



# Garden Clippings

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*Next meeting: TBD We will let you know when our next meeting will be able to be held. STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY!*

**2019-20 Garden Club Board:**

**Caitlin Wright – President      Judy Buchholz – Vice President**

**Charlene Drake – Treasurer      Dian Berg – Secretary**

## 2020 Garden Tour and Faire Update

Charlene and Dian

Hello all, Dian and I hope that you are all well and finding things to keep yourselves busy like gardening. The Tour and Faire tasks for this truncated year are just about wrapped up. We have gotten Faire refund checks out to all of the vendors who had paid for their spaces and our banner hanging fee back from the Downtown Association. As it works out we will just about break even for the T&F budget. Thankfully the last two years saw a sufficient increase in income to support us through this next year. Betty Ballentine has agreed to let us use her Granddaughter's artwork next year and we hope that the garden owners who were willing to show their gardens this year will be willing to volunteer them for next year. Finally, Dian and I have decided to take on running next year's event.

In the meantime do take care. We hope circumstances will allow us to produce our usual, very successful, Tour and Faire in 2021.

## A HUGE Thank You!

This year's tour and faire chairs: **Charlene, Diane, Ruth, Mike and Gaye** have worked very hard to try to make the best decisions they could as a team about the event during this crazy time. Their efforts were coordinated with not only each other but with the city too. They are to be commended for this extra effort!

Luckily the tour prep activities had not progressed to the point when we had printed many items. Homeowners were gracious and understanding regarding the cancellation. Several will be returning next year. Great leadership team!

The faire team had an incredible concern for their vendors who have been hard hit by this emergency. Not only did they have most of the booth spaces reserved which takes a lot of time and effort, but then they had to call and cancel all those vendor's reservations. They exhibited REMARKABLE devotion to their chair roles as well as the club. WE appreciate each of you!

**When we can get together and celebrate these leaders, we will in person extend the HUGS that we can not physically give to them right now.**



**Keep your eyes out for another edition of Wanderings soon!**

## **MEMORY GARDENS**

By Linda Kuhlmann

To me, there are two concepts for Memory Gardens. One is the garden area where you have plants that remind you of loved ones lost. Every time you walk there, you are reminded of those who have passed away, which gives the feeling that they are never really gone. I sometimes like to give plants instead of cut flowers to friends and family for this reason.

Another is my garden, which I prefer to call my “Memory Garden.” It has plants that I have accumulated that remind me of people, both living and gone, as well as places or events in my life that I love. For example, I have my mother’s Peony that I brought a start with me when I moved to Oregon in 1978. I have transplanted these rhizomes from each house I’ve lived in here and they are now about to bloom in my new garden.

My forty-year-old Bougainvillea are still in the same pots I bought them in after I moved here. Because they wouldn’t survive Oregon’s winter, I bring them inside to let them go dormant. This also encourages blooms each year.

When I lived in the 1894 Queen Anne house on 8<sup>th</sup> and Galloway Streets, a neighbor, Mickey Wright, took me to Walnut Hill area to meet a friend. This friend had the most beautiful Christmas Cactus that she said started from a plant that came to Oregon in a covered wagon! I asked for a start and now have three plants from that one start. When I was doing some genealogy on my mother’s side of the family, I learned that one of her ancestors from Indiana is buried in a Pioneer cemetery in Belleville area. Every time I see these plants, I am reminded of that ancestor.

In 1997, my husband and I were married and lived in a 1911 Bungalow house, where there was a lovely vintage pink rose bush. We went to Victoria on Vancouver Island, B.C. for our honeymoon, and visited the lovely Butchart Gardens. I purchased some large orange Poppy seeds there. Those plants have migrated from the Yamhill Street house to our new home in Shadden Claim area of McMinnville, along with a start from that rose bush and a ten-year-old potted Wisteria that I moved here.

About fifteen years ago, my daughter, who lives in Illinois, sent me a Hydrangea for Mother's Day and it is now in my new garden, as well.

We have some friends who meet for Happy Hour occasionally (except for the distance socializing now because of the virus.) One of my friends gave me a pink violet that blooms constantly because I feed my indoor plants with Eleanor's VF-11.

So, each time I walk around my house and garden, I see my treasured plants that make me happy. I call this "walking down Memory Lane."



(Double Delight Rose by Rick Sorensen)

### **Adopt a Block on Third Street**

Thanks go to the members who quickly helped us do a revised version of our Third Street cleanup which we could not do in April. Our adoptees were: John and Betty Ballentine, Jan Clay and Patty Sorensen, Elsie Carpenter and Stephanie Janik, Dian Berg and Charlene Drake. The ivy lost its battle for supremacy. One downtown business owner said, "Wow, so good to see something normal happening today. Thank you."

Way to go, adoptees!





## 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>

(Many of these sites now have popups when you open the link. Just close them. The content will still be readable.)

**Cut Flower Gardens**

<https://www.provenwinners.com/ideaboard/74137>

**Conifers for Shade**

<https://www.finegardening.com/article/conifers-for-shade>

**Cut Flower Guide**

<https://beauty.provenwinners.com/cut-flower-guide/>