

# Garden Clippings



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## 2020-21 Garden Club Board:

*Betty Ballentine – President*

*Judy Bucholz – Vice President*

*Charlene Drake – Treasurer*

*Fran Henderson – Secretary*

## MARCH 2021

### President's Corner

### Theme: Rooted in Community

Betty Ballentine

#### Happy Spring Gardeners!

We officially will celebrate the first day of Spring on March 20th. An exciting time of year for us gardeners! Every year I promise not to start seeds indoors but rather purchase what veggie starts I need from the local nurseries and then before I know it, I have some fabulous seeds in my possession and I don't want to waste them. Before long, I have many "extras" to find homes for which isn't difficult when most of your friends are garden lovers!

I was very happy to see a few of you joined the zoom program about house plants, given by Alison O'Connor. Janis Stoven has also invited all of us to join her daughter's next zoom talk about flowering bulbs on March 17th, at noon.

**March 15th at 10am**, please join me for a **zoom garden club meeting**. I will send out the invitation the day before so watch your emails.

I am also currently looking at two options and locations outdoors so that we can begin to hold safe, social distanced, masked meetings starting in April. We have officer nominations, voting, and installation of the 2021-2022 board. We also need to begin meeting so that you, the members, can be part of the discussion and planning with the Tour & Faire Chairs. Volunteer positions need to be organized, with sign-ups from our members in order to have a successful fundraiser on June 27th. Until then...happy gardening!

### Club Officer Nominations



Meet your Nominations Committee

(From left to right 😊)

Elaine Pollack, Janis Stoven, Gaye Stewart

**Be sure to send any nominations for officer positions you may have to one of them soon.**

**Your Nominating Committee at work. Answer your phone!**

## **SPEAKER OPPORTUNITY ONLINE**

**You're Invited! Summer-Blooming Bulbs Class 12 PM PST Wed. March 17**

Join Alison Stoven O'Connor, from Colorado State University Extension, for a fun presentation focused on summer-blooming beauties for your garden. Alison will cover dahlias, cannas, gladiolus, and caladiums. Specifics, including culture and care, will be discussed for each type.

Members of McMinnville Soroptimist purchased holiday amaryllis bulbs as a fund-raiser. Now they want to learn more about bulbs and are sponsoring this class. Garden club members are invited as well as friends. You will receive an email reminder prior to the class with log in info. Grab a beverage of your choice, a plate of corn beef and cabbage, and discover bulbs on St.Patrick's Day.

*"May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks. May your heart be as light as a song. May each day bring you bright, happy hours that stay with you all year long."* Irish Quote

## **2021 GARDEN TOUR AND FAIRE**

### *Tour Updates*

Garden Tour and Faire Garden Tour Charlene and I have been watching the progress of Yamhill County through this inconvenient virus and are happy to note that cases are going down and more people are getting the vaccine. At the time of this writing, February 24, our county is in "High Risk" category which is very encouraging. And, if the county is able to get to "Moderate Risk" or better by the time of the Tour and Faire, the guidelines will be even more relaxed. There are a few Tour committee positions that need to be filled, so when you get a call asking for help, please say **"Yes, I can!"** If anyone has any questions or suggestions regarding the Tour, please contact any of us. We want to hear what you think!!

Charlene and Dian



### **Happy 2021 March Birthdays:**

**Kay Fitkin 09, Fran Henderson 16, Rita Canales 22**

## **OSFGC, Inc. Photo Contest**

OSFGC, will have a statewide 2021 virtual photography contest. There are no entry fees. Digital photos can be JPG or TIFF format and should not be enhanced by any computer program. Photo files must be at least 70 mg. and e-mailed to the photo chairman on or before May 31st, 2021.

Categories are as follows. (There are no Black and White Categories.)

1. Scenery - Color
2. Gardens - Color
3. Floral Blooms - Color
4. Birds - Color
5. Animals - Color
6. Insects/Butterflies - Color
7. Directors Choice – Pets in the Garden – Color



Photos must have been taken by a current OSFGC Garden Club Member in good standing. An entry form must be submitted (e-mailed) for each photo entry. Only one photo entry may be submitted for each category for a total of seven (7) entries per member. Photos may have been taken at any time.

If any person is present and recognizable in the submitted photo, a release form for that person or the parent of any child under 18 must be e-mailed along with the photo.

For any questions, please contact Karen Ramsey, Photography Contest Chair at (541)479-5513 or E-mail to [sierrakr@aol.com](mailto:sierrakr@aol.com)

Entry forms will be online for the next newsletter.

## Member Highlight

\*Feature Columnist - **Janis Stoven**

**Dian Berg**, 2021 Garden Tour Co-Chair and Past Club Secretary

I was a high school sophomore in Evanston, IL when my father was transferred to Kansas City, MO. The four of us (I have a younger brother) moved to Prairie Village, KS which is considered a suburb of Kansas City, MO. My New York City Grandmother was surprised by my high school name, Shawnee Mission East High School. And, until she visited us, she had envisioned the flat, dusty plains of Middle America.

When taking a college summer school class in Evanston, I met this “fun- guy” who invited me to great summertime parties. I returned to “real life” that fall for my senior year at Baker University where I graduated with a degree in Elementary Education. Chuck (the “fun guy”) and I traveled between Lake Forest, IL and Prairie Village, KS several times through that school year. We married in Evanston in August, after my graduation. That was a busy year! Within four years we had two perfect little boys.

Moving with Chuck’s employers included WI, IL, again to WI and then to Pocatello, ID; York, PA; and back to IL where we retired. Then we moved to Yamhill, OR; Wickenburg, AZ and finally returned to McMinnville. My occupations have included teacher, human resources

administrator, farmer, realtor and now, tasting room manager at my son's winery/vineyard in Yamhill.

Chuck and I enjoyed travel to Scandinavia, Europe, Asia, Australia and Tahiti. I've enjoyed seeing much of the U.S. as well, mostly when moving from one place to another. My brother and I celebrated our mother's her 100th birthday in Arizona this last October.

Unfortunately, I haven't had the pleasure of enjoying the past six years of living in McMinnville with Chuck. He passed away shortly after we moved here. He would have loved seeing the results of the "fruits" of our labor at our son's Yamhill vineyard, now twenty years later. It's so nice having family close by. My other son lives in Palatine, IL, with his family. I'm blessed to have three grandchildren.

I've enjoyed everywhere I've lived but living in McMinnville has been such a joy. The winters are mild, summers bountiful and spring and fall are glorious. The beauty of vivid flowering shrubs, perennials and annuals add so much to landscapes. We have such a variety of trees as well. A highlight has been being involved in the McMinnville Garden Club for the past five years. I've learned from our speakers, enjoyed being an officer and have met many wonderful people. Thank you for your making me feel welcomed and your warm friendship.

## **SAVE THE DATE! Simple Clay Pot Decor**



**Arts & Crafts** is tentatively scheduling an easy craft for **May 18** as long as the Covid restrictions will allow it. Will keep you posted. More information in the next month's newsletter. Patty Sorensen

## **Pacific Region Workshop Wednesdays**

Gaye Stewart

**Robin Pokorski**, Director of Pacific Region Garden Clubs (includes Oregon and 7 other western states) has designed some innovative weekly workshops utilizing Zoom. These weekly workshops are on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

These workshops are FREE; to sign up you need only to contact Robin via email [PRGDirector@gmail.com](mailto:PRGDirector@gmail.com) to get on her Zoom link distribution list which she will then send to your email a day or two prior to each Wednesday workshop. You only need to register once and then it's automatic and you will receive the new link for each week. This is the upcoming schedule:

### **March 3**

**Presenter:** Sahshah Middleton, Headliner Topic: Ikebana Decoded  
**Membership Plus++:** Becky Hassebrock, **Hot Shot Topic:** "Calling for the question" presented by Robin Pokorski

### March 10

**Presenter:** Frances Thrash, DIY Containers & Aspidistra leaves are your friend!

Membership Plus++: Becky Hassebroek **Hot Shot Topic:** "What to do with the member that doesn't follow through"  
presented by Robin Pokorski

### March 17

**Presenter:** Dot Yard, "The versatile daffodil....something for everyone"

M Membership Plus++: Becky Hassebroek, **Hot Shot Topic:** "Laying a motion on the table"  
presented by Robin Pokorski

### March 24

**Presenter:** June Ann Hassebroek, "Dynamic Dainty Dimensions"

Membership Plus++: Becky Hassebroek **Hot Shot Topic:** "Here's a new idea – now what??"  
presented by Robin Pokorski

I encourage you to take a look at these great workshops. I try to watch each week.  
I learn something new every time!

Gaye

## 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://ycmga.org/>

**Monrovia Garden Tips** <https://www.monrovia.com/be-inspired/category/garden-tips.html>

**March Garden Chores** <https://awaytogarden.com/the-march-garden-chores/>

**In the Garden With Carol Klein** ...YouTube....One of my favorite English Gardeners! Carol shows us how to grow successfully plants from seeds, cuttings, divisions, etc.

<https://youtu.be/PgW2V6a3gUg>

*No Winter lasts forever  
No Spring skips its turn.*

Hal Borland

