

*Garden Clippings April 2019*

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***Next meeting: April 15, 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.*

***April Speaker: Soil – What it is and How it Works with James Cassidy***

It's ALL about soil! Most people only have a vague idea of what soil is and how it works. You will learn more than you ever thought possible from this lecture. The reason you are alive, what nutrients are, how soil stores water and nutrients. The fundamentals that ALL humans on the planet Earth should know!

James Cassidy visited us a few years ago. He has been an Instructor of Soil Science at Oregon State University for over thirteen years. The introductory class now has over 200 students each term and is very popular. James is also the faculty advisor for the wildly popular OSU Organic Growers Club – OSU's student farm. Coming from a non-traditional background (music industry for over 30 years) he is passionate about soil and is popular with students because of his dynamic speaking style. The student farm project has over 300 student volunteers on its list-serve and continues to grow. The farm cultivates over 50 different fruit and vegetable crops and is just beginning its 19th season.

***President's Corner:***

Spring has officially sprung and we can finally begin enjoying the first fruits of our labor! Everywhere we look we are greeted by blossoms and happy little perennials popping up to say hello. It is a truly magical time for any lover of flowers! There is much to do in our gardens this month. It is time to begin sowing annuals in prepared beds. Be sure to deadhead spent blooms to keep them flowing until frost. Now is also a great time to plant new rose bushes, and to begin planting summer flowering bulbs such as gladioli, snapdragons, dahlias, ismenes, tuberose, caladiums, and so on. Stagger plantings for a longer blooming season. Perennial clumps can still be divided if they are just starting to put out new growth.

On a final note, let's not forget to honor mother earth during this special season (Earth Day is April 22nd)! We can show our gratitude by remembering the three R's; Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! Old habits die hard, but here are so many ways that we can make a difference that require very little effort on our parts. Some examples of ways to help out are to reduce plastic waste by bringing reusable shopping bags and bulk containers to the grocery store, shopping locally vs buying products online that are shipped individually in exorbitant amounts of packaging, or even just by donating to a green charity of your choice! We are so very lucky to have this beautiful planet to call home, so let's do our parts to keep it that way for generations to come!!

Now get out in your gardens and enjoy this sunshine!! Caitlin W



***2018/2019 Garden Club Board:***

***Caitlin Wright – President***

***Jan Clay – Vice President***

***Charlene Drake – Treasurer***

***Dian Berg – Secretary***

**REMINDER:** Let's help support President Caitlin's **Sustainable Goal** and bring your own coffee cup to our meetings so we don't use the **Styrofoam** cups. *Can you remember? Please? (holdoff on prescription bottles for now thanks!)*

### **Upcoming Events:**

- April 22**     **Downtown Cleanup** Meet in lot across the street from Macy & Sons on Second. 9:00-1:00 Lunch provided. Bring gloves, rakes, brooms, clippers, etc. *Contact Jan C. for more info.*
- April 25**     **Nursery Tour:** Fesslers, Baumans, Sebright Hostas and Happy Bee field trip. Contact Ann S. for signup and information.
- May 8**        **Arts & Crafts 'Bug Hotels'** *\$10 prepaid by May 1.* Contact Patty S. for more information.
- June 17**     **Club Meeting**
- June 22**     **Garden Tour PRETOUR** for workers in the morning
- June 23**     **Garden Tour and Faire.....**all hands on deck!

### **TECH TIPS:**

#### **Proper Etiquette for Participating in Group Emails**

Many times when groups need to connect via email, recipients may not want their email addresses displayed to all members. It is polite to not publicize their addresses and can help alleviate being hacked. Here's a sample from ONE email program. Your programs may have Bcc and Cc in different locations.

The best way to send group emails is to use the **Bcc** (blind carbon copy) option in your email program for privacy. (See the screen shots below) Open an email message then:

- 1- On the **TO** line put your own address
- 2- In the upper right corner of the email, click on the **Bcc** initials.



- 3- This will add another address line under your **TO** line.
- 4- Enter here the email addresses you want to send the message to. IE: [don.jones@gmail.com](mailto:don.jones@gmail.com); [pat.jones@gmail.com](mailto:pat.jones@gmail.com); [susy.jones@comcast.net](mailto:susy.jones@comcast.net)
- 5- Notice that after every address there is a semi-colon followed by a space. If you copy and paste from a spreadsheet the column for your members' emails, the program will take care of adding the correct punctuation.

6- NOW recipients will not be able to see others' email addresses but all will receive it.

**RESPONDING** to group emails:

- 1- If you receive a **LARGE PRIVATE** group email when you click **REPLY** you will not see others' email addresses just the sender's. Your response will go to the **writer** but **NOT** to all the other recipients since they were Bcc'd.
- 2- In **SMALL** group messages where recipients know each other, addresses may have been entered on the **Cc** line (carbon copy) by the sender. This means when you receive the message you will see all their email addresses displayed. **DO NOT** use the **REPLY ALL** option unless you want **ALL** recipients to receive your message. It is **NOT** used when you just want to comment back to the **sender**.... otherwise all recipients are bothered by receiving unnecessary replies. Just use **REPLY**.

**TIP:** If you want to send someone your email address but don't want computer trolling programs to be able to find it easily, write it with the period as **dot** and the **@** as **at** with a space before and after. Your recipient should be able to figure out how to write it correctly.

Jan **dot** Smith **at** email **dot** com Do use capitals as needed.

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

*Attention Garden Tour and Faire chairs:*

A **brief meeting** will take place following the April and May club meetings to share brief updates on your committee's progress in supporting the tour and faire on Sunday, June 23. Please plan to attend if you are a chair.

**Volunteer sign-up forms** will be available at upcoming meetings for garden volunteers. Each garden (five houses) need three volunteers for two specific shifts. This is a total of 30 volunteers. Help is also desired at the faire. More details will be shared at monthly meetings.

Thank you to Patty Sorensen for her well done overview of how the proceeds from this annual event benefits garden club members and the entire community. Remember our 19th annual tour and faire is our only club fund raiser.

Plan to read the May newsletter for specific areas in which you can assist. Belonging to an organization is more vital when you become an involved member.

**Advice Column**

**Dear Ms. Genie Magnolia:**

First, thank you so very much for last month's advice, Cousin It is looking quite svelte with all the deadwood I am removing.

But alas, I have another crisis – this time with teeny triangular black moths. They have invaded my pantry! Every morning I go in and there are more and more and more of them! I have been sucking the little bastards off the ceiling with my handheld Dyson. My kill rate yesterday was 15 and 1 little jerk of a grubworm. Harold even found one in his crunchy Pebbles! We are animal lovers, but this is crazy!

How can I evict these little stinkers??

**Sincerely, desperately  
Roxy Barberry**



## Gentle Reader

Oh my dear, it sounds as if you may have *Plodia interpunctella*, or *Indianmeal moth*. Larvae of the Indian meal moth feed upon grains, grain products, dried fruits, nuts, cereals, and a variety of processed food products. They are easy to acquire, as they come in the house with your food, but difficult to get rid of. Start by going through all of your cereals, flour, sugar, and everything in the pantry. If you see bugs, webs then get rid of the product and buy new. They also can be found in birdseed. What I do know is every time I buy any new products they sit in the freezer for a week to kill off any bugs.

Sincerely,  
**Genie S. Magnolia**  
*Tree & Etiquette Columnist*

## 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>

**Drought Tolerant Plants** *Don't click on the extra ads please.* <https://homesteading.com/drought-tolerant-plants/>

**April Garden Chores** <https://anoregoncottage.com/garden-chores-by-month-april/>

**Seed Planting Calendar Portland, OR** <https://portlandnursery.com/docs/veggies/VeggieCalendar.pdf>

**DIY Garden Projects** <http://www.birdsandblooms.com/backyard-projects/diy-garden-projects/>

