



Evening Garden Club

Corvallis, Oregon

March 2025

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President's Message:

We have lots of activity going on in our club, and much more planned for this Spring and Summer with speakers, tours, and plant exchanges. We are an active club! There are many roles to fill in making all these activities happen smoothly. There are numerous committees and projects with a chair person heading each one. These activities will continue into the following year. Thank these committee persons when you see them for their excellent work on behalf of the EGC.

At this time the Grant Committee needs a new chair person. Marsha Ham has led this committee for two years and has done a wonderful job. Under her leadership they dispersed nine grants totaling \$2500 this past year. Some of these projects were featured in photos in the last newsletter. Grants have been funded for \$1500 from our savings plus money raised by the Fundraising Committee headed by Cory Koos. Do we want to continue giving out as many grants each year? We are steadily using the money raised in the past for grants, and it will be depleted in a few years. Let your thoughts be known to EGC board members on this subject.

The grants process is well set up with timelines and templates to use. The position takes about two hours/month from Dec. – May and has committee members to assist. In the Fall/Winter newsletter the committee reports on current projects. We need someone who cares about continuing this program for this next year grant cycle. Please contact me if you are interested in continuing these wonderful community projects of our club. Our committees and projects are always open to new members. Contact the chair to find out when and where they meet.

Nancy



Consider joining the EGC Board of Directors as a Vice President, Treasurer, or Member at Large.

Contact

Heather Emberson, hveegc21@gmail.com

Nancy Mandel, rosefrog@gmail.com

Meet a Member

Kathleen Rochester, EGC member since 2007

I was the 4th generation of my family born in California (somewhat rare in 1956), moved to New York at age 6, then around the world, due first to my father's job (Switzerland, Australia, Thailand), then my education years (France, Austria, volunteer English teacher in South Korea), Foreign Service career (Madagascar, Rwanda, Bangladesh, France) and finally as a mother and "trailing spouse" (Sweden, Senegal, Belgium).



In October 2006, I made a one-week trip to Corvallis from Brussels to check it out as a possible place to retire. I met, then realtor, Signe Danler that week, attended a Master Gardener meeting with her, walked the gorgeous fall campus arboretum, looked at neighborhoods and schools (we retired with a 4th grade daughter) all under a perfectly crisp, blue sky... Fooled me!

I even attended a meeting of the Urban Forestry Advisory Committee, finding the town's emphasis on healthy tree canopy wonderful. This town seemed like a perfect fit. I didn't even realize what a horticultural paradise I'd stumbled on in the Willamette Valley. In early 2008, we bought a house up on top of Garfield with an amazing view – and a third of an acre hillside garden, created over 30 years by Barbara and Len Weber – extraordinary gardeners and daffodil experts. 35 kinds came up that spring! I spent the next 7 years working to bring the garden and its neglected hardscape back. It and EGC taught me so much.

10 years ago, we downsized to a house with a blank slate yard. I have really enjoyed making it my own – with all the mistakes and small triumphs you know well from your own spaces. I mostly garden for beauty and scent with a few tomatoes, herbs and greens each year. Somehow, I also have big fig and plum harvests most years. I delight in pollinators! At last count, I seem to have added 22 trees: my own urban forest. I want to increase "ecosystem services", reduce water, add natives, etc. All that good stuff!

One of my earliest memories is lying on the front door path to our CA house, looking up through the marigolds. Then, of course, I picked all Mom's flowers one day and tried to sell them! Mom always gardened and was a Master Gardener in NC after my dad retired from his international career with IBM. Like me, she never had the same space to garden for more than a few years until he retired, but she loved garden visits. We toured Kentish gardens and attended Chelsea for her 70th birthday in 2004. She learned her gardening and lots of Latin names from her father whose one-acre yard was my favorite place in the world. I've had a chance to tour lots of gardens, some in exotic places, but now find that the ones closest to mine in climate and scope are the most interesting. Why get excited about stuff I can't grow, let alone afford?

Most of my pre-Master Gardener (2008) attempts to grow anything were embarrassingly naïve – tomatoes in the shade at the edge of my grad school apartment parking lot, unprotected veggie starts in a raised bed at our apartment in Corvallis. (They were selling them at Shonnard's so I assumed it was time to plant them – in late January!) I carefully killed all the "dragon" bugs on a grapevine at our house in Brussels - ladybug larvae! Fortunately, I now have lots of gardening friends around to set me straight – and I really enjoy sharing what I know and grow with other gardeners. What sanity-preserving fun!

Club Activities

March Speaker Deerly Missed—a Pangram Garden Dave Eckerdt

Dave Eckerdt and his wife Pat live in Salem. Their seven-acre property, 'Deerly Missed', includes a thirty-year 'collectors' garden surrounding a home originally built in 1893. You can see images of their garden at www.deerlymissed.smugmug.com. Dave was a long-time president of the Salem Hardy Plant Society and has published articles in several horticultural journals. His photography has won both Best of Contest and Best of Show in international competitions of the American Rhododendron Society.



Gardening is truly a competitive sport and Dave will address that aspect of gardening in his talk, *Deerly Missed, a Pangram Garden*. A pangram is a sentence that uses all twenty-six letters of the English language. A pangram garden should have a special plant or two for each alphabetical plant genus. The rarer, the more developed, the more stunning each selected plant the more points awarded. Come see our possible entries for the Pangram International Garden Society (PIGS). Wonderful plants, most with their own special story, and each photographed at Deerly Missed Garden.

(This meeting is in-person only. Don't forget to print out a copy of the plant list that accompanies the program.)

Book Club

Our next meeting is 2:30 Thursday, March 6 at the home of Nancy Haldeman. The book is *The Orchid Thief: A True Story of Beauty and Obsession* by Susan Orlean. The previously scheduled book (*Seed to Dust*) has been moved to July.

On her website, Orlean says

In 1994, I headed down to Florida to investigate the story of John Laroche, an eccentric plant dealer who had been arrested along with a crew of Seminoles for poaching rare orchids out of a South Florida swamp. I never imagined that I would end up spending the next two years shadowing Laroche and exploring the odd, passionate world of orchid fanatics.

Book: *The Orchid Thief: A True Story of Beauty and Obsession* by Susan Orlean.

Time: 2:30 Thursday, March 6

Place: Home of Nancy Haldeman

986 NW Ironwood Ave
Corvallis, Oregon 97330

Everybody is welcome. We hope to see you there.



Homegrown National Park

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

Here is a roundup of Homegrown National Park Project Outreach

- Three Homegrown National Park Project members offered a tabling event with free native plants at the Farmers Market-October 2024
- Forty people attended the Homegrown National Park Project Presentation for the Master Gardeners in October 2024
- Twenty-two people attended the Pop-up Zoom Presentation for the Evening Garden Club in January 2025
- Cathy Kerr gave a mini-presentation to the group called, *The Power of 100 People Who Care*, Corvallis, and the Homegrown National Park Project was awarded \$10,000
- One Homegrown National Park Project committee member who lives in Albany installed natives in his garden and has inspired some neighbors to remove lawn and plant natives in their yards.
- Another Homegrown National Park Project committee member reached out to Habitat for Humanity and installed a few native plants with the homeowners at two sites
- One committee member networked with attendees at the February *Joy of Gardening* conference.
- At least 9 Homegrown National Park signs have been installed in Corvallis gardens that feature native plants.

In other news:

- The Monarch on 4th demonstration landscape is moving into Phases 2 & 3 of the project.
- The Corvallis residents who created the Pollinator Garden at the art museum are working with City Parks to design and install an educational native plant garden for Central Park.

Come visit our table at the Sustainability Fair, held at the ch2m Hill Alumni Center at OSU on Thursday, March 13th.

Interested in joining the Homegrown National Park Project? We invite you to bring your talents and action. We have lots of ideas to implement. Please email Kathy at Kathleen.chambliss@alumni.prescott.edu

Zoom Presentation of Photos of Member Gardens

Next September we want to have a Pop-up Zoom Presentation of photographs of members' gardens. We would like members to submit one to ten photos of their garden to CorvallisEveningGardenClub@gmail.com by September 1. Nancy Mandel will put them together and each member will speak about their photos and garden during the presentation. This will take place sometime in September.

Start planning **NOW** about the photos and information you want to share!

Good Turn Madison Ave. and 2nd 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

The Evening Garden Club supports the expansion of gardening, education, and beautification in the Corvallis community through its grants program. Our club offers grants to Benton County nonprofit organizations to carry out worthwhile gardening related projects. If you know of any nonprofit organization that might benefit from the support of our program, please spread the word. The EGC grants program is accepting applications until **March 15, 2025**.

To learn more about our program and how to apply please see our website <https://corvalliseveninggardenclub.org/grants/>

From Bessie Coleman Elementary School:

We are thrilled to share the outcomes of the "More Pollinator Flowers, Please!" project, made possible through your generous funding of \$200. Your support allowed us to continue developing our Pollinator and Sensory Garden at Bessie Coleman Elementary School, creating a meaningful space for students, staff, and the local community to learn, connect, and grow.



Summary of Activities and Accomplishments:

1. Soil Enrichment

In early May, we ordered and spread a layer of nutrient-rich mint compost throughout the garden, enhancing the soil quality and promoting a healthier ecosystem for our plants.

2. Seed Starting and Planting

In late April, students began germinating seeds they collected last fall. By mid-May, we hosted a planting party where students, their families, and community volunteers planted these seedlings into the garden. Watching the children take ownership of this process was a highlight of the project.

3. Historic Mosaic Sign Restoration

With your funding, we started restoration of the cherished mosaic sign from our old butterfly garden, ensuring that an important piece of our school's history continues to inspire our students and visitors.

Impact on the Community:

The Pollinator and Sensory Garden has become a vibrant, educational space where students learn about stewardship, pollinators, and the importance of caring for our environment. Parents and staff also use the garden as a place of relaxation and reflection, while local families enjoy its beauty during after-school hours.

Thank you once again for supporting this project. Your contribution has made a lasting impact on our school and community, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership.

With appreciation,
Kyeli Quinn and Svetlana Dascaluc
Bessie Coleman Boosters

From Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center:



We would like to express our gratitude for your support of our Earth Day Seed Starting Workshop "Horticultural is Multicultural!" Thanks to your generosity, we were able to bring together the members of Corvallis international community in a day of cultural and horticultural learning, art and craft, fun, and food. Over a hundred visitors attended our Open House event, and left armed with curiosity, a newfound interest in nurturing culturally important plants from seeds, and seeds sown in pots to be raised and enjoyed at home.

The event was a great success: people representing many cultures and speaking many languages, families with children, OSU students, and CMLC volunteers had an opportunity to meet each other, try a variety of food made with the featured plants and bursting with flavor, learn about the history of their use, and the ways to grow them better here in the Willamette Valley. Your grant allowed us to provide enriching and engaging experiences for everyone involved – from OSU Horticulture Club members and seasoned gardeners to those who are still learning to tell a tulip from a turnip.

Your support sprouted more than plants; it helped us cultivate a sense of community, shared knowledge and appreciation of diverse plant life that connects us all.



Seed starting stations with the educational materials developed by OSU Horticulture Club members ready for the start of the workshop.



With the support of local businesses and volunteers, a spread of flavorful treats allowed the visitors to taste herbs to help them choose which of them they would like to grow.



Visitors had an opportunity to create "Dream Garden" idea boards using old gardening magazines donated to the event.

Thank you.

With warm regards,
Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center

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Thank you so much! ♥

Floral Therapy

This program was once called 'Books & Blossoms' whereby EGC volunteers made small floral arrangements that they brought to the Corvallis Library to deliver with books to their senior immobile patrons. Safeway provided day old flower donations.



In 2012, the program added the activity of teaching floral arranging to residents of 2 Assisted Living Facilities, under the leadership of EGC member Donna Westwood.



The name changed to 'Floral Therapy' and 2 more Assisted Living Facilities were added. **Market of Choice** and **Trader Joe's** opened in town and agreed to make flower donations to EGC volunteers who help residents create beautiful bouquets.

In May of 2012 the **Santiam District of Garden Clubs** presented a Garden Therapy Award to EGC, winning by a majority of votes for providing this generous community service. A copy of the letter from Garden Therapy Chair, Louis P. Copes, the Garden Therapy Certificate, and pictures of EGC volunteers with residents of Stoneybrook and Corvallis Manor are attached below.

If you'd like to join us, please contact Donna at ndbalumna@yahoo.com



Home and Garden Show

Portland Expo Center
February 21, 2025



About twelve of us from the Corvallis Evening Garden Club went to the Home and Garden Show at the Portland Expo Center Friday/Saturday. I had not been to this in over 20 years. We were offered free tickets which was an incentive to go since it still costs \$13 to park and involved a two-hour drive.

The show consists of many vendors of home products and landscape designers with displays. There was a Floral Design Showcase Competition with 12 entries. The featured botanical designer was Francoise Weeks who wrote a book "Wisdom of the Woodlands." I got to hear her speak and see some of her woodland creations. She captures the spirit of the Pacific NW in her creations.



At noon there was a Botanical Couture Fashion Show featuring six local florists and their wearable floral arrangements. They were very unusual and creative!



It appears that this show is an annual event that features different competitions and showcases each year. When I went about 20 years ago, they had a competition for floral miniatures. That started me on my miniature vase and flower displays in my kitchen window.

Nancy Haldeman



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
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		

Minutes of the February 03, 2025 General Meeting of the Corvallis Evening Garden Club

This Zoom-only regular meeting commenced at 7:00pm with 54 participants in attendance.

Our program speaker, Jo Wakelin, shared the transformation of her New Zealand garden, where she incorporates locally sourced plants which require no supplemental water. Her garden includes several plants which we grow in the Willamette Valley, such as Nepeta, Salvia, Phlomis, and Liquidambar. Jo's garden practices demonstrate her "reverence for rain" and interconnectedness with nature. Her garden has been featured in several books, as well as on the March 2024 cover of Gardens Illustrated magazine.

No EGC business was conducted at this meeting which ended at 8:23pm.

Submitted by: Becca Smith, EGC secretary

January 2025 Treasurer's Report			
Checking Account OSCU			
Revenue			
Item	General Fund	HNP	Total
Membership Dues	\$705.00		\$705.00
Grant Donation	\$115.00		\$115.00
100 PeopleWhoCare grant		\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00
HNP donation		\$25.00	\$25.00
Total	\$820.00	\$5,925.00	\$6,745.00
Expenses			
Item	General Fund	HNP	Total
Jan. speaker	\$100.00		\$100.00
Post Office box rental	\$182.00		\$182.00
Zoom account	\$209.90		\$209.90
Total	\$491.90	\$0.00	\$491.90
Change in Net Assets in checking acct.	\$328.10	\$5,925.00	\$6,253.10
Business Certificate Dividend	\$27.14		\$27.14
Checking Account - OSCU	\$4,261.81	\$4,101.40	\$8,363.21
Savings Account - OSCU	\$8.22		\$8.22
11 Month Business Cert. - OSCU	\$7,250.63		\$7,250.63
Net Assets - 12/1/2024	\$11,520.66	\$4,101.40	\$15,622.06
Checking Account - OSCU	\$4,589.91	\$10,026.40	\$14,616.31
Savings Account - OSCU	\$8.22		\$8.22
11 Month Business Cert. - OSCU	\$7,277.77		\$7,277.77
Net Assets - 12/31/2024	\$11,875.90	\$10,026.40	\$21,902.30

Community Activities



The Great Grow Along

Four different sessions each day, all **FREE**. Go to their website to sign up (sign up once to attend any or all sessions), and get more details about each session. Topics include houseplants, gardening for bees and birds, waterwise gardening, and much more.

<https://greatgrowalong.com/agenda/>



When: Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Mar. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16

BEEvent 11th Annual Pollinator Conference

In person and online options are available. Flyer below. More information and registration: <https://www.linnmastergardeners.com/beeevent-2025>

Cost: \$35

When: Saturday, **Mar. 1**, 9:00 AM -3:30 PM

Where: Conference Center

Linn County Expo Center
3700 Knox Butte Rd.



Houseplant Propagation Garland Nursery

Garland Nursery has a full lineup of classes in March, most of them **FREE**. Check out the flyer below for the entire list.

When: Sunday, **Mar. 2**, 1:00 PM

Where: Garland Nursery
5470 NE Hwy 20, Corvallis

OSU Campus Arboretum Tree Walks OSU Campus Arboretum

Each walk is limited to 30 people. A donation of \$5 or more per person is requested, and all proceeds benefit Linn Benton Food Share.

Register by donating at <https://givebutter.com/csc-lbfs> and include "OSU Tree Walk" as a note/comment. Then send a screenshot or forward your receipt to amy.baker@oregonstate.edu. If preferred, you may email Amy to discuss other payment options.

When: Tuesdays, **Mar. 4 & 11** (12 noon – 1:00 PM)

Wednesday, **Mar. 26** (12 noon – 1:00 PM)

Friday, **Mar. 28** (12 noon – 1:00 PM)

Where: Begins on quad side of OSU Memorial Union
2501 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis

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



Mar. 5 - Creating a Pollinator Garden

Mar. 12 - Tips for Growing Vegetables & Berries

Mar. 19 - Tips for Growing Tomatoes

Mar. 26 - Plant Superheroes

2025 Sustainability Fair

Corvallis Sustainability Coalition

There will be more than 60 exhibits, including the Greenbelt Land Trust table where you can get a close-up look at native bees and then make your own native wildflower seed mix to take home. Our EGC Homegrown National Park project will also have an exhibit.

Stick around after the fair for the [CSC Sustainability Town Hall](#) featuring a keynote presentation by David Harrelson, Cultural Resources Manager of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. The title of his presentation is "huy huy: An Indigenous Approach to Abundance through Giving and Receiving".

When: **Mar. 13**, 5:00-7:00 PM
Where: CH2M Hill Alumni Center
725 SW 26th St., Corvallis

The Curious Kitchen Gardener

Grass Roots Books & Music

Linda Ziedrich, a Lebanon Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver, will be reading and discussing her new book, *The Curious Kitchen Gardener: Uncommon Plants and How to Eat Them*, which introduces a whole new tasty cuisine using unexpected ingredients you can find in your own garden. More info in the flyer below and at <https://www.grassrootsbookstore.com/events>.

When: Friday, **Mar. 7**, 6:00 PM
Where: Grass Roots Books & Music
251 SW Madison, Corvallis

Propagation Fair

Willamette Grange #52

Affordable rootstock and grafting, free quality selected scion, free seed swap, free and affordable live plants.

When: Saturday, **Mar. 15**, 11:00 AM-3:00 PM
Where: Willamette Community and Grange Hall
27555 Greenberry Rd., Corvallis

Garden Surrealism: Color, Contrast, and Structure for a Postmodern World

Pacific Horticulture



This is a video with Kurt Wilkinson, an internationally recognized designer. It is another video from Pacific Horticulture that has been newly released to the public.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hblA9lx1n08>

Wildlife & Water Friendly Gardens

Environmental Learning Center

This is the last in the **FREE** 2025 series. Pre-registration is required. Details and registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wildlife-water-friendly-gardens-free-series-2025-tickets-1058607336039?aff=oddtcreator>

Thursday, noon-1:00pm
Mar. 6 - Gardening for Amphibians



Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival

This an annual event with lots of activities going on, besides the viewing of their beautiful tulips. Go to their website for all the details and to purchase tickets.

<https://www.woodenshoe.com/tulip-festival/>

When: Tentative dates are March 21 through April 27
Where: Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm
33814 S. Meridian Rd., Woodburn

Simple Worm Bin Farming

Public Seed Library

This is a **FREE** in-person lecture. More details in flyer below

When: Thursday, **Mar. 6**, 1:00-2:00 PM
Where: Corvallis Public Library
645 NW Monroe, Corvallis



Benton County MGA Membership Meeting

Program is **FREE** and open to the public, and may be attended in person or via Zoom. The program topic is not listed on the website yet, so check it later in the month for topic and Zoom link.

<https://www.bentonmg.org/association-meetings>

When: Monday, **Mar. 17**, 7:00 PM

Where: Sunset Room

Sunset Building

4077 SW Research Way

Corvallis, OR



The Food Garden 2025 Grow Successfully

This is a **FREE** series of 6 2-hour organic garden classes covering all aspects of food gardening. See the flyer below for more details and please RSVP so they know how many people to prepare for. One registration includes you in all 6 classes but you are not required to attend them all.

When: Saturdays, 10-noon

Mar. 22, 29, Apr. 5, 12, 19, 26

Where: Lebanon Senior Center

80 Tangent St., Lebanon

Annual Meeting Benton Soil & Water Conservation District

Keynote speaker is Amy Garrett, co-director of the Dry Farming Institute. She will share inspiring information about DFI's work and ways you can conserve water in your own garden or farm. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/events/657928079895890>.

When: Tuesday, **Mar. 18**, 5:30-7:30 PM

Where: Corvallis Community Center

2601 NW Tyler Ave., Corvallis

Plant Nerd Night The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon

Six presenters will each give a 12-minute presentation on some of their favorite plants, both old and new, as well as new introductions. These six presenters will also have plants for sale. There is generally a capacity crowd, and it is advisable to be there early.

Presenters:

Sean Hogan, [Cistus Design Nursery](#)

Mackenzie Allaert, [Youngblood Nursery](#)

Linda Beutler, Curator, [Rogerson Clematis Garden](#)

Rosie Sullivan, [N&M Herb Nursery](#)

Mark Akimoff, [Illahe Rare Plants](#)

Marietta O'Byrne, Winter Jewels Hellebores, [Northwest Garden Nursery](#), [Little Prince of Oregon](#)

When: Sunday, **Mar. 16**

Open at 12:30pm

Program Starts at 2pm

Where: Lake Oswego High School Auditorium

2501 Country Club Road, Lake Oswego

WANTED For Floral Design Classes

- vases
- decorative flower pots
- tea cups and saucers
- pots for dish or fairy gardens

This year the Lebanon Garden Club Flower Show Committee is, again, planning on providing free floral design classes to the public. If you have any containers to donate, please bring them to the March or April EGC meeting or contact Merrie or Laurie to work out pick-up/delivery.

Floral design classes will start in April. A schedule will be available next month for anyone who may want to attend.

Thank you for supporting our 2025 Flower Show!!!

Merrie: merrie.wales@att.net 530.330.0023

Laurie: gandlinn@gmail.com 503.385.509

Oregon State & Santiam District Garden Club Activities

Photo Contest

Enter the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs (OSFGC) annual photo contest. Use the submission form at https://oregongardenclubs.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/DigitalEntryFormrev_2025PhotoContest.pdf, which also contains instructions. **Entry deadline is April 30.**

Categories:

- Scenery
- Gardens
- Floral blooms
- Birds
- Animals
- Insects/Butterflies
- President's Choice: "At The Beach"

Blossoms and Blooms Santiam District Newsletter

The Spring edition of *Blossoms & Blooms* has already been sent out to Trumpetvine. Besides having information about what is going on in our district and state organizations, it has amazing floral arrangements and helpful resources for gardeners. Take a look!

Santiam District Officer Nominations

District officers are needed for 2025-27.

Offices:

- Director
- Assistant Director
- Treasurer
- Secretary

If you or a fellow club member are interested in volunteering, please contact Merrie Wales at happycelts@att.net.

Santiam District Meeting

The next district meeting is coming up this month. We will be voting on new district officers and on acceptance of the updated district bylaws. See the flyer below for complete details.

Theme: Monarchs and Milkweed

When: **March 20**, 10:30-1:30 PM

Host: Albany Grand Prairie Garden Club

Where: Albany Public Library

2450 14th Ave. SE, Albany

97th OSFGC
Convention

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Save this Date
for

Starfish
Sand dollars
Seaside

June 10, 11, 12 ~ 2025
Seaside Convention Center
Seaside, OR.

Looking forward to
seeing you there!



11th Annual Pollinator Conference

Linn County Expo - Conference Center

March 1, 2025, 9am - 4pm

Why Attend?

- Only \$35 to expand your knowledge to support pollinators for a sustainable future
- Hear researching experts' updates about their focused work
- Purchase Linn County Raised Mason Bee Cocoons

Speakers & Topics:

- *Abigail Lehner, UC Davis.* Topic: 'The Houdini Fly: Invasive Pest of Blue Orchard Mason Bees'
- *Nina Miller, OSU, OSU Garden Ecology Lab.* Topic: 'The Syrphid Fly in your Garden'
- *Rene Miller, Linn County Master Gardener.* Topic: 'Native Mason Bees'
- *Dr. Silvia Rondon, OSU. Director IPM Center.* Topic: 'Integrated Pest Management'
- *Dr. Gail Langellotto, OSU. Director OSU Garden Ecology Lab.* Topic: 'An Update from the OSU Garden Ecology Lab'

Registration opens February 1st, 2025. Visit www.LinnMasterGardeners.com for more information.



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The Food Garden 2025

Grow Successfully

Lebanon Senior Center, 80 Tangent St., Lebanon, OR

March 22nd, 29th, April 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

Six 2-hour classes 10 a.m. – noon

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

A series of organic garden lessons.

Class Topics Include:

- Soil preparation, Irrigation, Seed Starting, ID plant diseases/pests
- Organic prevention methods, Weeds, Composting, Container Planting
- Raised beds, Worm Bins, When to harvest & answers to your questions

Seed Swap every class – bring yours and/or take ours

Hands-on planting each class – Supplies provided



Register/RSVP: casteen@aol.com

Provide first/last name/Phone

Instructor: Sheryl Casteen

Reserve your seat today!

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Simple Worm Bin Farming

**Thurs March 6 from 1- 2:00 PM
at the Corvallis Public Library**

Come learn how easy it is to turn your vegetable and fruit scraps into worm castings that are wonderful compost for your garden! This free presentation by Cynthia Dort of Dort Worm Farms will cover how worm castings improve soil and garden growth, how to simply build a functional and efficient worm bin, how to feed your worms, and maintain your worm farm year round.

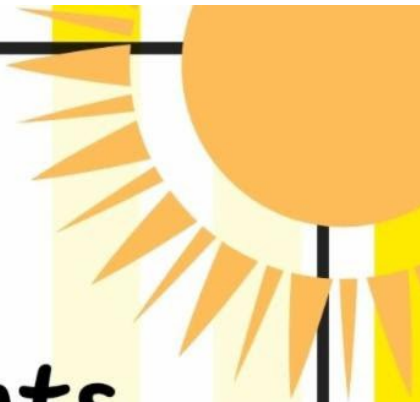


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MARCH Classes & Events

March 1st, 11am - Little Sprouts: Make an Edible Pea Hanging Basket

Your little sprout will plant seeds in a fun, hands-on activity, creating their own hanging baskets filled with edible pea plants

Cost: \$20. Pre-registration and payment required.

March 2nd, 1pm - Houseplant Propagation

Learn to grow your own lush indoor garden! Join our Houseplant Propagation class and master the art of multiplying your favorite plants! **FREE**

March 8th, 11am - Container Gardening

Join Lucia Christie of Blooming Nursery for a hands-on Container Gardening class, where you'll learn tips and techniques to create beautiful, thriving container gardens for any space! **Cost: FREE**

March 9th, 1pm - Everything Your Need to Know About Blueberries!

Learn all about growing blueberries in this informative class! Discover the best varieties, planting tips, and care techniques to ensure a bountiful harvest. **Cost: FREE**

March 15th & 16th, 10am to 4pm - Member's Weekend

March 15th, 1pm - Fermentation Basics

Dive into the world of fermentation! Learn the basics of fermenting foods like kimchi, sauerkraut, hot sauce and pickles for delicious, homemade creations. **Cost: FREE**

March 16th, 1pm - Garden Prep. 101

Get your garden ready for the season with essential tips and techniques in Garden Prep 101! **Cost: FREE**

March 22nd, 11am - Create an Herb Window Box

Design and plant your own herb window box in this hands-on workshop, perfect for fresh herbs at your fingertips!

Cost: \$45. Pre-registration and payment required.

March 29th, 11am - Cut Flower Gardens

Join Joleen Schilling of Chemeketa College for a class on designing and planting your own vibrant cut flower garden, perfect for fresh blooms all season long! **Cost: FREE**

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BOOK READING & SIGNING:

Linda Ziedrich

Enjoy a whole new tasty cuisine using unexpected ingredients you can find in your own garden, from a Master Food Preserver and Gardener.

The Curious Kitchen Gardener is for cooks and gardeners interested in bringing novelty and variety into their lives and homes. It encourages us to see our gardens as an integrated whole and a year-round practice. Calling upon decades of Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver experience, Linda Ziedrich includes fascinating cultural context and personal connections to each plant.



FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH

In-store @ 251 SW Madison Ave

6 PM | DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM

*Grass
Roots*

**Featuring Discussion and
Reading with Linda Ziedrich**

VISIT GRASSROOTSBOOKSTORE.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION



Santiam District Spring Meeting

"Monarchs and Milkweed"

Preserving Butterfly Habitats

Hosted by the Albany Grand Prairie Garden Club

Thursday, March 20th 10:30am – 1:30pm (bring sack lunch)

Coffee and dessert will be provided

Albany Public Library (Room A), 2450 14th Street

Wear your green, bring anything Irish you wish to share – a story, an item for "show and tell," or a special memory or a plant related to St. Patrick's Day.

Our Guest Speaker will be **Amy Nalle**, and she will share her thoughts on growing Milkweed to attract Monarch Butterflies.

Election and installation of District Officers for the 2025-2027 Term.

Bring a family member, friend, or neighbor and join us for some fun and celebration of the ending 2023-2025 term.

There will be a Wish-to-Win Raffle.

Questions? – Call or text Gaye Stewart, District Director (503-510-4370).

RSVP to Sheryl Casteen (text or call 541.401.7677).