



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

November 2024

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2023-24 Projects:

Book Club:

Nancy Mandel

Floral Therapy:

Donna Westwood

Good Turn:

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Homegrown

National Park:

Kathleen Chambliss

President's Message:

Fall is upon us. I've been busy moving plants. Areas that used to be sun areas are now shaded too much by the Japanese Snowbell tree that is getting bigger. Some plants did not bloom well this past summer. I need to divide and find new homes for them.

Our Board of the EGC decided to accept the invitation of the Corvallis Master Gardeners to join with them in the Greens Party this year. The official date is now Wednesday, Dec. 4th from 2 – 7 at the Fairgrounds. This combined effort will hopefully make it easier for both groups and we will get to meet each other. Please mark the date change on your calendar

Remember to bring a check to renew your dues at our meeting November 4th or send it in by check to our PO Box. It is \$25 for individuals and \$35 for a couple. The deadline is January 1st. Your name will then be updated on our member list and will enable you to continue on Trumpetvine and receive our monthly newsletter.

We have many current active committees and projects. See the newsletter for contact information. Joining one of these groups is an easy way to get to know more gardeners. When everyone helps out in little ways, our club stays strong.



Book Club

All members are welcome to attend book group meetings. We meet on a Thursday in odd numbered months.

Book: *A Gentle Plea for Chaos* by Mirabel Osler

Time: Thursday, **Nov 7**, 2024 at 2:30

Place: Imagine Coffee

5460 Philomath Blvd.

Corvallis, OR



Upcoming books:

- *The Gardener's Eye and Other Essays* by Allen Lacy
- *Seed to Dust: Life, Nature, and a Country Garden* by Marc Hamer

Club Activities

Good Turn Madison Ave. and 2nd St.

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

Homegrown National Park

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



The Homegrown National Park Project held the first volunteer workday with nine students from Oregon State University Society of Scholarly Sistas on Oct 19. Two days later we presented the ideas of [Homegrown National Park™](#) and the demonstration project at Monarch on 4th to the Benton County Master Gardeners. Fifteen people joined online and more than 30 people gathered in-person. Other Master Gardener groups, such as those in Jackson and Washington counties, have already shared Homegrown National Park™ ideas with their communities. It is encouraging to see the momentum. Our gardens can do so much in addition to the beauty, respite, (work!) and food they supply to us. They can sequester more carbon, hold more water in the soil, and provide essential habitat for “the little things that rule the world” E.O. Wilson. For this last function, we can add [keystone plants](#).

Members of the project team have been gathering new plants, and we’ve recently learned that another Oregon State University Club, Medical Humanities, will help plant Phase 1. We’ve received funding from the Community Thrift Shop to continue with Phase 2, which is the area around the side entrance to Monarch on 4th, and used by clients who park in the back. If you would like to join the Homegrown National Park™ Project team, please email: Kathleen.chambliss@alumni.prescott.edu.

Santiam District Officer Nominations Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs

Santiam District is looking for nominations for officers for 2025-2027. Offices are Director, Assistant Director, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else please contact Merrie Wales at happycelts@att.net. She will also be able to answer any questions that you have.



Floral Therapy



Four times per month, members of the Floral Therapy group pick up just-spent flowers from our partner, Trader Joes, and bring them to one of our 4 participating assisted living facilities. We help residents on multiple levels by providing this activity:

- Flower arranging is **inclusive** of all ages and abilities – any interested person is welcome including the resident, care provider or visiting family and friends.
- It can be achieved **anywhere** – whatever a person’s mobility level, they can engage in the activity from a seated or standing position, and while using an assistive mobility device.
- Floral Therapy **improves motor function** – we try to encourage residents to make the bouquets themselves so they can preserve fine motor skills and muscle memory which supports a sense of independence.
- Great for seniors **with memory loss** – it engages the senses, provides cognitive and sensory stimulation, and often triggers fond memories of their gardens from long ago.
- **Boosts mood** and a positive sense of well-being – we can all attest to the pleasure we feel when given flowers! The Floral Therapy Project is a joyful, soothing and relaxing activity.

You will benefit from participation as much as the residents do! It’s a hands-on loving experience.

If you would like to join this group and help “make someone’s day” by volunteering once per month, **please contact** Leader Donna Westwood at ndbalumna@yahoo.com.



Betty Shelley Reducing Waste to Help Our Planet

Betty Shelley and her husband, Jon, have produced just one 32-gallon can of garbage per year since 2006. She finds waste reduction to be a creative and empowering way to reduce her impact on the planet’s climate and resources. She is the founder of Reduce Your Waste Project which offers “Less is More: Getting to One Can of Garbage a Year” classes on reducing resource waste (<http://reduceyourwasteproject.com>). Betty and Jon were featured in The Oregonian in 2013 as well as in numerous other publications.



Betty is an Agent of Change, a Master Recycler and a former Recycling Information Specialist for Metro Regional Government in Portland, Oregon. For Metro, she was often featured on AM/Northwest, addressing Reducing, Reusing and Recycling. She has also been interviewed for KINK Radio’s Talking Trash podcast, the Portland Sustainability Podcast and The Portland Cool Podcast. In addition, Betty is a quarterly contributor to The Green Living Journal.

A member of Northwest Earth Institute since 1994, Betty was honored with the NW Earth Institute Founders Award in 2013, recognizing her vast contributions to both Northwest Earth Institute and sustainability education and practice more broadly.

Community Activities

Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series

In 2024 this **FREE** online series is aimed at helping gardeners take a bite out of hunger. Classes are finished for this year but you can view recordings at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series-2024>.



Planting For Pollinators Family Day Greenbelt Land Trust

This event is **Free** but does require registration. Geared towards families with kids grades K-5. Go to <https://greenbeltlandtrust.org/event/planting-for-pollinators-family-day-2024> for more information and to register.

When: Saturday, **Nov 16**, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Where: Bald Hill Farm
6780 NW Oak Creek Drive
Corvallis, OR

Oregon's Cultural Landscape How to Better Understand and Protect These Special Places

This **FREE** in-person lecture sponsored by the Lord & Schryver Conservancy requires no registration.

When: Monday, **Nov 11**
6:00—7:00 PM Refreshments and social time
7:00—8:00 PM Lecture and Q&A
Where: Willamette Heritage Center, Dye House
1313 Mill St. NE
Salem, OR

Building Small Backyard Ponds Albany Grand Prairie Garden Club

Merrie Wales, Master Gardener and previous koi/pond business owner, will share information about building a small backyard pond. Attendance is **FREE** and no registration is required.

When: Thursday, **Nov. 21**, 1:00 - 2:30
Where: Albany Library
2415 14th SE Ave.
Albany, Oregon

Cultivar Wars Are Native Cultivars Destroying Biodiversity?



This Elisabeth Carey Miller Memorial Lecture is a **Free** Zoom recorded webinar that is available only until the end of November. View it [here](#).

Cultivating Camas and Communities: Tracing People-Plant Relationships in the Willamette Valley

OSU Professor Molly Carney presents how and why Camas is a cultural and ecological keystone plant for Kalapuya. This is a **Free** Zoom event but registration is required. Learn more and register at <https://bit.ly/2024champinefu2>.

Saturday, **Nov 6**, 7:00 PM



10-Minute University

Clackamas County Master Gardener Assoc.
FREE



No new classes till January 2025.
To view previously recorded webinars go to: <https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/10-minute-university/>

Winter Native Plant Sale Benton SWCD

Ordering is available now online. Get more details, view the catalog, and place an order at <https://bswcd.square.site/>.

Pickup: **March 1**
Where: Benton County Fairgrounds
110 SW 53rd St.
Corvallis, OR



Program Schedule 2024-25

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 Nancy Haldeman is requested. If you have an issue you want the board to address, please send it to Nancy **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. Meetings are in-person only unless specified otherwise.

Location: Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis
 Time: Doors open at 6:30; meetings begin at 7:00

Board Mtgs	Member Mtgs	Programs
Oct 28	Nov 4	Presenter: Betty Shelley Betty will speak about reducing waste to help our planet. No handouts, so please bring a pen and paper for notes.
Nov 25	Dec 4 (Wed.) 2:00—7:00 PM	Greens Party with Benton County Master Gardeners at Guerber Hall at the Benton County Fairgrounds.
Dec 30	Jan 6 Zoom only	Presenter: Linda Beutler Linda is a clematis expert from Portland and will speak about the queen of vines.
Jan 27	Feb 3 Zoom only	Presenter: Jo Wakelin Jo is a New Zealand gardener and will speak about her spectacular drought tolerant garden.
Feb 24	Mar 3	Presenter: Dave Eckerdt Dave is a gardener extraordinaire and will speak about his and his wife Pat's stunning garden in Salem.
Mar 31	Apr 7	Presenter: James Cassidy James is an OSU soil expert and will speak about our gardens' soil.
Apr 28	May 5	Presentation and Plant Exchange Presenter: Lawrence Birch Lawrence will speak about medicinal herbs.
May 26		
Jun 30		



Member Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2024 7:00

This in-person meeting commenced at 7:03pm, with EGC President Nancy Haldeman presiding. There were 47 members present, and this was the first regular meeting since pausing for the summer break. The president began the meeting by introducing the current Board members and the 2024-25 committee chairs. Members were encouraged to join whatever committee sparks their interest, and to help spread the joy of gardening!

During the business portion of the meeting, a motion to approve the 2024-2025 EGC budget was brought and carried. A financial review for 2024 has been completed by EGC member Harriet Plumbly.

NPK (Neighborhood Planters Kiosk) - Kathleen Rochester presented a brief history of the NPK project, which began in 2016 and is currently a collaboration among Benton County Master Gardeners, City of Corvallis Parks and Recreation, Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, Corvallis EGC, and many other volunteers and kiosk hosts. EGC is responsible for contributing one article per month, which could be divided among willing EGC members. Nancy Sarpola and Heather Emberson added additional information, and member questions were answered. A volunteer coordinator from EGC is still needed to ensure timely dispersion of these articles to the numerous kiosk hosts.

HNP (Homegrown National Park) – Cathy Kerr spoke about how Doug Tallamy’s book “Nature’s Best Hope” prompted her and a friend to bring this important program to Corvallis. The current Demonstration Garden is located at 520 NW 4th St. in Corvallis. Signe Danler provided the landscape design for Phase I, which is currently under way. There are plans for 5 phases, which will include an edible garden. Cathy shared a detailed plan for this project and will post a link on the EGC website. She plans to provide EGC members an opportunity to purchase plants for this project.

Fundraising Committee – Cory Koos, Kathleen Rochester and Carrie Ottow presented upcoming fundraising activities including having a booth at the Benton County Gardeners “Insights into Gardening” event in February 2025. They plan to sell gloves, scoops, etc. Volunteers will be needed for this event. The Bottle Drop fundraiser is ongoing. Members use “blue bags” specifically earmarked for EGC to collect refundable bottles and cans, then bring them to a Bottle Drop location. Members may bring small amounts of their beverage recycling to meetings to contribute.

Greens Party – The Board previously voted to join Benton County Master Gardeners for the annual Greens Party in 2024. It will be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at the Benton County Fairgrounds. Janet Magedanz has volunteered to chair this event. More information will be provided in the newsletter. Volunteers will be needed.

Floral Therapy – Floral Therapy is conducted weekly at various assisted living and memory care facilities to assist residents with floral projects. Volunteers are needed for this program and a weekly commitment is not required. Donna Westwood is chair of this committee.

Book Sale – Books which were donated by Friends of the Library will be for sale at each general meeting as an ongoing fundraiser for the Grants program.

A plant exchange was conducted and everyone came away with new plants!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

The next general meeting will be Monday, November 4, 2024 at Shepherd of the Valley Church. The speaker will be Betty Shelley, who will provide information on reducing waste to help our planet.

Submitted by Becca Smith, Secretary of Corvallis EGC

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Deadline Jan 1, 2025

Please pay your membership dues for the 2024-25 year. First time members who joined on or after July 1, 2024 are already covered through 2025.

Pay at our meeting by cash or check

Cost: \$25 – Individual

OR

\$35 – Couples

Mail a check to:

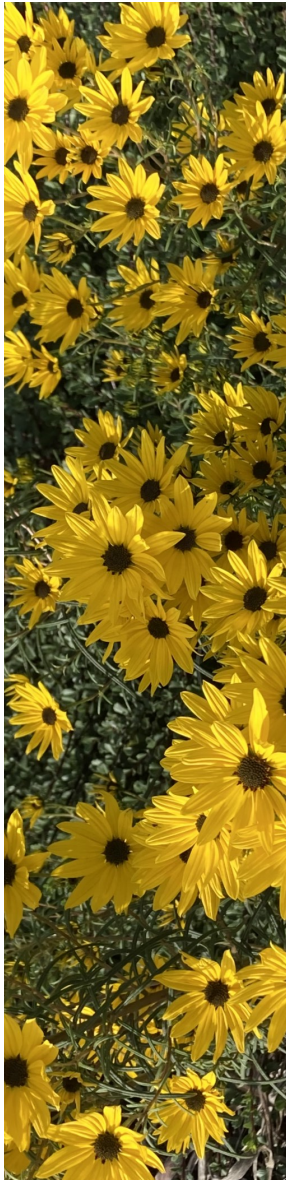
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This is a great time to make a donation to the Grant Fund too!



Treasurer's Report EGC September 2024 Activity

Janet Klingler

Bonnie Burkart

	General Fund	HNP	Total
Checking Acc't - OSCU - 9/1/24	\$2,340.81	\$3,218.50	\$5,559.31
Total September Income	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Expenses			
OSFGC dues	\$875.00		\$875.00
Surrounds Landscape-Monarch on 4th design		\$650.00	\$650.00
Copies-Kathleen Chambliss		\$19.19	\$19.19
Total September Expenses	<u>\$875.00</u>	<u>\$669.19</u>	<u>\$1,544.19</u>
Checking Acc't - OSCU - 9/30/24	<u>\$1,465.81</u>	<u>\$2,549.31</u>	<u>\$4,015.12</u>
Savings Account - OSCU - 9/30/24	<u>\$8.22</u>		<u>\$8.22</u>
11 Month Business Cert. - OSCU - 9/1/24	\$7,144.93		\$7,144.93
11 Month Business Cert. Dividend	\$25.88		\$25.88
11 Month Business Cert. - OSCU - 9/30/24	<u>\$7,170.81</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$7,170.81</u>
TOTAL ASSETS as of 9/30/24	<u>\$8,644.84</u>	<u>\$2,549.31</u>	<u>\$11,194.15</u>