

JUNE 2024 Garden Clippings



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2024 Garden Club Board:

Elaine Pollak – President Kay Fitkin – Vice President

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Dates to Remember 2024

June 3 NO Arts and Crafts

June 8 Pre-Tour for workers **9:30** at Baker Creek Church lot

June 9 Garden Tour & Faire *YEAHOOOOOOO*

June 17 Final Garden Club Meeting/Luncheon **Speaker: Ken, our webmaster** will take us on a tour of our new website!

June 24 Staining of Serenity Garden gazebo **9:30** at Jan Clay's

June 24 Post Tour meeting at Kirsten's **1:30**

July 26/27 Internation Pinot Noir Festival

Show up early to our meetings and stay a bit late to help us with SET UP/TAKE DOWN please.

June Speaker

Our last gathering for the year is June 17, our **Spring Salad Luncheon**. A sign-up sheet has been available for several meetings, but if you have not signed up, and want to attend, please contact Elaine, and indicate if you will bring a salad or a dessert. The board is providing drinks. We look forward to seeing you there.

President's Corner

Elaine Pollak

It is almost time for summer vacation!!

The Garden Club does not meet in July or August. We get to relax in our own gardens, spend time with friends and family, and return rejuvenated in September.

We have been very busy this year and have accomplished an incredible amount. Kudos and heartfelt gratitude to our amazing and industrious members.

Kudos to our fantastic webmaster, Ken. We now have a beautiful and informative website.

Kudos to the dedicated efforts of Patty and her committee. The Serenity Garden now looks like a garden. There is still a lot of work to be done but hospital staff, visitors, and patients, and the public can sit, relax and reflect. A special shoutout to Barb Hilty who has remeasured and reconfigured the plans.

Kudos to Mike and Ruth who year after year produce a flawless Garden Faire.

Kudos to Linda and Colleen who have streamlined and improved the process for putting on the Garden Tour. Kudos to all the committee leads who help prepare and spread the word about the Tour and Faire.

Kudos to Adele and Beth and all the members of the Conservation and Sustainability Committee. They are teaching us how to be kinder to our planet.

Kudos to all of our hardworking members who are part of a committee. Our committees keep the Club going.

Almost a third of our members have joined the Club in the last two years. Not only did they join the Club, but they have joined committees, often as chairs. Kudos to them.

And kudos to the members who have been around longer and continue to serve on committees and help at the Tour and Faire.

The Director and Assistant Director of the Pioneer District visited us at our April meeting. They were very impressed with all that we do to make McMinnville a better and more beautiful community. We can only accomplish that because of our wonderful and dedicated members. Thank you and kudos to all of us.

So, Summer Vacation is almost here. The Tour and Faire is June 9th. Our last meeting is on the 17th. We will have a summer salad potluck after our regular business meeting. Enjoy the summer. Relax and regroup so we can make 2024-2025 an even better year.

June & July Birthdays



JUNE: 3: June and Rosemary, 9: Janis, 16 Lisa, 22: Mary Lou, 23: Margaret

JULY: 4: Jan C., 7: Gaye, 8: Adele and Lynelle, 11: Doris, 12: Star, 14: Dolly, 16: Bonnie 23 Linda V., 24: Sharon

Good Eats

Betty Ballentine

Rhubarb Buckle with a Ginger Crumb Topping

Coat a 9-inch cake pan with cooking spray. Oven at 350 degrees.

Ginger Crumb:

¼ C flour

¼ C sugar

¼ C finely chopped candied ginger

2 T melted butter

Mix together in a small bowl, cover, refrigerate.

Rhubarb Buckle:

1 ¾ C flour

2 t ground ginger

1 t baking powder

½ t baking soda

¼ t salt

Whisk together in a medium bowl.

1 stick room temperature butter

1 C sugar

2 eggs

$\frac{3}{4}$ C plus 2 T buttermilk
2 C sliced fresh rhubarb

In mixer, cream butter and sugar. Mix in eggs and scrape down sides of bowl. Add the flour mixture in two parts, alternating with the buttermilk. Gently fold in rhubarb with rubber spatula. Pour batter into pan. Sprinkle ginger crumb mixture over the top. Bake until golden and firm, about 45 minutes. Cool on rack for 30 minutes. Delicious! Even better with a little scoop of strawberry ice cream on top.

2024 Garden Tour

Linda Hansen & Colleen Moxley

We are very excited to be celebrating the 23rd Annual Garden Tour and Faire on Sunday, June 9th.

SELLING - GARDEN TOUR TICKETS!!!!

The Garden Tour is days away. Please support by *promoting and selling tickets* to the Garden Tour and Faire. For tickets contact Lori Anderson at 503.936.6936. And, tickets are for sale at Incahoots and Kraemers.

May 30th & June 6th - Farmers Market: Please stop by our Booth to say “Hi” and support the promotion and selling of tickets for the Garden Tour & Faire.

June 8th Pre-Tour Mark Your Calendars: The volunteer Garden Tour members on the Day of Tour are invited to a Pre-Tour of the Gardens on Saturday, June 8th. Meet at the Baker Creek Community Church parking lot at 9:30am.

Garden Tour VOLUNTEER Opportunities:

1. Need Alternates for Day of Tour - Greeters and Hostesses: two shifts AM (9:30-12:30) and PM (12:15-3:15).
 - Greeters: welcome visitors to the gardens, tally tickets, etc.
 - Hostesses: partner with the home owner in the garden and answer questionsTo sign up please contact June Benson at Bensonjune3@gmail.com
2. Farmers Market (Thursdays, May 30th & June 6th): volunteers promote the event and sell tickets. June 6 available for sign up. Contact: Kirsten Browne at Kirsten.browne2@gmail.com

June 24th - Post Garden Tour and Faire Session – Committee Leaders: Mark your calendars for **Monday, June 24th at 1:30 pm** for a debrief session hosted by Kirsten Browne at her beautiful home and garden.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS participating in this year’s Garden Tour and Faire. So grateful for everyone’s support and sharing your time and many talents.

Mark your Calendars:

Saturday, June 8 Pretour AM Tour/Faire Sunday - June 9

The Scholarship Committee waited until the last possible minute to determine which finalists we wanted to interview. The financial aid form FAFSA is a required part of our application and unfortunately some students did not submit that. Others who did clearly did not need financial assistance. This dramatically decreased the number of students eligible for our scholarship.

These students will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship for 2024-25. We hope you will be able to meet these students at our June meeting.

1. **Anna Baumholtz** is a Dayton HS graduate who will major in biology at Linfield University.
2. **Kylee Heesacker** is a McMinnville HS graduate who will major in animal science at Chemeketa Community College.

These students will receive their second \$1,000 scholarship from us:

3. **Allison LaPoint** is transferring to Portland Community College for the Veterinary Technician program.
4. **Leanna LaPoint** is continuing at Linn Benton Community College in animal science.
5. **Avery Grell** is continuing at Eastern Oregon University in Agriculture/Entrepreneurship.

International Pinot Noir Celebration (IPNC)

The Garden Club has again been invited to support the IPNC team at the Grand Seminar Speakers Event on **July 26th and 27th (8am – 1pm) this year**. We will ask for volunteers to sign up and support the greeting of visitors, setup and cleanup of the seminar three (3) rooms located at Linfield College. In exchange we will receive a \$500 donation. More information will be forthcoming from Linda Hansen.

Serenity Garden Update

Patty Sorensen

A reminder to encourage Tour attendees to visit Garden #6, the Serenity Garden. We will have future paths painted on the site and landscape plans available for attendees. THANKS.

HELP! We MUST **stain the gazebo** before the Mac Leadership Team puts it together onsite in July. PLEASE join us in the fun on **May 24 at 9:30 AM at Jan Clay's** to accomplish this. If you would like to carpool there, let's meet at the church on Baker Creek Road by 9:10. Wear old clothes, shoes...bring brushes, sawhorses (if you have) and join the fun! Should be a quick task for a group of 6-8. Contact Patty for more details. YES, we will be done in time for you to attend the Post Tour event at 1:30

Be sure to take a look at Barb Hilty's new landscape design for the final phases of the Serenity Garden. The unplanned task we need to accomplish is to add drainage fields. The cost for this is just under \$3000. Please keep talking about our garden project and the opportunity for donating to help us continue to develop this gift to the community. We recently added the MANY plants provided by the Grant America project from the National Garden Club. Thanks to Cascadia for donating the planting help. Drop by and check it out!



Garden Club Plastics Project

Beth Frischmuth and Adele O'Neal Co-Chairs

Check out the list is on the Zero Waste McMinnville website: www.zerowastemcminnville.com/about-3

The committee is here to assist members with their questions. If you have questions before the June meeting, please contact either Beth Frischmuth or Adele O'Neal, co-chairs of the committee. If you wish to collect and submit the plastics on your own, that is fine – we just want our members to understand and participate in this important project!

Club LOGO

Our club membership chose this logo for the club at our May meeting. **ENJOY!**



Must Have Tool

Patty Sorensen

I received this tool as a gift for Mother's Day. WOW, I'm sold. It pulls out most weeds with hardly any effort AND you don't have to bend over. I HIGHLY recommend it!



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>

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/>

Native Plant Society <https://www.npsoregon.org>

Nursery Guide for Finding Plants https://nurseryguide.com/Find_Plants

[Gardening Myths](#) Check these out!

Gardeners World <https://www.gardenersworld.com/> You can spend hours browsing this site!

[11 Bushes that Thrive in the Shade](#) On Pinterest

<http://wildflower.org/plants>

