

# Garden Clippings December 2018

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**Next meeting: Dec. 17, 2018**

**\*\*\*Heritage Center\*\*\***

**11275 SW Dunham Lane**

**Dec. 17 Club Potluck at Heritage Center 9:30-12** Be sure to snack before you come. We will be holding our meeting then enjoying the potluck items you bring! Holiday music will be provided. Our speaker will be our own Gaye Stewart who will tell us about the Garden Club Federation from its roots to its current structure.

*If you need time on the agenda, please let [President Caitlin](#) know a week in advance of the meeting.*

## Upcoming Events:

**Dec. 3-4 Wreath making** at Rosemary's. 10-1 If weather is an issue contact Betty B.

**Dec. 17 Club Potluck**, see above.

**Jan. 21 2019 Club meeting - The Kalapuyan Tribes and Peoples of Willamette Valley**



## 2018/2019 Garden Club Board:

**Caitlin Wright – President**      **Jan Clay – Vice President**

**Charlene Drake – Treasurer**      **Dian Berg – Secretary**

\*\*\*\*\*Let's help support President Caitlin's **Sustainable Goal** and bring our own coffee cups to our meetings so we don't use the **Styrofoam** cups. *Can you remember???????* Also bring your plastic amber colored empty medical bottles to recycle.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Caitlin Wright

Winter is just around the corner, and we are (hopefully) nearing the end of our autumn chore lists around our homes and gardens. Just as our plants and trees are transitioning into a period of hibernation, so must we take this special season to rest and reflect on the year to come. Here are some questions that I feel may be worth reflecting on this month;

- What are we thankful for?
- What is it about gardening that brings us so much joy?
- How do we carry that joy into next year and help to spread it within our communities?
- What do we hope for next year to look like in our gardens and in our lives?
- What steps must we take to make this a reality?

We may be a few months away from planting our literal seeds, but now is a great time to plant seeds of inspiration in our hearts and minds, and I personally can't wait to see what blossoms!

## Arts/Crafts Holiday Wreaths and Baskets: Dec. 3-4 10:00-1:00



We will be meeting at Rosemary Vertregt's home.  
Bring gloves, clippers, greens, berries, snacks, etc.  
**Dress WARM Basket forms \$5**  
Wreath forms: **Large 20" \$3 Medium 16" \$ 2.50 Small 8" \$ 2**



## Jottings from 2019 Garden Tour Co-Chairs – Ann Widen, Jan Stoven

Remember to think about giving the gift of Tour Tickets by sending friends/family one of our bookmarks. To pick up more contact Ann Widen.

We've had a change in one of the gardens for the tour. Thank goodness the committee had a backup garden. Remember to let the club know if you have any backyard gardens that you think should be looked at for the tour. We start looking again in late Spring!

## Those SNEAKY plants....

Patty Sorensen

I'm always trying to help others so I hope you'll join me with this attempt.... I'd like to write an article about the plants that we love to put in our yards that are MEANT to be put only in containers. Personally I've had way too many of these beauties like Aspen, Sumac, Chinese Bells, Coreopsis, etc. PLEASE share with me any you have not so lovingly encountered!!! And look forward to not making the same mistake in yours.....

## Container Combination of Companion Plantings Sally Thompson

A good container garden has many combinations of plants in a single unit. This increases interest, color, flexibility, and lower maintenance. The container may be as small as a dish garden, using small and miniature plants. It may also be very large as needed by a yucca plant.

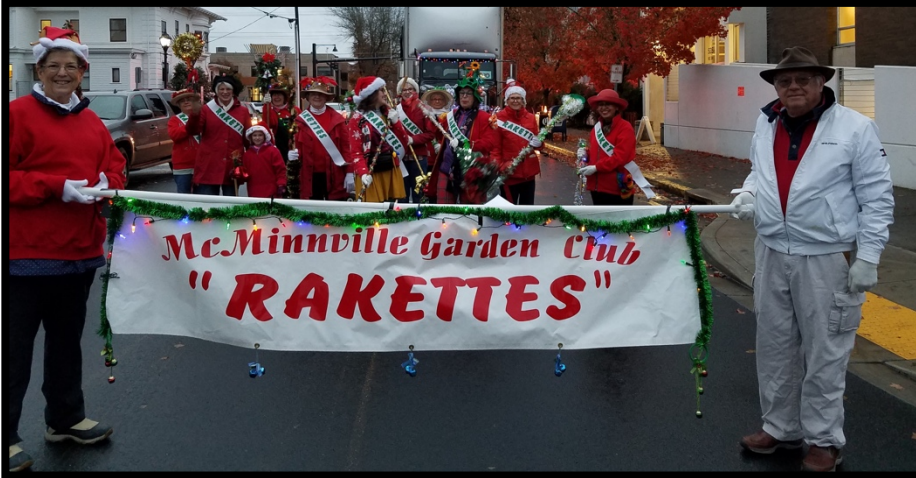
Several items need to be considered with any combination of plants. The plants will need to have similar growing conditions, such as watering needs, fertilizing, and amounts of light.

Water for the container may be by hand or by rainfall, therefore always have good drainage. Stones or rocks at the bottom of the container can be one of the best ways to aid drainage. Sensitive, newly planted or some specialty plants would appreciate water at room temperature.

Fertilizing can make your plants grow to their best potential. Over fertilization can also kill plants easily. Follow the directions on package for amounts needed. If in doubt choose the lighter amount.

Good outdoor dappled light will probably serve most variety of plants. Or do they need all day sun or all day shade? Light requirements must be compatible for each of the plants in your container.

Choosing the container for your plants is as important as choosing the correct plants. Color and design are as important as room for future growth. Harmony of colors and plants will give the gardener calmness and serenity. Bright neon and strong colors will liven up any patio or backyard. A container is any item able to hold soil and plants for the present and near future.



**WAY TO GO, Members!!!!**

You represented us well in the holiday parade downtown. A special thanks to Kay for her organization! SUPER

## Senior Center Volunteer Help!!

Jean Lierman

The Senior Center is in dire need of volunteers to help with their Meals on Wheels program. The Meals on Wheels service provide meals to homebound seniors. Meals are packed Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 11 am at the Senior Center and they could use volunteers for that part of the program. You can volunteer for any day and as many hours as you can spare. They also need delivery people and Linda said it works out really well if two people do this job together. One to drive and one to deliver the meal, however, you can certainly do both. If you could help with this very worthwhile project, please contact Linda Behrens (Nutrition Site Coordinator) at 503-472-4214.

## Websites to Explore

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>

**Yamhill County Master Gardeners** <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/yamhill/yamhill-county-master-gardener-association>

**Check out the website for McMinnville Matters** <https://www.mcminnvillematters.com/>

**Yamhill County Native Plants** <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/techniques/native-plants-yamhill-county>

**What to Do With Your Holiday Tree After the Holidays** <https://www.thisoldhouse.com/ideas/10-uses-your-dead-christmas-tree>

**Firewise Presentation** from our November meeting....takes while to load:  
<http://mcminnvillegardenclub.org/links/>

**Happy Holidays and A Successful Growing Season in 2019**