



Garden Clipping:

McMinnville Garden Club, PO Box 386, McMinnville, OR
January 15, 2018

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NEW website: <http://mcminnvillegardenclub.org>



Next meeting: January 15, 2018

*****Meeting location Space Museum, second floor*****

If you need time on the agenda, please let President Elaine know a week in advance of the meeting.

VP Jan C. reports this month's speaker will be Heather Richards, McMinnville's Planning Director.

She will update and inform us about what's happening in our community.

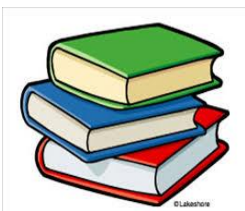
Upcoming Events:

January 08 – Board Meeting

January 15 – Monthly Meeting – meeting location vote

January 25 - Field trip to Salem's Willamette Heritage Center (sign up at January meeting)

March 15 - Driftwood Wind Chimes



Book Exchange this month, bring some books to donate and take some home!

Leftovers will be donated to the Friends of the Library.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – January 2018 Elaine P.

I hope everyone had a wonderful time with family and friends over the holidays. Many had out of town visitors and some of us got to travel to warmer climes with sunny skies.

We dressed up or donned our jolly sweaters for our December meeting. Everyone looked so nice. Wonderful music was performed by the Humlie School of Music, the decorations were



festive and the company was outstanding! Although Harvest Fresh was late, the food was tasty.

The new year is a time for resolutions, new goals and looking forward to working in our gardens. 2018 will be all that but we did hit a few club bumps at the end of 2017.

First, we will need a new meeting place. Evergreen is raising the rent. The selection committee did such a fine job last spring narrowing down the possibilities. Unfortunately, it looks like we may not be able to find a room as comfortable this time around and this is not the best time of the year to be making new arrangements. Please, if you know of a possibility let one of the board members know. The January meeting will be in the conference room at the Space Museum where we had the December meeting.

Second, we lost one of the gardens for the Tour. One of the owners had to drop out and we have no backup gardens. Please, if you know of a possibility - a neighbor, a friend, a relative, yourself - check with them and let Evelyn or Cozette know.

Our club members are tough, resourceful and determined. When we all work together we can accomplish great things. I am confident we will overcome our current challenges and persevere.

***January Field Trip by Ann Silverthorne

January trip to Salem's [Willamette Heritage Center](#) scheduled on January 25th. Meet at Baker Creek Community Church, west end parking lot. Time 9:30 am to depart at 9:40. Lunch will be at Ram restaurant, 515 12th Street SE Salem. Please sign up with me at the January 15th meeting.

***WINTER BLOOMS Rosemary Vertregt

Many of us possess at least one or two "Christmas Cactus" plants, often passed on to us by grandmothers or great-aunts, or sweet "little-old-lady" neighbors. Obviously, anything blooming at this time of year helps to feed a gardener's winter-starved need for flowers, and these cacti are most welcome in our gray season! They are sentimental favorites, but some of us have questions about how to care for them.

***First, some background info: these cacti belong to a small genus called *Schlumbergeri*, a group of six species found in coastal mountains of southeastern Brazil, where they grow on trees and rocks in habitats that are generally shady with high humidity. These plants are very different in appearance from their desert cousins, and can form sizeable shrubs with a woody base, growing to a height of up to four feet! ***



There are two groups in genus *Schlumbergeri*: (info from Wikipedia)

S. Buckley group: stem segments are rounded, have more symmetrical "teeth" and more symmetrical flowers that hang down.

They flower later, and are therefore more of a true “Christmas” cactus.

S.truncata group: stem segments have pointed “teeth”, flowers are held more or less horizontal, they bloom earlier and can be called “Thanksgiving Cactus”, or because of their “teeth”, “crab” cactus or “claw” cactus.

None of these plants are happy with sun! They do need light! They do need watering, but not too much! [I often add a little fertilizer to the water.] Some people put their cactus away somewhere in a dark place, bringing it out to light when they want it to set buds, but I’ve never done that and mine always bloom. New plants can easily be made from old: pinch off a stem segment and plant it in good potting soil ---- that’s pretty much all there is to it! [I have extras for anyone who is interested.]

***PLANT SOMETHING

Below are some of the newsletters from the Oregon Association of Nurseries that you may want to subscribe to. See the info at the end of the article. ***

Plants make life better! Research has proven that plants benefit all of us in many ways — some obvious, and some not so obvious. Plant Something Oregon encourages you to garden in a fun and healthy way.

[*Plant Something Oregon Newsletter*](#) *(click on title for complete articles OR click on the **read more** link with the **control key** depressed after each snippet.)*

8 tips to gear up the garden for cold weather

by [Kym Pokorny](#)

As freezing weather moves in, gardeners may be worrying about how to protect their plants from the cold.

Experts with Oregon State University Extension Service, recommend several ways to guard your landscape from frigid conditions.

- Though snow can act as excellent mulch on the ground, it can also weigh down the branches of shrubs with frail structures such as arborvitae, boxwoods, young rhododendrons and azaleas. Every two to three days, knock the snow off branches and wrap rope around the branches of bushes and shrubs. Tying the branches upward helps restructure the branches to a more upright position before the storm.

- Insulate plants with mulch, compost, leaves or any kind of organic matter that will protect root systems. Snow can also be a good insulator for many plants. [\[read more\]](#)

Give charming winter-blooming plants as holiday gifts

by [Kym Pokorny](#)

Winter-blooming indoor plants are a welcome way to take the edge off the chill and gloom of winter and many are ready to give as holiday gifts. The choices go beyond traditional poinsettias and amaryllis. Colorful African violets, gloxinia, cyclamen, orchids, ornamental peppers and Christmas cactus are blooming and readily available. Dress them up with bows and cellophane or combine a few in a basket with store-bought or garden-harvested moss and some decorations and present them as party gifts or to a plant lover on your list.

Before you buy, though, consider some key care tips, including how to get them home, said Brooke Edmunds, a horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service. She advises taking a cardboard box along with you to the store and then covering the plant after getting it into the car. [\[Read more\]](#)

Take one more go at the garden before retiring for Winter

by [Kym Pokorny](#)

We're well into the holidays, daylight is in short supply and rain comes down day after day, but if you can get out in the garden or at least the garage, you'll be happier come spring.

A perennial question is whether to cut down plants now or in spring. The answer is not clear cut, said Jeff Choate, a horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service. When it comes to vegetable gardens, everything should come out. Annuals, too, can be uprooted. With perennials, it depends. [\[read more\]](#)

Head of houseplant pests with vigilance and cleanliness

by [Kym Pokorny](#)

Insects lurking under leaves, climbing up stems and settling into the soil of houseplants frustrate indoor gardeners to no end.

But there are answers, according to experts with Oregon State University's Extension Service.

Winter is a good time to check indoor plants for sap-sucking insects like mites, thrips,

mealybugs, scales, whiteflies and aphids. Spotting problems and responding to them early can keep populations from exploding.

There are a number of strategies to keep your indoor pests at bay without resorting to chemical controls. [[read more](#)]

Shakespeare uses the power of plants to tell his tales

by [Kym Pokorny](#)

From the roses of "Romeo and Juliet" to the lilies of "The Winter's Tale," William Shakespeare mentioned plants 200 times in his plays and sonnets. He knew the power of plants to elicit emotion and help tell a story, especially in the 16th century.

"Plants meant so much to people who went to see his plays," said Rhonda Nowak, an Oregon State University Extension Service master gardener since 2011. "People then were more connected to plants than we are; they used them for medicinal purposes and knew the tales behind them."

In modern times, even people who don't go to plays recognize the quote from "Romeo and Juliet": "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." [[read more](#)]

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Amaryllis Sharon Gunter



Amaryllis are a popular holiday gift because their large, colorful blooms brighten the dark, cold days of winter. Amaryllis originated in South Africa's tropical climate so they are not winter hardy outdoors. Their bulbs can be planted in pots indoors from October until the end of April. Bloom time occurs from late December until the end of June, depending on when they were planted. It takes approximately 8 weeks for the plant to bloom. In the winter, the flowering time will be longer than in spring. For continuous bloom, plant several pots with a staggered planting time of two weeks.

Before planting your amaryllis, the base and roots of the bulb should be placed in warm water for a few hours. Plant the bulb up to its neck in a potting mixture, being careful not to damage the roots. Place the potted bulb in a warm place with direct light. The ideal growing temperature is 68 to 70 degrees. Water sparingly until the stem appears and then gradually water more as the bud and leaves appear.

After flowering, cut the old flowers from the stem and when the stem starts to sag, cut it back to the top of the bulb. Continue to water and fertilize as normal for at least 5 – 6 months, allowing the leaves to fully develop and grow. When the leaves begin to yellow, which usually happens in early fall, cut them back to about 2 inches from the top of the bulb and remove the bulb from the soil. Clean the bulb and place it in a cool, dark place for a minimum of 6 weeks. Then you can replant the bulbs and look forward to seeing the beautiful blooms again in approximately 8 weeks!

Websites to Explore

by Patty Sorensen

Pioneer District Website <http://oregongardenclubspioneer.97048.info/home.aspx>

State Garden Club's Website <http://oregongardenclubs.org>

McMinnville Community Garden <http://www.mcminnvillecg.org>

FOR FUN: YouTube Video of [How to Get Orchids To Rebloom](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFcE5uuBs9E)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BFcE5uuBs9E>

Growing Spring [Bulbs Indoors](http://www.hgtv.com/outdoors/gardens/planting-and-maintenance/grow-spring-bulbs-indoors-pictures?soc=sharemail):
<http://www.hgtv.com/outdoors/gardens/planting-and-maintenance/grow-spring-bulbs-indoors-pictures?soc=sharemail>

Pinterest Ideas for [Winter Bird Treats](https://www.pinterest.com/pin/242209286189744504/?source_app=android)
https://www.pinterest.com/pin/242209286189744504/?source_app=android

YouTube Video of Creating a Plastic [Bottle Garden](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9vN2eudWcQ&sns=em)
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"Winter, a lingering season, is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey, and enjoy every idle hour." - John Boswell