

# Garden Clippings



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***Next meeting: TBD We will let you know when our next meeting will be held. STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!***

***2019-20 Garden Club Board:***

***Caitlin Wright – President      Judy Buchholz – Vice President***

***Charlene Drake – Treasurer      Dian Berg – Secretary***

## President's Message

Dear Fellow Garden Club Members,

I know that the past few weeks have been an upheaval to our everyday lives, and we are now facing a large amount of uncertainty as we continue to navigate this uncharted territory. Although I know that this social distancing can feel isolating, please remember that we are all in this together. I hope that everyone in our club has a network of support to rely on during this time, but I want to personally let you know that I am here for you. If you need assistance with sourcing food supplies or need checking in on, please reach out and I will do my best to help!



That said, let's try to focus on some positive ways to stay busy and active, while still maintaining a safe lifestyle. Well fortunately, we gardeners really have the perfect solution...working in our gardens! The weather this past week was truly glorious. I felt there was no better and healthier distraction from the news than to begin preparing my garden for the year ahead. The sunshine was sorely needed (especially since we had to cancel our trip to Hawaii), and we spent time enjoying our gorgeous magnolia tree in full bloom!!

We were able to clear the mountains of weeds from our veggie beds and began to start seeds using leftover plastic egg cartons (which turn out to be perfect little terrariums). If you don't already have an area for growing vegetables, now is the perfect time to give it a try! If you are limited, even a small indoor microgreen setup is easy to maintain and is an excellent source of nutrients. Here is a link with directions; <https://www.attainable-sustainable.net/microgreens/>.

Please let us know how you are staying busy and send along your tips and articles to Patty to include in the next newsletter. We would love to hear from all of you!! Please take care of yourselves, stay positive and informed, and I hope to see you all again soon!!

With much love to all, Caitlin

## New Officers for 2020-21

Two of our garden club members have agreed to share their talents on our board. **Betty Ballantine** has agreed to run for President and **Fran Henderson** for secretary. THANKS SO MUCH! We will have to figure out how we can vote as time progresses.

## 2020 Garden Tour and Faire Updates

Charlene and Dian

We at the McMinnville Garden Club are closely monitoring the Coronavirus impact on public events like our garden tour. With this beautiful weather and the need for social distancing our gardens are providing a valuable comfort and stimulation. By mid-April we will decide if we can proceed with our special 20th Anniversary Garden Tour. Of course, the club will adhere to National and State guidelines, but we are remaining positive and look to providing our community with a pleasant experience. Please take precautions and stay healthy.

## Pacific Region Garden Club's Convention in Oregon

77th Annual Convention – August 17-20, 2020

*“Connecting in a Kaleidoscope of Colors”*

Silverton, Oregon at the Oregon Garden Resort  
Activities, Meetings and Workshops

The Pacific Region Convention has been **re-scheduled** for August 17-20, with the Post-Convention Tour immediately following on August 21 and 22. It will be the same Convention Plan as before and at The Oregon Garden. The Tour will include a tour of The Evergreen Aviation Museum followed by the lunch hosted by the McMinnville Garden Club as previously planned, which would be Friday, August 21. Confirmation efforts are currently underway to ensure each Tour stop is still a “Go” given the date change.

Your support is greatly appreciated as the Convention Planning Committee works to restore the Convention and convention Tour for guests from the 8 states comprising The Pacific Region. No one knew how great our lives and plans would be affected by this Virus. Stay safe and we'll ride this out together!

Gaye Stewart, Tour Coordinator Pacific Region Convention

**Dahlias** Our speaker for March was going to talk about Dahlias so here's some info online.

<https://youtu.be/ExwzinP-teU>

<https://freysdahlias.com/growing-and-care>

## Email Tip

One of our members forwarded this email to me. Please be careful what messages you open!

“Just a note, in case you hear from other Mac Garden Club members: I received an email that had (xx a garden club member’s xx) name on it but it was NOT your email address. This was a phishing or spam attempt. MGC members should always check the sender’s email address before opening an email. If not correct, they shouldn’t open it, rather Block Sender, then delete it, immediately.

## Garden Ramblings

Patty S.



I’ve heard many different variations as to what you can do with daffodils after they are done blooming. What I read this year follows. Wait until the blooms have turned brown then snip off just the bloom. Leave all the green leaves and stalks to soak up the sun they need in order to set bloom for next year. If you cut them down too soon, you’ll have leaves with no blooms next year.



Every year I mean to take time to work on my irises and this year I did! They like for their bulbs to be showing above the ground so they can take in the sun. I must admit I’ve still had yearly blooms but I’m looking forward to seeing if they are even better this year. AND I’m already trying to get rid of the slugs and snails.....



I finally took time to go through my stash of seeds and decide which I will use and which I won’t. Seems I must like the artwork or the thought of the grown plant as I had quite a collection. Some of them went back to 2009..... The extras I’ve put in my Little Library. One of my favorite flowers in yards are zinnias. Each year I don’t seem to get the seeds in the ground on time. At the nursery I can’t bring myself to pay a high price for a single plant knowing I want dozens, so I leave without them. I’m excited this year. I’ve started them in my shop and hope to be transplanting them into my yard after mid-May.

**WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? SEND ME YOUR RAMBLINGS FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!**

## Daily Walk Wanderings



My husband and I have been wandering through neighborhoods near us on our daily walk. I was pleased to see that the new trees being planted have water tubes to help them get established. Now if the new homeowners will just fill them.

BUT I also noticed they still have green wrap holding them to their stakes that need to be loosened or removed. Several of the tree trunks already had indentations where the wrap is

cutting into them.

Our walks have taken past the houses of some garden club members. Here's a quick glimpse at their yards. When we go pickup groceries, I'll have to drive by others to check them out for you. ENJOY!

**Mildred R.** should be called, "The Primrose Lady". Her yard abounds with incredible primroses in a variety of colors. WOW is all I can say!



**Linda K-H.** has a lovely hedge in full bloom which smells superb. My husband now says we need that plant! And it is easy to see why she is involved with the Healing Garden project. Her contemplative spot is so calming.





And Jeanne A. has the perfect sunny spot for a Mediterranean plant to flourish.



## Roses

Janis Stoven

Roses webinar is taught by Colorado State University Extension Master Gardener Roger Heins. Roger spent his career working with Jackson and Perkins (founded in 1872) in marketing and as a geneticist. Roger also introduced several rose cultivars, including Veteran's Honor. Roger has been a Master Gardener since 2014. The webinar took place on March 18, 2020.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGDqRExC5Y&feature=youtu.be>

## 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>

**How to Test Old Seeds** <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/255368241359069451/>

**March Garden Tour...**(click on SKIP ADS bottom right)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25sNASzDoHM&feature=youtu.be>

**RHS Chelsea Flower Show Goes Virtual**

<https://www.theenglishgarden.co.uk/category/news-and-events/chelsea-flower-show/>

**Many thanks to the Post Office Cleanup crew who worked hard on  
March 17  
area up! to spruce the**



**Help support our local nurseries while following the 6 ft. distance guideline.**

**Incahoots** <https://incahoots.biz/product-category/garden-plants/>

We have come up with a different way to do our 2020 Plants by the Flat Sale. Each **Friday**, when we receive the availability list from our grower, we'll update the selection on our website. If you place your order by Monday at 4:00 p.m., your plants will be ready to pick up on Wednesday afternoon or we can even deliver them to your house for no additional charge (McMinnville City Limits). We plan to continue this for the next several weeks if possible.

These are your favorite jumbo pack annuals - six, 6-packs per flat (36 plants total). The regular price per flat is \$29.94, but with this sale they can be yours for \$22.00. (PS note: **full flat** so maybe share with neighbors, friends, etc.)

I would advise keeping an eye on the extended weather forecast, but if you're ready to get started, visit our website <https://incahoots.biz/>, see what's available and place your order.

**Kraemers is OPEN** <http://kraemersgarden.com/>

Be sure to follow the 6ft. distance guideline. They won't make you sign for credit card purchases to help keep you safe.