

February 2023 Garden Clippings



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2022-23 Garden Club Board:

Adele O'Neal – President *Deb Smith* – Vice President
Charlene Drake – Treasurer *Elaine Pollak* – Secretary

**Our meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in
McMinnville on 2nd & Cows.**

Social time: 9:30-10 Business Meeting: 10-10:45 Speaker 11-12. JOIN US!

Dates to Remember 2023

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| February 6 | Arts & Crafts at Colleen M.'s. See info below. |
| February 20 | Club Meeting – Carly Hilton “Backyard Birds” |
| February 23 Silverthorne | Field Trip to the Portland Home & Garden Show Contact Ann |
| March 13 | OSFGC Spring Board Meeting via Zoom. 9:30 AM |
| March 20 | Club Meeting - Carol Adelman “Growing Gorgeous Peonies” |
| April 20 | Pioneer District Spring Meeting in McMinnville |
| April 24 month. | Annual Third Street Cleanup. Mark your calendars! More info next |
| June 10 | Tour Pretour in AM for workers |
| June 11 | Garden Tour/Faire 2023 |
| June 12-14 | OSFGC Annual Convention in Wilsonville |

President's Message

Adele O'Neal

Happy February!

I was thinking the other day about how lucky I am to be a member of such an active garden club! Here are a few of the reasons I enjoy the club:

We are meeting in person again 😊

Because we are meeting in person, it is easier to get to know each other 😊

Our guest speakers give us great information about gardening, our community and planet 😊

There are a lot of members in our club who are active 😊

We have fun arts and crafts events to attend 😊

The Open Gate events, started in 2022, are fun and give us another reason to be together 😊

The club does a lot for the community through scholarships and beautification projects 😊

These are just some of the reasons I feel we have a wonderful club, hopefully, you all have more reasons to belong to the club and participate in the meetings and events!

Another reason is the members are gardeners and don't mind getting their hands dirty! As the weather gets warmer and we are all out "playing in the dirt" be thinking about the club and what events you want to have and how you can help make these events successful and fun. It takes all of us doing just a little bit to make it GREAT!

February Speaker

Carly Hilton will discuss backyard bird feeding basics, setting up a backyard oasis for birds, and other steps you can take to help the birds.

Carly is a co-owner the Wild Birds Unlimited stores in Corvallis and Salem with her husband, Brian. She grew up in Wisconsin and moved to Oregon about 15 years ago. As an avid lover of nature, she enjoys continuing to learn and share her passion for birds and bird feeding with others.



Good Eats by Betty B.

Chickpea and Date Stew

Wonderful filling vegetarian dish with lots of flavor.

Serves 4, good with whole wheat pita bread.

1 T EVOO

(extra virgin olive oil)

1 onion diced

4 cloves minced garlic

1 t cumin

1 t ground coriander

1 t ginger

1 t cinnamon

1 15oz can crushed tomatoes

2 15oz cans drained garbanzo beans

1 C couscous

1 C pitted dates halved

¼ C lemon juice

½ C chopped cilantro

Heat olive oil in large saucepan, add onion and cook 10 minutes until browned. Add garlic and dry spices and cook 30 seconds. Add tomatoes and drained garbanzo beans along with ¼ C water. Simmer 10 minutes. Next use a dry small non-stick pan and toast the couscous for 5 minutes. Combine couscous with 1 ¾ C water, bring to boil, remove from heat covered for 5 minutes. Add dates and lemon juice to the stew. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve hot stew over couscous in a bowl, garnish with cilantro.

Garden Tour and Faire Update June 11, 2023 Linda H, Cozette C., Ann S.
“Natures Palette”

THANK You so much for volunteering (so many 2022 Chairs returning) to serve on the leadership team for the 2023 Tour/Faire. So grateful for sharing your time and amazing talents!

Gardens: We are very happy to share that five beautiful and unique gardens have been selected for the 2023 Tour.

Garden Committee Chair Open Position:

A. **Garden Set-Up:** Works with homeowners to determine tables, chairs, tablecloths, and umbrellas needed for the volunteer table at each garden the day of tour.

Delivers or sets up prior to 9:30 on day of tour. If interested, please contact Cozette Caster

Posters/Flyers: First we want thank Kirsten Browne for the beautiful art she created. So very inspiring for this year’s theme “Natures Palette”. The flyers are in the final stage of development, and we are hoping to have them available to share at the February meeting. Very grateful for the time and great creative talent of Rita Canales as our graphic designer.

Bookmarks: More are available for you to promote the Tour and Faire at the Membership table at each monthly meeting. Or, contact Cozette Caster directly at 503-537-4860.

Mark Your Calendars: The Garden Club Members Pre-Tour will be Saturday, June 10th in the morning. More information will be forthcoming.

We are looking forward to another successful Tour and Faire to support our community to fund more scholarships and the Serenity Garden Project.

Please share any ideas, comments, or volunteering information directly to Cozette Caster, Ann Silverthorne, or Linda Hansen.

MACC GREETERS' FRIDAY EVENTS: February 2023

Contact Janis Stoven for more details.

Friday, February 3: 8-9 AM, Code Design, 117 NE 5th Suite C

Friday, February 10: 8-9 AM, HelloCare, 745 Hilary Street

Friday, February 17: 8-9 AM, The Grand, 325 NE 3rd

Friday, February 24: 8-9 AM, Evergreen Home Loans, 1006 NE 3rd

McMinnville Parks Survey

The City of McMinnville is asking for your input to help develop a new Parks Plan for the city. Before February 5th, please go to mcminnvilleparksplan.com and take the brief survey.

Yamhill County Master Gardeners' Spring Into Gardening Event March 18

Be sure to check out this great opportunity to learn more about gardening and much more.

<https://ycmga.org/events/sig-2023/>

Membership Update

Janis Stoven

This is an exciting way to begin the new year. Will you invite a neighbor or friend to a garden club meeting in 2023? We hope so!

Ginette Correll was invited by her neighbor June Benson. A previous guest told several friends what an enjoyable club we are. Sandra Lee came for a visit and joined at the same meeting. When you see or meet Ginette or Sandra, please share with them the various components you find special in the McMinnville Garden Club.

Arts and Crafts Wreath Photos



Arts and Crafts Feb. 6 Wood Art

Colleen M. & Kirsten B.

Here are the details for all you creatives who signed up for our next gathering to make Wooden Wall Hangings (Just like Kirsten's dad)!

We've decided to move to Colleen Moxley's larger space in order to accommodate the 14 people who signed up at the January meeting.

When: Monday, February 6

Time: 10:00 AM

Where: 15548 NW Orchard View Rd, McMinnville

Cost: \$10- all materials will be provided

* Wear old clothes and shoes as we'll be working with stain and glue.

* Feel free to bring a treat to share if you like.

Portland Home and Garden Show at the Expo

Contact Ann Silverthorne for information about this **field trip**. The show runs from

Feb. 23 to 26. <https://www.homeshowpdx.com/>

Appeal for Seedlings!

Adele O'Neal

Charlene Doland, our speaker at our January meeting is asking for our help. Here is what Charlene is asking: [Edible Landscapes of Yamhill County](#) is seeking volunteers to help us grow seedlings for our fourth annual spring edible garden festival! On May 13, we will be giving 2,000+ vegetable seedlings to members of the community. We will gladly supply volunteers with seedling trays, soil, and seeds. We need

volunteers to provide a sunny space and some TLC so that the seeds germinate and get growing. If this interests you, please reach out to Charlene Doland by email at edibleyamhill@gmail.com or phone/text at 630-533-1044. We appreciate your support!

Sharing Resources (SR)

Janis Stoven

When with a group of gardeners, I always learn new tips and where to find items such as good soil, landscape borders, a name of a slug repellent and much more. For example, January was *Indoor House Plant Month*. A number of local and regional nurseries offered houseplants for a reduced cost such as 20% off.

I happened to shop at several nurseries during this sale and found stunning beauties to add to my indoor house plant family. Next year I will share this information with you. If you have things to add, please email me no later than the 20th of each month. Janis Stoven (stovenjm@gmail.com)

Remembering Ruth

Some of you will remember Ruth Everingham, former longtime garden club member. The News Register just announced her passing. She was 105! Quite the lady too. And she ALWAYS had a smile on her face.

<https://newsregister.com/article?articleTitle=ruth-dorothy-rezek-salisbury-everingham-1917-2023--1674665549--45195--obituaries>

Tool Sharpening

Patty Sorensen

At the January meeting we discussed tool sharpening in the area. Below is the contact information for the business we talked about. I went to the Grange Farmers Market today to take some of my tools to him. He has had knee surgery and is not yet back there. But they gave me his contact information, so I took my tools to his house out by the hospital. He will sharpen them and then call me to pick them up in a few days. I'm so looking forward to them being sharp!



Websites to Explore

Patty Sorensen

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

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

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

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

Yamhill County Master Gardeners <https://ycmga.org/>

McMinnville Community Garden <http://www.mcminnvillecg.org>

Serenity Garden <https://mcminnvillegardenclub.org/serenitygarden/>

2023 National Plants of the Year https://www.gardendesign.com/plants-of-the-year/?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Plants-of-the-Year-1-26-23

Winter Garden Planning <https://www.hgtv.com/outdoors/gardens/planting-and-maintenance/make-winter-a-productive-garden-season>

Monrovia's 2023 Garden Design Awards <https://www.monrovia.com/be-inspired/inspired-garden-design-awards.html>