



# Garden Clippings

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## 2020-21 Garden Club Board:

Betty Ballentine – President

Judy Bucholz – Vice President

Charlene Drake – Treasurer

Fran Henderson – Secretary

## FEBRUARY 2021

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

Greetings Members,

It's been a quiet, wet, cool winter. I was beginning to think we would not have any snow at all this year. Then winter came with a beautiful layer of white! Spring, now seems to be around the corner! I am enjoying the blooms on my Camellia and Hellebores, and my daffodils are popping up all over the yard. I've been busy looking through seed catalogs and planning that first planting of vegetables this month. I have had very good results planting Walla Walla onions, lettuce, kale and peas in February.

This year's first meeting with the tour and faire chairs took place over zoom. We are closely monitoring the safety guidelines and hopeful there will be a 20<sup>th</sup> Tour/Faire on June 27<sup>th</sup>!

Our three scholarship recipients have claimed their awards totaling \$5000. Our members have voted to award up to \$3000 in 2021-2022. We should all want to do our best this summer raising money for scholarships.

Last year the Club bylaws were updated and voted on by the board. That occurred in February, 2020. The club stopped meeting in March of 2020 because of the pandemic. In order to present, discuss, and vote on these updates we need to be able to meet. I am proposing that I am willing to open an account on zoom at no cost to the club if you, the members would like to meet online starting March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Before I set this idea in motion, I would very much like your feedback. So PLEASE let me know your thoughts and opinions.

Many of you, I'm sure have heard the sad news that Rosemarie Caughran passed away. What a wonderful lady she was, it's hard to believe we won't see her driving around town in her little blue truck. The garden club must continue to care for Third

*Street; trimming back the ivy and weeding the tree wells. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful place with a wonderful tree lined downtown called Third Street!*

*“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

## **Club Officer Nominations**

Gaye Stewart

**Betty Ballentine**, Club President, has announced that the Executive Committee (excluding the President), has appointed a 3-person Nominating Committee, consisting of **Gaye Stewart**, Chair (former Club President 2006-2008), **Elaine Pollack** (former Club President 2016-2018) and **Janis Stovin**, to solicit and recommend candidates for our Club Officer positions for the upcoming 2021-2022 Term that will begin on July 1, 2021.

**Please** consider self-nominating for a position, or if you know someone you would like to nominate, please let me, or one of the other members on the committee know. You may reach me at [RosesRemembered@aol.com](mailto:RosesRemembered@aol.com) or 503.510.4370. Thank you.

## **SPEAKER OPPORTUNITY ONLINE FEB. 15**

Judy B. has scheduled us to try an online zoom speaker presentation **Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 11 am**. Our speaker is Alison O'Connor, Janis Stoven's daughter. A big THANK YOU to Alison for giving up her holiday for this!

### **Houseplants: Get Your Green On**

Alison O'Connor, horticulture agent, Colorado State University Extension in Larimer County

“Indoor plants have gained popularity in recent years and bringing the green indoors benefits us mentally, physically, and emotionally. Join Alison to learn more about houseplants and their culture. There's a houseplant for every level gardener!”

*An email will be sent to all members the day after this newsletter goes out. You should save it and then use the link provided in it to access the event on Feb. 15. The email will be resent on Feb. 14 as a reminder for you. We are hoping some of you will be able to enjoy this.*

For those who haven't used zoom, this may help a bit:

Zoom intro video [https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials?mobile\\_site=true](https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-video-tutorials?mobile_site=true)

Alison is going to post the talk to YouTube afterwards. A link to it will be sent out to members so if you missed the zoom meeting, you can watch to it on YouTube.

## 2021 GARDEN TOUR AND FAIRE

### Tour Updates

Although it's difficult to know what the next five months will bring, all of us are hoping to be reunited soon. It will happen!! So put Sunday, June 27, 2021 on your calendar as the date for a safe Tour and Faire. And know that volunteering your time on a Tour or Faire committee will bring you joy after missing being together for so long.

Because the 2020 Garden Tour and Faire was cancelled, many of the parts of that event can be refreshed and used for our 2021 Tour and Faire. Our poster will be the one we had planned to use which features the beautiful artwork done by Betty and John Ballentine's granddaughter. Other publicity items can be reused with the change of dates. Most committee chairpersons have agreed to continue in their positions from 2020. The Garden Selection Committee has five beautiful gardens that are planning to participate in June. And we've been brainstorming adjustments to the tour that would conform with government mandates that may be required to keep all volunteers, vendors and attendees safe and well.

Charlene and Dian, Tour Co Chairs



### Happy 2021 February Birthdays:

Sharon Gunter 06	Patty Ann Peterson 02
Stephanie Janik 22	Patty Sorensen 06
Arlene Kempf 05	Ann Widen 24
Dorothea Lee 11	

### Member Highlight

#### Fran Henderson, Secretary

\*Feature Columnist - Janis Stoven

I am often asked 'how did a girl born and raised in Southern CA end up in Oregon'? I tell them I simply fell in love with McMinnville while visiting the Pacific Northwest on vacation with my husband of almost 41 years, Mike. And it is true. I was amazed by the friendliness of those we met and the beauty we saw in and around the town. One of the things that caught our attention were the beautiful hanging baskets of flowers and how well kept Third

Street appeared. Little did I know that one day I would be raking leaves and trimming ivy on that street as a member of the McMinnville Garden Club.

My older brother and I grew up living with our parents in a small suburb of Los Angeles. The area, like much of the San Gabriel and San Bernardino Valleys, was home to citrus orchards that dotted Southern CA. Those orchards are now gone and have become bedroom communities for many middle-class families. While we had many fruit trees growing in our yards (peach, plum, apricots, and huge avocados) my parents spent only minimal time gardening. I do not acquire my love of plants and digging-in-the-dirt from either of them. My grandma, who moved in with us after my grandpa passed, had the green thumb. She could grow anything in abundance, so I like to think that gene was passed down to me.

Mike and I were married in 1980. It was a second marriage for both of us and we each brought two young children to our new family. Nine months later, our honeymoon baby arrived and we became a family of seven. We're both happily retired educators; moving here the day after my retirement. Mike mainly taught middle school math. I was a teacher as well as a Special Education Administrator working with little ones, birth to seven and their families. An added bonus was helping to design the gardens on our campus!

We found a home in McMinnville in 2016 and began enjoying our life in the PNW. We met new friends at the Aquatic Center and most of were members of the Garden Club. They graciously invited me to attend a meeting and I'm delighted I did. I joined on that visit and have enjoyed the many things the club offers; guest speakers, field trips, craft activities and most importantly the new relationships I have made. I hope to see everyone soon. Wear your masks, remember to Social Distance and keep fingers crossed the vaccinations are available soon so we can gather together in the near future. I've enjoyed the club and meeting you!



## **Dallas Garden Club's Jewelry & Accessory Sale**

(Includes hats, scarves, purses, ties, jewelry boxes AND Jewelry)

**Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**@ Evangelical Bible Church Gym**

**1175 SE Howe Street, Dallas**

**(Face-coverings Required & Social Distancing Observed)**

This is a fund-raiser to support the purchase and installation of a **Blue Star Memorial Marker** to honor those who have served, are currently serving or who will serve our nation in the military service. The installation and a dedication service are scheduled to take place on Veterans Day at the Dallas Post Office. Questions may be directed to the Club President at 503.510.4370 .

## Pacific Region Workshop Wednesdays

Gaye Stewart

**Robin Pokorski**, Director of Pacific Region Garden Clubs (includes Oregon and 7 other western states) has designed some innovative weekly workshops utilizing the amazing technology of Zoom. These weekly workshops are on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and offer presentations on various topics from “Making a Floral Design” to “7 Plants that Changed the World.” Presenters are from all parts of the country and have important knowledge to share with us. Robin then follows their presentation with some tips to running a successful Club.

These workshops are FREE; to sign up you need only to contact Robin via email [PRGDirector@gmail.com](mailto:PRGDirector@gmail.com) to get on her Zoom link distribution list which she will then send to your email a day or two prior to each Wednesday workshop. You only need to register once and then it’s automatic and you will receive the new link for each week.

This is the upcoming schedule:

**January 27 – Presenter: Lynn Fronk; Topic: “Winter Floral Design (advanced);”  
Club Tip: “When Discussion Turns to Arguing”**

**February 3 – Presenter: Tina Tuttle; Topic: “7 Plants that Changed the World;” Club Tip:  
“How to set an agenda”**

**February 10 – Presenter: Darlene Newell; Topic: “Combination Plantings;” Club Tip:  
“Treasurer’s Reports”**

**February 17 – Presenter: Becky Hassebroek; Topic: “Increasing Membership;” Club Tip:  
“Email Etiquette”**

**February 24 – Presenter & Topic: To be announced; Club Tip:  
“Motivating Participation.”**

I encourage you to take a look at these great workshops. I try to watch each week and I have learned something new every time!

## 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/>

[Herbs to Grow in Partial Shade](#) (Click on the title)

**When to Plant Seed** <https://awaytogarden.com/when-to-start-seeds-calculator>

**Explore Plant Combinations** <https://www.egardengo.com/explore-plant-combinations>

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