



Garden Clippings

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SEPTEMBER 2020

2020-21 Garden Club Board:

Betty Ballentine – President Judy Buchholz – Vice President

Charlene Drake – Treasurer Fran Henderson – Secretary

President's Corner Theme: Rooted in Community Betty Ballentine

Greetings fellow gardeners,

Let me begin by informing you about our continued difficulty and concerns about meeting in person, indoors. Yamhill County and state guidelines for phase two allows for up to 50 people indoors using social distancing and wearing facemasks. At the end of 2020, we had 103 members. That would mean we would not be able to sit at tables in small groups. Chairs would have to be placed at least six feet apart facing forward. And masks would be required at all times making communicating challenging. My hope was for a September meeting outdoors at the Heritage Center that would allow us to discuss and obtain a membership vote on the 2020/2021 proposed budget. The Board of the Yamhill County Heritage Center recently met and declined our request to rent an outside space for September. The decision was made to remain closed to all public events and rentals until November 1st. That being said; **THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED.**

Our **Club dues** for the current year will be delinquent on **September 1st. On September 2nd**, I will be emailing a copy of the proposed budget for a yes/no vote by email. This has been suggested by Peggy Trees, our district director. By voting on the budget, we will be able to meet our financial commitments, such as scholarships.

Going forward, we will continue to meet monthly as your executive committee on the second Monday of the month. If you would like to submit or deliver any concern or question you may have, please call, text, or email me. Our next meeting will be on September 14th, 10am, at Fran Henderson's patio.

We must not let our guard down; we must continue to follow all of the health and safety guidelines. We miss our garden club friends. May I suggest you continue to reach out to one another; meet safely outdoors in small groups. Call, text, email or send each other cards. Rest and take good care of yourself. Enjoy your gardens; we will all look forward to the happy day when our monthly meetings can resume!

Peace & love,
Betty B.

McMinnville Community Garden

This has been a very unusual year at the Community Garden but even in a pandemic, we persevere! Our Garden Manager, Linda Mason has done an outstanding job keeping us up to date on how to implement the State and CDC guidelines ensuring the safety and health of our volunteers. Working with gloves, masks, proper hand washing, and using social distancing at all times. Working with a very limited number of volunteers this year; unable to allow new gardeners or volunteers. But, even with this small group we have managed to get all the planting done.



A special thank you to our own Susan Burdell who stepped up to be the Seeding and Planting Coordinator this year following the retirement of our beloved Master Gardener Alan Wenner. Susan is also a master gardener and she has kept us busy!

To date, we have harvested more than 6,000 pounds of fresh organic produce for YCAP, our local food bank here in McMinnville. We have much, much more to harvest and have already planted fall/winter crops. Because of the pandemic, our August fundraiser had to be canceled.

Later in the year, we will reach out to individuals and clubs in our community to ask for garden raised bed sponsorship of \$50/bed. That money would ensure that we, the core team can continue this important work in our community to grow food for all of the residents in Yamhill County that are at nutritional risk. If you are interested in helping fund us please send me an email bballentine51@gmail.com or to Linda Mason masongreenthumb@gmail.com.

Once we are able to safely resume our monthly Garden Club meetings, I look forward to answering any questions you may have about the wonderful work being done at the Community Garden.



Happy gardening,
Betty Ballentine, Club President

HELP, PLEASE?

The following positions are still open for the 20-21 year. Please contact President Betty if you would like to volunteer!

✓ **Photographer:**

Takes photos of events/activates, new members, Garden Tour/Faire etc. Send pictures w/names, date & event to newsletter editor to be published in the Newsletter; provides Historian with Club pictures for Club records. (NOTE: you can do this with a phone camera!)

✓ **Publicity/PR:**

Provides information on Garden Club meetings and events to local newspaper, Master Gardener newsletter, TV coverage, on timely basis; posts notices of meeting at appropriate locations.

DUES

Although I have received a lot of dues payments, I still need to hear from the rest of you. Our club dues are \$25 per person or \$40 for a couple. Payment can be sent to the following address. **McMinnville Garden club, PO Box 386, McMinnville, OR 97128**
Thank you all very much and here's hoping we can get back together before 2021.
The deadline is **TOMORROW, September 1!**

Take care and enjoy your gardens.
Charlene Drake (ed.cl.drake@gmail.com) Treasurer

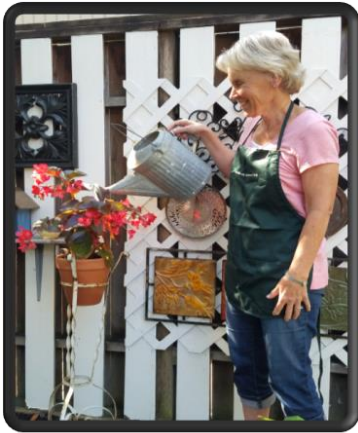


Swan Island Dahlias

It is the perfect time during a cooler day to take a walk around their fields. Masks are required.

<https://www.dahlias.com/our-farm/visit-us/>

Note: they are closed Wed.



This handy 3-pocket Garden Club Apron can be yours for \$15 - while supplies last!

Make checks payable to McMinnville Garden Club, directed our current Treasurer, Charlene Drake.

Home delivery can be arranged.



Judy Buchholz this beautiful Mandevilla for Mother's Day. WOW.

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.mcminnvillecg.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>

Flowers for Drying; Which Ones and How

<https://awaytogarden.com/flowers-for-drying-which-ones-and-how-to-with-jenny-elliott/>

Pruning English Lavender

<https://www.themiddlesizedgarden.co.uk/absolutely-best-way-prune-english-lavender-beautifully/>

What is Guttation?

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/houseplants/hpgen/guttation-in-plants.htm>

Bulbs to Plant in the Fall

<https://www.almanac.com/bulbs-plant-fall-0>

