

Garden Clippings



DECEMBER 2019

McMinnville Garden Club, PO Box 386, McMinnville, OR

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Next meeting: December 16, 2020

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



Upcoming Events:

December 4	Holiday Wreaths & Baskets at Rosemary Vertregt's 10 am - ...See article below
December 16	Club Meeting, Holiday Catered Buffet
January 20	Club Meeting

December 16 Catered Buffet

Be sure to get your \$10 to Charlene by December 9 so you can enjoy the buffet from Laughing Bean at our December meeting! No speaker just fun to get to know each other and share our garden skills.

We will be collecting for the nonprofits we voted on at the November meeting too.

T'was...

T'was the week before Christmas, and all through the yard, not a gift was given, not even a card.

The tools were all hung, in the carport with care, with hopes that St. Nicholas soon would repair, The shovel with blade all rusty and cracked, the pitchfork still shiny, but handle it lacked.

When out on my lawn, (it's brown and abused) I could see poor old Santa, looking confused.

No list had been left for Santa to see, no gardening gifts were under the tree.

But wait there's still time, it's not Christmas yet, and gardening gifts are the quickest to get.

You can forget the silk tie, the fluffy new sweater, give something to make the garden grow better.

listed you can forget French perfume, it's a pile of manure that'll make gardeners swoon.

Give night crawlers, not nightgowns, the type of hose that gives water. (Anything for the kitchen is not worth the bother.)

Give a great gift that digs in the dirt, it's better than any designer-brand shirt.

Now look quick at Santa, this guy's not so dumb, Under his glove, he hides a green thumb.

His knees are so dirty, his back how it aches, his boots stomp on slugs, (he gives them no breaks).

The guy only works winter, you can surely see why, The rest of the year it's a gardening high.

Elves plant in the spring, pull weeds merrily all summer, in fall they all harvest, but winter's a bummer And so Christmas gives Santa a part-time employment, 'Till spring when the blooms are his real life enjoyment.

So ask the big guy for garden gifts this year, Seeds, plants and tools, Santa holds them all dear.

You see malls may be crowded, vendors hawking their ware, but visit a nursery, stress-free shopping is there.

Now Santa's flown off, to the nursery he goes, and his voice fills the night with loud Hoe! Hoe! Hoes!

Marianne Binetti <http://www.binettigarden.com/>



RAKETTES Strut Their Raking Skills!

Thanks to Kay Fitkin and others for organizing this yearly event! Job well done.

Holiday Wreaths/Baskets Creations December 4 10 AM to 2 PM

Rosemary Vertregt will be hosting this year's wreath and basket making at her home on Dec. 4. Betty Ballentine will be assisting. Please contact Rosemary (503.....472.....7265) if you would like to create a wreath or basket and did not sign up at the November meeting AND if you signed up but can't make it, please let her know. 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 bucket to sit it on. 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, we have 3 for you or 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. 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.

Behind the Scenes at the Tournament of Roses 2018

Posted by: Alison O'Connor, Larimer County Extension; (*Janis Stoven's daughter*) and Shirley Reed, Larimer Cty Master Gardener

Master Gardener Shirley had the experience of a lifetime on New Year's Day...one that takes place in Pasadena, California. Shirley got a gig helping create floats for the 130th annual [Tournament of Roses parade](#). I watched the parade this year and still find it hard to believe that the floats are, indeed, created from plant material. It's fascinating!



Photo from tournamentofroses.com

The process to create these breathtaking floats starts a year in advance with the theme--which was "Making a Difference." All float designs must be approved by the tournament committee to assure that each is unique.

Construction, however, is done from March to December, with the average float taking four months to complete. There are four professional builders that create the majority of the floats. The floats are tested to ensure they are mechanically and structurally sound. Enjoy a tour of Shirley's photos on how these creations come to life.

The floats are eligible for one of 24 trophies awarded on December 31. For the parade, floats are lined up and two float operators man the float--one operating the steering, engine, gas and brakes....all without being able to see the road. That brings in the importance of the second operator, who verbally cues the other person on if they need to speed up, slow down or turn right and left. The route is over five miles long and takes two hours. (Shout out to the marching bands!)

Shirley sent me a bunch of photos and details about how they create these beautiful structures. With dozens of other volunteers, Shirley did her share of assembly and flower placement! She also had the pleasure to meet Dr. Tommy Cairns, a California Master Gardener and Rosarian, who gave a lecture on the roses they use on the floats.



This purple flower was made from static flower dust and great northern beans.



UPS Store float in the 130th Tournament of Roses

For the flower photograph above, volunteers trimmed the buds off static flower stems, which were then ground up in a blender to make a fine flower dust. Volunteers placed each identically-sized bean on the structure, which took some time.

The feathered wings for the UPS Store float were orchid petals!

For this float, beans were used to create the butterflies. Golden mums cover the bear and blueberries dot his eyes.



A friendly teddy bear--made entirely from plant material.



Singing frogs delight!

For this bear float, beans were used to create the butterflies. Golden mums cover the bear and blueberries dot his eyes.

The frog jackets are all roses. The bumps on their heads are limes, oranges and grapefruits. The log was made from wood mulch.



Shirley stripping off leaves from the yellow roses.



Float assembly leading up to the main event (photo from tripsavvy.com)

With 95 other volunteers, Shirley's assignment was to strip leaves off rose stems, cut the stems to 4", stick them in a vial of water and place them on a foam board.



Thousands of roses are used for parade floats each year.

After eight hours, Shirley and her team completed the preparation for 32,000 roses to be applied to 11 different floats. Roses are a bit perishable and can only be applied to the floats two days in advance. Other plant material is more sturdy. Though her back ached some, she was thrilled with doing her part! What an incredible experience...and the Buckeyes won the game--a win-win for everyone.

**The 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade's theme is "The Power of Hope".
Enjoy it on HGTV at 8 AM January 1, 2020.**

Winterize Your Garden

by Linda Kuhlmann

I love the different seasons we have here in the Northwest, but am a little sad when it is time to prepare my flowerbeds for the colder winter weather. The lovely cascade of Begonias that I've enjoyed all spring and summer now need to be trimmed for storage. I bring the tubers inside in pots with a little soil and let them dry out until spring.

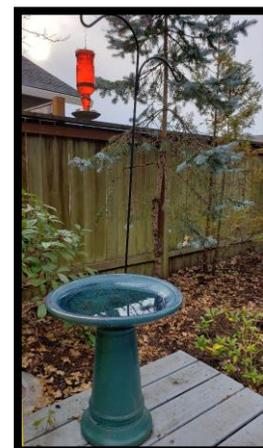
Regarding mulching, we have three old oak trees that like to keep most of their leaves all winter. The few that drop in the fall I place around flower beds and in pots to give a sort of 'blanket' to keep the roots warm. I do this on some peonies that I got from my mother years ago, as well as our roses and a lovely Fuchsia named 'Otto.' My husband tends our roses. He said they need to be pruned by about one-third of their height in mid-November to avoid damage from winds and snow. Then, around January, he does another pruning down to about one foot tall to encourage strong stems for the spring shoots.

Container plants can be changed out with cold-tolerant plants, such as pansies, to add a color accent in the gray winter world. Once the rains in Oregon begin and the ground freezes, keep an eye on them to see if they need to be watered by hand.

My Bonsai Bougainvillea and Hibiscus are heavily pruned so that they will fit in their storage area in our garage. Someday, I wish to have a house with a solarium so I can enjoy them under glass windows.

Winterizing a pond or water feature is another area of expertise that I am just learning. Our new home has a wonderful three-tiered fountain, which we drain, clean and cover. That seems easy compared to some koi ponds that other gardeners have. Our local nurseries can help, and I recently found a nursery called Hughes Water Garden. (It has a Tualatin address, but is not far from the Costco area in Wilsonville – www.hugheswatergardens.com)

I feed the birds all seasons, but during the winter, I put out a suet basket and add hot water to the birdbath throughout the winter for them. I'm now looking at one of those little



heaters to de-ice the birdbath – some are even solar powered. We also have a few humming birds that winter over here, so I add a little extra sugar to the water to keep it from freezing during the day and bring it in at night when the temperature drops below the thirties.

I've also learned from experience to store my clay pots indoors or in the garden shed to prevent them from cracking during the winter months.



Once everything is taken care of in my garden, I can relax and enjoy watching the birds. Already, in some of my beds, I'm seeing tulip heads trying to come up in spite of the cold as a sign of hope for spring.

Happy Holidays!

NEW SPROUT

Meet Nancy Jellison



I am a native Oregonian who has lived in SE Idaho and Nebraska. While raising four daughters, I didn't do a lot of gardening besides maintenance. When my husband took an early "retirement" from the railroad industry, we moved to a little farm in Amity. He still did consulting work so we traveled to interesting places.

My husband and I enrolled in the Yamhill County Master Gardener course. We had a large vegetable garden, fruit trees and my flower gardens grew. When we travelled, we visited gardens. A highlight was visiting gardens in New Zealand, Australia, and Hawaii.

When my husband passed away, I moved to McMinnville. I've mainly had trees removed, but have built a new flower border. I have a small garden to grow summer vegetables and right now carrots and beets. In order to meet people, I joined Newcomers and the garden club.

My hobbies are reading, drawing, and watercolor painting. I also volunteer with SMART. I love being a part of my great grandchildren's lives. This year is challenging because I need a knee replacement, so I will miss some meetings this winter, but hope to be some help with the Garden Faire this spring.

(New Sprout Coordinator: Janis Stoven)

McMinnville Soroptimist Club's 31st Annual Wine Country Holiday Home Tour and Silent Auction Sunday, Dec 8, 2019

Holiday Home Tour - features five decorated homes plus a guest cottage Noon to 4 pm

Silent Auction, Live Music, Wine Wall and Appetizers - held at Michelbook Country Club 1 - 5:30 pm

Cost: \$25 in advance for both events Day of: \$30

Call Janis Stoven to have tickets delivered to your home, 971-261-2619 or email, stovenjm@gmail.com

Visit: <http://www.simcminnville.org/2019-wine-country-holiday-home-tour.html>

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>

2019 Best Bedding Plants

<http://csuhort.blogspot.com/2019/11/2019-best-of-winners-announced-from->

[csu.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+HortAgentBlog+%28Hort+Agent+Blog%29](https://www.ambius.com/blog/caring-for-indoor-plants-during-winter-months/)

Caring for Indoor Plants During the Winter

<https://www.ambius.com/blog/caring-for-indoor-plants-during-winter-months/>

Tool Care

<https://www.gardendesign.com/how-to/tool-care.html>