

January 2025 Garden Clippings

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2024-25 Garden Club Board:

Elaine Pollak – President Kay Fitkin – Vice President

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Dates to Remember 2025

January 13: Executive Committee Meeting

January 20: Garden Club Meeting at the First Presbyterian Church

9:30-10:00 Social time

10:00 Meeting and Activities

11:05 Speaker: Brooke Karash & Emerson Chase, Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation

January 14: Conservation and Sustainability Committee meeting

February 3: Arts & Crafts

June 8: Garden Tour & Faire

President's Corner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Elaine Pollak

Happy New Year!! 2024 is finally over. We can look forward to 2025. Time for new beginnings. Maybe trying something new. Time to make resolutions to do better, to be better. The winter solstice has passed and every day, when the gloom lifts, there is a minute or two of additional daylight. The minutes will add up and soon it will be an hour more and then two hours, and then three.

I hope everyone's holidays were joyful and bright with lots of time for family and friends. We had a fabulous luncheon at our December meeting. The food was great and the company was even better. Now we can catch our breath and resume our more regular routine. The Club can look forward to crafts and field trips and fascinating speakers.

We have Garden Tour Chairs!! We have vendors for the Faire!! We are all needed to make the Tour and Faire a success. This is our only fundraiser, and the monies raised pay for our scholarships and community beautification projects. Get ready to roll up your sleeves and don your aprons and volunteer at the Tour or the Faire or both.

Happy New Year!! Don't forget to perform random acts of kindness.

Birthday Hugs

January members celebrating this month are:

Myrna, Christine, Pauline, Beth, Nancy, Alice, MacKenzie, Wendy, Elsie, Ann S.

Chamber of Commerce Greeters

Check Friday, 8 am locations with this link: [Calendar of Events](#)

Welcome New Members: We love New Member's Energy

*Holly Juttelstad

January Speaker

Kay Fitkin

Our scheduled speakers for January 20 will be Brooke Karash and Emerson Chase from the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District. Brooke is the Outreach and Education Specialist; Emerson works for the Natural Resources Conservation Services as a Soil Conservationist and has a degree in soil science. Brooke was the representative for the Soil and Water Conservation District at the Faire last year. I took her card and signed her up. Emerson has a background in soil science and in warmer weather has done interactive soil demonstrations, but winter soil samples are difficult to dig up.

The Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District provides local leadership in conserving, restoring and protecting water, soil wildlife habitat and other natural resources in Yamhill County. **Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District:** yamhillswecd.org

Arts and Crafts with Kirsten & Colleen:

Kirsten Browne/Colleen Moxley

January: No January event: Use this time for self-renewal after a busy holiday season.

February: Pretty Pressed Flower Lanterns--These pressed flower lanterns are SO PRETTY and so easy to make!

When: Monday, February 3

Where: Kirsten's house 905 NW Birch St

Time: 10-12

Cost: \$5/10/15-- make up to 3 lanterns if you like! This is a cozy indoor event, with seating at tables, limited to 18.

*** Register and prepay for classes at the monthly meetings at the sign-up table.

If unable to make the meeting just give one of us a jingle. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces. Kirsten 619-944-0409 Colleen 503-883-3986

****BRING:** You will want smooth straight sided glass jars (without ridges) with a wide enough opening to place votive candles or tea lights.

Optional to bring: mug, a treat to share

Note: This summer when flowers were in full bloom, they were cut, pressed, and dried in preparation for this project.

December Arts and Crafts Recap:

On December 2, when outside daytime temperatures hovered between 34 & 36: you might have wondered if any fun could be had by extra bundling up to make Christmas wreaths in a huge unheated barn. (*Ok, truth be told, there was a wood burning stove to sidle up to, and warm beverages, and the warmth of friendship*)

These pictures answer the **fun** question: Much fun was had by all!

Colleen Moxley was kind enough to offer her barn/workshop again for this December Arts and Crafts happening. Colleen and her co-conspirator, Kirsten Browne supplied all the materials, demonstrated the process, and assisted members during this enjoyable event.



Washington County Master Gardener Association- Free Public Events

It's ALL about soil! A Master Gardener Webinar: with presenter, James Cassidy

Date: January 7, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

For more Information & Registration:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w1Qf1jiFSXOL-QXGkYJhMQ#/registration

Mason Bees 101, with Mason Bees 101 presenter, Ron Spendal.

Free class, open to the public. No preregistration required.

Date: January 25, 2025

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

More information: <https://washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/event/mason-bees-101-2/>



Conservation & Sustainability Committee Beth Frischmuth & Adele O'Neal, Co-chairs

Starting this summer, Oregonians will receive a standardized list of what can and cannot be recycled statewide. The Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act goes into effect July 1, 2025, making it easier for Oregonians to recycle and establishes new packaging fees to companies selling products in Oregon based on the weight and recyclability of the material. Hard to recycle materials such as plastics will command higher fees from companies, incentivizing producers to choose lighter, more sustainable materials. Styrofoam containers for takeout food will be banned in the state of Oregon sometime in January.

Today, each person in the U.S. produces more than 200 pounds of plastic waste each year, according to the EPA. Much of this waste ends up in our waterways and oceans, eventually becoming microplastics. Despite efforts to improve plastic recycling, no more than 9% of plastic waste generated in the U.S. gets recycled. Remember, our plastic yogurt containers are recyclable at our curbside recycling. Thank you to each and every member of the Garden Club who is committed to improving our recycling efforts.

There will be a committee meeting at 1:00 on **January 14** at the First Presbyterian Church, Knox Room. We will send out an agenda when we get a little closer to the meeting date.

Local Sustainability News: We're excited to announce The Bubble Rap Speaker Series 2025, a Zero Waste McMinnville Production, occurring the first Monday of each month. Talks start at 6:30pm at the McMinnville Public Library in the Carnegie Room.

January 6, 2025: Zero Waste McMinnville's President, Ramsey McPhillips, will discuss, "What is a Circular City?" Learn how we as a community can work together more to make McMinnville a more sustainable and regenerative city!

Good Eats

Betty Ballentine

After all of the holiday goodies, maybe it's time for some simple comfort food.

A French Bistro Salad: *Fresh, crunchy, filling.*
Best served with a warm baguette.

FOR THE SALAD:

1 head of radicchio

8-ounce roquefort cheese

1 head of romaine

7 -ounce caramelized walnuts or pecans

2 granny smith apples

Shred winter greens as you would for making coleslaw.

Cut unskinned apple into matchsticks.

Toss with the vinaigrette.

Last, top with crumbled cheese and sprinkle over the nuts.



FOR THE VINAIGRETTE:

¼ C white wine vinegar salt & pepper to taste

3 T Dijon mustard

½ C good olive oil

Whisk together the vinegar, mustard, and seasonings. Slowly whisk in the olive oil. This salad is best served at room temperature. Refrigerate any leftovers

Horticulture

Christine Pritts

The schedule below shows a cornucopia of free webinar leaning opportunities.
For more information on each webinar and to register for any of the webinars use this link

<https://clackamascountymastergardeners.org/2025-webinars/>

Let's Grow Together				
<i>Webinars Presented Every Wednesday January 8 – May 14. Sessions are FREE w/ pre-registration</i>				
January 8  FRUIT TREE PRUNING	January 15  PRUNING SOLUTIONS FOR TREES & SHRUBS	January 22  GREENHOUSE GARDENING 101	January 29  GROWING BLUEBERRIES	 Healthy Plants  Nutritious Food  Beauty  Biodiversity 
February 5  HEALTHY SOIL: PRACTICAL TIPS FOR NEW & SEASONED GARDENERS	February 12  GROWING VEGETABLES IN SMALL SPACES	February 19  GARDENS AS STEPPING-STONE HABITATS	February 26  GROWING EARLY-SEASON VEGETABLES	
March 5  CREATING A POLLINATOR GARDEN	March 12  TIPS FOR GROWING VEGETABLES & BERRIES	March 19  TIPS FOR GROWING TOMATOES	March 26  PLANT SUPERHEROES	
April 2  HOUSEPLANTS 101	April 9  RESILIENT GARDENS	April 16  SOLVING PEST PROBLEMS	April 23  GOOD BUG, BAD BUG	
May 7  DEBUNKING GARDENING MYTHS	May 14  INSECT-FRIENDLY HABITAT	 Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener™		
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More Websites to Explore

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

Pacific Region National Garden Club <https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>

Pioneer District Website <http://oregongardenclubspioneer.97048.info/home.aspx>

Oregon State Garden Club's Website <http://oregongardenclubs.org>

Yamhill County Master Gardeners <https://ycmga.org/>

McMinnville Community Garden <http://www.mcminnvillecg.org>

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

Cascade Nursery Trail <https://cascadenurserytrail.com>