



Garden Clippings

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2020-21 Garden Club Board:

Betty Ballentine – President *Judy Buccholz – Vice President*
Charlene Drake – Treasurer *Fran Henderson – Secretary*

APRIL 2021

Dates to Remember

April 19	9:30 am	Meeting!	Fairgrounds (see info below)
April 26	9:30 am	Third Street Cleanup	(see info below)
May 17	10 am	Meeting	Fairgrounds
May 18	10 am or 1 pm	Arts & Crafts	Patty's garage shop (see info below)
June 21	10 am	Meeting	Fairgrounds
June 26	10 am	Pretour for Garden Tour	
June 27	9-4	Garden Faire	
June 27	10-3	20th Garden Tour	

Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 2070 NE Lafayette Ave, McMinnville
Covered area behind the Leslie Lewis Pavilion
(where Master Gardeners Sale is usually held.)

APRIL 19th Social time 9:30 – 10am Meeting time 10 – 11am

President's Corner **Theme: Rooted in Community** **Betty Ballentine**

Spring has arrived alongside an amazing covid vaccination program! I hope many of you have had at least your first dose or have it scheduled. We have had some lovely weather and the daffodils blooming all over town not only bring color but help lighten our step and make us smile.

Our 20th garden tour & faire is on schedule! Dian, Charlene, Patty, Gaye, Mike, and Ruth have been hard at work setting things into place. Now the club needs you, the members, to sign up to distribute posters, put up road signs, be a garden hostess or vendor helper at the faire.

This month we will have our **first in-person outdoor meeting on April 19th. Social time 9:30-10am, meeting at 10am** for appx. one hour or less. We need to remember to **wear a mask and social distance**. There will be chairs spaced out but no tables. PLEASE DRESS ACCORDINGLY. This is an outside covered space with a gravel floor. Bathrooms will be available inside the pavilion. Individually wrapped snacks will be provided by the board. Please bring your own hot drink. There is plenty of parking but **PLEASE no parking on the grass**.

We will meet at the **fairgrounds directly behind the Leslie Lewis Pavilion** April 19, May 17, and June 21st. New officer nominations will be announced in April, voting in May and

installation in June for our 2021-2022 year. We will discuss what volunteer positions are available, the pre-tour, as well as the day of the tour and faire.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Nominations Update

Your Nominations Committee is pleased to announce that a Slate of Officers for the McMinnville Garden Club has been prepared and will be presented at the Club's April meeting. Each candidate will be introduced to you so that you can put a face with their name and the office in which they are willing serve for the coming administrative term.

Remember, we present the Slate of Officers in April, vote at the May Club meeting and install them in June.

This is great news for continuing Club leadership for the McMinnville Garden Club, now entering its 85th Year. What a rich legacy we have in the McMinnville Community and beyond.

Respectfully, Gaye Stewart, Elaine Pollack and Janis Stoven

Third Street Cleanup April 26th – Monday

Jan Clay

It's that time of year we volunteer our time to clean up the tree wells and planters of downtown 3rd street. For many years the Garden Club has provided downtown Third Street with this gift of spring cleanup. Let's show up in force to tackle this great project.

This year we will miss Rosemarie Caughran's guidance and love of Main Street McMinnville. So, let's put on our masks, gloves, garden club aprons, jeans and make 3rd street look beautiful in honor of Rosemarie. Also bring clippers, brooms, battery blowers, knee pads, and drinking water. Due to the pandemic and the tough time our restaurants have experienced this past year I am not asking them to furnish a lunch.

Meet at **9:30 AM Monday April 26th at the city parking lot** next to United Methodist Church (Cooperative Ministries) on corner of Evans and 2nd street. Team areas will be organized there. There will be maps of blocks that need to be cleaned as some blocks are hindered by restaurant tents. The more members we have the less work each member has to do.

If you have a pickup and can help haul away the containers of weeds and ivy, please let me know. Contact Jan Clay – 503 – 780 – 9321 - if you have a pickup or for more information. It will be wonderful to see a lot of you in person!!

2021 GARDEN TOUR AND FAIRE

Greetings from the Tour and Faire Committee Chairs. First, thank you everyone for the very positive response at our Zoom meeting and from those who responded to President Betty's follow-up email. We will be counting on your continued enthusiasm as we move forward with our planning. The equally good news is the continuing decrease in COVID-19 cases in Yamhill has brought the county down to the Moderate level in the State's Risk Level Guidance.

Even as Covid-19 restriction are thankfully being reduced in our community, we do expect some changes will still be necessary. For example, extra space is being added between our vendor booths at the Garden Faire to encourage social distancing and the Tour will reduce

by two hours the time home gardens will be open. The new **Tour times for this year will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

The **Faire will continue with its usual hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** so you will have plenty of time to shop, and help at the Faire, before or after your shift in one of our Tour gardens. Additionally, we just learned the City has plans to close 3rd Street periodically to allow local merchants to expand into the street and “our Sunday” will be one of those times.

The good news is this City action will now allow us to close Cowls Street at 4th Street, near the drive-in to the bank, and add 10 more vendor spaces. This will give us a total of 90 spaces and, with reservations received so far, we only need 14 more vendors to be fully sold-out.

Another positive is that Betty has found us a spot for a properly socially distanced outdoor Garden Club meeting in April. We will have sign-up clipboards available for volunteering for poster distribution, road signs and garden hosts/greeters, etc. at that meeting. Right now, we are jumping into publicizing the Tour and Faire and getting the poster updated using the theme from last year, "Life in the Garden" which seems appropriate for the times. You may recall the poster's artwork was created by Betty's granddaughter.

Please be ready to volunteer for one or more tasks at our April meeting as this single fund-raising event is the lifeblood of all that our Club is able to do to support student scholarships and to bring beauty to our community throughout the year. The Club's Garden Tour and Garden Faire has become a “signature event” for McMinnville and this will be our 20th Year. We have a long and proud tradition to uphold and lots of folks are eager to return to see what's new in the world of gardening.

Thank you,

Charlene Drake and Dian Berg, Tour Co-Chairs

Ruth Corsi, Mike and Gaye Stewart, Faire Co-Chairs

TOUR POSTER ROUTES

Greetings and Happy Spring!

I am Elaine Pollak and I will be distributing the **poster** packets for the 2021 Garden Tour and Faire. Five of the routes are already taken. I want to thank our wonderful members who stepped up before we even asked for volunteers.

The following **routes** are available.

- 3) Lafayette Avenue and the Granary District
- 4) 99W from WinCo to 5th
- 5) 99 W 5th to Highway 18
- 6) Three Mile Lane
- 7) McMinnville Churches
- 8) Amity
- 9) Yamhill and Carlton
- 10) Dayton
- 11) Dundee and Newberg
- 15) B&Bs Park and Rec Facilities
- 16) Metro Area Nurseries
- 17) McMinnville Wineries

Please let myself, Dian or Charlene know which routes you want. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Happy 2021 April Birthdays:

Judy Eggers 07

Kirsten Browne 11

Judy Buchholz 28



April Gardening Tips

Linda Kuhlmann

Well, we survived an interesting winter with a major ice storm and some beautiful snow. Now, the daffodils are blooming and it's time to think about our gardens again. Did you know that the Daisy is the April flower? I'm going to plant more daisies in my yard this year.

I like to take this time to:

- Prep my garden tools (aka re-sharpen and oil clippers, shovels, etc.)
- Clean up all garden beds from the winter debris
- Build healthy soil with mulch and compost
 - Compost adds fertilizer and loosens soil
 - Mulch covers beds for weed prevention and water retention
- Plan which flower and vegetable plants I want for this next year
 - Select some lovely roses to plant now
 - Plant bulbs for summer and fall blooms, such as Begonia and Iris
 - Create some raised beds for perennial and annual herbs and vegetable plants
- In late April, prune spring-flowering bulbs



Another idea I found on one website was adding birdhouses to your April garden. Maybe we could ask Patty Sorensen to give us some great, creative ideas??? Can a birdhouse be created from gourds???



In planning my garden, I have made a sketch of each flower bed for each season. Also, I've taken seasonal pictures so I know where the bulbs are buried. A book I love is "A Year of Flowers" by Peter Loewer, which has helped me create plants in my flower beds for all seasons.

Happy Gardening!

OSFGC, Inc. Digital Photo Contest

The newsletter email this month included a **PDF** with the form required if you choose to enter this virtual digital photo contest. If you need a reminder about the rules for entry, please refer back to the March newsletter on our website at:

<https://mcminnvillegardenclub.org/2021/02/28/21mar2/>

Photo files must be e-mailed to the photo chairman on or before May 31st, 2021.

Member Highlight Sherry Blum

*Feature Columnist - Janis Stoven

My Love of Plants Has Deep Roots

My paternal grandfather was a great gardener and one of my fondest early memories is his climbing rose fence in front of his modest house – people would drive by slowly to admire the majestic display. In high school, I helped my dad plant strawberries bushes in a patch outside my bedroom – nothing like berries fresh from the plant.

Over the years, I've surrounded myself with plants – some gifted to me, some started from friendship clippings and others snipped (or swiped) from interesting specimens in yards (worry not, I don't take without permission). I love the regenerative power of plants, stick them in water, sprinkle a few seeds and away they go. In my travels I've always been interested in native plants and have made a point to visit botanical gardens wherever I could. Plants considered 'house plants' grow in tropical regions in the wild – wow, who knew! Orchids hang from trees. Kangaroo paws grow in field-swaths, like California poppies.

Before moving to McMinnville, several visits happily coincided with garden tour weekends and I was impressed with the variety, beauty and quality of the displays. When Kay Fitkin (member) invited me to the garden club, I was definitely interested. After one or two meetings, I was all in. The programs were fantastic – from soil experts to local bird aficionados – I've learned so much! And, club members were so welcoming (good snacks too). The field trips (thanks Ann), were a really great way for a new comer to explore the area's bounty and, of course, buy too many plants.

Needless to say, I'm impressed and look forward to helping to support this wonderful organization.

Arts & Crafts Color Pour Pots, May 18 \$2 for supplies Patty Sorensen

I've admired these for a long time and finally gathered the supplies last Spring. What fun this is! Simple yet gorgeous. Reminds me of the marbling I did 20 years ago! Come join us as we explore this craft on clay pots. Painting can be done two ways. Either buy the acrylic paint with the flow medium in it or use your own acrylic paints and add flow medium. Your choice.



Supplies you need:

Bring your own **cardboard trays lined with aluminum foil and acrylic paints or Pour Color paints...**

1. Large craft stores are selling packs of matching pour color packs which contain the flow medium in it. I used a set on the turquoise pots in this picture. I found them at the Lincoln City Joanns but not in Mac. Online search for Pour Color at Michaels or Joanns to order.
2. Patty has the flow medium which can be added to your acrylic paints for this project. Bring your own choice of 4 colors for each pot. Used in the picture on the smaller pots.

Cost: additional \$2

...AND BRING *small clay pots*. Bring one clean 3 inch and one 4 inch pot as we are just doing this project as a sample for you to decide if you want to invest in the materials to do it again at home. Don't bring bigger clay pots please. You can try to do a matching saucer, if we have time. Same process can be used on artist canvas to hang on walls but we are doing the pots.

To balance the pots as you work, you also need **to bring two empty pop, beer or juice cans** that you can turn your pots upside down on so the paint can drip off.

When they are dry in a day or so, spray with varnish inside and out. You choose if you want to use matt or gloss finish. I'd do two coats if they are to be used outside.

Due to Covid, you **MUST register** for this craft and wear a mask. If we have several interested, we may need to do a session at 10 am and another one at 1 pm. Signup list will go around at the April 19 and May 17 club meetings or email Patty for a reservation. Fees paid that day. We will be meeting in my shop. patty.sorensen@gmail.com

MAY DAY 2021

This is the PERFECT year to deliver some May baskets or cards to your neighbors to brighten their days. Check out all the ideas on PINTEREST. I think I may try this one with live flowers instead of dried ones. Cut slits into cardstock to weave stems into. On the backside tie the stems together with twine, add your message on the front and deliver. Enjoy sharing your love of flowers with others.



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/>

How to Make a [Dandelion Crown](#). FUN!!!

[Encouraging Wildlife in Your Garden](#) ENJOY the hedgehogs.

OSU [What to Do in Your Garden](#) This Month

Flower Garden [Favorites From Seed](#)

[All About Pollinators](#) (Click the X on the pop up screen if you don't want to sign up for emails.)

[Plant a Tree](#)

