



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

October 2024

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Book Club:

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Homegrown

National Park:

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President's Message:

Welcome back to our Fall schedule of programs with the Corvallis Evening Garden Club (EGC). I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. I traveled a lot with both week-long and weekend trips and so had to be mindful to water (I hand water) my garden deeply before I left on a week-long trip.

I've been a member of the EGC for a long time, since sometime after my partner and I bought a house in Corvallis in 1998 and I needed to learn more about gardening. I attended regularly and have learned a lot. The club has been around since 1969 and has had 38 Presidents. Now it is time for me to contribute back to the club as your president. I hope to keep the club doing what it does well and maybe add some new projects as members see an interest.

Our club has many inspiring committees and projects. They each take dedicated people to be successful. Notice in the newsletter what interests you and where you would like to get involved. It may be simply to arrive early to the monthly meeting and help set up or stay late to put tables and chairs back in their place. You are free to solicit others via *Trumpetvine* to start a new project. You need a minimum of three committed persons to form a committee. Home Grown National Parks (HNP) did that last year and already has lots of plans for the future. Our club is all about helping us to become better gardeners and improving our community's natural beauty. I'm looking forward to this year as the club president and meeting/seeing you at our various events.

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 next workday will be held Sunday, **October 12th** from 10 until 2. We will be spreading mulch and doing general cleanup.

A Trumpetvine email will be sent out as a reminder for that date. We welcome any amount of time you have available. Please bring gloves, personal hand tools and a smile. Hope to see you there.

Grants

The Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis is excited to share this report for the generous \$125 grant to fund new planter boxes. 100% of the grant funds were fully expended to purchase new planters and flowers for our front entrance. These beautiful flowers greeted our Summer Club youth and employees all summer long and will welcome them back to the Club for the new school year.



The project was completed in time for our annual Celebrate Kids Breakfast in May, greeting attendees with stunning spring flora. We adore the bright, cheerful flowers and all the local wildlife they draw. All spring and summer we saw honeybees and butterflies enjoying the blossoming flowers. Shortly after the planters were installed, we were delighted to find a nest of baby birds calling them home! Not only do these planters bring smiles to our faces, but they provide shelter for our animal neighbors. We at the Club like to think these flower boxes represent the work we do: providing a positive, safe space for youth just like the baby birds in their nest.



Thank you so much for partnering with us to make our Club and community a more beautiful place for children. We look forward to watching our flowers and children bloom throughout this upcoming school year. Our members are like seedlings: all they need is care, support, and confidence in order to blossom into the best version of themselves. We hope you enjoy the attached photos so you too can enjoy our flowers.

Santiam District Meeting Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs

Date and Time: Thursday, **Oct 17**, 10:30

Host: Alsea Garden Club

Guest Speaker: Owners of Thyme Gardens, "Preserving Herbs for all Seasons" (with plants)

Flyer below

Homegrown National Park

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



The Homegrown National Park Project team has received a wonderful design and plant lists for Phase 1 of the Monarch on 4th project. Our first work day is on **October 19th**, during which we will be removing existing nonnative plants with the generous help of The Society of Scholarly Sistas, an Oregon State University club, who contacted Monarch on 4th about volunteering.

Two days later on **October 21st**, we will present the Homegrown National Park Project to the Benton County Master Gardeners. Everyone is welcome at this meeting, which starts at 7:00 PM in the Sunset Room of the Sunset Building at 4077 SW Research Way. More info at <https://www.bentonmg.org/association-meetings>.

Our new Project Chair is Kathleen Chambliss. You may contact her at Kathleen.chambliss@alumni.prescott.edu for more information.



The **EGC Floral Therapy Project** is a year-round activity for new and longtime members of the club. Fall is a particularly good time to highlight this activity as EGC programs begin.

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

Community Activities

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.



Oct 8 - A Shroom of One's Own:
At-Home Edible Mushroom Production

Pruning, Prepping & Putting Your Roses to Bed (plus disease resistant varieties)

Attend the Albany Grand Prairie Garden Club meeting to hear speaker Jean Chapin talk about roses. Attendance is **FREE**.

When: Thursday, **Oct. 10**, 1:00 - 2:30
Where: Albany Library
2415 14th SE Ave.
Albany, Oregon

Why Native Plants Matter Garden Q & A

A **Free** discussion of native plants and why you should plant them. There will be an overview of which natives are easier to grow, scented, low-water, etc. Digital hand outs of the plant lists will be available.

When: Saturday, **Oct 26**, 10:00 AM
Where: Lebanon Senior Center
80 Tangent St.
Lebanon, Oregon

Fall Family Fun Fest Greenbelt Land Trust

This event is **Free** and requires no registration. Geared towards families with kids up through 6th grade. Go to <https://greenbeltlandtrust.org/event/fall-family-fun-fest-at-bald-hill-farm/> for directions and more information.

When: Sunday, **Oct 13**, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Where: Bald Hill Farm
6780 NW Oak Creek Drive
Corvallis, OR

Seed Swap

This is a **Free** drop-in event. Bring your labeled seeds, wrapped transplants/starts or houseplants to share. More info at <https://cityofalbany.libcal.com/event/13127852>.

When: Saturday, **Oct 12**, 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Where: Albany Library
2415 14th SE Ave.
Albany, Oregon

10-Minute University

Clackamas County Master Gardener Assoc.
FREE



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

Native Plant Sale Polk County SWCD

Order online and pick up in person. See their website for more details: <https://www.polkswcd.com/plant-sale-299799.html>.

Pickup: Friday, **Oct. 11**, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Saturday, **Oct 12**, 9:00 AM - noon
Where: Hamblin's Nursery
455 Kings Valley Hwy
Dallas, 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
Sept 30	Oct 7	Business Meeting and Plant Exchange
Oct 28	Nov 4	Presenter: Betty Shelley Betty is an EGC member and 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.)	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		

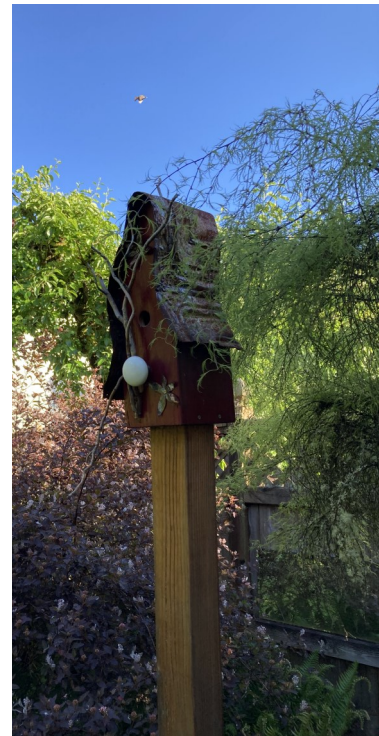
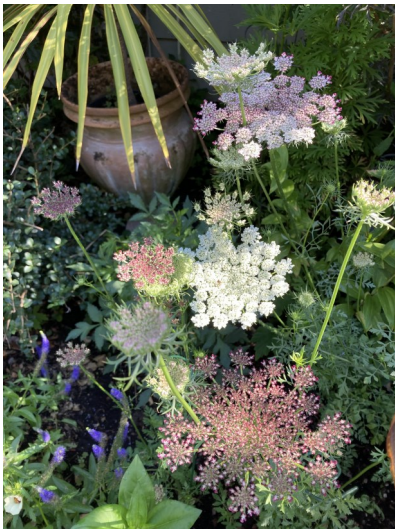
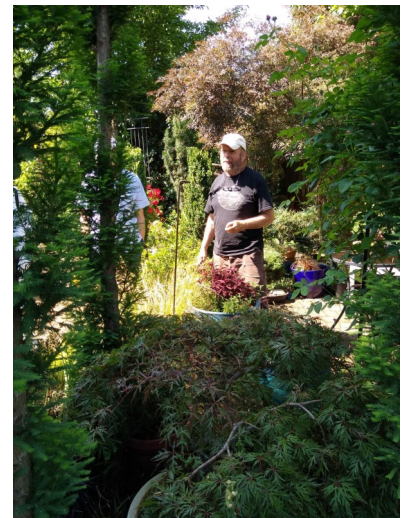
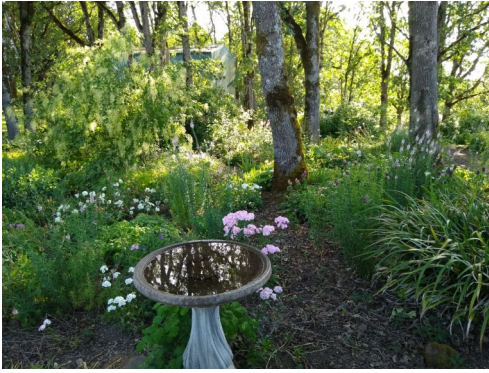
Plant Exchange

Please bring one or two plants with an index card showing

- plant name
- cultural needs (sun/shade, moisture needs, deer resistance, etc)
- your name (in case recipient has more questions about the plant)

If your plant is not taken please take it home with you.

Summer Garden Tours



Member Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2024 7:00

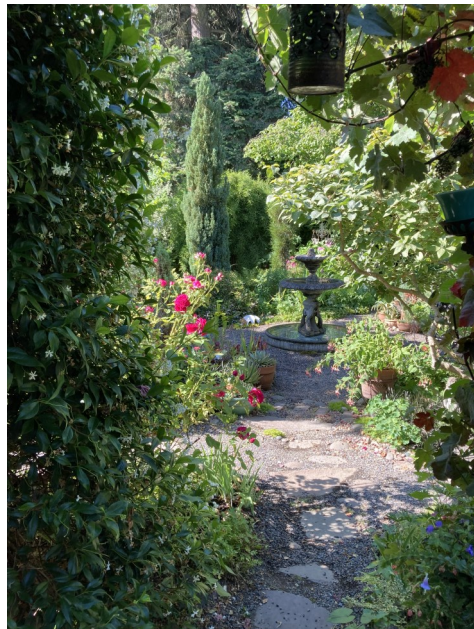
The meeting started at 7 pm as an in-person only meeting with Heather Emberson presiding. The meeting was attended by 55 people. This was our last regular meeting before the summer break.

Janet Throop spoke on “Edible Gardens for All Seasons”. For over thirty years Janet Throop has been teaching gardeners how to get the most out of their vegetable gardens. She explained what to plant for each season and how to get something edible from your garden all year long. We also had our annual spring plant exchange.

In the business section of the meeting approved the April minutes and accepted the April treasurer’s report. We elected a new board and approved a \$5 dues increase. The incoming board members are president – Nancy Haldeman, president elect – Nancy Mandel, treasurer (second year) Janet Klinger, secretary – Bekka Smith, members at large - Cathy Kerr, Gayle Parrish, and Sheryl Thorburn. LeAnna Trosen of the Tours Committee reported that we have new EGC Event signs, and some tours were already arranged. She urged people to have “popup tours”, last minute tours because your garden looks great. Jane Helfen won the 50/50 raffle and donated the \$63 total to the Grants Fund.

The meeting ended at 8:30.

**Submitted by Nancy Mandel,
co-Secretary of the EGC**



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Deadline Jan 1, 2025



Please consider paying your membership dues now so you don't forget and so we don't overload our treasurers at the last minute. First time members who joined on or after July 1, 2024 are already covered through 2025.

Cost: \$25 – Individual
\$35 – Couples

Pay at our meeting by cash or check
OR

Mail a check to:
Evening Garden Club
PO Box 315
Corvallis, OR 97339

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



Treasurers Report EGC August 2024 Activity

Janet Klingler

Bonnie Burkart

CHECKING ACCOUNT - OSCU

Beginning Balance \$ 4,768.31

Income

HNP Grant- City of Corvallis \$ 735.00

Membership Dues \$ 45.00

Book Sale - August Potluck \$ 11.00

Total Income \$ 5,559.31

Total Expenses \$ -

Ending Balance \$ 5,559.31

SAVINGS ACCOUNT - OSCU

Balance \$ 8.22

11 MONTH BUSINESS CERTIFICATE - OSCU

Beginning Balance \$ 7,118.28

Dividend \$ 26.65

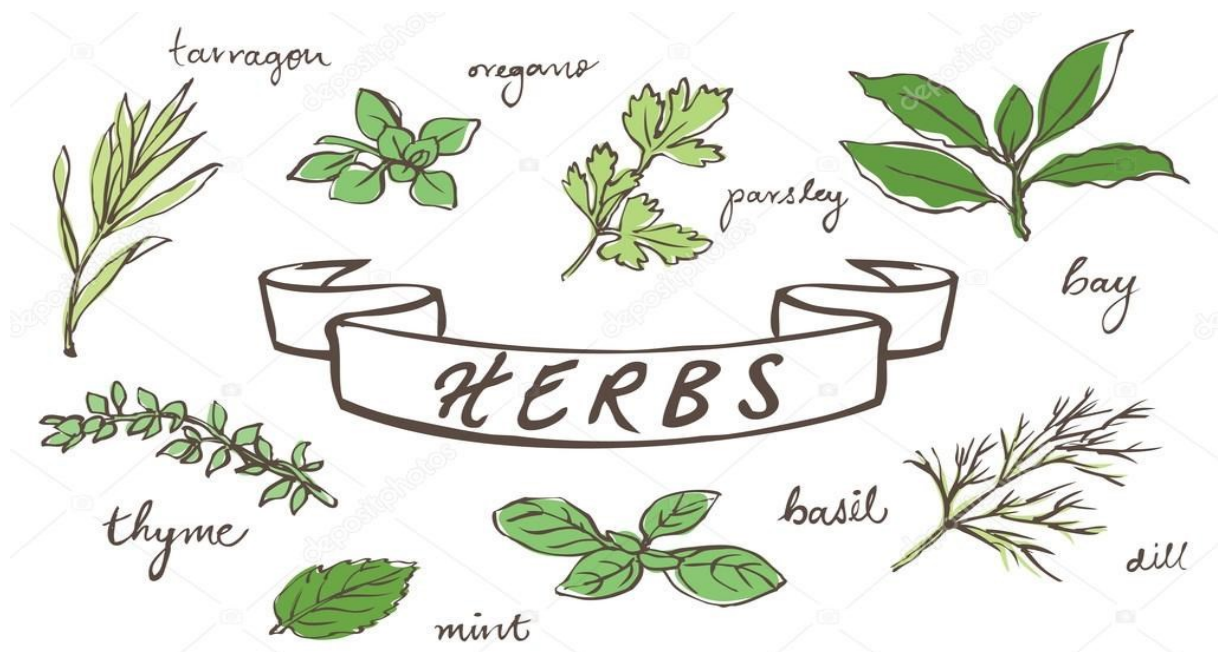
Ending Balance \$ 7,144.93

GRAND TOTAL \$ 12,712.46

You're Invited!
Santiam District Fall Meeting
Thursday, October 17th, 10:30am
"Herb Happiness"

Hosted by Alsea Garden Club

Guest Speaker: Owners of the Thyme Gardens
"Preserving Herbs for all Seasons" (with plants)



Bring your sack lunch - Dessert provided
See you at Alsea Christian Fellowship Church,
18080 Alsea Hwy. in Alsea, Oregon
RSVP to Sheryl Casteen (text 541.401.7677)