May 2024

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National Park:

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President's Message:

Gearing Up and Winding Down

May is bursting with activity. Between Earth Day and Memorial Day, many of us are doing spring garden clean-up, tending to gentle seedlings, contemplating garden designs with natives, and so much more. Our newsletter reflects the variety of activities locally and in the valley. So much to do, see, and plant!

The May 6th program meeting is not to be missed. Foremost is the chance to hear Club member Janet Throop's presentation on Edible Gardens for All **Seasons**. Throughout the year Janet spends much time nurturing her large and lush yard full of flowers, fruit trees, berries, and vegetables. For over thirty years she has been an active Benton County Master Gardener. She is a keen observer of the natural world and encourages all to be mindful of the earth and our impact upon it. We are in for a treat to learn how to grow edibles year-round.



After the program, there will be an important business meeting with two items of note: Voting on the slate of nominees to serve on the Board of Directors for 2024-2025 and voting on a proposed increase in membership fees.

The May meeting will conclude with our Spring Plant Exchange. We will set up round tables in the room with tarp coverings and labels indicating what type of plant goes where. Your job before coming is to make a postcard size description of the plant and attach it to a popsicle stick or plastic fork so we can read about it. Peruse the plants between 6:30 and 7:00 and be sure to obtain a Plant Exchange ticket.

This is our last meeting until the fall. During the summer months our Tours Committee will provide numerous chances to visit local gardens and nurseries. See the article in this newsletter for information. Additionally, the Board has arranged for several social events over the summer so we can continue to connect with one another. These events enrich the club and our sense of belonging. Do come!

Finally, I find myself preparing to hand the baton over to Nancy Haldeman on June 30th. It has been an honor to serve on the Board. I was lucky to have an incredible group of people with whom to serve and I was lifted by the kind words and actions of so many EGC members. Thank YOU for helping to make the Evening Garden Club an exceptional organization.

Book Club

Hi Garden Book Lovers, We meet Thursdays on odd numbered months. All members are welcome.

Book: The Botany of Desire by Michael Pollen

Time: Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 2:00pm

Place: Nancy Haldeman's home 986 NW Ironwood Ave.

Corvallis, OR

Phone is 541-757-9068



Upcoming books:

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

Club Activities

Good Turn Madison Ave. and 2nd St.

Our next workday will be held Sunday, May 12th from 10 until 2. A Trumpetvine email will be send out as a reminder for that date and it will be rescheduled if it is going to be heavy rain We



welcome any amount of time you have available. Please bring gloves, personal hand weeding tools and a smile. Hope to see you there.

2024 EGC Grants Program

Committee members: Marsha Ham, Christina Clark, and Jan Gustafson

Applications Overview:

9 applications

5 community gardens and community organizations

4 schools

Funds: \$1,500 from line item in our budget, \$1,000 from the generosity of member's donations.

Recipients:

Many MG and EGC members are involved in these projects.

- 1. <u>Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center</u>: Earth Day seed starting workshop, matching seeds with cultural background (sunflowers Ukraine, basil Thailand, chives Korea, coriander Mexico)
- 2. <u>Corvallis Neighborhood Housing Services dba DevNW / Thriving Communities Program Area</u>: Funding for compost and tools, 5 community garden sites throughout Corvallis
- 3. Philomath Community Services: ADA raised beds for Lupe's community garden
- 4. Philomath Montessori School: Garden and flower bed rejuvenation
- 5. Bessie Coleman Elementary, Corvallis: Butterfly and pollinator garden improvements
- 6. Adams Elementary School: Soil for planter boxes for the afterschool garden club
- 7. Boys and Girls Club: Beautification and enrichment of building entrance
- 8. <u>Philomath Middle School 8th Grade Leadership class:</u> Plant native trees and shrubs on school grounds
- 9. <u>OSU Organic Growers Club-</u> Partial funding for intern, typically not funded, but would like to contribute to this effective community farming project

Fund Raising Committee

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our silent auctions, 50/50 raffles, online sale, and continuing bottle drop. We would love to hear feedback on the activities we have had. We are looking for fresh ideas and new members for our fund raising committee. Our next meeting is at Market of Choice, May 10 at 9:30.

We also want to thank Eila Briggs for her donation of equipment which was sold for a total of \$260. The hedge trimmer remains for sale at \$20 -- a real bargain! Please contact Carrie Ottow if interested.

At the May meeting:

- A fine selection of garden books will be offered for a minimum donation of \$2 per book. Please bring cash or checks.
- Carrie will have some blue bags for the BottleDrop for anyone who needs them.
- The hedge trimmer will be available for \$20.

Homegrown National Park

https://corvalliseveninggardenclub.org/homegrown-national-park/

The Homegrown National Park project is hosting a booth at the **Spring Garden Festival** on **Sunday, May 5** where we will give away 50 native plants (thank you Jennifer Klammer!) and talk with folks about the importance of removing invasives, eliminating pesticides and planting native plants. We are also partnering with Monarch on 4th to install a native plant garden at 520 NW 4th Street. Signe Danler will provide the landscape design. We are currently applying for grants and accepting donations to fund this demonstration garden. If EGC members know of a potential granting institution for this project, please contact Cathy Kerr at cgkerr11@icloud.com.

Our May HNP meeting will be **Wednesday, May 8**, at the **Monarch on 4th** house at **3PM**. We will have a chance to talk about the project, meet Executive Director Roslyn Burmood, and tour the facility. It's really an amazing space, so much going on to support our community, it's exciting to be a part of it! Please contact Robin Strauss at rstrauss@peak.org if you are planning to attend so we know how many to expect.

Floral Therapy

The Floral Therapy Project is happy to announce that EGC is now a DONOR PARTNER with **Trader Joe's.**

As mentioned last month, an application was submitted to formalize our 13-year relationship with TJ's. We found out mid-April that the application was approved. This means we are on their donation rotation every week to receive just-spent flowers that we can use to help residents of local assisted living communities make bouquets.

Floral Therapy also looks forward to the return of our leader, Donna Westwood, this month. She has been a guiding force for this project over the years and she was sorely missed as she explored Arizona cacti this past season.

If you're interested in joining this project, please contact Donna at ndbalumna@yahoo.com

Planning Ahead — Summer Socials

The Evening Garden Club **JUNE SOIREE** is Monday, **June 3**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., hosted by the Shepherd of

the Valley Lutheran Church.

Club members may not know that SVLC created a **Giving Garden** in 2009 using mostly volunteer help and, being resourceful, built raised beds using recycled highway guardrails. They now have over 30 beds, a small orchard, and a beehive. The purpose of the garden is to grow fresh vegetables and distribute them locally to people in the Corvallis area. They donate well over 1,200 pounds of food annually - lettuce, spinach, chard, zucchini, blueberries, squash, cabbage, tomatoes, and more. Volunteers include people from the community, youth and high school groups, 4-H Garden Gnomes and OSU students. In addition, Club member and church liaison **Jennifer Klammer** frequently scouts the Garden and provides the EGC Floral Therapy group with supplemental flowers and greens.



The SOIREE is a social activity to kick off the summer and a time to acknowledge the incoming Board, Committee and Project leaders. We will meet behind the Church and in the Garden. Red and white wines and water will be provided. Please bring:

- Finger food to share,
- Drink of choice (if you don't want wine or water)
- And a chair to sit on.

Please RSVP to Heather Emberson by Monday, May 27th at hveegc21@gmail.com

If you would like to help with this event, please contact Heather. Hope to see you there!

The Evening Garden Club will host a **POTLUCK**Monday, **August 19**, from 4:00 to 8:00
At the Lion's Club Shelter in Avery Park

COME JOIN THE COMPANY OF NEW AND SEASONED GARDENERS AND ENJOY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS YEAR'S EARTHY ADVENTURES!

- Please bring any kind of potluck item you want to share and serving utensil.
- Also bring your own plate, utensils, and napkin.
- EGC will provide drinks (no alcohol permitted) and dessert.



If you want to help with the organizing, please contact Nancy Mandel at rosefrog@gmail.com

Community Activities

Vegetable Garden Plant Clinic Public Seed Library

FREE informal event where you can ask your veggie garden questions and get some free seeds.

When: Saturday, May 18, 9:30 AM-noon

Where: Corvallis Public Library 645 NW Monroe



Corvallis Spring Garden Festival

When: Sunday, **May 5**, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Pollinator Garden dedication at 1:00 PM

Where: Arts Center Plaza

Madison Ave. (between 7th and 8th St.)

Schreiner's Gardens Bloom Season

Visit the largest iris grower in the U.S.! See details and entrance fees at https://www.schreinersgardens.com/ pages/iris-bloom-season

When: May 3 - 31, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Where: 3625 Quinaby Road NE

Salem, Oregon

The Food Garden Organic Gardening Classes

Class is **FREE**, but pre-registration is required. See flyer below for more information.

When: Saturday, May 4, 10:00 - noon

Where: Lebanon Senior Center

80 Tangent St. Lebanon, Oregon

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.

May 14 - Nowhere to Grow but Up: Gardening without Land

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

May 1 - Native Plants & Pollinators—What Does the Latest Science Reveal?

May 8 - Ground Covers of Every Size for Non-irrigated Landscapes

May 15 - Tomatoes III: Planting & Cultural Best Practices

May 22 - Growing Root Crops

May 29 - Superpower for Your Vegetable Garden: Growing Cover Crops

Earth Day Celebration Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center FREE

When: Saturday, **May 4**, 2:00 - 4:00 PM Where: 2638 NW Jackson Ave., Corvallis

Flyer below

Floral Design Class Lebanon Garden Club

Classes are **FREE**, but pre-registration is required. See flyer below for more information.

When: Thursday, May 2, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Green & Petite Design

Thursday, May 9, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

- Miniatures & Dried Design

Where: Lebanon Senior Center

80 Tangent St. Lebanon, Oregon

Ecological Gardening Summit

Hosted by Joe Lamp'l, and featuring 4 speakers including Dr. Doug Tallamy. Learn more, register, and pay at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-ecological-gardening-summit-registration-853176031477?aff=oddtdtcreator

When: Wednesday, May 8, 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM



Conect With Nature Greenbelt Land Trust

These events are **Free** but still require registration and may fill up fast. Go to https://greenbeltlandtrust.org/events/.

Pollinators and Wildflowers—Family Day at Bald Hill Farm (for kids)

Saturday, May 11, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Wildflower Walk at Kingston Prairie Preserve Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM - noon

Hike Together—Cheadle Marsh/Pigeon Butte at Finley National Wildlife Refuge

Sunday, May 19, 9:00 AM - noon

Plant Sales

Benton County Master Gardeners

Over 10,000 plants! See their website for more details: https://www.bentonmg.org/plant-sale When: Saturday, **May 4**, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Where: Benton County Fairgrounds
Solar Barn & Floral Courtyard

Lebanon Garden Club

When: Friday, **May 10**, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday, **May 11**, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: 880 Tangent Street

(corner of 10th and Tangent)

Yamhill County Master Gardeners

When: Saturday, **May 4,** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday, **May 5,** 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Where: Yamhill County Fairgrounds

Leslie Lewis Pavilion 2070 NE Lafayette Ave. McMinnville, Oregon

Master Gardeners (Other Counties)

Big and small plant sales from the Master Gardeners of many Oregon counties. Details at https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/find-master-gardener-association-plant-sale-near-you

When: May

Where: all over Oregon

Spring Fever Open House Cascade Nursery Trail

Time for a road trip! Visit all 6 member nurseries for garden tours, plant sales, and special events. Visit their website for more details: https://www.cascadenurserytrail.com/events

When: Saturday, **May 25,** 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday, **May 26,** 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday, **May 27,** 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Where: Northeast of Salem

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: 2:00-3:30 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

Board Meetings	Member Meetings	Programs
Apr 29	May 6	Presentation, business meeting, and plant exchange Year-round Edibles Gardening Presenter: Janet Throop
May 20		
Jun 24		

EGC May Member Program

Evening Garden Club LAST program on Monday, May 6

Did you know that vegetables like beets, carrots, and chard prefer the cooler temperatures of early spring. Summer is the height of the growing season for tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers. Mid- to late- summer is the time to plant fall-harvested vegetables like Brussels sprouts and pumpkins.

Want to know more? Join us for "Edible Gardens for All Seasons".



For over thirty years **Janet Throop** has been an active Benton County Master Gardener. With a wealth of experience and a passion for sustainable gardening, she has been teaching gardeners how to get the most out of their vegetable gardens for years. We are so lucky she is also a member of EGC! Get ideas for creating a veggie garden that will produce fresh vegetables for many months of the year.

Remember to bring a potted plant with identification to share. Deliver plants at 6:30 and eyeball the options. Buy your 50/50 Raffle ticket before the program begins at 7:00. After the program, participate in a short member meeting (vote on the new board and on dues increase). After that, the Raffle winner will be identified, and the Plant Exchange will begin. Guests are welcome with a \$5 fee.

2024 Tour Schedule

Date	Time	Name	
***May 4	9-3	Master Gardener Plant sale	Benton County Fairgrounds
***May 4 and 5	9-4	Spring Garden Faire	Clackamas County Fairgrounds
			694 NE 4th St Canby, OR
			\$7 one day, \$12 both days
			https://springgardenfair.org/
***May 5	10-4	Corvallis Spring Garden Fest	Central Park
*** May 11 & 12	11-4	Thyme Gardens	Art in the Garden
			https://www.thymegarden.com/happenings
May 13	5-7:30	Member Tour	CHS Neighborhood
			2 gardens
May 28	5-7:30	Member Tour	Witham Hill and Timberhill
			2 or more gardens (June 3 if rain on May 28)
*** June 9	9-4	**McMinnville Garden Faire (FREE)	Cowls St between 1st and 3rd
	10-3	**McMinnville Garden Tour (\$10)	5 McMinnville home gardens
June 13	7:45 (carpool)	Darcy Daniels of eGardenGO, Portland	and Cistus Nursery on Sauvie Island
			Bring sack lunch
*** June 15	10-4	Through the Garden Gate	Linn County Master Gardener event
			https://albanyvisitors.com/event/master-
			gardeners-tour-2-2/
***June 15	open hours	Sebright Gardens	Plant and Garden Art Sale
June 20	5-7:30	Member Tour	Lebanon, OR
	(4:30 carpool)		2 gardens
July 13	7:45 (carpool)	NW Gardens and 2 private gardens	Eugene, OR
			Bring sack lunch
Aug 14	5-7:30	Member Tour	Lewisburg/Mountain View
			2 or more gardens. Carpool 4:45
***Sept 7	open hours	Sebright Gardens	Salem Hardy Plant Soc. sale, several nurseries

*** Indicates an "On Your Own" event. Not an official EGC tour

Garden Tour Etiquette

All of us really enjoy the annual EGC garden tours. We appreciate our tour hosts and would like to remind members of a few items of courtesy.

- Please only come to visit or tour on the date and time listed, unless specifically noted otherwise.
- Our hosts work hard to make sure their garden is in the top condition for our tours, which is a lot of work. Please do not contact host to arrange a visit on a different date.
- We may schedule some last minute "pop-up" tours. These will still have a scheduled day and time. Pop-up does not mean pop-in.
- Please stay on designated paths.
- Don't do spontaneous weeding or deadheading it can be taken by the host as a veiled criticism.
- Feel free to ask anything about the garden and the plants in it. Just "What's that?" or "Tell me about that plant" are welcome openings for the gardener to expound.



All official carpooling will meet at the Lutheran Church parking lot on the corner of Highland and Walnut. Carpooling MAY be available, please be prepared to drive.

Member Meeting Minutes

April, 2024 7:00

The meeting started at 7 pm as an in-person only meeting with Heather Emberson presiding. The meeting was attended by 54 people.

For our program we had a panel of four experts on landscape design. They were Al Shay, an instructor in the OSU Horticultural department, Owen Dell of Owen Dell and Associates LLC, Signe Danler, an instructor with OSU Extension, and Jeff Cope, co-owner of Home Grown Gardens Nursery - Landscape. Each one of them told a fascinating history of

how they came to be doing landscape design in Corvallis. They then answered landscaping questions that Ruby Moon had previously collected from the members.

In the business portion of the meeting, we approved the March minutes and accepted the March treasurer's report. Sheryl Thorburn was elected to fill through June 30 the vacant Member-at-Large position. The club approved a motion distributing a total of \$2500 in grants to nine organizations. Because of increasing costs, the EGC board feels a dues increase is needed. This will be proposed and voted on at the May meeting and if passed will be implemented this fall for the 2025 dues. We will also have officer elections at the May meeting.

The committee doing fundraising for the Grants Fund has been active. Blue bags were distributed so that proceeds from bottle returns can go to the Grants Fund, and they held our second silent auction. The winner of the 50/50 raffle donated the \$24.50 they won to the Grants Fund.

The meeting ended at 8:30.

Submitted by Nancy Mandel co-Secretary of the EGC

Treasurers Report EGC March 2024 Activity

Janet Klingler Hanne and Heinrich Neiderhausen

CHECKING ACCOUNT - OSCU Beginning Balance	\$ 1,987.93
Income Grant fund Dues	\$ 279.00 \$ 140.00
Guests at March meeting Transfer of WaFd closed CD account	\$ 15.00 \$ 9,395.84
Total Income	\$ 11,817.77
Expenses Eileen Stark - February speaker Secretary of State - Oregon business filing Sharon Knight - March speaker Purchased 11-month CD Business Certificate Tent space at Spring Festival	\$ 100.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 7,000.00 \$ 45.00
Total expenses	\$ 7,245.00
Ending Balance	\$ 4,572.77
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - OSCU Ending Balance	\$ 8.22
SAVINGS ACCOUNT - WaFd BANK Beginning Balance - CD Including interest Closed CD Ending Balance	\$ 9,395.84 \$ (9,395.84) \$ -
11 MONTH BUSINESS CERTIFICATE - OSCU Beginning Balance Dividend Ending Balance	\$ 7,000.00 \$ 14.36 \$ 7,014.36
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 11,595.35

CORVALLIS

Spring Garden Festival



SUNDAY MAY 5 2024

10AM - 4PM

ARTS CENTER PLAZA/MADISON AVE
BETWEEN 7TH AND 8TH STREETS

ART ~ COMMUNITY ~ GARDEN

~ EDIBLE GOODS FROM LOCAL MAKERS AND CREATORS ~ LIVE PERFORMANCES

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COME TO WHERE ART AND GARDEN MEET







OPEN HOUSE

04 May · 2-4 pm 2638 NW Jackson Ave Corvallis, OR



*Everyone is invited! Fun for the whole family!

- * Earth Day Celebration: learn why plants are special in different cultures, and grow them from seeds!
- * Taste favorite herbs in dishes from around the world!

 * Create your dream garden art collage!
 - * Learn about CMLC and how you can be a part of our community!

Our valuable partners: Evening Garden Club and OSU Horticulture Club

https://cmlcenter.org 541-63

541-632-3890

Lebanon Garden Club Presents

Strawberry Circus Free



Standard Flower Show Floral Design Classes Learn from the Pro's

- * Thursday April 18th—Stones & Water Design 10:00-12:00
- Thursday April 25th—Teacup Class Design 10:00-12:00
- * Thursday May 2nd—Green & Petite Design 10:00-12:00
- * Thursday May 9th—Miniatures & Dried Design 10:00-12:00
- Floral Design Demonstrations
- * Know your Design Components
- * Standard Flower Show Rules will be shared with students
- * Flower Show Class Names for Lebanon Garden Club Flower Show
- * Interesting and unique tips for your own designs

Pre-registration is necessary to attend.

Sign-Up at the Senior Center, or call Merrie to sign up one week prior to class. Provide first & last name, email, and phone number to register.

Contact: Merrie Wales 530-936-7464 or happycelts@att.net

YAMHILL COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

LANT SALE

Saturday May 4 Sunday May 5

9:00AM - 4:00PM 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Location

YAMHILL COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

Leslie Lewis Pavilion 2070 NE Lafayette Avenue McMinnville

Visit YCMGA.org For More Details Call 503-434-7517



































The Food Garden

Indoor, organic gardening classes
Free & Open to the Public

Class Dates: Saturdays 10-noon
March 30th, April 6, 13, 20, 27 & May 4th
Location: Lebanon Senior Center
80 Tangent Street, Lebanon, OR



Photo: Zoe Schaeffer

A garden myth busted every week
Weekly hands on planting to take home – supplies provided
Understand why plants don't produce
Learn what soil needs
When to harvest

Recognize plant disease & nutrient deficiencies
ID insects pests & predators, lots of pictures
<u>Easy steps to gardening success</u>

Reservations required - Register: casteen@aol.com
Confirmation email will be sent
Please do not call the Senior Center

Classes taught by Sheryl Casteen, retired garlic farmer, & Lebanon Porter Park
Community Garden Manager. Sheryl has received her master gardener certificate
annually since 2006.

