

Garden Clippings February 2019

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Next meeting: February 18, 2019

Heritage Center

11275 SW Dunham Lane

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

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 18 Club Meeting The Wicked Plants of Oregon

Join John Savage of the Willamette Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon for a presentation on some of the most dangerous and deadly plants in our state. Inspired by Amy Stewart's book *Wicked Plants*, this slideshow will highlight the different ways plants defend themselves with examples of noxious, poisonous, and carnivorous plants.

Feb. 21 YCAP Food Bank Volunteer Time; Group A 9 a.m.-12. **Lunch at The Commissary at 12:15**
Group B 1p.m.- 4. Contact Ann Silverthorne for info and to sign up!

March 1-2 Native Plant Sale...Heritage Center

March 16 YCMG "Spring into Gardening" Seminars See article below

March 18 Club Meeting The Good Plants of Oregon

March 29 Arts & Crafts: Terrariums. Start looking for your glass container! More info next month.



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 try bringing 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

Spring is just around the corner, and we are beginning to notice the first signs of new life. Crocus and Daffodil shoots are beginning to emerge from the soil, and the first of the Camellias are beginning to brighten our neighborhoods with their pink and white blossoms. Forsythia is blooming in all of its golden glory, and if we're lucky, we might even get to enjoy some "February Fakeout" weather, which will give us a little reprieve from the cold and rain!

We'll want to make the most of our precious sunny days to get to work in our own gardens. If you've missed some of the previous month's pruning duties - fear not! February is a wonderful time to cut back a variety of your small trees, shrubs, and rose bushes. It's time to start your vegetable seeds indoors, and you can begin sowing annual flower and grass seed towards the end of the month.

Once you've cleared out the last of the debris from your garden beds, it is a good idea to begin spreading compost and mulch to feed your soil and to set the stage for your spring/summer/fall symphony of floral display! It can be trickier to do this once the new growth has started as you don't want to risk damaging tender sprouts in the process. Overall, this is a very satisfying time to be in your garden, as you begin to see the fruits - or should I say flowers - of your labor! Enjoy this time, and I wish you all a wonderful month in the garden and beyond!!

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

Thank you to all garden club members who willingly volunteered to chair a committee for the 19th Annual Garden Tour and Garden Faire, or serve on a committee. Your support is truly appreciated. Beginning Monday, Feb. 18, a brief meeting will occur following the monthly speaker. If you are a chair, please plan to attend. The meeting will last about 30 minutes or so. If you are a chair, plan to give a brief update on your committee highlights (about two minutes). If you have an item/discussion point that you anticipate will take longer, please let me know.

Invitations have been sent to past Garden Faire vendors and the response thus far has been excellent. Word is spreading even more so among vendors of McMinnville Garden Club Garden Faire. Sales are strong, location is ideal, tasty food is available, parking is good, faire coordinators (Gaye and Mike Stewart and Ruth Corsi) are fantastic to work with and customers are enthusiastic, supportive and purchase items. Remember, the faire runs the same hours as the garden tour, so plan ample time for both. Invite friends and family members too.

Submitted by: Janis Stoven

Testimony about Field Trips

Janis Stoven

Are you somewhat listless in the winter months and feel you need a change? Consider taking part in Ann Silverthorne's day trips. Ann selects and plans unique places to explore. I'm new to Oregon so am most appreciative of Ann's trips. Even if you have lived here for some time, Ann's outings are well planned, educational, interesting and most-of-all fun. You meet members of the club, whose face you may know but perhaps not their name. Even on a rainy day, the outings are enjoyable. Day trips are open to all, so please join us!

So, Just How Are Garden Tour Gardens Selected?

Patty, Sharon, Judy

The Garden Selection Committee's notebook contains a list of all past gardens as well as gardens suggested by others through the years. Another source is previous Yards of the Month. Members also look for additional gardens by driving around town. With these various lists, an evaluation form is used as an additional step for determining if a garden is appropriate for the tour. In addition to the landscape other criteria taken into consideration include issues like parking needs, sloping property/handicap challenges and the ease of access into and out of the backyard.

Yards that have been professionally landscaped/maintained are not allowed. The committee tries to find a mix of small and large; new and established backyards. It also tries to use yards in different areas of town so visitors get a chance to see more of McMinnville. Gardens that have been on past tours can be used again as long as it's been more than five years since they were on a tour.

Be sure to let the committee know if you see backyard gardens that we may want to visit! More eyes, more choices! We already had to use our one backup garden this year.....so we can always use more!

Once homeowners are contacted and agree to share their sites with us, they are given a form that asks questions about the garden's history, hardscape, interesting/unusual plants and garden style. Selection committee members use this information to create the short garden descriptions used in the tickets. Before publication, they are run by the homeowners for approval to be sure the information is correct.



Without the hard work of these FABULOUS homeowners, we would not be able to provide our yearly tour and thereby support various community gardening activities. THANK YOU!

Yamhill County Master Gardener™ Association and OSU presents the 7th annual



Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:45 AM to 4:00 PM

McMinnville Community Center 600 NE Evans Street

Slug Hunting
Native Plants
Bonsai
Climate Change

Yamhill County Master Gardeners will have their annual *Spring Into Gardening* event **Saturday March 16** at the McMinnville Community Center, 600 NE Evans St. We will have a wide variety of speakers for all kinds of gardeners.

Organic Pesticides
Managing Clay Soils
Should you test your soil?
Irrigation
Weeds
Invasive Plants
Fruit Trees
Permaculture

To register visit our web site at: ycmga.org or come into the OSU Extension Office at 2050 NE Lafayette Ave. We hope to see you there!

New Sprouts

Rosemary Vertgret

(Your recently absent writer has returned to duty, and is pleased to introduce you to some of our “Semi-New” Sprouts, several of whom may already be close friends of yours.)



Lori Schanche joined our club in September of 2016. Here’s an interesting fact: she is a Canadian! When Lori retired from her 20 years of working as a landscape architect for the city of Anchorage, Alaska she and her husband Rick, who is an artist, decided McMinnville would be the perfect place to make their home. The plan was that their young adult son and daughter would stay in Olympia and Eugene, but plans do change, and before long, both “kids” followed ... and moved in with their

parents....temporarily! Their son is now a football coach at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, so Lori and Rick see him frequently. Their daughter, Zoya, is a dog trainer and manager at our local Petco, so Lori is getting welcome assistance with her new puppy-in-training.

Lori is leading our club participation in Community Projects and will be busy contacting city and county officials in regard to our interest in updating plantings near the library. She will most likely be asking for volunteers in this, so be ready to sign on. She also works on the website and with Lisa Baker on our Garden Club’s “Facebook” page. At home, Lori enjoys knitting, and has recently taken up enameling/jewelry-making. She and Melinda Milne (another member) had a booth last year at the Garden Faire, and we hope they have already signed up for one this year! Lori is still licensed as a landscape architect in three states: Oregon, Washington, and Alaska, but has not done residential landscaping for a long time. I’m pretty sure she will be someone who can answer some of our questions! What she enjoys most about MGC is the camaraderie with so many talented women to visit with and learn from. A very late **WELCOME, Lori!**



Joan Wiebke comes to Garden Club meetings from Oregon City, where she and her husband, Marvin, live in a restored 1890’s home on an acre of land. Their garden is full of all sorts of flowers, trees, berries, and.....are we jealous yet?? Joan was raised in McMinnville, along with her large extended family, which includes many gardeners, farmers, and orchardists. She joined our club nearly two years ago, prompted by one of her 61cousins, Donna Parr, and has enjoyed our events, especially the Garden Tour & Faire.

She also enjoys getting together with various relatives whenever she comes to “Mac”. Joan is retired from a 25year career at Kaiser Medical, where she worked in Release of Information Services. She and Marvin have two sons who live in the area and were extremely helpful with the house restoration. The fact that they are both contractors was an extra bonus! They also have a daughter living in Seattle...not too far away for fairly frequent visits. Marvin & Joan are delighted to have five grandchildren, but the oldest of them being only 15 years old, Joan (jokingly) says she’s a bit worried they that they may not last long enough to get any great-grandchildren. I’ll just bet they will, though! Good country living surrounded by nature’s beauty portends well for their future! *## Joan would be open for members to visit their garden!*

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>

January Speaker’s Blog Site: <https://ndnhistoryresearch.com/tribal-regions/kalapuyan-ethnohistory/>

Website for Great Ideas! <https://www.gardendesign.com/>

Preventing and Repairing Winter Damage <https://www.finegardening.com/article/preventing-and-repairing-winter-damage>

Daffodils blooming in Ann Silverthorne’s garden in late January!

