



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

November 2023

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Book Club:

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Homegrown

National Park:

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President's Message:

Take a Deep Breath

I'm happy to say the Harlequin Glory Bower that I purchased a couple years ago at a joint EGC-BCMGA sale finally bloomed this year! As my garden is essentially a clean slate, I am strategically planting fragrant plants around my property. I already have a Winter Daphne by the front door for early season fragrance and Lily-of-the Valley along the sidewalk. Ahh!

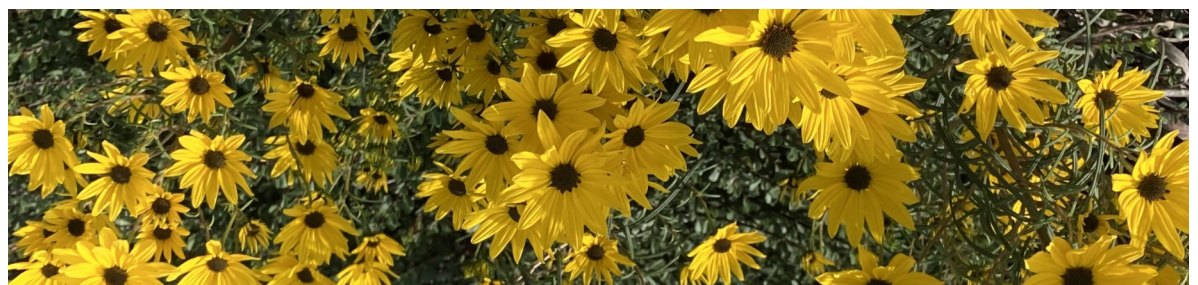
Our program for November is Master Gardener and Past President Janet Magedanz. For the last several years EGC members have been strongly encouraged to grow native plants. As a long-time gardener, Janet has done her best to respond but, with a mature garden, going full "native" wasn't going to happen. Her presentation *Year-Round Pollinator Plants: What to Grow For a 4-Season Blooming Garden* is her response to the challenge. She knew that non-natives are also attractive to pollinators so her presentation will provide planting ideas with bulbs, annuals, perennials, and shrubs - both native and non-native - to keep you happy with blooms all year AND keep the pollinators happy.

Meanwhile, the Board has a watchful eye over our Club obligations and finances. On that latter point, I URGE YOU to please pay your annual dues a bit ahead of schedule (they are DUE in December). As discussed at the Annual Meeting in October, the Club has the bulk of its funds in an interest-bearing CD that matures in March. This makes us like gardeners who have planted bulbs and await them to bloom in the Spring! So, if you can pay your dues now, we will reap the benefits later. Thanks.

Join us on Monday, November 6th at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis. Doors open at 6:30 and the program begins at 7:00. It will be followed by a short business meeting. I do want your input about workshops.

Breathe in deeply the scents of the Fall season and see you soon.

Heather



Time For CEGC Membership Dues

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



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.

Greens Party Help

Still looking for a handful of creative people who might be interested in **designing** the December Greens Party meeting. Perhaps some wreath or centerpiece demonstrations, hot cider, or

If you're game, please contact Heather at hveegc21@gmail.com.



Good Turn

Garden Bed Adoption at Madison and 2nd in Corvallis

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

All EGC members are welcome to attend.

Book: *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert

Time: 10:30 Thursday, Nov 2

Place: Home of Suzanne McLean

1978 NW Frazier Creek Rd, Corvallis

Upcoming books:

- *The Earth Moved, On The Remarkable Achievements of Earthworms* by Amy Stewart
- *The Gardener's Year* by Karel Capek.



50/50 Raffle



Don't forget to bring \$1 to the November meeting for our 50/50 raffle! Buy a ticket for a dollar (or six tickets for \$5) and, at the end of the evening, we'll divide the kitty 50/50 with half going to YOU and half going to the grants of the club.

Get that spare change and make a difference in the life of a gardener.

Tickets can be purchased at the door while you get your name tag.

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. It is a rewarding activity for all involved.



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

Community Activities

Plant Natives

Volunteer to plant natives with Greenbelt Land Trust. They provide the tools, gloves and snacks. No experience necessary.

Willamette Daisy Planting

Where: Kingston Prairie (near Stayton)

When: Wed., Nov 8, 9:00-1:00

Registration and Info:

<https://greenbeltlandtrust.org/event/willamette-daisy-planting-at-kingston-prairie/>

Willamette Daisy Planting

Where: Bald Hill Farm

When: Thurs., Nov 9, 9:00-1:00

Registration and Info:

<https://greenbeltlandtrust.org/event/willamette-daisy-planting-at-bald-hill-farm>

Bald Hill Farm Volunteer Planting Days

Where: Bald Hill Farm

When: Fri., Dec 8, 10:00-2:00

Registration and Info:

<https://greenbeltlandtrust.org/event/volunteer-prairie-planting-at-bald-hill-farm-2/>

Gardeners Needed!

Native Plant Survey
OSU Garden Ecology Lab

Ends November 6, 11:59 PM

Study: Native Plants & Native Cultivars: Understanding Pollinator Preference for Native Plants and their Cultivated Counterparts in the Pacific Northwest

You are invited to participate in a survey that will help them understand the attractiveness of pollinator-friendly native plants to gardeners and the broader nursery and greenhouse industry. Sounds like an important use of our time! Take the survey and get more information at:

<https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/gardenecologylab/2023/10/09/gardeners-needed-for-a-native-plant-survey/>

Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series 2023

November 14, noon-1:00

Pretty Slick: Using Oils for Pest Control



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.

Native Plant Sale

Benton Soil and Water Conservation District

Purchase plant now on their web site at

https://bswcd.square.site/?page=1&limit=60&sort_by=popularity_score&sort_order=desc.

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

10-minute University OSU Extension Master Gardeners

There are no new webinars until January 2024, but use the break to view some of their free videos online at

<https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/videos/>.

Many topics to choose from.



Meet a Member

Maya Abels

Gardening has been a part of my life since I was a small child. Both my parents gardened and my Grandmother was a landscape architect. Watching plants grow has always brought me joy. I love growing vegetables throughout the year, especially in the winter when I can make delicious and healthy salads from the garden. In college, my room was filled with house plants and I would propagate African violets for all my friends. When we returned to Oregon in 2010, a house with a sunny yard was an essential.

I'm happiest when I'm outside gardening —whether it's pulling weeds or planting new things. And I was really happy to learn that pollinators appreciate a little chaos instead of a finely manicured yard.

In 2012, I completed the Master Gardener program and developed more confidence in making decisions about pruning, propagating and what to grow. I remember dreading the class on soils. Was I ever WRONG! If I were starting over, I seriously would consider a career as a soil scientist.

With my husband Stewart, we transformed our grassy and traditional yard into a glorious garden and gave away our lawn mower. Our yard was certified as a Wildlife Habitat with the National Wildlife Federation and Stewart promoted our friends to certify their backyard habitats too. A few years ago, the Greenbelt Land Trust's book club read Nature's Best Hope by Doug Tallamy. Tallamy inspired us to focus more on native plants and other features that are essential for insects, pollinators and other wildlife. We were thrilled when the EGC adopted working with the Homegrown National Park concept. We encourage all of our friends and neighbors to plant more natives.

We've utilized most of the available 0.19 acre lot with raspberries, shrubs, flowering plants and vegetables. We add and move things around every year and want to continue increasing our native plant selections.

Fortunately, Stewart and I enjoy working together in the gardens. Stewart does the majority of the hardscaping including maintaining the water feature, and I determine where to plant everything, what to plant, and all of the weeding and tearing things out at the end of season. We love our water feature and from reading Trumpetvine, we were able to add to our koi collection when a member offered her fish to a welcoming home.

When I'm not gardening, I love hiking and leading hikes for the Great Old Broads for Wilderness (greatoldbroads.org). I also appreciate the advocacy work that the Broads engage in and serve on their leadership team for the Willamette Valley chapter. I like cooking (especially with bounty from my garden) for friends and family, reading novels, and learning about how to be a better gardener. I especially appreciate reading Trumpetvine to expand my knowledge or snag a new plant.

I was honored when Valerie invited me to write something about myself and also asked "why me?" because I am just a person who loves to garden; I haven't accomplished anything significant in the fields of horticulture, botany, soils or related areas. But I love talking with other EGC members at the meetings and appreciate my occasional volunteer efforts with the Master Gardeners and the Friends of Benton Gardeners. Next year I intend to participate in more garden tours and getting to know more members.



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
Oct 30	Nov 6	<i>Program, short business meeting, 50/50 raffle</i> <i>Year-Round Pollinator Plants: What to Grow For a 4-Season Blooming Garden</i> Presenter: Janet Magedanz, EGC Past President and Master Gardener
Nov 27	Dec 4	Greens Party and Winter Festivities
Dec 18	Jan 8 Zoom only	<i>Gardening with Ferns and Design Considerations</i> Presenter: Richie Steffen, Exec. Dir. Elisabeth Miller Botanical Gardens.
Jan 29	Feb 5 Zoom only	<i>Native Bees</i> Presenter: Eileen Stark, Author of <i>Real Gardens Grow Natives</i> , and <i>The Joy and Beauty of Integrating Natives into Your Gardens</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

October 2, 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 47 people.

In the business portion of the meeting, motions passed approving the minutes of the May meeting and accepting the August and September treasurers' reports. The Financial Review done by Paul Westerberg for the club of the 2022-2023 fiscal year was presented. He found everything in order and made a few suggestions for improvement. The proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) was discussed and a motion passed to approve it. Details of the budget are in the newsletter. The current committee chairs were announced, and information shared about four club projects. New members were introduced. We now have 181 members. There were two raffles.

This meeting was the annual fall plant exchange. People brought plants potted and labeled that they had extra and took home something new. This is a good way of sharing those perennials that have become overgrown and need dividing but are too nice to throw in the yard bin or compost heap. At the November 6 meeting, Janet Magedanz will speak on *Year-Round Pollinator Plants, What to Grow For a 4-Season Blooming Garden*.

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



Treasurers Report EGC September 2023 Activity

Janet Klingler
Hanne and Heinrich Neiderhausen

CHECKING ACCOUNT OSCU

Starting Balance	\$1,486.19
Income	
Dues	110.00
Total income	<u>\$110.00</u>

Expenses

Cathy Kerr reimbursement (ice cream social)	200.37
Shepherd of the Valley Church donation for hall use	300.00
ZOOM One Pro Annual	149.90
OSFGC membership dues	805.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,455.27</u>

Ending Balance **\$140.92**

SAVINGS ACCOUNT OSCU

Ending Balance **\$8.22**

SAVINGS ACCOUNT WaFd BANK

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

GRAND TOTAL **\$9,292.67**