

Garden Clippings

McMinnville Garden Club DECEMBER 2012



9:30-12:15 Hillside Retirement Community “Activity Room” at the Manor
900 N. Hill Road McMinnville, OR 97128

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PARK IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT



HOLIDAY POINSETTIA'S

The poinsettia is a tropical plant that blooms during the winter months. It requires specialized care to help emulate its natural habitat. Poinsettias are also the victim of numerous rumors depicting them as poisonous plants. However, they are not toxic and can be safely consumed by both humans and animals. Poinsettias are commonly used as ornamental plants during winter holidays, and require patience and dedication to keep happy and healthy.

- Keep poinsettias in an area that receives between six and eight hours of direct sunlight every day. A moderate temperature is required to keep the plant healthy. The temperature should be between 65 and 70 degrees F for best results. If temperatures dip below 50 degrees F, poinsettias can sustain considerable damage. Do not expose your poinsettias to frost, which will kill them quickly. During the summer, poinsettias can be kept outside, as long as the temperature does not exceed 90 degrees F.

Watering

- Never allow the soil to dry completely around a poinsettia. It should be moist to the touch, but not too damp. Water the poinsettia until the water begins to seep from the holes in the bottom of the pot. Drain any excess water immediately, as poinsettias are highly susceptible to root rot.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Wreath/Basket Making Dec. 3 and 4**
(9:30 a.m. at Bethel Baptist)
Hosted by Jacci Reed at her farm
13905 NW Willis Rd. McMinnville
- **Dec 17th – Holiday Luncheon – Reservations required. Send \$12.50 to Mike Stewart prior to Dec. 10 please.** Speaker is Barbara Boyer—local organic farmer “extraordinaire”! A co-founder of our McMinnville Farmers’ Market, Barbara exemplifies all that is in the Conservation Pledge we recite at each of our Club meetings. **Don’t forget to bring donations for Henderson House, see list of needed items on next page.**
- **Jan. 21 General Meeting** Program: Horticulture Programs Gail Gredler, head instructor in Chemeketa Hort. program **NOTE: Speaker will be at 10 AM with general meeting at 11.**
- **January 28 Arts & Crafts** requires buttons of all sizes!



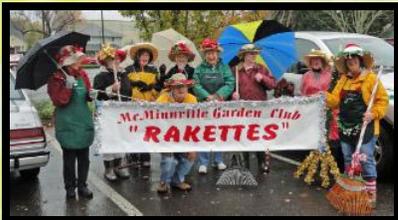
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Items needed for the Henderson

House shelter: Sugar, flour, coffee, peanut butter, oatmeal, cereal, gelatin, canned fruit, fruit juices, pasta and sauce, powdered milk, instant potatoes, canned and boxed foods and mixes for hamburger, condiments, adhesive bandages, pain relievers, cough, cold, and flu meds and syrups for babies, children, and adults, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, NEW ladies socks & underwear, Wal-Mart gift cards with dollar amount marked on the card (helps clients afford prescriptions). Gift cards from local grocery stores are useful to purchase perishable items.

Hip Hip Hooray!

The rain didn't stop our amazing **Rakettes**. They showed up in force decked out in the season's wildest hats with decorated rakes to participate in the annual Santa's Parade in downtown McMinnville. Buchanan Cellars again donated bird seed to be passed out to all the parade attendees.



Welcome to Our New "Sprouts"

Kathleen McKinney joined our club in June, but has been a gardener since age 6, when her mother granted Kathleen's wish--a garden of her own! Born in Cincinnati, and raised mainly in Nebraska, she decided to head for California in her junior year of college, and then spent 23 years living in Benicia, in the North San Francisco Bay Area, where gardeners had to deal with winds and fog. She had some success there, and was even written up in the newspaper for her special fragrant garden. Next came 20 years in Olympia, WA in a woodsy area with minimal sunshine---thus, her dream was to garden in the Willamette Valley, with its wonderful rich soil, on a lot with only a few trees! Kathleen is a Master Gardener, having earned that title while in Olympia, an area similar enough to ours that her achievement is recognized by Oregon State Un. Extension Service as well. Welcome, Kathleen!

Susan Hruza and her husband, Steven are the owners of one of the most popular gardens we have ever had on our Garden Tour! Most of you know which one that was---"the one with the ducks"! What fun everyone had watching their antics in & out, in & out, in & out of the pond. On an over-sized lot in the Grandview area, Susan and Steven have developed an organized layout of all manner of edible plants, as well as many that are "just" decorative. In order to accommodate Susan's MS, special attention was given to development of hardscaping, including wide paved walkways and raised beds with seating areas. They have a fruit orchard with apples, pears, figs, and cherries, berries and grapes, spinach, lettuce, celery, and numerous herbs, so we know they reap rewards from the time they spend in their garden. We were happy to have Susan join us at the Leaf-casting workshop. Welcome, Susan!

Frankie Williams joined us early last Spring because of her friend, Jo Tribbett, who is now our "Sunshine" person. A former Federal Government employee, Frankie was born and raised in Walla Walla, and has been a gardener all of her life. She moved to McMinnville five years ago, spending time as a caregiver for several people, most recently her mother, who has now passed on. Frankie is a member of Newcomers, and in addition to gardening and canning her own tomatoes, beans, and rhubarb, she enjoys knitting and crocheting. She has donated many hand-knit sweaters to Northwest Medical Teams, and is now learning to sew, since inheriting her mother's sewing machines. Frankie very much enjoyed taking part in the Arts & Crafts project making stepping stones, and is interested in helping with the Post Office Garden. Welcome, Frankie!

By Rosemary Vertgret

Perennial Star

BERYL ANDERSON

Our Garden Club is lucky to have members who, like our favorite garden perennials, come back year after year bringing their knowledge and enthusiasm for gardening. They volunteer to help with a variety of projects and sometimes commit to major leadership roles in our organization. Those of us who have been in the Garden Club a short time may not realize the contributions these members have made. Beryl Anderson is one of those members and has been with us since 2007. She has served in a number of roles including Scholarship Committee member, Secretary, Vice President, Membership Assistant, and will serve for the third year as Poster and Rack Card Chair for the Garden Tour.

Beryl was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico and was adopted at birth by her parents in Grants Pass, Oregon. Her family eventually settled in Myrtle Point on the Oregon coast. While in high school, Beryl was the church organist. Since Myrtle Point was a small town, she ended up playing for most of the weddings and funerals! She moved to Salem to attend MeritDavis Business School.

After college she had a fascinating career for 32 years in Oregon state government. Her first job was assistant secretary to Secretary of State Clay Myers. She later worked for two different secretaries of state and four different state treasurers in Oregon. Her experience includes editing the Oregon Blue Book for two editions, serving as the District Governor for Toastmaster International, and serving on national conference committees. For the last 18 years of her career, she was the Director of Employee Services for the state treasurer. She retired in 2000 after 32 years of service to the State of Oregon.

Since retirement, she started a home business called Garden Shed Quilting. After someone lovingly sews a quilt face, it is given to Beryl who then completes the quilt: she sews the face to batting and adds decorative stitching using a "long arm" machine. Beryl has had as many as 65 quilts waiting in line for stitching.



By June Benson

Websites to Check Often

[Monthly Chores Checklist](#)

[Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs](#)

[Pioneer District Garden Clubs](#)

[OregonLive.com's Home and Garden section](#)

*All the happy shoppers who went up to
Portland for the Portland Field Trip*



WEBSITES TO EXPLORE

I love England garden links

<http://www.susanbranch.com/english-diary-trip-on-qeii/>

Gardens of the world with Audrey Hepburn

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6ArElsvCUA&feature=related>

English gardens, parks, etc.

<http://www.picturesofengland.com/England/attractions>

Backyard Habitat

By Sally Brown

I just have a few short items this month regarding Backyard Habitat. They have to do with insulating young trees from deer damage and cleaning the ground around fruit trees.

There is an easy way to protect young tree trunks and lower branches from being damaged by male deer rubbing their antlers on them. One solution is to use pre slit foam pipe insulation. Cut it to the lengths you need and slide it over the trunks and lower limbs needing protection. The foam comes in different sizes so measure before you head to the hardware store to buy it. You can also secure it to the tree with zip ties or duct tape. You might want to take it off after the male deer are through with their antler rubbing so you don't have disease or insect problems.

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