



Garden Clippings

McMinnville Garden Club
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

March 18 - General Meeting 9:30-12:15

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

Speaker: Carol Adelman from Adelman's Peonies

“This month we welcome Carol Adelman of [Adelman's Peony Gardens](#) as our Speaker. Several of our members will remember visiting their fifteen acres in bloom season a few years ago---truly a sea of beauty! I hope we can take a little trip down to their fields again this year as a follow-up to her visit.”



2013 Events Calendar

March 6 - If you ever thought about learning to piece a beautiful quilt, now is the time to learn how. Beryl Anderson will be teaching a series of **quilting classes** for Garden Club members. The series will be a "block of the month" program in which participants will learn proper piecing techniques as they stitch a different block each month. Important techniques of cutting, sewing and pressing will be stressed for each block.

The series is scheduled to be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Activities Room at Hillside. The first class will be March 6, 2013, and will continue for 12 months. At the end of the 12-month period, additional classes will be held on completing your quilt, including adding mitered borders, quilting, and applying the binding.

Each month, Beryl will demonstrate how to cut and stitch a new block. Written instructions will also be available to participants. No need to bring anything except a pen and notebook for your own note taking.

March 9-31 Red Ridge Farms March Pottery Sale Choose from their patio filled with select pottery at 50% (or more) off regular prices!

March 11 – Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs State Board Meeting – Hillside – Reservations due by March 5th – call Gaye Stewart if you are interested in attending- \$12 lunch fee

March 21st, Ladies Night Out: “Spring Showcase” 5:00pm – 8:00pm @ Al's in Sherwood, 16920 SW Roy Rogers

Al's is proud to host the first-ever Ladies Night Out: “Spring Showcase”. Similar to our popular summer event, we invite you to indulge in an evening of fun, food, and friends! Mark your calendar, you deserve a night out! For more details go to <http://als-gardencenter.com> Register there, or call the Sherwood store at 503-726-1162 - No charge.

March 23rd & 24th- Amity Daffodil Festival –Evelyn Munding



The Amity Daffodil Festival also has a plant sale that includes products from many local nurseries, and self-guided driving tours that show off our wineries, landscape, and art galleries around the area. Our club is again participating and you may sign up by calling me at 503-434-1697 or at our March meeting. Your job will be to greet visitors and distribute our handouts. Plant giveaways were popular last year. so we will continue that - with your help

Plant giveaways were popular last year so we will continue that - with your help. **You can add to our supply by potting up small starts from your garden. Table space is limited so pots four or less inches work best. Bring them to our March meeting for collection.** The festival also features an art contest which I encourage the artists in our club to enter. Remember that activities take place in the elementary school so nothing can be set up until Saturday morning. There will be helpers to direct you to your destination and tend to your needs.

March 25, at 10 a.m. **Arts & Crafts Event cancelled** due to several surgeries/vacations of leaders. Coming in April and May are May Baskets and Sedum planting.

April 5 – “Junking” – leave 9:30 – Bethel Baptist, Mac. 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 (sponsored by the Yamhill OSU extension services) – Registration forms and information on-line at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/yamhill/yamhill-gardeners-present-spring-gardening-seminars> \$30 registration fee before March 7 - \$40 after March 7

April 30 Arts & Crafts will be meeting to make **MAY FLOWER BASKETS** so we can deliver them to friends and neighbors on May 1st. **MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!** More info later.

May 22 is an Arts & Crafts **FIELD TRIP** to Godfrey's Nursery in Aumsville to purchase sedums for our **May 23 Funky Sedum Creations**. While there you will undoubtedly purchase more than sedums..... **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

NEW SPROUTS

Welcome to the McMinnville Garden Club

Trudy Mackel Last August, Trudy arrived in McMinnville from the "south bay" area near Long Beach, California on a day when the temperature reached 102! She has since been reassured that heat like that is not the norm here, but that just about anything but tropical plants will thrive in our excellent (heavy clay) soil! In the past, Trudy has grown mostly house plants and plants in containers, but she has a fenced yard with only a little landscaping, and is hoping the tulip bulbs she planted a little late will soon pop up and bloom. Trudy loves driving our country roads, where she has come across some of our local growers' nurseries; she was amazed to find that there is an entire nursery devoted to heathers. She will be part of our new quilting group, and is interested in field trips and learning about local plants. As an avid reader, she enjoyed attending a recent library fund-raising event, where she was impressed with the beautiful flower arrangements in teapots that were part of the auction. Trudy's son lives nearby in Portland, and she is very pleased to be part of the McMinnville Community--- and we are fortunate to add her to our Club. **Welcome Trudy!** (picture in next month's issue)



Helen Niehus The wonderful fun-filled garden of Helen and Jim Niehus was on our Garden Tour in 2011--- remember the one with multiple creative seating areas, "inhabitants" made of clay pots, cowboy/cowgirl hats, and boots, all set amongst lush plantings and colorful blooms?? Now that she has retired from her 47 year career as a hairdresser (is that even remotely possible?), Helen is ready to spend more time "playing in the garden", and meeting some of the few people around here that she doesn't already know. She was born and raised here, as were their children, who still live nearby. Their son has four children, and their daughter has two, which means Helen and Jim have nearby grandchildren. That must be one of the reasons Helen always has such a smiley face and a happy manner! Rodeos are a family favorite, and they spend lots of time in central and eastern Oregon, watching rodeo and soaking up sun. They have given up riding, but still enjoy the horsey crowd. We owe thanks to our member Lynne Desel, who convinced Helen that she really needed to join Garden Club. Making holiday baskets and wreaths has been one of Helen's favorite things, but now she will be a favorite of ours.

MONDO GRASS - OPHIOPOGON

These are dense, short, black tufted perennial grasses. They are natives of Asia, especially China and Japan and are easy to grow requiring well-drained soil. The leaves emerge green but darken to nearly black. Bell-shaped purple flowers emerge in summer followed by little black glossy berries.



Mondo Grass spreads slowly, but it doesn't seem to be too long before they fill in an area. As you can see in the picture, they are creeping up the side of my waterfall. When it was first constructed, the landscapers put in a lot of sand around the area making very good drainage. In fact, too good, so we had to add more dirt.

The black grass is very attractive in containers, especially when combined with yellow or chartreuse foliage.

Even though the plant tag states semi-shade, they are growing around the waterfall in full sun and spreading nicely. Maybe because they get plenty of moisture with our watering system....

For some reason, a gallon plant is a little more expensive. However, I started with only one gallon and apparently with the right conditions, you won't be disappointed when more plants appear.

READ YOUR LABELS

BE CAREFUL! In some of our recent arts & crafts activities we have used E6000 glue. Be sure to read the warning label on the back of the tube. You **MUST** use this outdoors or in an area like a garage with doors open to allow for good ventilation. This goes for any of the chemicals you use while gardening too. Be sure to **READ LABELS** and mix amounts correctly as listed.



New Websites to Explore

--Oregon WWII Memorial Donation

www.oregonWWIIMemorial.com

--Planting annuals (note time frames are off for Oregon, this is from California!)

http://www.anniesannuals.com/special_pgs/eblasts/130124/video-email.htm?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=130124%2BWe%2BHEART%2BHurdy%2BAnnuals!

--Take care of your birds. Time to clean out/put up those bird houses. New birds on the way:

<http://audubonportland.org/local-birding/mrare-bird-alert>

--Blueberries in the PNW

<http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/12202/ec1304.pdf?sequence=1>

Websites to Check Often

[Monthly Chores Checklist](#)

[Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs](#)

[Pioneer District Garden Clubs](#)

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



Garden Tour and Faire Update

The Garden Tour and Faire are off to a great start now that all Committee Leader positions are filled, and now we **NEED** your help and support. At our March meeting sign-up sheets will be passed around giving you an opportunity to contribute toward our club's only fundraiser. Remember that some tasks occur before the day of the Tour and Faire, so you can help out before as well as on June 23rd. Let's all do our part and make our club's 13th annual Tour and Faire a smashing success!

Elsie Carpenter and Judy Wilkerson, Garden Tour Coordinators
Mike and Gaye Stewart, Garden Faire Coordinators



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