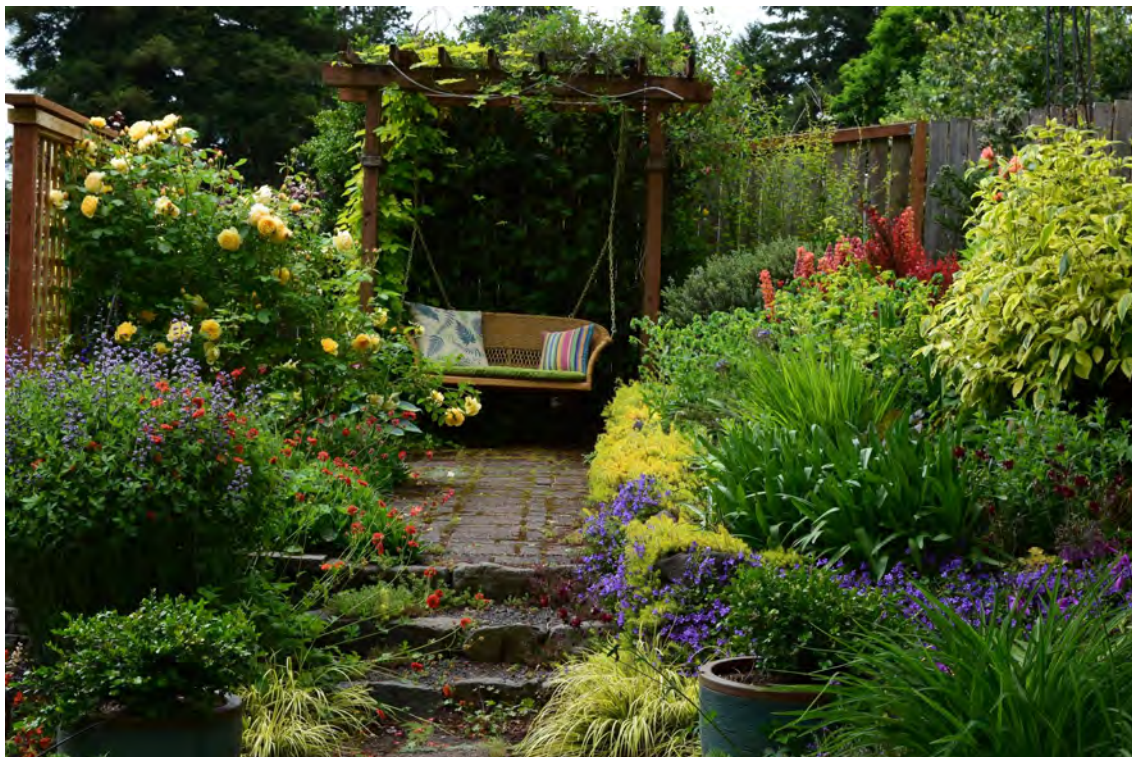


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2024 Insights Into Gardening Program At A Glance

Time	Edibles	Ornamentals	General	Climate/Sustainability
9:00 – 10:15	A: Herbs: Flavor your Foods and Feed the Pollinators Brooke Edmunds	B: Not Your Grandmother's Groundcover Neil Bell	C: Smart Gardening Strategies for Less Work Kathy Clark	D: Use it or Lose it: Rain Gardens and Water Catchment Jeff Cope
10:30 – 11:45	E: Beautiful, Bountiful Blueberries Joleen Schilling	F: Delightful Daphnes Darren Morgan	G: Mulch Matters: Beyond Bark Signe Danler	H: Drought-Tolerant Beauties Year Round Neil Bell
12:45 – 2:00	I: All about Alliums: Garlic, Onions, Shallots, Leeks Darren Morgan	J: Roses Rock! A Rose for Every Garden Paula Lupcho	K: Write it, Remember it . . . Garden Planning Journals Donna Cope and Kneque Chaffin	L: Happy Bees, Happy Garden: What Natives to Plant Aaron Anderson
2:30 – 3:45	M: Fruits and Veggies in Pots? Yes, you can! Brenda Bye	N: Glitz and Glam with Trees, Shrubs and Vines Dan Blanchard	O: Garden Irrigation Simplified Jeff Cope	P: Firewise Strategies to Protect Your Home Carrie Berger, Kayla Bordelon and Paula Lupcho



Nancy Sarpola's garden: Swing path with rosa 'Graham Thomas'