



Garden Clippings

McMinnville Garden Club, PO Box 386, McMinnville, OR
April 2018

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Next meeting: April 16, 2018

*****Meeting location Heritage Center***
11275 SW Dunham Lane**

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

Heather Richards from the McMinnville Planning office will return (as we requested) to continue to up-to-date us about all the additions, improvements and future plans in the area. YEAH!

Upcoming Events:

April 07 – Walnut City Wineworks fundraiser for the Community Garden 12-5pm

April 09 – Board meeting: 2pm Donna's

April 12 – Nursery trip with Ann Silverthorn

April 16 – Monthly meeting Yamhill Valley Heritage Center 9:30-noon

April 17 – Pioneer District crafting group meet at Patty's at 10 am to plant pots!

April 19 – District lunch at Michelbook CC, cost \$24 to Donna Parr

April 23 – Third Street clean up with Jan Clay, 9:30 Coop Ministries' parking lot

April 25 – Crafts, rock painting at Patty's 10am

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – March 2018 Elaine P.



You reap what you sow. This statement can be interpreted both literally and figuratively.

Literally, we are gardeners. We sow. We reap edibles and ornamentals. Although snowflakes keep appearing, we know it will be spring any day now. Soon the soil will be dry enough and warm enough to begin planting.

Here in McMinnville, I have been sowing plants I have trouble reaping. I have had no success with delphiniums or daphnes and have given up on them. I also kept trying to grow peppers, melons and pumpkins. No longer. They take up too much space and effort for the puny fruits I

sometimes managed to produce. It is easier to go to Draper's or the Farmer's Market or even the grocery store. Sweet potatoes have so far been a complete failure. Those I am trying yet again. On the other hand, I reap far more tomatoes, beans, squash and cucumbers than I can use. One day I will learn how to preserve my bountiful harvest. Until that day comes, I give the excess to YCAP.

Figuratively, our actions have consequences. If we do not consider all the ramifications beforehand, often the consequences are unintended. Generally, good intentions reap good results. If you smile at someone, they usually smile back. Those of us that went on the YCAP repack really enjoyed the experience. We went to help others and unexpectedly had a lot of fun.

This year's Garden Tour's theme is aptly named "Scatter Seeds of Kindness". We will use the money earned to give back to our community. We give scholarships to deserving horticultural students and sponsor local beautification projects. We designed, planted and maintain the West End. We maintain the Post Office and take care of the indoor plants at the library. We have made donations to the Community Garden. We pay for the hanging plants at the entrance to Joe Dancer Park. However, we have not began a new project for a few years now. We have the money. We need an idea. Please help. We have a projects committee. Share any ideas you may have.



Photo Contest

A big shout out of congratulations to Patty Sorensen and Marilyn Coats for taking first place and advancing on to the district contest!!!

Field Trips *by Ann Silverthorn*

We are planning a trip to the following nurseries on Thursday, April 12th.

[Fessler's Nursery](#),

[Terra Gardens](#),

[Bauman Farms](#),

[Seebright Gardens](#)

Bag lunches will be needed. We have 21 members interested in attending so we will need 5 or 6 drivers.

Further information regarding meeting time etc. will be sent out about a week before.

We are planning a trip to the Alsea Thyme Garden, on Wednesday June 27th.

We have to chose from two optional tours. Whichever we chose we all have to to do the same one. We will pick at the April meeting and I need a firm count for the reservation then too. I have paid the required \$120 deposit.

1. Tour plus lunch, for \$30 each member.
2. Short tour plus lunch, plus making a herb basket, for \$40 each member

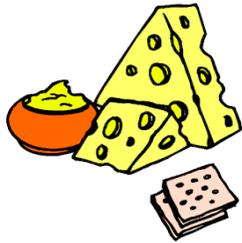
McMinnville Community Garden Fundraiser

Where: Walnut City Wineworks

When: Saturday April 7th Noon - 5pm

Come out and taste local wines for \$10/flight with proceeds going to fund the McMinnville Community Garden of Yamhill County growing organic produce for those living in our county at nutritional risk thru our partnership with YCAP.

Garden related silent auction Noon-4pm.. Items for auction include photos, baskets, and fairy garden.



Light appetizers provided. We look forward to seeing you!



THANKS to Darlene McCord for making a quilt to raffle! What a job she did....beautiful! Proceeds went to Henderson House. The raffle winner was Betty Ballentine. **CONGRATULATIONS**

Deciphering Fertilizer Numbers

Cindy Flake

What do those numbers refer to on the container of fertilizer? All fertilizers, whether organic or conventional, have at least three bold numbers. As shown in our sample label, the numbers are **8-4-4** (the grade) which always refers to the percentage by weight of Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), and Potassium (K), in that order, in the container, every single time! These letters come from the periodic table. Uh, remember chemistry class?...Me neither! If comprised of two or more nutrients, these are known as fertilizer blends.

Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K), along with Calcium (Ca), Magnesium (Mg), and Sulfur (S) are six **macronutrients**, or primary nutrients, those that plants use in large quantities.

There are eight **micronutrients**, or secondary nutrients, that plants only need to use in small quantities, however they are still essential and often overlooked. Members of the micronutrient group include: Copper (Cu), Zinc (Zn), Chlorine (Cl), Manganese (Mn), Iron (Fe), Boron, (B), Molybdenum (Mo), and Nickel (Ni). Some blends contain these micronutrients, while other blends don't. It's all up to the manufacturer.

To calculate percentage by weight or how many pounds of each nutrient are in a 50-pound bag, we'll do the math:

$$N = 8\% \quad .08 \times 50 \text{ lbs.} = 4 \text{ lbs.}$$

$$P = 4\% \quad .04 \times 50 \text{ lbs.} = 2 \text{ lbs.}$$

$$K = 4\% \quad .04 \times 50 \text{ lbs.} = 2 \text{ lbs.}$$

$$Ca = 5\% \quad .05 \times 50 \text{ lbs.} = 2.5 \text{ lbs.}$$

Well, THAT was just too easy! So, a 50-pound bag of **8-4-4** fertilizer contains just 10.5 lbs. of nutrients: 4 lbs. of Nitrogen, 2 lbs. of Phosphorus, 2 lbs. of Potassium (also known as potash), and 2.5 lbs. of Calcium. The rest (39.5 lbs.) is binding agent and filler. If there is a 0 in the fertilizer grade, such as 0-4-4, 8-0-4, or 4-8-0, it means there is zero of that particular nutrient (N, P, or K) in the container. Why would I want a zero? We'll save that for the next article!

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PHYTA-GROW[®]
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8-4-4
Guaranteed Analysis

Total Nitrogen (N)	8%
8% Water Insoluble Organic Nitrogen	
Available Phosphoric Acid (P ₂ O ₅)	4%
Soluble Potash (K ₂ O)	4%
Calcium (Ca)	5%

Derived from meat and bone meal, feather meal, and potassium sulfate.

Information regarding the contents and levels of metals in this product is available on the Internet at <http://www.aapfco.org/metals.htm>, or by calling (800) 269-5690.

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CONDITIONS OF SALE: 1. Seller warrants that this product consists of the ingredients specified and is reasonably fit for the purpose stated on this label when used in accordance with directions under normal conditions of use. No one, other than an officer of Seller, is authorized to make any warranty, guarantee, or direction concerning this product. 2. Because the time, place, and rate of application are beyond seller's control, Seller's liability from handling, storage, and use of this product is limited to replacement of product or refund of purchase price.

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Net Weight:
 50 lbs., 22.68 Kg 2000 lbs., 907 Kg
 Bulk Sample

Lot #: _____

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Someone suggested we include the poem read at the last meeting in the newsletter. It is from a site called *The Artful Farm*. Elaine

Planting Your Spring Garden

For Your Garden of Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of Peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

Water Freely With Patience and Cultivate With Love.
There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap
What you sow! Pass it on!!!



How many of us listened to our February speaker and are now **STRETCHING before we “play” in our yards?**

Special thanks to Emily Wood from Ability Physical Therapy for all her great tips! Maybe we should practice a few at each meeting?

Websites to Explore

by Patty Sorensen

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

State Garden Club’s Website <http://oregongardenclubs.org> (Being updated)

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

Cecil and Molly Smith Rhododendron Garden opens April 7. Don’t miss it!
<http://smithgarden.org/smithgarden.org/Welcome.html>

April Garden Chores in the Pacific Northwest

Gardening Shows on YouTube