



# Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

March 2024

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### Book Club:

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### Floral Therapy:

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## President's Message:

Spring Into Action!

Spring is a mere two weeks away! Whether you're starting seeds or planting in the ground, it's time to grow! And there is so much going on in the Evening Garden Club, it's nearly dizzying.

We're all about reaping healthy benefits from our gardens and getting our garden design on point for the year. The March 4<sup>th</sup> EGC program is about Adaptive Gardening and couldn't be more timely. See the article in this edition of the newsletter with more information. Kudos to **Cathy Kerr** for making this program happen.

Also this month, the Fund Raising Committee will introduce some new, "passive" ways to raise money for the Grants Committee. Under the leadership of **Cory Koos**, the committee will introduce a Silent Auction at the March meeting. Come early (6:30) with your checkbook in hand to bid on select items; bidding will close before the program begins (7:00). The committee will also send a Trumpetvine about how to designate the EGC when you return recyclable bottles and cans.

After our March program, there will be a **brief Club meeting**. The board will provide status of club finances and will kick-off the Nomination Committee's activities. Board members will be on hand to answer questions you may have and there should be time to mingle and get news from Committee chairs!

I want to announce that on March 21<sup>st</sup>, the **EGC will host** the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs (OSFGC), Santiam District, for the Spring meeting. Cynda Foster, owner of Perennial Obsessions Nursery in Salem will speak about inside and outside succulent varieties. **Bring your brown bag lunch** and join gardeners from several local clubs for this fun activity. The Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church doors will open at 10:30 am and the program runs until 1:30 pm. If you can't come for all of it, come for some! EGC member **Sheryl Casteen** will tally reservations. Please contact her at 541 401 7677 (text) or email [casteen@aol.com](mailto:casteen@aol.com) This promises to be FUN. See the article in this edition of the newsletter for more information.

Could your garden use some fresh design inspiration and you're not sure where to start? Try volunteering with the **GOOD TURN PROJECT**. There, you will be working side-by-side with some expert local gardeners who, along with the task of sprucing up the corners, are happy to share tips with beginning and advanced gardeners. The first workday of the season will be on March 10th at 10 am. Contact Melissa Cowan at [cowan196@gmail.com](mailto:cowan196@gmail.com) for more information.

So, get those gardening muscles warmed up, and let's get to work!

Warmly,

Heather E

# Club Activities

## Book Club

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

Book: *The Gardener's Year* by Karel Capek

Time: Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 2:30pm

Place: Imagine Coffee

5460 SW Philomath Blvd

Corvallis, OR 97333



### Upcoming books:

**May 2** - *The Botany of Desire* by Michael Pollen

**July 11** - *Beautiful Madness: One Man's Journey Through Other People's Gardens* by James Dodson

**Sept 5** - *The Food Explorer: The True Adventures of the Globe-Trotting Botanist Who Transformed What America Eats* by Daniel Stone

## Homegrown National Park

We actively support Homegrown National Park, Inc., a grassroots solution for regenerating biodiversity, with outreach efforts to raise awareness in our community. Together we are learning how to bring Willamette Valley Nature back into our yards.



Our next meeting is **Wednesday, March 6** at 3pm at Cathy Kerr's home, 460 SW Jefferson Ave. All interested EGC members are welcome to attend. Please contact Robin Strauss at [rstrauss@peak.org](mailto:rstrauss@peak.org) if you are planning to attend so we know how many to expect.

## Fund Raising Committee New EGC Event

The Fund Raising Committee is starting a new event this month! At the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, come prepared to participate in a **SILENT AUCTION**.

The Committee has procured a variety of items for its initial voyage, and these select items have beginning prices. Get a ticket with your secret number and then place a bid between 6:30 pm And 7:00 pm when the bidding closes.

The Club will present the evening's program and a short business meeting, then winners of the **50/50 RAFFLE** and the **SILENT AUCTION** will be announced. Enough to keep you on the edge of your chair!

Bring cash or a checkbook for these fun events to raise money for the Grants Committee.



## 2024 EGC Grants Program Application Deadline March 15

**Local Nonprofit Organizations** can apply for gardening related education, community development, common spaces beautification.



Scan the QR code or go to <https://corvalliseveninggardenclub.org/grants/> to apply.

## Nominations Committee

### Rub Shoulders with Gardening Giants

The Evening Garden Club is thrilled that Past President Janet Magedanz will chair this year's Nominations Committee. She will be assisted by 2x Past President Ruby Moon.

These two individuals are gems of our garden club... they might even be considered Gardening Giants!

Feel like getting to know them better AND supporting the club by seeking candidates for upcoming vacancies? If you enjoy talking with club members and are as enthusiastic about the club as we are, then this is your spot.



### Floral Therapy

The Floral Therapy team continues monthly visits to 4 local retirement facilities in Corvallis, using freshly donated flowers from Trader Joes to create lovely flower bouquets for the residents to enjoy.

Donna Westwood: 541-740-7942 (cell)  
[ndbalumna@yahoo.com](mailto:ndbalumna@yahoo.com)



Please contact Heather Emberson at [hveegc21@gmail.com](mailto:hveegc21@gmail.com) or call 541 757-7652 to express your interest. Stand tall!

### Good Turn

**As you can see, the Club's adopted garden beds downtown are lookin' good!!**

The Good Turn Project is a community service project of the garden club. The club officially adopted the garden beds a year ago. The beds are located at the corner of Madison and 2<sup>nd</sup> street. Through many hours of hard work, they have been transformed from a weedy mess to lovely young garden beds.



We are looking for a few more hands to make light work this season. It is such a worthy cause, feels satisfying and passersby are so very complementary and appreciative. We welcome any amount of time you have available. If you can stop by for just a little while, that is great!

Our first workday of the season will be held **Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>** from 10 until 2. Please bring gloves, personal hand weeding tools and a smile. Hope to see you there.

Melissa and the Good Turn Crew



## Adaptive Gardening EGC March Member Program

Adaptive gardening is not just for senior gardeners who want to continue enjoying their favorite activity. Adaptive gardening identifies new techniques and garden designs that can benefit people of all ages and abilities.



Join the **Evening Garden Club (EGC)** on **Monday March 4, 2024** as we learn about “Adaptive Gardening” with Dana Hughes (Physical Therapist at Sweetgrass Physical Therapy & Wellness) and Sharon Knight (eclectic garden expert at Garland Nursery). They will discuss small changes in gardening habits to accommodate the gardener’s physical needs, adapting tools or techniques commonly used in gardening, and taking time to be mindful of changing abilities.



EGC programs are held at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 NW Highland Drive in Corvallis.

Doors open at 6:30 and the program begins at 7:00. Be sure to come early so you can take part in our NEW Silent Auction. Get a bidding number, peruse the offerings, and make a bid. Then socialize with other gardeners and enjoy the evening!



## “Growing and Showing” Santiam District Garden Clubs Spring District Meeting

Hosted by Evening Garden Club

**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

10:30 am to 1:30 pm at the

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

2630 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis Oregon



Bring your own sack lunch -- the District will provide drinks and dessert. **Cynda Foster, owner of Perennial Obsessions Nursery** will be our special speaker on succulents, both inside and outside varieties, and she is bringing plants to “show” and sell.

Attendees are requested to bring a bloom, shrub branch or a houseplant for “Show and Tell.” Together we will learn what our Clubs are doing ... their activities, special community projects, membership growth, and other great things.

This promises to be great FUN, so do **RSVP to Sheryl Casteen**, Assistant Director, at 541-401-7677 (text) or [casteen@aol.com](mailto:casteen@aol.com)

# Community Activities

## Public Seed Library Free in person lecture

### Garden Guidance For Harvesting and Saving Seed

When: Tuesday, Mar. 5, 12:30-2:00 PM

Where: Corvallis Public Library  
645 NW Monroe



See flyer below.

## Great Grow Along 2024 World's Largest Virtual Garden Festival

This is a **FREE** online series of speakers over 3 weekends at the end of March. Each weekend has a different topic. Register once and have access to all presentations over all 3 weekends.

Go to [greatgrowalong.com](https://greatgrowalong.com) to learn about the different presentations, view previous years' presentations, and register for this year.



**Flower Power Party:** March 16-17, 2024  
**Your Kick A\*\* Kitchen Garden:** March 23-24, 2024  
**Native Plants & Pollinators:** March 30-31, 2024

## BEEvent 10th Annual Pollinator Conference

In person and online options are available.

Cost: \$35

When: Saturday, Mar. 2, 9:00 AM -3:30 PM

Where: Linn County Fair & Expo Center

Willamette Conference Center

3700 Knox Butte Rd.

Albany, Oregon

Information and registration:

<https://linnmastergardeners.com/pages/>



## Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series



This year's **FREE** online series is aimed at helping gardeners take a bite out of hunger. Classes are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at noon. See the details of each program and register for the event at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series-2024>. Events will also be recorded and will be available on their web site about 2 weeks after they are completed.

**Mar. 12** - Growing Hot and Cold: Successful Vegetable Gardening in Any Season (Part 2: Warm Season)

## 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



**Mar. 6** - Garden Design 101  
**Mar. 7 (Thursday)** - Garden Design & Bioswale  
**Mar. 13** - Hosting Bees (Mason & Leafcutter)  
**Mar. 14 (Thursday)** - Soil & Planting  
**Mar. 20** - Integrated Pest Management  
**Mar. 27** - Climate Friendly Lawns  
**Mar. 28 (Thursday)** - Growing Tomatoes II

## Propagation Fair Agrarian Sharing Network

- **Grafting** - Purchase scion wood and root stock, and/or have the scion grafted to the rootstock. Featuring apple, plum, peach, pear, grape, figs and berry scion wood cuttings.
- **Seeds** swap
- **Live plants** for sale at affordable prices

When: Saturday, March 24th, 1 to 4 pm  
Where: Sweet Home Liberty Charter School  
28721 Liberty Rd.  
Sweet Home, Oregon

See flyer below.

## Plant Nerd Night The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon

This is the 21st annual event hosted by Mike Darcy.

- Shop for plants.
- Win a door prize.
- Hear regional nursery owners talk about the plants that get them excited:

[Little Prince of Oregon Nursery](#) (Aurora, OR)  
[Lux Perennials Nursery](#) (Portland, OR)  
[Pacific Giant Vegetable Growers](#) (Lake Oswego, OR)  
[Rare Plant Research](#) (Oregon City, OR)  
[Terra Nova Nurseries](#) (Canby, OR)  
[Van Hevelingen Herb Nursery](#) (Newberg, OR)

Cost: **FREE**  
Date: Sunday, Mar. 3  
Time: Doors open—12:45 AM  
Program starts—2:00 PM  
Where: Lake Oswego High School Auditorium  
2501 SW Country Club Rd.  
Lake Oswego, Oregon

## Wildlife & Water Friendly Gardens

### Clackamas Community College Environmental Learning Center

Classes are **FREE**. For details and registration:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wildlife-water-friendly-gardens-free-series-2024-tickets-760732410117?aff=oddtcreator>

Thursday, Mar. 7, noon-1:00 pm  
- What Tree Should I Plant?



## Garden Journaling Workshop Grand Prairie Albany Garden Club

Visitors are always welcome at club meetings with **no cost**. This month they will have a workshop on creating a garden journal. Supplies are provided.

When: Thursday, Mar. 14, 1:00 PM  
Where: Albany Public Library  
2415 14th Ave. SE

## Gardening For Your Table Yamhill County Master Gardeners

This event is very similar to our own BCMGA "Insights Into Gardening", but is focused on edibles.

Cost: \$25  
When: Saturday, Mar. 16, 8:45 AM –4:00 PM  
Where: Church on the Hill  
700 NW Hill Rd.  
McMinnville, Oregon  
Information and registration:  
<https://ycmga.org/events/sig-2024/>

See flyer below.





## Meet a Member

### Al Shay

Al has been involved in horticulture right here in the Willamette Valley since 1980. Al holds undergraduate degrees in art from Hunter College/CUNY, and horticulture from Oregon State University. After 27 years in the field he returned to OSU for his Masters in Ag degree (MAg) and is currently a Senior Instructor Level One in the Horticulture Department at Oregon State. Additionally, Al is an ISA Certified Arborist and is ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified through the ISA. He is a State of Oregon licensed landscape contractor in all phases, a certified exterior landscape

technician through the National Association of Landscape Professionals, as well as a State of Oregon licensed pesticide applicator and pesticide consultant. Al was also a garden writer for a while and published a weekly gardening column in the Statesman Journal for 13 years.

Al's focus is sustainable horticultural practices for the residential and commercial landscape. His latest exploration is on ankle biters – not the dog but the 6-8" groundcovers that should be our gardens carpet, not beauty bark or even wood chips.



## Meet a Member

### Owen Dell

Owen is an award-winning internationally admired registered landscape architect, certified master water auditor, certified permaculture designer, author, and educator. He is the principal of Owen Dell and Associates, LLC in Corvallis, Oregon, specializing in sustainable landscape architectural services. Owen has been part of the landscaping profession since 1971, and he has been at the forefront of many of the practices of sustainable landscaping presently in use worldwide. Owen lectures around the U.S. and internationally on sustainable landscaping and related topics. He is the author of "How to Start a Home-Based Landscaping Business" and "Sustainable Landscaping for Dummies." Owen has also been a regular contributor to many national and regional horticultural publications. He is the former co-host and co-creator of the popular Santa Barbara, California television series, "Garden Wise Guys." Owen is a member and former Chair of the Corvallis Civic Beauty and Urban Forestry Advisory Board and former Chair of the Garden Group of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition's Food Action Team. He is also a founding member of the Willamette Valley Regenerative Landscape Coalition.

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## Meet a Member

### Signe Danler

Signe Danler is a veteran Master Gardener, landscape designer and plant nerd with particular interest in urban horticulture and applying ecological principles to landscape design and maintenance. As instructor for the OSU Extension Service online Home Horticulture and Master Gardener Program, she is knowledgeable on a wide range of horticultural topics, and has originated classes on “Gardening with PNW Native Plants”, “Sustainable Landscape Design”, and most recently, a talk on Mulch.

She created template landscape designs for an Extension publication, “Protecting and Enhancing Pollinators in Urban Landscapes”, and currently is content developer for the SolvePestProblems website.

Signe is affiliated with Gail Langellotto’s Garden Ecology Lab, and is a member of the Willamette Valley Regenerative Landscape Coalition, which explores and promotes regenerative landscape practices.



## Meet a Member

### Jeff Cope

Jeff Cope, co-owner of Home Grown Gardens Nursery and Landscape in Corvallis Oregon, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Landscape Horticulture from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, California and a Masters in Public Administration from Cal State at Northridge. He is an Oregon-licensed landscape contractor, Pest Control Operator, nurseryman, and International Society of Arboriculture Board Certified Master Arborist. Jeff was adjunct faculty in the Horticulture Department at Santa Barbara City College for 8 years where he taught the classes for the certificate program, Vice President of Horticulture at Santa Barbara Botanical Garden for two years, and park manager for the City of Santa Barbara, California for 18 years. Jeff also serves on the Civic Beautification and Urban Forestry Committee in Corvallis and is currently serving on the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board. Jeff started his horticulture career at the age of 12, receiving personal instruction by a neighbor who took him under her wing teaching him lawn maintenance, how to properly trim a hedge, rose care and citrus care. Jeff considers himself an Urban Horticulturalist.

Home Grown Gardens Nursery and Landscape  
4845 SE 3rd St, Corvallis OR 97333  
541 758-2137





# 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@corvalliseveninggardenclub.org](mailto:president@corvalliseveninggardenclub.org) to pay a small fee and receive the link.

Board Meetings	Member Meetings	Programs
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

February 5, 2024 7:00

The meeting started at 7 pm as a Zoom only meeting with Heather Emberson presiding and with Zoom assistance by Signe Danler. The meeting was attended by 48 people.

Our guest speaker was Eileen Stark, author of ***Real Gardens Grow Natives: Design, Plant, and Enjoy a Healthy Northwest Garden***. Eileen is an ecological landscape designer, writer, photographer, and naturalist who provides landscape consultations and design services in the Portland metro area. She emphasized the importance of native plants, showed photos of some lovely gardens featuring native plants, and finished with plant recommendations. Club members could buy autographed copies of her book.

In the business portion of the meeting, a motion passed stating "Bylaws Article X, Section 1 will be suspended for the nomination process this year and we will have three members in good standing on the committee, one of whom must be a past EGC board member in any capacity". This was necessary because the bylaws say a past president must chair the committee, but all the past presidents are reluctant to do so.

The meeting ended at 8:30.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel,  
co-Secretary of the EGC



## Treasurers Report EGC January 2024 Activity

Janet Klingler

Hanne and Heinrich Neiderhausen

### CHECKING ACCOUNT - OSCU

Beginning Balance \$ 2,593.93

#### Income

Dues \$ 330.00

Grant Fund \$ 50.00

**Total Income** \$ 2,973.93

#### Expenses

PO Box yearly rental fee \$ 176.00

Richie Steffen - January speaker fee \$ 400.00

Rebecca Levien - website updates \$ 480.00

**Total expenses** \$ 1,056.00

Ending Balance \$ 1,917.93

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT - OSCU

Ending Balance \$ 8.22

### SAVINGS ACCOUNT - WaFd BANK

Certificate of Deposit \$ 9,237.74

**GRAND TOTAL** \$ 11,163.89



# Garden Guidance for Harvesting and Saving Seeds

**Learn why selecting OP, F1 or Hybrid  
seed matters, how to manage  
unintentional cross pollination,  
how to harvest and store seeds to  
preserve their viability!**

**Bring your questions to this  
presentation by Andrew Still,  
Adaptive Seeds co-founder  
and Seed Ambassador**



**Tuesday, March 5 from 12:30 - 2:00 pm  
at the Corvallis Library Meeting Room**



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**AGRARIAN SHARING NETWORK**

# 2024 SPRING PROPAGATION FAIR

## **SWEET HOME**

**THIS FREE EVENT INCLUDES**

Affordable Rootstock • Free & Affordable Live Plants  
Free Quality Scion Free Seed Swap  
Grafting



### **SCION SHARE**

We are seeking cuttings of named fruit varieties from prolific, healthy, un-sprayed, and organic sources.

APPLE • PLUM • PEACH  
PEAR • CHERRY  
BERRIES • FIG  
GRAPE AND MORE!

**Sunday, March 24 • 1 – 4pm**

**SH Liberty Charter School  
28721 Liberty Road**

This program is independent from the school district. Availability of this form is a service of the school to its patrons and carries no sponsorship or liability to the school. This school is not responsible for any result that occurs from participation in this program. No state funds have been used for this program. SWEET HOME SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 25

### **GET INVOLVED**

We are looking for volunteers to contribute and share in this community-driven event. To learn more, contact us at:  
**sweethome@agrariansharing.net**

For informative videos on cutting scion and more, visit us at: [www.agrariansharing.net](http://www.agrariansharing.net)  
You can also find us on Facebook by searching for: "Agrarian Sharing Network"

Yamhill County Master Gardener Association and OSU presents

# Gardening for Your Table

**Saturday - March 16, 2024**

8:45 AM to 4:00 PM

Location

**Church on the Hill**

700 NW Hill Rd

Speakers and Topics

**Darren Morgan Keynote Speaker**

**Grow What You Will Eat, Eat What You Can Grow**

Growing Strawberries in the Home Garden – Erica Chernoh

Easy Backyard Composting – No Turning Required – Linda Brewer

Growing Tomatoes and Peppers – Bruce Gavens

Growing Garlic, Onions, Shallots, and Leeks – Bruce Gavens

Saving Tomato and Pepper Seeds – Bruce Gavens

Growing Fruits in Small Spaces – Jeff Cope

Food Preservation Made Easy - Carol Walsh

Broadening Your Plant Palette – Todd Anderson

Incorporating Edibles in Your Containers – Alanna Lambert

Registration \$25/person snacks included

Optional Lunch \$12

Register on line at [YCMGA.org](http://YCMGA.org)

Don't miss the raffle!



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