

Garden Clippings JUNE 2019

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Next meeting: June 17, 2019

*****Heritage Center*** 11275 SW Dunham Lane 10-12**

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

No speaker this month. It is our year end **POTLUCK** and installation. Bring something you would enjoy sharing with members. It doesn't have to be homemade. Let's take time to celebrate a great year!



2018/2019 Garden Club Board: Thanks for a FABULOUS year!!!!

Caitlin Wright – President Jan Clay – Vice President

Charlene Drake – Treasurer Dian Berg – Secretary

Congratulations to the new board for 2019-20! We have 3 returning officers and Judy B. will be joining them as VP this year. Installation is at our June meeting.... Congratulations!

Caitlin Wright – President JUDY BUCHHOLZ – Vice President

Charlene Drake – Treasurer Dian Berg – Secretary

Don't forget that our DUES are due at the JUNE meeting. Please bring cash or a check for \$25.

REMINDER: Let's keep supporting 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?*

Upcoming Events:

- June 15 Childrens' Community Garden Opening Day Event. 11 am.**
Volunteers, DON'T FORGET!!!!
- June 17 Club Meeting, Installation AND Potluck**
- June 22 Garden Tour PRETOUR** for workers and garden owners in the morning
- June 23 Garden Tour and Faire.....all hands on deck!**

Fairy Garden Announcement: *The only items needed by membership for the Miniature Fairy Garden Booth at the Garden Faire are very small figurines, castles, animals and cars. We will NOT be having a plant boutique. All donations collected at the Garden Faire are designated for scholarships. You may deliver miniature items at the June Meeting. Donations of miniature garden plants are always welcome. Thank you, Doris*

You Can't Buy Happiness But You Can Buy Plants and That's Pretty Much

the Same Thing...

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

Our Exciting Month – JUNE!

Members of the McMinnville Garden Club love the month of June! We showcase our lovely city; invite people into our pretty gardens and offer plants, creative items and fun at our Garden Faire on Sunday, June 23. Don't miss out on supporting our club – volunteers are still needed to be greeters and hosts at gardens. The Faire committee would enjoy your help in distributing water to vendors, perhaps covering a single-vendors booth so they have a short break and more. The Faire committee has done an excellent job recruiting even more vendors this year. The proceeds from these two events help support scholarships and city beautification projects.

A garden club from Salem, OR will be journeying by bus to our event. Some of the members in this club are referring to this bus as the “party bus”. Over 20 people (at this time) will visit the Faire in the morning, enjoy lunch and then tour the gardens in the afternoon. If you are a garden greeter and/or host, you'll have a grand time meeting Salem gardeners. They're looking forward to coming!

Do you need a gift for a friend or owe a neighbor a special thanks? Consider the gift of garden tour tickets. At \$10 each, they offer a day of beauty, learning and memory making enjoyment. Rather than give an item or object, offer a present that will be remembered for months to come. Tickets will be on sale at the June 17th meeting.

We'll see you on June 23rd at the Faire and in the gardens!

“We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us.” Jenny Uglow

Scholarship Winners for 2019-20

June Benson

The Scholarship Committee (including Elaine Pollak, Lynne Desel, and Evelyn LaMotte) chose scholarship recipients for next year. Our Garden Club allotted **\$6,000** for scholarships. McMinnville High School made a one-time donation of \$2,544 to us because their Horticulture Pathways program ended last year. The scholarship recipients are an impressive group of students and I am glad we are able to invest in their future!

There are three Yamhill County high school seniors receiving scholarships:

Quentin Comus, Newberg High School, will receive \$1,500. He plans to attend OSU and will major in Natural Resources.

Steven Irving, McMinnville High School, will receive \$2,000. He plans to attend OSU in Forestry.

Anna Secrist, Newberg High School, will receive \$1,500. She plans to attend either OSU or WOU and will major in Environmental Studies.

Two current scholarship recipients will receive funding again next year:

Taylor Ames will continue her Horticulture studies at OSU; this is her second scholarship.

Jimmy Reyes will soon finish two years at Chemeketa Community College and will enroll at OSU with an Agricultural Science major; this is his third scholarship.

How Nominate a Project for the Club to Support!!!

Lori Schanche

It's really simple if you would like to nominate a project!!!

First dream your dream of what this cool project would be. Then send your suggestion to Lori and the projects committee @ loriees@gmail.com. The Projects Committee will review your project and determine if it's something we wish to proceed with based on the criteria, below. Then we bring it to the Board and then the members for approval.

Following are criteria that were established in 2017 for advancing projects. Try and make sure your project fits these criteria.

1. Fit the goals of the organization (conservation pledge and club objectives), i.e. Education capability.
2. Be located on city or county properties or site of a local non-profit.
3. Have resources on hand to support the project scope; water, electricity, etc.
4. Be sustainable and add beauty to our community.
5. Include club recognition as appropriate.

Good luck! We love hearing about new ideas.....



GROWING TO NEW HEIGHTS!

The American Aloe plant in President Caitlin's yard is growing by leaps and bounds and will soon bloom! Drive by to check it out!!!

She sent this information about it. REMARKABLE...

Agave americana, common names **sentry plant**, **century plant**,^[4] **maguay** or **American aloe**,^[6] is a species of flowering plant in the family Asparagaceae, native to Mexico, and the United States in New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. Today, it is cultivated worldwide as an ornamental plant. It has become naturalized in many regions, including the West Indies, parts of South America, the southern Mediterranean Basin, and parts of Africa, India, China, Thailand, and Australia.^[6] Despite the common name "American aloe", it is **not** closely related to plants in the genus *Aloe*.

Although it is called the century plant, it typically lives only 10 to 30 years. It has a spread around 6–10 ft (1.8–3.0 m) with gray-green leaves of 3–5 ft (0.9–1.5 m) long, each with a prickly margin and a heavy spike at the tip that can pierce deeply. Near the end of its life, the plant sends up a tall, branched stalk, laden with yellow blossoms that may reach a total height up to 25–30 ft (8–9 m) tall.

Its common name derives from its semelparous nature of flowering only once at the end of its long life. The plant dies after flowering, but produces suckers or adventitious shoots from the base, which continue its growth.^[7]



A BIG thanks to Lori Schanche and Melinda Milne for volunteering to lead the **post office cleanup** group! There is a cleanup scheduled for **June 13 at 9 am** at the post office followed by coffee of course...see you there?

The 2020 Garden Tour and Faire will be our 20th tour.



Our club board is looking for a **chair or co-chairs** to organize this special event. Janis and Ann have done an incredible job of keeping great records so the job is well defined. AND we need a **team to select** next year's gardens. There are several yards already designated as interested. They were asked for this year but wanted to wait for another year. SO, JUMP on board and let's get the CELEBRATORY year's tour started in the right direction SOON.....

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>

Pollination Facts <https://www.als-gardencenter.com/tips-inspiration/from-als-experts/238-pollination-fast-facts-for-gardeners>

Alan Titchmarsh, the UK's Gardener of the Year, has lots of videos and magazine articles. Enjoy this site of his <https://www.waitrosegarden.com/waitrose-alans-tips-advice-videos/>

Garden Design's website is full of great information. <https://www.gardendesign.com/>



Don't forget to check out our website for the **Yard of the Month** pictures this summer!
<http://mcminnvillegardenclub.org>

"And what is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days." James Russell Lowell

