



Garden Clippings

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2020-21 Garden Club Board:

Betty Ballentine – President Judy Buchholz – Vice President

Charlene Drake – Treasurer Fran Henderson – Secretary

President's Corner

Theme: Rooted in Community

Betty Ballentine

Hello fellow gardeners!

Your newly elected executive committee had their first meeting in July. Meetings will continue to be held on the second Monday of each month. If you need to address the committee, please contact me. We will rotate locations; on August 10th we will meet at 10am at Judy Buccholtz's house.

We plan to have a proposed budget ready to email out to members late August. Right now, I am planning to hold an outdoor September meeting. This will serve as our annual meeting and it will be to discuss and vote on the budget only. More information to come. As of today, the guideline from our governor is no more than 10 people at an indoor gathering. We can only consider outdoors, using social distancing and masks since health and safety of our members is the primary concern. If we can meet, we will have a budget to work with.

The earliest we will meet indoors is November. This is a week by week plan with the virus and the health and safety guidelines leading us. It is possible that we will not be able to hold a meeting indoors for the remainder of this year.

Recently, our member Rosemary Vertregt held a mini garden tour of her beautiful garden. Two small groups of members enjoyed their walk among her flowers. I was able to take some pictures which have been shared on our Club's Facebook page. If anyone would like to visit her garden, give her a call; she would love to host you!

I encourage all of our members to continue to meet outdoors perhaps in our gardens using social distancing and masks as a way to stay in touch. Take care; stay safe and I hope to see you all soon!



The following positions are open for the 20-21 year. Please contact President Betty if you can help!

✓ **Newsletter Editor:**

Collects information for monthly newsletter, works with Website Chair for online publication and distributes newsletter online to Club members in a timely fashion; sends copy to YC Master Gardeners.

✓ **Photographer:**

Takes photos of events/activities, new members, Garden Tour/Faire etc. Send pictures w/names, date & event to newsletter editor to be published in the Newsletter; provides Historian with Club pictures for Club records. (NOTE: you can do this with a phone camera!)

✓ **Publicity/PR:**

Provides information on Garden Club meetings and events to local newspaper, Master Gardener newsletter, TV coverage, on timely basis; posts notices of meeting at appropriate locations.

New Sunshine Chair

My name is **Kay Fitkin** and I am taking over the Sunshine Committee from Georgia Queen, who served as chairman for four years. The club is so grateful to her for sending cards members who need a boost every once in a while. Thank you, Georgia. I have been in the Garden Club for three years, mostly absorbing information on the amazing part of the country we live in now. We moved here from South Carolina four years ago and are just amazed at the plants that grow here. We lived in an area of heat, humidity, and sandy soil. What a change. We have never seen plants grow like they do here. My husband Scott and I continue to experiment with our garden and are having fun finding out how and which plants grow where and when. In fact, my husband has talked about joining the Garden Club. He is an author and gets involved with

his writing, but I will keep working on him. I am looking forward to working with you all. Keep on gardening. It's healthier out there.

DUES

Hello club members. This is a friendly reminder to those that I haven't heard from yet that I need either your dues payment 😊 or I need to know if you plan to drop your membership 😞. Remember, your dues payment gets you into next year's directory. Also, for those in last year's directory, please let me or Patty Sorensen (patty.sorensen@gmail.com) know if there are any corrections needed to your directory info.

Although I have received a lot of dues payments, I still need to hear from the rest of you. Our club dues are \$25 per person or \$40 for a couple. Payment can be sent to the following address. **McMinnville Garden club, PO Box 386, McMinnville, OR 97128**
Thank you all very much and here's hoping we can get back together soon.

Take care and enjoy your gardens.
Charlene Drake (ed.cl.drake@gmail.com) Treasurer

Info from State about Membership

I hope you are staying safe and healthy during the Covid-19 virus pandemic. During this time of staying home, several garden club members have told me their gardens are more beautiful than ever. My pollinator gardens are full of beautiful flowers, busy bees, and butterflies. I'm passing information to you to pass to your club presidents, in turn, garden club members. It is an interesting video pertaining to Membership and is on the National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) website. <http://gardenclub.org/about-us/membership-video.aspx>
Garden clubs are interested in increasing their membership. Therefore, I encourage you to take a few minutes to view this video.

Best regards, Cheryl Drumheller OSFGC Membership Chair

Note from a Member

At age 78 now, I don't get out except to go to the grocery store – or - when my thoughtful 49 year old son, Kevin, takes me on one of his wonderful 4, 5 or 6 hour drives all over the entire Northwest corner of Oregon. We've been from McMinnville to Portland & East along the Columbia River to Hood River & The Dalles areas. Up to Mt. Hood. Down to Crater Lake. Over to Eugene-Springfield. All along I-5. Or we might go West out Hwy. 30 to Astoria. Then South down the coast to Newport, Depot Bay and the Sea Lion Caves. And all over in between. We just take any road or highway anywhere along the way that we've never been on before & drive & drive until we reach a city or another highway. He's a semi-truck driver by profession for Umpqua Dairy and loves to drive. And I LOVE TO GO FOR LONG DRIVES. Everywhere we go I point out the names of beautiful flowering trees, flowering shrubs, roses, & flowers of all kinds and beautifully landscaped yards & properties, & beautiful views. After years of nice drives he's now started saying things like, "Is that a Rhododendron?" Or "Just look at that bunch of California Poppies.!" Or "Smell the fresh green smell of the

mosses & ferns?” Before our drives he didn’t know what anything was. And each of our drives is so long & enjoyable it just like a mini-vacation and we both come back all relaxed & refreshed & ready to tackle today’s challenges.

I hope all the Garden Club members are getting out of the house and away on beautiful drives with their families. All it costs is gasoline & maybe some 7-11 stops for snacks & restrooms.

And whatever you do each day, remember how fragile & valuable life is and give each of your family members a big hug and tell them how much you love them. I speak from experience because my 15 year-old son, Blake, died the week before Christmas in 1988. I wanted my two babies soooo much that they grew up with me hugging them and telling them how much I loved them every day. So when Blake died I didn’t have any regrets. I pray that this ugly Corona Virus hasn’t affected any of our Garden Club Members or their families. And I pray for everyone to be safe.

Arlene LaBarre Kempf

Look What I Did!!!!

Fran Henderson I transplanted 2 roses from our front to our backyard. Seeing once struggling roses enjoying their new locations and thanking me with gorgeous blooms has been a highlight.



Betty Ballentine

Two new projects; a little storage unit for my raised bed tools, gloves etc. And I turned an old birdbath into a sweet little sedum garden.



Rosemary' Blueberry Cake

3/4 cup sugar 2 cups flour
1/4 cup vegetable oil 2 tsp. baking powder
1 egg 1/2 tsp. salt
1/2 cup milk 2 cups blueberries, well drained

Cream together sugar, oil, & egg; stir in milk.
Combine flour, baking powder, & salt; add to
creamed mixture.

Gently fold in blueberries

Spread batter in greased floured 9x9 pan.

Sprinkle with topping

Bake about 45 minutes at 375 degrees.

Topping

1/4 cup butter

1/2 cup sugar

1/3 cup flour

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Melt butter; stir in sugar, flour, cinnamon

Crumble over cake batter

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>

Growing Fruit Trees in Containers <https://www.hgtv.com/outdoors/landscaping-and-hardscaping/growing-fruit-trees-in-containers>

Planting for the Bees <https://www.gardenersworld.com/plants/plants-for-bees/>

How To Save Seeds

<https://www.ourheritageofhealth.com/how-to-save-seeds-from-your-garden-for-next-year/>

The English Garden <https://www.theenglishgarden.co.uk/news-and-events/chelsea-flower-show/stand-out-show-gardens/>

Summer Flowers

https://www.gardendesign.com/flowers/summer.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Summer-Flowers-7-23-20



Fun times!

A garden gives you a protected physical space, which helps increase your sense of mental space, and it gives you quiet, so you can hear your own thoughts. The more you immerse yourself in working with your hands, the more free you are internally to sort things out and work them through. These days, I turn to gardening as a way of calming and decompressing my mind. Somehow, the jangle of competing thoughts inside my head clears and settles as the weed bucket fills up. Ideas that have been lying dormant come to the surface, and thoughts that are barely formed sometimes come together and unexpectedly take shape. At times like these, it feels as if alongside all the physical activity, I am also gardening my mind.

Very appropriate for these times. This was written during a time when the author was revisiting her memories. **The Well-Gardened Mind** by Sue Stuart-Smith, page 13, published in early 2020.