

Garden Clippings January 2019

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Next meeting: Jan. 21, 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:

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

Jan. 22 Lan Su Chinese Garden Tour We will visit the Lan Su Chinese Garden for a tour Tuesday, January 22nd. The tour will feature the history of garden plants and their care. Tickets are \$9.00 per person. I will make lunch reservations at the Culinary Institute. We would travel to Portland on the MAX, from Hillsboro, where it is possible to find parking. For those interested in attending I will need to have your name no later than **Tuesday, January 8th** please. **Ann S.**

Feb. 18 Club Meeting: The Wicked Plants of Oregon.



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

Now that the Holiday Season has passed, we all feel that renewed sense of energy that comes with the anticipation of the seasons ahead. Even though all may seem quiet in your garden, there is plenty of work to be done! With all of the leaves of your deciduous plants gone, January is a great time to make plans for designing your garden. This "blank canvas", so to speak, will allow you to see where you should take away or add new plants, or even create a new pathway or garden structure. It is also a great time to test the PH of your soil, as some soil amendments, such as lime, can take several months to have an effect. You can begin planting dormant bare root perennials, such as container grown roses, and summer & fall blooming perennial bulbs. Dormant hostas, asters, phlox and other perennials may be dug up and divided now. If you plan on growing vegetables this year, you can begin starting seeds indoors for lettuce, snap peas, and other March planting crops. Hardy evergreen and fruit trees may be planted now; just be sure to keep them watered during any dry spells! For your existing trees and shrubs, now is a great time to do some pruning in anticipation of the growing season ahead, as pruning in winter will slow unwanted growth. Don't forget to practice self-care this month, as it will be

important as ever to make sure you don't injure yourself while working in your gardens. I find that yoga is a great resource for building strength and flexibility for all ages and levels. I would highly recommend **Yoga With Adriene**, available on *YouTube*. She is a wonderful instructor, with hundreds of videos for all kinds of practices – and it's totally free and easy to do in the comfort of your own homes! Please let me know if you decide to give her a try and what you think! Take care...

Caitlin

Mary Jo Capps

Mary Jo has moved to California to be closer to her son. If you'd like her mailing address please contact either Georgia Q. or Patty S. She was a long-time very involved member!

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

Our only garden club fund raiser is just six month away. It is not too early to consider supporting the June 23 events. Three important committees are in need of a chair/members. Will you volunteer for one of the committees?

*Poster Distribution: place event posters throughout the community at key location, information available from past years.

*Horticulture Committee: visit selected gardens on tour and identify key plant materials within the garden. Create signage to share with visitors about unique/unusual plants in the gardens.

*Tour Directions: Morning of the tour, post signage assisting participants in locating gardens on the tour. Upon completion of the tour, gather signs.

Contact Ann Widen or Jan Stoven if you wish to discuss these exciting opportunities!

Cleaning Your House/Garden stuff?

Consider donating items worth over \$30 to Mac Hub. Your donation can be designated to one of seven different nonprofits in the local area. They are also always looking for boxes....not huge ones... More info can be found at <https://machub.org/FAQ.html> They are located next to Staples at 1294 Highway 99W. Great way to start the New Year! Thanks to Jeanne A. for the tip!



Will we have snow? Hope so, just not on meeting Mondays...AND NO BLACK ICE please....

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>

Landscape Design Tips <https://www.gardendesign.com/landscape-design/tips.html>

Nandina Berries are Poisonous to Birds
<https://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/resources/wp-ganrecord.php?palid=920>



Gardening Could Be the Hobby that Helps You Live to 100 <http://www.bbc.com/capital/story/20181210-gardening-could-be-the-hobby-that-helps-you-live-to-100>

Winter Landscaping <https://growbeautifully.monrovia.com/design-school-winter-landscaping-for-the-five-senses/>

What to Grow Under a Mature Tree <https://growbeautifully.monrovia.com/what-to-plant-under-a-mature-tree/>

Happy 2019