



Garden Clippings

9:30-12:15 Hillside Retirement Community

“Activity Room” at the Manor

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PARK IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT

April 15 - General Meeting 9:30-12:15

Social Time: 9:30 - Meeting at 10 am - Speaker at 11:00 am

Speaker: It's spring at last, and I'm picturing us dancing up & down our garden paths welcoming the daffodils and tulips and all their little bulbous friends! On April 15, we once again welcome Mike Darcy as our guest speaker, topic to be "Garden Art & Containers". His knowledge of growing gardens in the Northwest is deep, his down-to-earth manner is delightful, and he is a self-professed "friend of McMinnville Garden Club". Don't miss this one!

Presidents Message “Come Grow With Us”

This April is coming in like a whirlwind with plant shows to attend, and projects to sign up for. (I think we had about 8 clip boards flying around the tables last meeting) We started our spring March 11th with McMinnville hosting the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs state meeting. Our own member Gaye Stewart who is also Pioneer District Director took this project on and did a fantastic job of hosting this event (with help from Mike our treasurer) Kudos to the Stewarts.

Thanks to Evelyn and her volunteers for manning the garden club table for two days at the Daffodil Festival. They gave out free plants and information about our club and the Garden Tour.

Ten of our members are attending the Tigard Garden Club on the 3rd of April. This will show our members how other clubs run their meetings and bring back some new ideas.

June 23rd "Every Garden Is A Gift" garden tour is coming! This is our big fund raiser. I want all members to sign up for this event. Join in the fun. Elsie & Judy have put in many many hours on this and doing a fabulous job. Gaye & Mike are also doing a great job with the Vendor Faire. Give them a call to ask what you might help with.

Beryl gave me a list of all the new members that have joined our club since July of 2012 the total was 22 members! I would like to note many of these members have joined right in serving on committees. Thanks to all of you.

Our next meeting we will have Mike Darcy as our speaker. He has had his own garden show on radio and TV and we are very fortunate to have this highly sought after speaker. Make sure you come to this meeting, he will be speaking on garden art. Before I close, a reminder to keep track of all of your hours spent on the tour planning and working on other projects for our community. These hours will be turned into the state.

Cozette - McMinnville Garden Club President

2013 Events Calendar

April 5 – “Junking” – leave 9:30 – Bethel Baptist parking lot. We are carpooling for another field trip to thrift stores. This time we are going SE to Salem. Plan to stop for lunch at some point along the journey. Y'all come!



April 6 – Spring into Gardening Workshops (sponsored by the Yamhill OSU extension services) – Offering 5 hour long courses with lots of great information for gardeners! Registration forms and information on-line at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/yamhill/yamhill-gardeners-present-spring-gardening-seminars> \$40 registration fee Held at McMinnville High School!

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April 6 through May 19th - Saturdays and Sundays - **The Cecil and Molly Smith Garden,**

<http://smithgarden.org> world renowned for its collection of species and hybrid rhododendrons, will be open during the blooming season, 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Admission \$3.00. Address: 5065 Raybell Road, St.Paul, Oregon, 97137, 7/10ths of a mile west of Highway 219 between St. Paul and Newberg. Turn west on Champoege Road (look for the blue Heirloom Roses sign) and continue straight on to Raybell Road to the garden. Parking and entrance are on the right just past the house. For more info, call Ginny Mapes at 503-647-2896

April 29th – Downtown Clean-Up - "Bag Ladies & Gents on Third Street"

It's that time of year we volunteer our time to clean up the tree wells and flower pots of downtown Third Street. So put on your gloves, jeans and dig in! **More info in article below.** Please sign up for this project. Email or call Cozette to sign up - coz@hughes.com - 503-868-7229

April 30th – Arts & Crafts May Baskets (Note different date than usual)

Join us at Patty Sorensen's at 9:30 with flowers picked from your yard as we create fun small May baskets for you to give to neighbors, friends, etc. the next day on May Day! Snacks served and fun to be had by all!

May 10 - May 11- Polk County Master Gardeners Plant Sale

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in building "C" at the Polk County Fairgrounds, 520 S. Pacific Highway W (99W) in Rickreall. Admission and parking are free. New, unusual, rare and hard-to-find plants of all kinds are the focus of the totally revamped, 23rd Annual

May 22 is an Arts & Crafts **FIELD TRIP** to **Godfrey's Nursery** in Aumsville to purchase sedums for our **May 23 Funky Sedum Creations** activity. Everyone is welcome! Field Trip is not limited to the Arts & Crafts activity folks. While there you will undoubtedly purchase more than sedums. Great prices and healthy plants! **MARK YOUR CALENDAR. 9:30 at Bethel Baptist.** Plan to stop for lunch or bring along a sack lunch.

IRISES

Horticulture - Marilyn Coats

There are over 200 species in this large and diverse group. They grow from bulbs or rhizomes. In floral detail, there are 3 categories: bearded, beardless and crested.

Irises are easy to grow, needing only lots of sun and very good drainage. They don't like wet feet nor do they like lots of fertilizer. The most popular is the bearded irises which come in all sizes from dwarf to tall and available in every imaginable color. In planting bearded irises, set them barely beneath the soil surface, spreading the roots. When they become overcrowded, lift and divide the clumps in July or August. They recommend doing this every 3 to 4 years or when the quantity and quality of blooms decrease. It seems like I have to do it every couple of years—I must plant them too close together.



- Dutch irises grow from bulbs and are beardless. They grow 1-1/2 to 2 feet tall and look better planted as a group. They also make great container plants and cut flowers, unlike the bearded irises.
- Siberian irises are very attractive. The foliage grows in clumps of narrow, almost grass like leaves producing slender stems to 4 feet high (there are much shorter ones), each bearing 2 to 5 blossoms.
- Pacific Coast irises are native to the West Coast. The foliage is narrow in clumps of coarse grass with very attractive flowers. I bought two of them last year and am anxious to see them this year.
- Japanese irises feature gorgeous blossoms 4-12" across on slender stems to 4 feet high. The flower shape is essentially flat. They need much moisture during growing and flowering. I really love how perfect the blooms are which shows in the accompanying picture I took of the ones in my garden.

There are many more irises and it is hard to pick a favorite as I love them all. My favorite is usually the one that is currently blooming!

"Bag Ladies & Gents on Third Street" **Downtown Cleanup Monday, April 29 9:00** at the parking lot on Second Street/Evans across from Macy's and Sons. Team areas will be assigned from there.

For over a dozen years the Garden Club has provided downtown Third Street with the gift of a spring cleanup. Let's show up in force to tackle this great project. Wear your garden club aprons, dress for kneeling and dirt! Bring your gloves, clippers, blowers, flathead screwdrivers (to dig out ivy) brooms, drinking water and buckets. We are planning on being treated to lunch, again. To volunteer: email or call Cozette to sign up - coz@hughes.com - 503-868-7229 or sign up at the April meeting.

PLEASE mark this date on your calendars and join us~

NEW SPROUTS

Welcome to the McMinnville Garden Club

Trudy Mackel had her bio in last month's newsletter but we didn't have a picture SOOO here she is. Again, Welcome Trudy.



A Fond Farewell to Rosina Morgan



Join us at the April meeting as we say goodbye to Rosina Morgan who has been an active member of the club for many years! She is moving to a retirement location in the Lake Oswego area. Her knowledge, helpful spirit and constant volunteering will be missed by the club. FOR SURE! We wish her joy in her new adventures and hope to see her at the April meeting!



Garden Tour and Faire Update

Thanks to all who have signed up to help make this year's Garden Tour a huge success! If you missed out, volunteers are still needed. You'll have another opportunity to sign up at the April meeting. Remember that some tasks occur before the day of the Tour, so you can work in a garden and help out before June 23.

Committee Leaders: We'll have our second group meeting April 15 after the regular club meeting. Please come prepared to report on your committee's progress so far, along with any questions/concerns. We'll try to finish in an hour; bring a snack if needed.

Elsie Carpenter and Judy Wilkerson, Garden Tour Coordinators

Arts & Crafts for April May Baskets!



Join us on April 30th as we make cute May Day baskets to hang on the doors of your neighbors and friends for delivery the next day! Supplies for the cones will be provided. Bring cut flowers/greens, clippers and gloves to share. Snacks will be provided. 9:30 at Patty Sorensen's house

New Websites to Explore

How to Grow and Care for Iris: <http://www.schreinersgardens.com/how-to-grow-and-care-for-iris>

Impatient's Face Downy Mildew: <http://www.greenhousegrower.com/video/c:93/disease-control/1308/>

Celebrating Wildflowers: <http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/index.shtml>

Websites to Check Often

[Monthly Chores Checklist](#) [Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs](#)

[Pioneer District Garden Clubs](#) [OregonLive.com's Home and Garden Section](#)



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