

FEBRUARY 2022 *Garden Clippings*



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2021-22 Garden Club Board:

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Dates to Remember 2022

- Feb. 21** **Zoom General Meeting Business and Speaker (see below)**
Zoom directions will be send prior to the meeting date. THANKS
- April 25** **Third Street Cleanup. Mark your calendars.**
- June 11** **Workers' Pretour 10:00 AM**
- June 12** **Garden Tour and Faire "Glowing Gardens"**
Tour: 10-3 Faire: 9-4

President's Corner Theme: Coming Together for Growth Adele O'Neal

Greetings Members,

We are one month closer to gardening time! The sun has been out the last couple of days, daffodils are starting to rise from the ground, and I am thinking about next steps on my front yard "remodel." I'm sure most of you are also getting antsy to get out in the dirt!

The pandemic has continued to not be kind to anyone and the numbers continue to skyrocket. We are hoping the experts are correct in their forecast that the numbers will peak sometime in February and start going down. Because of the uncertainty, the Executive Committee decided to plan February's general meeting as a Zoom meeting like we did for January. We want to keep everyone safe, and once the weather is a bit warmer, we will be able to meet in-person outdoors at the Fairgrounds.

The good news is still that the Garden Tour and Faire are moving forward - the Tour has four gardens lined up and the Faire has a majority of vendor spots filled! The new Serenity Garden project at the McMinnville hospital is happening and the group has planted the first group of trees!

The Executive Committee needs members who are interested in completing the second year term of office (September 2022-June 2023) for Treasurer and Secretary. There is information about both positions in the directory. If you are interested or have questions, please contact any member of the Executive Committee.



February is home to Groundhog Day...
can't wait to see what
Punxsutawney Phil's forecast is!

February Speaker: Emilie Taylor “The Unusual Plants in My Yard”

Emilie Taylor used to be a reluctant gardener until she discovered the beauty of having a garden that's been frequented by hummingbirds, various other tweety birds, squirrels, and feral cats. She also enjoys some of the tropical plants she grows, things like Korean Pears, Bitter Melon, Goji Berries and Paw Paw! It is kind of like National Geographic's wilderness only on a domestic neighborhood scale. Ah, organic gardening without chemicals and fertilizers. She says: "You will appreciate the higher costs of purchasing organics when attempting to pull aphids off your kale with tweezers..."

Bio:

Emilie was born in the Philippines and came to the U.S. to do her graduate studies. Afterwards she worked in nonprofit organizations and state governments managing grants. After meeting her husband, an insurance catastrophe adjuster, she traveled all over the country assisting him with work for many years. When she finally came home to Milwaukie, Oregon in 2014, she joined Toastmasters International; she is still very active in the organization and was the 2019-2020 District 7 Director. Aside from helping her husband with their estimating company, she has recently been certified as an Integrative Nutrition Health Coach. She has truly embraced gardening now. She lives on an almost ½ acre property, with an old house in the middle and plants surrounding the yard. She is very excited to share the unusual plants that are growing in her yard. She hopes her talk will "grow on you!"

Tour and Faire 2022 “Glowing Gardens”

Tour Update

A big thanks to those volunteers who are already working hard to successfully help the club present the 2022 Glowing Gardens. We are still missing five KEY chair positions and hope you step up to fill them SOON. The biggest one is **PUBLICITY**. The tasks for this position should already be happening. There is a notebook with details full of online links to add our event to their calendars, suggestions for other types of publicity and more that will be very helpful! PLEASE contact Patty Sorensen or Evelyn LaMotte today? We volunteered to chair the tour with the add on that members volunteer to help us. We are asking now.....please?

Other positions we **MUST** fill in February include:

Farmers Market Coordinator for June 2 and June 9. See Betty Ballentine for what this entails.

Garden Setup: Coordinates needs for greeters’ table at each garden. Sets up Day of Tour and afterward returns borrowed items.

Garden Volunteers Coordinator: In charge of the signups for various garden tour jobs.

Horticulture: Have 2 team members for you already. Visits gardens with team and determines which plants need to be labeled. Many labels are already completed. Coordinate with team members and garden owners for their placement on Saturday before June 12 for Workers Tour.

Stay posted for more ways you can help us produce another successful tour and faire for our community to fund more scholarships and the Serenity Project.

Ideas or comments or volunteering info should be sent to Patty Sorensen or Evelyn LaMotte See directory for contact info.

Faire Update

New vendors for McMinnville Garden Faire this year

Oh my, we’d better start saving \$\$\$\$....teehee



CCR Custom Metals

Hand crafted by Chase Rogers

At CCR Custom Metals, you will find products to add that special touch of design. From the garden to the café and everywhere in between, each piece is crafted with care to perfectly balance elegance and industry.

Make sure to check out his area.
<https://www.ccrcustommetals.com/>



Pat Donenfeld Maker of

Handbuilt Pottery

Pat has a wide variety of beautiful pottery.

<https://www.facebook.com/handbuiltpotterybypat/>
You can check out her web page to see our poster advertising the Faire.



Claudia Geller of
New Thread Designs

Makes beautiful Native American inspired creations, including tote bags, pillows, wall hangings and table textiles.
<https://newthreaddesigns.com/gallery>



Dorie and Bruce Horne the owners and makers of
Midnight Oils

Natural handcrafted products, soaps, facial serums , deodorant, body butters, hand sanitizers and sunscreen



Penelopes Jewelry Box

Kathleen Forbes is the creator beautiful jewelry that appeals to everyone.



Alice Strong of Strong Marketing

Brings us a variety of garden related items including gloves and brooms.



Michael Boyer of The Carpenters Kitchen's

Is making wooden kitchen accessories.
He is from McMinnville so make sure to say hello.

Membership Committee Updates

Janis Stoven

You're Invited to *Open Gate!*

Open Gate is a new opportunity for members to share, learn, engage, and become acquainted. Due to today's environment, new members and even current members are not feeling connected in this long-standing club, founded in 1926. Open Gate will help connect members.

What is Open Gate?

Open Gate is an opportunity for members to invite others to their gardens. This is informal, and fun. Member's gardens can be well-established, perhaps large, maybe small or a newer garden. All gardens are unique and exciting. Neither fees nor admission is involved.

What takes place?

Members visit your garden, meander about, maybe ask questions, meet other gardeners and *if you so choose* (not required) perhaps enjoy a beverage/and or treat. Refreshments are optional, homeowner's decision. Seating is always nice in a garden for those who might wish to linger longer to view wildlife or catch up with fellow gardeners.

When does Open Gate occur?

Homeowners decide the date and time. What works best for you? If you chose an evening time, current members may invite a friend to join them who could not attend during the day. This gives them a glimpse of gardening and perhaps a new hobby. Tours during the day are good too! You decide the day and time. Many gardeners will admit, they will arrange their calendar to visit a garden.

How do I sign up to host an Open Gate?

Contact Janis Stoven, she will gather the specifics from you, create an invitation and it will be sent to all members. Please plan your Open Gate at least one week in advance.

What is important to know about Open Gate?

Remember, this is informal, no reservations (just show up during the noted time), be respectful of parking, say hello to others and SMILE! The number of invitations to Open Gate depends on you. The Membership Committee will be present to welcome all and support the homeowner. Questions? Contact Janis. Thank you!

Contact: Janis Stoven See directory for email and phone number please.

SERENITY GARDEN UPDATE

On March 25 Phase 2 of the garden was completed. Nine trees were planted at the garden site at Willamette Valley Medical Center. We were thrilled to have the News Register and Eagle Eye Droneography also there. It was a cold but sunny day.

Your SG team is now ramping up the fundraising and publicity to help us move forward to Phase 3 of the project. First, we need to design the pathway then determine various plants to enhance the serenity of the site. You will be soon able to receive bookmarks to give out to encourage others to donate to this community project. Here's what we are promoting at this point. Thanks to Lori Schanche. for quickly getting information onto our website.

MISSION: “To provide our community’s hospital, Willamette Valley Medical Center, with a Serenity Garden which will be available for community access and to those served by WVMC as a beautiful respite for contemplation, relaxation, and healing of the mind, body, and soul. The Serenity Garden at Willamette Valley Medical Center is being developed by the McMinnville Garden Club in coordination with the WVMC through a five-phase plan. “

The Club is working on a variety of electronic ways to contribute and will keep you updated about them.

Contributions can be made now via cash or check written to “McMinnville Garden Club” – please note on the memo line ‘Serenity Garden’. Send via mail to PO Box 386, McMinnville, OR 97128

For more information, please contact us via: macgardenclub@gmail.com

Be sure to drive around to the back of the hospital to check out the garden!

Recipes from Betty

Betty Ballentine

Hazelnut Tarts

Makes two dozen bite size tarts. No baking required for this recipe!

2 boxes of pre-made phyllo tart shells (found in the freezer section)

1 ½ C Nutella

1 C mascarpone cheese

¾ C powdered sugar

jar chocolate fudge sauce

whole roasted hazelnuts

Combine Nutella, cheese, and sugar until smooth. For each tart, put a small spoonful of chocolate sauce on the bottom, then fill with Nutella mixture and top with a hazelnut. Delicious little bite size treats.

Carefully place tart shells on your serving platter. In a medium bowl, beat the Nutella, mascarpone and powdered sugar until smooth. Add a teaspoon of fudge sauce to the bottom of each tart shell. Pipe in the filling (this can also be spooned in). Top each tart with a roasted hazelnut. Very quick and easy and I guarantee no leftovers!

Websites to Explore

Patty Sorensen

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

Pacific Region National Garden Club
<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/>

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

If you are a Facebook user, check us out at

<https://www.facebook.com/McMinnville-Garden-Club-663261507128994>

Eagle Eye Droneography

<https://www.facebook.com/eagleeyedroneographyoregon/photos/a.133592318088065/648526823261276>

Invasives Discussion <https://awaytogarden.com/tackling-invasive-plants-strategically-with-christian-allyn/>

Birds in Winter <https://morebirds.com/blogs/news/winter-migration-which-birds-stay-and-how-do-they-stay-warm> (We don't have Cardinals in Oregon.)



Real gardeners buy at least ten thousand plants in the course of a lifetime without having the least idea of where they will put any of them when they get home.

gardencrossings.com