

# Garden Clippings



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## Next meeting: March 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

Charlene Drake – Treasurer Dian Berg – Secretary

## March Program Details

Sharon Frey, of [Frey's Dahlia Gardens](#) in Turner, Oregon will talk on the care of dahlias and bring tubers to sell. She also will show a video of her gardens. In August you can find her at the Salem Farmers' Market showing off & selling them.



## Upcoming Events:

For **field trip** info contact Ann Silverthorne

- March 6-7 **Yamhill County Soil and Conservation District's Native Plant Sale**  
<https://yamhillswcd.org/> Order forms found at the website for preorders.
- March 19 Arts and Crafts... **Recycled Bird Baths.** 10 am at Patty S.
- March 21 **Yamhill County Master Gardeners "Spring into Gardening"**  
<https://ycmga.org/events/spring-into-gardening-2-2/>
- June 28 2020 Garden Tour and Faire**

## New Officers Needed

It's time to look ahead to our June officer's installation. SO, your Past Presidents' Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to replace Caitlin as President and Dian as Secretary as their terms end. They will be incredible mentors to help you transition into your position. Caitlin remains on the board as Past President for the next year too.

This is a fabulous opportunity to share your leadership talents with our members AND to enjoy working with your board and chairs. What fun!

If you'd like to volunteer, please talk to Caitlin or any past president.

## Job Descriptions:

### **PRESIDENT 2020-2021**

*Appoints leaders/chairs of committees; heads Budget Committee; is second signer of bank accounts; presides at all Club meetings; files membership reports with District and State at year-end; attends District and State meetings; submits Club info to district and state yearly directories in July and their quarterly newsletters throughout his/her term; tour/faire chairs report activities to President; oversees communications via website, newsletters; assigns a Past President to lead nominations committee by March yearly; at expiration of term, passes completed files to incoming president.*

### **SECRETARY 2020-2021**

*Takes notes at Board and general meetings; gives copies of minutes to President as well as maintaining copies in Secretary's file; posts minutes for members to review; secures meeting attendance number from membership chair monthly; member of Budget Committee; researches available Club awards and assigns to appropriate person for application.*

## **New Spout**

## **Meet - Deborah Smith**

Born in Minneapolis, MN, Deborah Smith moved to Hawaii when she was six months old. She lived on Oahu until she was 14 years-old and then moved to Maui. In 2019, Deborah moved to McMinnville, "to the mainland" to be near her daughter/spouse and grandchildren.

While living in Hawaii, Deborah had five acres that she laughingly calls "our farm". She enjoyed fruit trees, vegetables, flowers and an acre of bananas. Over 30 years, there were a variety of animals, cows, horses, goats and sheep. Trees included avocado, lemon, lime, oranges, tangerines, grapefruit, several types of guava and lychee as well as lilikoi (passion fruit) vines. Deborah sold her produce and flowers at her local farmers market. The income was not a priority; selling at the market allowed for fun and community involvement. Deborah's career was nursing, recently retired from a 25 year private case management practice.



Deborah wished to instill the love of gardening in her four daughters. Happily, three are avid gardeners like herself. A strong interest in flowers is what drew Deborah to gardening. From there, she realized she desired growing food for her family. She is self-taught and learned much from her land in Hawaii. She explained, "I got out there and started digging around. I encouraged my daughters so they too, would appreciate growing things".

Joining the McMinnville Garden Club has allowed Deborah the opportunity to meet other gardeners and learn about mainland gardening. She has volunteered for hospitality including making coffee and setting up the serving area for monthly meetings. This includes clean-up as well. Deborah has willingly volunteered to be the chair of the "day of" committee and co-chair of the publicity committee for the 2020 annual garden tour and faire. Being new to the club, other members have volunteered to help her.

Welcome Deborah! We are happy you chose to join the McMinnville Garden Club.

Sprouts Mentor: Janis Stoven

# 2020 Garden Tour and Faire Updates

Charlene and Dian

Yeah, we have a publicity committee!! Debbie Smith and Elaine Pollak have volunteered to take on this task for us. Give them a big hand for stepping up! The garden selection team has firmed up our 5 gardens, hurray to them! As you saw if you were at February's meeting we have **save the date bookmarks!** We will bring more to the March meeting. We will be printing the poster for the poster distribution task and are beginning the collection of info for the ticket brochure. Vendors continue to trickle in for the Faire and so far most have paid in advance, yay! We are currently getting our two banners updated to this year's event date.

Now, that last leadership position. The advertising road signs. For our newer members; these signs are like the ones that you see all the time to advertise events. Ours are a little larger than most since we are actually advertising two events, i.e. the Tour and the Faire. This person (or persons) will be responsible for printing out the already established site location lists for the road signs and promoting this task to get volunteers who will then take a batch of signs and a list of locations to install them. The task leader will coordinate with Dian and I to pick up the signs from our storage unit (there are 75 signs). The signs go out about the first of June and are picked up by the volunteer who sets them out as soon as possible after the tour date, the Monday after if possible, and returned to the task leader. The task leader counts up the signs, makes a brief report of needs, issues, etc. and then will coordinate with the tour leaders (Dian and I) to return the signs to the storage unit. The getting of volunteers isn't as hard as it may seem. We have the list of names from last year and I have already heard from club members who volunteered to place signs in previous years. For those who have volunteered before you will be please to know that Dian and I have replaced all of the wood stakes with the metals ones which will be much easier to get into the ground. I just know that there is someone out there that will help us out with this last task area!! If we don't hear from you we will be promoting this again at the next club meeting in March!! You can't avoid us forever..

## Arts and Crafts



### Recycled Birdbaths

Now that we've been shopping for stackable birdbath items, it is time to put them together!

We will be gluing them together on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 10 at Patty's garage. We use E6000 glue which dries pretty quickly but it will still be best if you leave your creation at her place for a few days to dry then come back and pick them up.

Hope to see you then!

**Buzzing Research on Pollinator Conservation**

submitted

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

Part of the land grant university mission is to bring the latest scientific research to our community. I want to share a recent experience I had on the front lines of research.

In July, I had the privilege of participating in the International Pollinator Conference in Davis, California. Researchers and land managers from all over the world gathered together to discuss the challenges facing pollinators. I was amazed to hear about the great work being done in the United Kingdom, Germany, Thailand, Australia, Canada, Japan, Brazil, Sweden, and France. While the feeling at times was hopeful and inspiring, I think all attendees recognize that more work still needs to be done to protect pollinators, which are critical to the planet's ecosystems and human survival.

Here are some of the top areas of research and a few of my take-home messages from the conference:

- Plant diversity is critical for pollinators. Each plant has its own nutritional profile and research is still being done on what chemical compounds benefit bees.
- There are geographical gaps in bee research that need to be addressed. For example, bee diversity tends to be higher in areas where universities or research stations have sampled and studied the local areas. We are lucky in Colorado to have two universities that are conducting significant research here.
- Climate change will affect different bees in different ways. Possible effects may include shifts in their natural range, shifts in phenology (meaning changes in flower bloom times that could affect the bees), reduction in nectar and pollen yields, increases in disease outbreaks, increases in heat stress and other physiological effects, etc. Some bee species may be able to adapt better than others.
- Pesticides is a complex issue and continues to be a major theme in research. Understanding the lethal and sublethal effects of pesticides on bees and the routes of pesticide exposure will help inform best management practices in pesticide use and how to protect bees.
- Understanding how native bees and honeybees interact and coexist continues to be a new area of research. The honeybee (*Apis mellifera*) is a non-native species but provides important pollination services for plants, crops, etc. Honeybees also provide honey and wax. Native bees are also critical for our ecosystems and provide different pollination services, some very specialized with certain plants. For example, bumble bees pollinate tomatoes and peppers, which other bees cannot pollinate.
- Diseases and parasites were another major research area of the conference. We need to understand how diseases and parasites are transmitted from bee-to-bee so we can maintain healthier honeybee hives. For example, flowers can be a place to where bee diseases can transfer. Also, we need to understand if and how diseases can transfer to different bee species.
- Citizen science continues to be a growing area of research in many fields of study, pollinators included. While many scientists continue to be apprehensive about the data accuracy, more and more research utilizes citizen scientists.

#### How Can You Help Pollinators?

Even though there is much more research to understand pollinators, we can take actions now to help our local pollinators. The best things you can do include:

- Plant more flowers that attract pollinators
- Wildscape your yard for wildlife and pollinator habitat
- Cut your turf grass less often or remove areas of turf that do not serve a purpose
- Leave insect nest and hibernation places alone
- Think carefully and research how and when to use pesticides
- Share your science-based knowledge with your family, friends, neighbors, and community
- Participate in local classes and events to continue learning

□ Learn about the benefits of adding native plants to your landscape  
I encourage you to keep learning! Protecting pollinators will take efforts from everyone — researchers, land managers, governments, and citizens. While there is so much to learn, we can still use our current knowledge to make a difference.

## **Pacific Region Garden Club's Convention in Oregon**

77th Annual Convention – **April 27 - 30, 2020**

***“Connecting in a Kaleidoscope of Colors”***

Silverton, Oregon at the Oregon Garden Resort

Activities, Meetings and Workshops

Registration info at <https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/convention-2020>

AND mark your calendars as we are hosting a post-convention tour for lunch **HERE** on **May 1!** More info at our meetings.

## **Websites to Explore**

Patty Sorensen

**Pacific Region National Garden Club's Website**

<https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>

**Pioneer District Website** <http://oregongardenclubspioneer.97048.info/home.aspx>

**McMinnville Community Garden** <http://www.mcminnvilleccg.org>

**Oregon State Garden Club's Website** <http://oregongardenclubs.org>

**Yamhill County Master Gardeners**

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/yamhill/yamhill-county-master-gardener-association>

**Seed Starting from Burpee** [https://www.burpee.com/gardenadvicecenter/areas-of-interest/seed-starting/quick-start-gardening-guide%3A-seed-starting-essentials/Video\\_QuickStart\\_SeedStartingEssentials.html](https://www.burpee.com/gardenadvicecenter/areas-of-interest/seed-starting/quick-start-gardening-guide%3A-seed-starting-essentials/Video_QuickStart_SeedStartingEssentials.html)

**March Garden Chores**

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/techniques/march-garden-calendar>

**Dealing with Slugs and Snails Organically**

<https://www.learningwithexperts.com/gardening/blog/organic-slugs-snails-control>