



# Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

January 2025

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## President's Message:

Greetings for the New Year!

At the start of the New Year, I like to take time to reflect on the passing year and look ahead to goals I have set for the coming year. I am a list maker, and I always enjoy looking over my lists from the previous year to see what I accomplished. I usually have a few garden projects on the list. What do you envision next year for your garden? Ideas that come to mind when creating my list include things such as: pruning shrubs and trees or fertilizing the iris and peonies in January. Are there perennials to move, divide, and give away? Do I want to add a bird bath or water feature? I usually like to add one major purchase – such as my tree peony from last year. Do I want to visit more gardens this year for inspiration and enjoyment? Do I want to add a tree? How about trying something new like dahlias? Is it time to hire a landscape designer to help me? Winter is a time to dream about my garden and plan. This is my 25<sup>th</sup> year of being a gardener with the purchase of our home in 1998. It has been a wonderful learning experience of creating more beauty in the world.

Nancy



Benton County Master Gardeners and Evening Garden Club enjoyed a joint Holiday Greens Party this year.

# Club Activities



## Floral Therapy

The Floral Therapy Project has been hibernating during the holiday season, but we are ready to get moving again in January!

If you are looking for a social time with other gardeners and if you know how or would like to learn how to arrange cut flowers, then Floral Therapy is for you!

We volunteer at four different assisted living facilities in Corvallis and once per month we visit each of them with flowers donated by Trader Joe's. Usually 2-3 people volunteer at each location: Some do one; others do several. It's up to YOU.

Please contact Floral Therapy lead, Donna Westwood at [ndbalumna@yahoo.com](mailto:ndbalumna@yahoo.com) if you would like additional information. Thanks for your interest and hope to meet you soon!

## Book Club

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

Book: *The Gardener's Eye and Other Essays*  
by Allen Lacy

Time: Thursday, **Jan 9**, 2025 at 2:30

Place: Imagine Coffee

5460 Philomath Blvd.

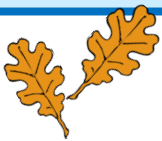
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Allen Lacy was a philosophy professor who wrote a gardening column for the New York Times in the 1990s. He was known for his personal style of garden writing rather than the "how-to" that was the standard at the time and which is still pretty common.

### Upcoming books:

- *Seed to Dust: Life, Nature, and a Country Garden* by Marc Hamer



## Homegrown National Park

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

A popup Zoom meeting about the Homegrown National Park™ Project

We will have a presentation about the Homegrown National Park™ and our club's participation, especially our native plant project at Monarch on 4th. Kathleen Chambliss gave a similar presentation to the Master Gardeners and attendees say it was excellent. We will have the presentation available to members via Zoom on January 20 at 7pm. The Zoom invitation will be sent out on Trumpetvine.

If you would like to join the Homegrown National Park™ Project team, please send an email to [Kathleen.chambliss@alumni.prescott.edu](mailto:Kathleen.chambliss@alumni.prescott.edu).



## Good Turn Madison Ave. and 2<sup>nd</sup> St.

Our next work day will be in **March**. Watch Trumpetvine for a notice about a week before the event.

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



## Grants

Corvallis Evening Garden Club,

This is just a short note thanking the Corvallis Evening Garden Club for the donation of \$100 to the student farm this year. As you know, the student farm receives no monetary support from the university and with the exception of a few generous donations from groups like yours, the club is entirely self-funded through the sales of the fruit and veggies we grow at the farm(s). Your donation was used in many ways this year, supporting our 13 summer interns is our greatest expense (they do all the seeding, greenhouse work, field cultivation, crop harvest, processing, packing CSA boxes, and working the Farmers Markets and more than anything LEARN HOW TO DO IT THEMSELVES!), the purchase of seeds and tools and greenhouse supplies is another expense that make the project happen. We also feed our volunteer staff every Thursday night at our weekly Thursday Night Work Party 4:30-Dark March through October (for the last 24 years), we also have treats served every Sunday Morning at our weekly Sunday Skool 9-Noon year-round EVERY Sunday morning (for the last 24 years)! All the food we eat is home made by our members and honestly it is the best meal these students will have all week (many truly are hungry). All student cooks are reimbursed by the club. We also donate 5 of our CSA shares (with about double the normal amount of fruit and veggies) to two groups who help get the food to folks in need – The [OSU Basic Needs Center](#) has a food pantry (our fresh fruit and veggies is a vital addition to the available food) all available to any student who needs it. (in fact, the OSU Food Pantry was STARTED by one of the club's alumni who was also the club's President back in 2006!) Also, we have several "plus" shares that go to the Samaritan Services "Samaritan Care Hub Team – [Heart to Heart Program](#)" that distributes LOTS of veggies and fruit to needy folks in our community – about 19 families are receiving weekly fruit and veggie items from these boxes.

So as you can see, that donation does a lot of things! Though it may be a small part of our annual budget, it is doing great things. An incredible investment in the future of our students, our community, and the future of the SOIL!!!

We would LOVE to have the Evening Garden Club out some Sunday morning to meet the students and tour the farm(s). You would be amazed by these wonderful students. Let's schedule something soon!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

James Cassidy

OSU Soil Science – Senior Instructor

OSU Organic Growers Club – Founder and Faculty Advisor



**DEVELOPING THRIVING COMMUNITIES**



Soil delivered at Leonard Street garden

### **DevNW Report on 2024 Grant Award from the Corvallis Evening Garden Club**

The Corvallis Evening Garden Club awarded DevNW \$500 in 2024 to provide resources at the community gardens located on our affordable housing properties in Corvallis. All resident households are low-income, qualify as households earning 50% of the area median income (or below), and include diverse groups of seniors, disabled people, families with children, and Veterans. Land, water, gardening supplies and activities are offered to resident households to address issues of food insecurity and health. This year, over 90 residents actively participated as community gardeners.

The funds from EGC were spent to purchase soil amendments at The Bark Place (\$305.71) and plant starts, seeds and tools at Home Depot (\$241.53). Garden resources were distributed for use at our Benton County affordable housing units located at Camas Commons, Lancaster Bridge, Seavey Meadows, Larson Commons, Pickford Leonard/South Corvallis Townhouses (both properties share the large garden on Leonard St.), Ames Creek, and Linnhaven. The grant funds awarded by the Corvallis Evening Garden Club contribute greatly to addressing issues of food insecurity and health, as these residents grow vegetables and build community through gardening. Thank you!

Below are some of our community garden pictures from the 2024 growing season:



Gardens at Linnhaven



Seavey Meadows

# Community Activities

## Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale Linn County Small Woodlands Association

Ordering starts **Dec 9** online. Get more details, view the catalog, and place an order at:

<https://linncountyswa.com/shop/>



Pickup: **Feb 15**, 8:00 AM - 11 AM

Where: Linn County Fair and Expo Center  
3700 Knox Butte Rd. E  
Albany, OR

## Insights Into Gardening 2025!

A day full of wonderful programs, vendors and fun! Register early for best class selection. See flyer below or go to <https://www.bentonmg.org/iig>

When: **Feb. 8**, 9 am - 4 pm  
Where: LaSells Stewart Center  
875 SW 26th St., Corvallis



## Learn to Grow & Use Herbs Like a Pro

Attendance is **FREE** and no registration is required. See flyer below for more details.

Public Seed Library Event: *Growing Herbs from Seed*

When: Thursday, **Jan 16**, 1:00 - 2:30 PM  
Where: Corvallis Library Meeting Room  
465 NW Monroe Ave.

Cooks & Books: *Extend the Flavor of Your Herb Garden*

When: Thursday, **Jan 23**, 5:00 - 6:30 PM  
Where: Corvallis Community Center  
2601 NW Tyler Ave.

## Gearing Up For Gardening Benton County MGA

This in-person lecture series is **Free** and open to everyone. See the flyer below for details of each week's topic.

When: Tuesdays, noon—1:00PM  
Where: Corvallis Public Library  
645 NW Monroe

## Bringing Native Plants into Your Home Garden Benton County MGA Membership Meeting

Program is **FREE** and open to the public, and may be attended in person or via Zoom. Learn more at <https://www.bentonmg.org/association-meetings>.

Recorded programs are available on the BCMGA YouTube channel at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG01Tr4r-6DTtc4bbB7z8mw?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG01Tr4r-6DTtc4bbB7z8mw?view_as=subscriber)

When: **Monday, Jan 13**, 7:00 PM  
Where: Sunset Room  
Sunset Building  
4077 SW Research Way  
Corvallis, OR

## 10-Minute University Clackamas County MGA

Webinars are **FREE** but do require pre-registration. To see details and pre-register go to: <https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/2025-webinars/>

Wednesdays, noon-1:00pm



**Jan. 8** - Fruit Tree Pruning  
**Jan. 15** - Pruning Solutions For Trees & Shrubs  
**Jan. 22** - Greenhouse Gardening 101  
**Jan. 29** - Growing Blueberries

## Wildlife & Water Friendly Gardens

### Environmental Learning Center

This is a **FREE** Workshop Series for anyone interested in home gardening for wildlife and water quality. Pre-registration is required. Details and registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wildlife-water-friendly-gardens-free-series-2025-tickets-1058607336039?aff=oddtcreator>



Thursdays, noon-1:00pm

**Jan. 23** - Trees for Climate Resilience and Watershed Health

**Jan. 30** - The Impact of Land Use Changes and Climate on Bird Species

## Soil - what it is and how it works

### Washington County MGA

This is a **FREE** webinar but registration is required. Get more details and register at <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/metro/events/soil-what-it-how-it-works>



When: **Jan 7**, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

## Soil Amendment Sale

### Ten Rivers Food Web

Pre-order organic amendments and more **Jan 1-31**.  
<https://www.tenriversmarketplace.com>

Pickup: March 8

Where: Benton County Fairgrounds  
110 SW 53rd St.  
Corvallis, OR

## 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

There is no gardening without humility. Nature is constantly sending even its oldest scholars to the bottom of the class for some egregious blunder.

~Alfred Austin

# 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
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		



Linda Beutler is the curator of the Rogerson Clematis Collection and was elected president of the International Clematis Society. She is also the author of 'Gardening with Clematis', 'A Plant Lover's Guide to Clematis' and 'Garden to Vase: Growing and Using Your Own Cut Flowers'. She has also been an instructor of horticulture since 1996, lectures internationally and writes articles for several publications including Pacific Horticulture. She gardens on a city lot in Portland, OR.

THE PLANT LOVER'S GUIDE TO  
**CLEMATIS**  
 LINDA BEUTLER

Evening Garden Club-- November 2024 Treasurer's Report

	General Fund	HNP	Total
<b>Revenue</b>			
CD Dividend	\$26.00		\$26.00
Dues	\$1,120.00		\$1,120.00
Grant donation	\$78.00		\$78.00
Fundraising for Grants	\$25.00		\$25.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,249.00</b>		<b>\$1,249.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Oregon Dept. of Justice CT-12	\$20.00		\$20.00
Surrounds Landscape \$450 * (see note below)			
<b>Total Expenses</b>			
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$1,229.00</b>		<b>\$1,229.00</b>
<b>Checking Account - OSCU</b>	<b>\$2,253.81</b>	<b>\$5,519.31</b>	<b>\$7,773.12</b>
<b>Savings Account - OSCU</b>	<b>\$8.22</b>		<b>\$8.22</b>
<b>11 Month Business Cert. - OSCU</b>	<b>\$7,197.66</b>		<b>\$7,197.66</b>
<b>Net Assets - 11/1/2024</b>	<b>\$9,459.69</b>	<b>\$5,519.31</b>	<b>\$14,979.00</b>
<b>Checking Account - OSCU</b>	<b>\$3,456.81</b>	<b>\$5,519.31</b>	<b>\$8,976.12</b>
<b>Savings Account - OSCU</b>	<b>\$8.22</b>		<b>\$8.22</b>
<b>11 Month Business Cert. - OSCU</b>	<b>\$7,223.66</b>		<b>\$7,223.66</b>
<b>Net Assets - 11/30/2024</b>	<b>\$10,688.69</b>	<b>\$5,519.31</b>	<b>\$16,208.00</b>

Note: HNP outstanding check

**Don't Forget Dues!**

Individuals: \$25  
 Couples: \$35

Mail to:  
 Evening Garden Club  
 P. O. Box 315  
 Corvallis, OR 97339





# INSIGHTS INTO GARDENING



Presented by

## **Benton County Master Gardener™ Association**

A fun day of research-based classes on edibles, ornamentals and general garden topics.

**Exhibits**  **Bookstore**  **Raffle**

**For new and experienced gardeners!**

### **Saturday, February 8, 2025**

LaSells Stewart Center  
875 SW 26th St.  
OSU Campus, Corvallis

Information and to register  
beginning Jan. 2 visit :  
[bentonmg.org/iig](http://bentonmg.org/iig)



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# GEARING UP FOR GARDENING

Free Lecture Series Every Tuesday in January & February

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library



12:00 – 1:00 pm



## JAN 7: KIDS IN THE GARDEN

Learn fun, engaging ways to introduce children to gardening, fostering a love for nature & hands-on learning through age-appropriate activities.

Master Gardener Panel

## JAN 14: TOOL SHARPENING & CARE

Discover essential techniques for maintaining and sharpening your gardening tools, ensuring their longevity and efficiency.

Sharon Knight - Garland Nursery

## JAN 21: COMPOSTING - TIPS, TRICKS & FAQ

Explore the basics of composting, including how to turn kitchen scraps and garden waste into nutrient-rich soil to boost plant growth.

Stefan Seiter - OSU Crop and Soil Science

## JAN 29: YEAR ROUND VEGETABLES: PLANNING & TIPS

Gain insights into growing vegetables throughout the year by selecting the right crops for each season and utilizing sustainable gardening practices.

Darren Morgan - Shonnard's Nursery

## FEB 4: FRUIT PRUNING: TREES, BERRIES, GRAPES, AND CANES

Proper pruning methods for size, growth, yield, & health. Bring your questions!

Horticulturalist Jeff Cope - Home Grown Gardens Nursery & Landscape

## FEB 11: SIDEWALK SALADS - FRONT YARD FOOD GARDENS

A sunny front yard is often the best spot for edible crops. How to create a beautiful, productive garden in the front yard.

Landscape Architect Owen Dell - Owen Dell & Associates, LLC

## FEB 18: HERB PROPAGATION

Discover simple and effective techniques for propagating herbs, ensuring a steady supply of fresh, homegrown culinary herbs.

Emily Stimac - Thyme Garden

## FEB 25: CUT FLOWERS

Learn the art of growing and maintaining beautiful cut flowers that can brighten up your home and garden year-round.

Erin McMullen - Rain Drop Farms



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Corvallis-Benton County  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

# Learn to Grow & Use Herbs Like a Pro!

Join us in this free two part series all about growing herbs from seed to add flair to your garden and flavor to your meals!



**January 16, 1–2:30 PM**  
**Library Main Meeting Room**

## Public Seed Library Event: Growing Herbs from Seed

The Thyme Garden's co-owners and herb experts Emily Stimac and Bethany Glanville will share how to start and grow herbs successfully from seeds in containers or garden beds, herb companion plants, and when and how to harvest the herbs as leaves or seeds for use. Take home free seeds!



**January 23, 5–6:30 PM**  
**C3 (Corvallis Community Center)**

## Cooks & Books: Extend the Flavor of Your Herb Garden

We welcome back Emily Stimac from The Thyme Garden for a closer look at ways to extend the flavor of your herb garden into each season, with drying and storing ideas to share and an exciting recipe for parsnip latkes with rosemary and feta.



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