

Garden Clippings

OCTOBER 2019

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Next meeting: October 21, 2019

Heritage Center 11275 SW Dunham Lane 9:30 Social 10-12 Meeting

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



2019-20 Garden Club Board:

Caitlin Wright – President

Judy Buchholz – Vice President

Charlene Drake – Treasurer

Dian Berg – Secretary

President's Corner

Dear McMinnville Garden Club Members;

We can feel it in the air. The seasons are changing, and it's time to start thinking about preparing our gardens for the frosty mornings ahead. First of all, it's time to harvest the last of our summer veggie crops and flower seed heads. Still have green tomatoes? You can harvest and store them in a paper bag in a cool location. Or better yet, pull the whole plant from the roots and hang it upside down in a dry area to ripen the remaining fruits. It may also be wise to freeze your favorite summer herbs in a bit of olive oil so that you can have fresh herbs all winter long. Ice cube trays work great for this task! Begin trimming back spent foliage and evergreen shrubs, and start preparing your garden for next year by laying down compost to enrich the soil over winter. Fall is also a great time to plant spring and summer flowering bulbs. Fall is a very enjoyable time to spend in our gardens, as we are beating the heat, and taking in the last lingering breaths of summer. I'd love to hear about all of your favorite gardening rituals for fall at our October meeting!

Warmly,

Caitlin Wright, President

Upcoming Events:

September 25

Dues deadline for inclusion in the MGC Directory. \$25

September 29

Reservation for Pioneer District Luncheon due to Charlene \$21

October 17

Pioneer District Luncheon in Newberg

October 21

Meeting AND Book/Magazine Exchange

October 28

Arts & Crafts Candy Corn Décor 10 am Patty Sorensen's. **Prepaid \$5 by Oct. 30**



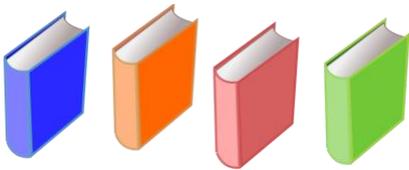
October Speaker: New Garden Club member, Dorothea J. Lee, will give a presentation on **“Trees with Brilliant Color for the Autumn Garden.”**

Have you ever driven past a tree that was green all summer and you never paid much attention to it, until one day in the fall you drove down that street and the

tree was a bright and beautiful red? Then you might wonder what it is. As you go by you don't think it looks like a maple or an oak, so what is it? Maybe you will find the answer in our October presentation.

Or perhaps one of your relatives or acquaintances, knowing you're in garden club, and thus an expert on all plants, asks you for a recommendation for a tree to plant in their yard. You will see photos of wonderful trees that you may not have thought of which would be good to recommend to them.

Dorothea has been a horticulturist most of her life, working at wholesale nurseries and for landscapers. After majoring in English at university, she switched to horticulture and studied at Clackamas Community College, Mt Hood CC and Portland Community College. Not surprisingly her favorite hobbies are reading and gardening.



BOOK/ MAGAZINE EXCHANGE

It's time for our annual book and magazine exchange. Bring your ones you are done with to the Oct. meeting and exchange them for different ones!

Horticulture **Bonsai Wisteria by Linda Kuhlmann**



I have a lovely Wisteria (named 'Wisty') that I bought ten years ago. Because there was already a large Wisteria plant blooming near our front porch, I decided to keep this new plant in a pot and train it like a Bonsai by periodically giving it what I call a 'haircut' and 'pedicure.' Each fall, I prune the branches to the shape I want. Then, every couple of years, I take 'Wisty' out of her pot and trim her roots. I put her back into the same pot I bought her in, adding new soil.

When my husband and I decided to downsize and move, I was so glad I still had my Wisteria to take with me to our new home. (I brought many other plants with me, such as my forty-year-old Bougainvillea plants that are also in the same pots I bought them in when I first moved to Oregon!)

One year, by accident, I learned how to get my Wisteria plant to re-bloom! It's actually like dead-heading a rose. Once the flowers have dropped from the blossom spikes, simply prune the barbs back to the first leaf. 'Wisty' now blooms two to three times between spring and fall.

NEW SPROUTS

Janis Stoven - Brief Profile

I will have lived in McMinnville for two years this November, having moved from St. , Paul, MN. I retired from a career in a large school district (approx. 28,000 K-12 students) in Community Education. My job, Adult Enrichment Coordinator, was always interesting, rewarding and exciting. In addition to planning a wide-range of evening and weekend enrichment classes for adults (about 175-200 courses per season), educational tours were popular, performing art partnerships thrived and special projects, such as the District United Way Campaign and Back to Schools Supplies Project were assigned to me. Before I retired, I knew I would seek a new adventure in my life. I looked at one-level living in both CO (where



my daughter lives) and OR for several years. I moved here to have a relationship with my son's family, two granddaughters, ages seven and almost four. They are a joy!

My children/in-law have careers in horticulture, nursery production and entomology. The other is a geologist. We share much in common, laugh a lot and can send a text about a certain plant and someone will know the answer! My yard is currently torn apart. All the original shrubs have been removed (40-45) and a garden designer is helping me with a cottage/country look. I am knowledgeable about zone 4 plants (MN) but not zone 7/8 OR! I have always been an active and passionate indoor gardener, so until my yard is completed, my lush indoor plants add enjoyment. I live just a few houses away from one of our featured 2020 gardens, so you will have an opportunity to peek at my garden. Thank you for your friendship and making the garden club a welcoming place where a "new-comer" can meet friendly people. Warmly, Janis

Doris Crain Presents ...

Congratulations to Doris for doing a fabulous presentation on Fairy Gardens at the Fall Festival at the Oregon Garden. Her presentation was well accepted and folks went home with their own fairy gardens. Let's help her out and start gathering more miniatures for our Fairy Garden booth at our 20th Garden Tour and Faire next June.

And she worked hard to coordinate this year's Children's Garden projects. THANKS, Doris!



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>

- ✓ **Vegetable Gardens...water?** <https://today.oregonstate.edu/news/trial-gardens-show-vegetables-can-be-grown-without-irrigation>
- ✓ **Mulch Mistakes to Avoid** <https://rightplantz.com/mulch-mistakes-to-avoid/> (You may read this without joining or logging in.)
- ✓ **Yamhill County Birding Trails**
<http://www.oregonbirdingtrails.org/wvguide/Yamhill%20Loop.pdf>



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