

Garden Clippings



NOVEMBER 2019

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Next meeting: November 18, 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

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Upcoming Events:

November 13	Field Trip. Contact Ann Silverthorne for information.
November 18	Club Meeting. Speaker Jon Karsseboom from The Garden Corner ,
November 19	Arts & Crafts, Decorative Canning Jars, 10 am Patty Sorensen's.
November 29	Rakettes at the Holiday Parade Meet at Golden Valley at 3. See article below
December 4	Holiday Wreaths & Baskets at Rosemary Vertregt's 10 am - ...See article below
December 16	Club Meeting, Holiday Catered Buffet

NOVEMBER Speaker:



We'll hear from Jon Karsseboom from [The Garden Corner](#), 21550 SW 108th Ave., Tualatin, OR. (The nursery with the Largest Hanging Basket in the World) He's going to showcase some great (and unusual) plant choices for the winter as well as how to bring together some hard-working stalwarts to create "Holidays in the Garden".

You'll leave with more than a scoopful of creative garden ideas for your containers and baskets as well as a few "inside tricks" to both conserve and create some holiday cheer. "Don't miss this one!" Jon says. "I promise you'll leave with at least one good surprise!"

Horticulture Cascade Nursery Trail by Linda Kuhlmann Harris

During my first McMinnville Garden Club meeting, I found a brochure for the **Cascade Nursery Trail**. I wanted to see what plants were being offered for the fall and winter season, so I decided to go see some of the nurseries listed.

On Friday, my husband and I took the Wheatland Ferry across the river and then drove to Brooks for the **Sebright Gardens**, which opened at ten o'clock. I met Linda Miller who, like me, was another mid-western immigrant to Oregon. She has a wonderful and somewhat overwhelming selection of ferns and hostas. A Pandora's Box miniature hosta was my favorite. The free booklet lists hundreds of plants and there is a lovely garden with trails to explore.

On our way to the next nursery on the list, we stopped at the **E.Z. Orchards Farm Market**, where we got a coffee and could taste yummy pumpkin donuts while we browsed through the farm store and pumpkin patch.



Then, we went on to the **Garden Thyme** near Silverton. They carry a lot of plants that are drought tolerant and deer resistant. Some plants had an extended bloom season. The greenhouses were well organized with labels on all plants. There were some discount tables and I found exactly what I needed – four pots of dwarf yellow Daisies. As I was leaving, I noticed a lovely sitting area with various yard arts that would be a perfect place for a packed lunch – weather permitting.

We had a lovely lunch at the **Creekside Grill** in **Silverton**, a city with colorful murals near the Oregon Garden. Our table sat in a glass room that overlooked Silver Creek and a covered foot bridge. Because it was getting late, we decided to save some of the other nurseries for another day.

The next day, I went alone through Donald to get to the **Secret Garden Growers** near Canby. I was immediately excited to see a large pot of blooming Begonia Grandis, a hardy Perennial and had it set aside while I walked through their lovely gardens, where I found a few more colorful fall plants. I was looking for a small Juniper that I could Bonsai - I'd lost one when my husband and I travelled to England last year. As I was paying for my purchases, Patricia Thompson told me that Millers Manor, not far from there, may have what I was looking for.



Millers Manor Gardens is basically a garden with hardy Perennials and woody trees and shrubs, owned by another mid-western family. I found two small evergreens that are waiting to be potted into my Bonsai bowl – I haven't decided which one to use just yet.



My last garden was **Out of the Garden near Molalla**, where I was greeted by the sweetest white fluffy dog who followed me through the greenhouse. The first thing that struck me was a bed of blooming Cyclamen that will bloom in January. I'd had some at our old house and forgot to dig some up when we moved, so I purchased a few.

I wasn't able to do all of the nurseries on the tour, but was very excited about the ones I was able to visit. My favorite so far was the

Secret Garden Growers. If you've never done this, I suggest it's imperative to do the trail at each season, to see what goodies you might find for your garden.



RAKETTES TO APPEAR at the McMinnville Holiday Parade, **Nov. 29** 4:30 to 6:30 pm

We are known as the Garden Club Rakettes because of our leaf rakes decorated with lights and other Christmas decorations and our choreographed raking and marching at the local Holiday Parade the day after Thanksgiving. We all wear hats, which we will decorate or are already decorated, red sweatshirts or jackets, with a white turtle

neck showing, white gloves, which we already have, and your garden club apron. There will be a rehearsal sometime before the parade.

On Friday, November 29th at around 3:00 pm we gather in the Golden Valley Brewery for a pre-parade warm up and will start lining up for the parade around 4:00 pm to be set to go at 4:30 pm. These times are estimates and adjustments will be made. We can park at the far end of Golden Valley Brewery, and gather there to get our sashes then go to the gathering spot across the railroad tracks. Please return the sashes to me at the

end of the parade. Dress for the weather. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. **Kay Fitkin**

Holiday Wreaths/Baskets December 4 10 AM to ????

Rosemary Vertregt will be hosting this year's wreath and basket making at her home on Dec. 4. Betty Ballentine will be assisting. Sign-up sheets will be at the November meeting OR contact Rosemary or Betty if you are unable to attend the meeting on Nov. 18 but would like to create a wreath or basket. We will meet at the Baker Creek church to organize carpools at 9:30 due to limited parking at Rosemary's.

You will need **gloves, clippers, greens, berries, craft wire**, etc. If you are doing a basket, please also bring a bucket to turn upside down and sit your basket on for creation. You may decorate them that day or take them home to complete. Usually the Dollar Store has large Xmas balls for sale. Try to get the plastic ones if possible so they don't break if dropped. If you plan to stay into the afternoon, pack at lunch or a snack to share. Drinks provided. Dress warm and wear warm shoes!



BASKETS: For those of you who have done this before bring your old **baskets** filled with dirt and an empty bucket to sit it on. If new to this, purchase a wire basket with hangers with a coconut fiber lining from a store and fill with old dirt. Drill holes around side of lining if possible. (Can do also at Rosemary's) These holes are where you stick the greens. Examples will be shown at the November meeting.



If you'd like to make a wreath, forms will be available at **Rosemary's**.

Wreath forms: Large 20" \$3 Medium 16" \$ 2.50 Small 8" \$ 2
Bring correct \$ if possible.

NEW SPROUT

Linda Kuhlmann Harris

I grew up in Illinois with a mother who survived the Depression by living on a farm. She taught me to raise most of our fruits and vegetables, as well as how to plan a seasonal flower garden. Because of her, I have always loved color in my garden.



Before moving here forty years ago, I made sure I brought with me some of my mother's peony and hen and chick plants. I bought the Queen Anne home on 8th and Galloway Streets. Then, when I married my husband, we opted to keep the 'newer' home – his 1911 Bungalow on Yamhill Street. Over the years, these plants have been transplanted to our newest home in the Shadden Claim area of McMinnville.

My first job in Oregon was working at the Agriculture Office, where I learned so much about this new part of the country. Then, I had various other jobs, including Technical Department at the Hospital, clerk at Rutherford's Five and Dime, and legal secretary to Bill Rutherford when he was the State Representative. From there, my career progressed to Court Reporter in Yamhill County for the Oregon Judicial Department. After four years, I taught myself to use a computer and left the court to teach software classes in Portland. The supervisor for the Judicial Tech Department came looking for me to come back and help transition the entire court staff across the state through a major software upgrade. That was a fabulous job, which I retired from in 2004 to write my first novel, *Koenig's Wonder*. Since then, I have published three novels and am currently working on the last of the Koenig Series.

Regarding adventures, back between the hospital job and Rutherford's Five and Dime, I took a cross-country trip in a VW van with my daughter and two cats. My sister's kids were graduating from high school that next spring in Virginia. We went the southern route first and returned on the northern route, seeing as much of this wonderful country as possible. The bus needed an overhaul before I left, so we collected car parts instead of souvenirs from every state we went through. The bus finally died in Wyoming, but it was not due to my fault. You see, I had been doing my own oil changes along the way. However, before leaving Virginia, I decided to have a 'real' mechanic do a tune up and oil change. He put in high-detergent oil that cleaned out the entire gunk that was holding that poor engine together!

After all my travels, I love Oregon the best!

Betty's Chocolate Zucchini Bread

Makes 1 9x5 loaf - bake 60 minutes or 3 3 1/2x5 loaves- bake 35 minutes at 350 degrees.

Whisk together in bowl:

2 cups flour

3/4 teaspoon baking powder

1 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 cup Hershey dark cocoa powder

Mix well in separate bowl:

1 cup brown sugar

1/4 cup sugar

2 eggs

1/2 cup olive oil

2 cups shredded zucchini

Combine wet with dry ingredients. Add 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips or chopped dark chocolate bar. May also add 1/2 cup nuts to batter. Batter will be very thick. Spread into sprayed bread tins. Bake according to size. Cool. Freezes well.

Planting Fall Bulbs for Spring Color

Alison Stoven O'Connor, Ph.D Larimer County Extension, CO (Jan Stoven's daughter)

I've always dreamed of having a spring landscape filled with daffodils, crocus and tulips--one that made people drive by slowly, admiring the riot of color. I spent a spring in England during my undergraduate degree and their fields of daffodils were so beautiful...

After a tough summer with countless hailstorms, my gardening motivation has withered. But the thought of starting next year with cheerful and colorful spring bulbs got me excited. So I indulged and bought bulbs. Lots and lots of bulbs. Too many bulbs. I got them home and thought to myself, "Oh no. Now I have to *plant these things*."



Lots and lots of bulbs to plant. Sigh.

I bought a total of 93 bulbs (allium, hyacinth, daffodils, tulips, crocus). I picked out my bulbs by hand, but if you're planting en masse, then purchasing in bulk is easier and likely cheaper. You can also time bulbs based on bloom period (early, mid or late spring) and color. Confession: I picked out a lot of my bulbs because of their name. For example, I had to buy the hyacinth 'Jan Bos'. Jan is my mom's name and we had a dog named Bosley growing up. Jan Bos!

After such a dry summer, the thought of trying to dig in our soils nearly made me go rest on the couch. But I didn't! And I got those bulbs planted. All of them. And here's how I did it:

Spring bulbs are pretty easy to work with. Essentially, you dig a hole, stick the bulb in, roots side down (pointy end up!), and cover with soil, and water in. Easy peasy. But the type of bulb and the depth at which you plant is important. You're aiming to plant the bulb about 3-4 times the height. So bigger bulbs need deeper holes. Small bulbs are just barely below the surface.



A little comparison of planting depths. Crocus are only 3" below the soil surface; daffodils can be up to 8", depending on the size of the bulb you're planting.

You can decide what bulbs you want to plant together...or have large clumps of the same type. In general, small bulbs will look better if planting in large patches. Large bulbs, like the giant alliums, can stand alone. Hyacinths have wonderful fragrance and the impact is better when in groups. Some bulbs will naturalize and form large clumps over the years (daffodils, squill). You can even plant big bulbs together with small bulbs in the same hole--you just fill in the hole with soil for the correct depths for the bulbs you're planting.



Daffodils just poking their heads out before they are planted.

Following planting, be sure to water in your bulbs and cover with mulch. If you have animals that like to dig up plants, place chicken wire over the top of the planting hole. Consider planting bulbs that are deterrents to animals, like fritillary, allium and snowdrops, among others.



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The great thing about bulbs is that you kind of forget you planted them and next spring it's a fun surprise to see them bloom! Just knowing the bulbs are there gives my tired fall garden a boost.



(The tired fall garden.)

In the front of this bed I planted 30 crocus and small alliums.

Get out and plant some bulbs--our Front Range Colorado soils tend to stay warm until November, so try to plant by mid-October so that the bulbs can form new roots before the soil freezes. They also need several weeks of cold treatment in order to bloom in the spring. Need more information? Check out the CSU publication on [fall planted bulbs](#). Oh, and should you fertilize? Well, I never fertilize anything in my landscape. The bulb you plant this year should have plenty of "oomph" to bloom next year. If you keep bulbs year-to-year, they will benefit from fertilizer following bloom next year.

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>

House Beautiful UK November chores

<https://www.housebeautiful.com/uk/garden/seasons/a958/gardening-november-jobs/>

9 Classic Garden Books to Read <https://www.gardenista.com/posts/alexas-library-9-favorite-classic-garden-books-required-reading/>

BBC Garden Website to Browse <http://www.bbc.co.uk/gardening/>



October Crafts Fun!