



JANUARY 2022 *Garden Clippings*

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2021-22 Garden Club Board:

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Dates to Remember 2022

- Jan. 17** **General Meeting** (Watch for an email from Adele announcing location/type of meeting closer to Jan. 17.) **10:00am-12:00pm**
Speaker: **Heather Richardson City Planning Director**
“Planning to Protect McMinnville’s Natural Features”
- Feb. 21** **General Meeting at the Leslie Lewis Pavilion 10-12**
Speaker: **Dorothea Lee, member**
“Colorful Conifers: Evergreens Are Not Just Green,”

June 12, 2022 **Garden Tour and Faire** “Glowing Gardens”

President’s Corner **Theme: Coming Together for Growth** Adele O’Neal

Happy New Year!

We made it to 2022! I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday.

Because Covid-19 keeps rearing its ugly head, we are not exactly where we thought we might be at the beginning of 2022 and I hope that over the next few weeks, things will get better. As far as the Garden Club, we do have positive things to be happy about!

Our December meeting was a combined in-person and Zoom meeting and was well attended! There were many bags of food donated by members and delivered to YCAP. Thank you to those who donated! Our main fundraisers, the Garden Faire and Garden Tour, have leadership

and members to help make them successful. We continue to get new members...all of this is very positive!

My resolution is to continue to be positive and appreciate each and every one of you for all you bring to the club! We are in this together and will continue to move forward on our projects!

January Speaker: Heather Richards

“Planning to Protect McMinnville’s Natural Features”

Synopsis: The City of McMinnville is currently drafting plans to protect McMinnville’s most valuable natural features – riparian corridors, significant tree stands, heritage and landmark trees, important rock outcroppings, archaeological sites, and scenic views. Come hear more about these plans and learn how you can get involved in the discussion.

Bio: Heather Richards is the Planning Director for the City of McMinnville. She joined our City in 2016. Previously she worked in Redmond, Oregon, as the Community Development Director for ten years.

Heather oversees Planning, Building, Code Compliance and Community Relations, and Urban Renewal for the City of McMinnville.

She has a bachelor’s degree from Columbia University and a master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning and Historic Preservation from Eastern Michigan University. She received the Professional Community and Economic Developer certification from the Community Development Council in 2006.

She lives in McMinnville with her two children, a son who graduated from McMinnville High School last year and a daughter who will graduate from McMinnville High School this year.

Canned Food Drive for YCAP **Betty Ballantine**

A Great big **THANK YOU** to all who donated to our food drive! A total of 225 pounds of non-perishable food items were taken over to YCAP (our local food bank).

I am always amazed at the generosity and kindness of our members.

Tour and Faire 2022 “Glowing Gardens”

Tour cochairs; Patty Sorensen and Evelyn LaMotte, are excited to get organized and started in 2022. We look forward to all the members help and support. Detailed job descriptions will be available at the January meeting and in the February newsletter.

We can make this a HUGE success together!

The Faire cochairs; Mike Stewart and Ruth Corsi, are already busy signing up vendors for this year. Since we are two weeks earlier, we may have more plants to pick from this year! YEAH...

Membership Committee Updates

Greetings to all and fingers crossed for a “more normal” year. Like you, I’m no longer sure what normal is. My kindergarten granddaughter has her facemask on nearly all the time, its ‘normal’ to her and part of her life. Even at her house or my home, she wears her mask. She likes it. Mine is off whenever I arrive home.

Joining in December: **Lori A**

Lori and her husband constructed a new home within the past two years. Lori wishes to add an array of trees, shrubs, perennials and more to her landscape. She is looking forward to gaining knowledge about gardening. When separating your plants this spring, keep Lori in mind.

Membership Tips: Welcoming New Members

The Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, December meeting on Zoom discussed club membership. I was invited to attend. Presenters shared ideas and suggestions, noted below. The membership committee will be reviewing these ideas and perhaps implement several within the McMinnville Garden Club. (I’ll be sharing with OSFGC at their January meeting.)

Ideas from an 80 member club (numbers 1 -7) and a 45 member club (numbers 8-10):

1. At a community plant sale: offer a new members table, current members walk amongst the buyers to invite to the garden club
2. Host a Holiday Boutique – invite buyers and browsers to join the garden club
3. Annual Holiday Party – members invite a guest
4. Members visit new homeowners who have moved into their neighborhood, and tell them about or invite them to the garden club
5. When members visit local nurseries or big box stores, share club information with shoppers
6. Give “bookmarks” to potential new members with pertinent garden club information noted (our membership committee will be discussing)
7. Most important factor of all ... **SMILE!**
8. This club meets at a church and members have added blub plantings around the church. Church members notice and join
9. Monthly field trips encourage socialization and members invite friends to take part; they may join the club
10. Host a new members month, current members invite a friend

Which is the most important of the ten statements? Number 7 – **SMILE!** All of us can smile and greet others.

Do you have more ideas or suggestions? Please share - Janis Stoven, chair, email: stovenjm@gmail.com

The membership committee members: Kirsten B, Kay F, Colleen M, Jaklin P, Mary V and Janis S.

Highlights of December Holiday Open House

Garden Club members were invited to a fund-raiser open house for Beta Beta Educational Foundation, assisting women pursuing teaching degrees. This is an annual event, hosted by Wayne and Sandy B, and the first year garden club members were invited. Those who came had a joyous time visiting with members and meeting many new people as well. The home is large and showcased a holiday theme in each room. A favorite for many was the quilt room including a tree laden with vintage sewing items. A variety of food items and beverages including wine, sodas, and water were offered.

A special area was the owners “Shop,” housing vintage cars, and a wonderful Sports Room with a large screen TV, comfy sofas, popcorn machine and much more. The Holiday Shop showcased a variety of gently used ornaments, figurines and much more, all marked at reasonable prices. Members had a delightful time. The Garden Club will be invited next year too – plan to attend!

Members of Beta Beta will be invited to our Garden Club Tour and Faire. They are looking forward in viewing the gardens and shopping at the Faire. They might even see new acquaintances from the Open House!

Arts & Crafts Driftwood Wind Chimes Fun

Patty Sorensen/Kirsten Browne



As you visit the beach this winter, pick up thin pieces of driftwood like you see in the picture for our next Craft project in the Spring.(at least the size of a pencil width) Do not gather the pieces that are easily broken. Allow them to dry... Don't keep them in a plastic bag... The only other supply you will need is beads so keep an eye out for ones that you love and grab them!

Anadama Bread



Makes two loaves. Great for sandwiches or with soups and stews.

1 C. polenta

1 C. water

4 ½ C. bread flour

2 t instant yeast

1 C. warm water

1 ½ t salt

6 T molasses

2 T oil or melted butter

Night before baking, soak polenta in one cup of water covered at room temperature.

Bake 350 degrees for 20 minutes, rotate the pans and bake another 20 minutes.

Websites to Explore

National Garden Club <https://gardenclub.org>

Pacific Region National Garden Club
<https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>

Patty Sorensen

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/>

What to Plant in January

https://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/what-to-plant-january/?utm_source=Adestra&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Starting%20blocks&utm_term=20857348&utm_campaign=GW%20Newsletter%20December%2030%202021_1417426_Gardeners%27%20World_Weekly%20Email%20Newsletter_13022598

Popular Flowers to Grow in Your Garden

<https://www.gardendesign.com/flowers/>

Why We Love Winter Birding

<https://audubonportland.org/blog/why-we-love-winter-birding/>

Garden Sanity

<https://www.petscribbles.com/winter-stillness-in-the-garden/>



“Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year; for gardening begins in January with the dream.”

Josephine Nuese