

June, 2026 Garden Clippings



McMinnville Garden Club
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9:30 Social, 10am Business Meeting, 11am Speaker 12-Close

2025-26 Garden Club Board:

Rita Canales – President, Dorothea Lee – Vice President
Linda Hansen & Lisa Binner – Treasurers, Betty Ballentine– Secretary

Dates to Remember 2026

- June 9:** The 100 year committee final preparations meeting, 1:00 pm at Rita’s home.
June 11: Executive Board meeting, 1pm at Lisa's home.
June 13: Pre-tour for our Tour Day Volunteers.
June 14 : McMinnville Garden Club 25th Annual Tour & Faire

June 16: Last Meeting for 25-26-, Plus Our 100th Anniversary Party
at the First Presbyterian Church. → *Please note: This will occur on*
TUESDAY, (not the usual 3rd Monday of the month)
9:30-10:00 Social,
10:00 Short business meeting followed by

**OUR 100 YEAR CLEBRATION, CENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES,
AND A DELICIOUS POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

- June 18:** Field Trip to the Rogerson Clematis Garden. *See article below.*
June 25: Cutoff date to for submitting information to go in the July newsletter.
Send news, ideas, & garden quirk to Christine at joyfullady9@gmail.com

President's Corner

Rita C

Looking back over the year, we have had so many fun activities:

Great Arts and Crafts

Interesting Speakers

Fun Field Trips

The Scarecrow Contest

The Rakettes

Christmas Crafts- where we viewed and bought arts and crafts from members

But let's not forget all the hard work-

(Not to say there isn't work involved with the fun activities as well!)

The Serenity Garden

Sunshine- sending out cards and well wishes,

Hospitality seeing to refreshments at the meetings

Conservation and Sustainability- working to help our environment

Facebook and Publicity- getting information out to the public

Watering the **Library Plants**

Newsletters- each month, keeping our members informed

Clean up at the Post Office,

Third Street and the West End

Recipes- for the Newsletter

Membership- welcoming new and used members each month

Raffles- entertaining and rewarding members

Friday Greeters- at the Chamber of Commerce

Scholarships- seeing to our future

The Garden Tour and Faire- so many jobs related to this it is difficult to name them all.

This summer **Open Gates-** visiting our members' homes.

The Executive Board- that is a constant support.

Hopefully I have not forgotten anyone's activity that they work hard at for our club. If I did, please gently let me know.

The reason for me listing all these things is to remind all of you, we can do all this because of YOU. It takes many people working together to make the magic happen. We rely on each other. We did all this in one year; can you imagine what we have done in 100 years?

What will we do in the next 100?

We will be CELEBRATING 100 YEARS on **Tuesday June 16th**, starting at our usual time 9:30 Social Time with a bit of a meeting. This will be our final meeting for the 2025-2026 year. Come and help us celebrate this wonderful occasion. We will be having a salad potluck, bring your favorite salad to share. The club will provide decorated cakes for dessert. We will have a costume/hat contest (please dress up, it will be fun), table games, honored guests, club photo albums from the past and a PowerPoint running in a loop of many club activities from the past and present.

Come and help us celebrate!

Thank you all for a lovely year.



Membership

Lisa B.

Welcome to our new member Jane B., who joined in May.

Thank you to all those who paid their dues at the May club meeting. Even though it was a frenzy of activity, we really appreciate the 45 people who brought their payment. Linda and I will again be available at the June club meeting to collect the remaining 40+member dues in either check or cash.

The Club runs on a fiscal year; July 1 through June 30th . To ensure that all members get their information in the new Club directory, it truly helps to have all dues collected before the year-end. Thank you.

*****Birthdays*****



*Wishing each of you a year filled with happiness,
personal bests, & finding all your favorite plants at
great prices.*

Members celebrating June Birthdays:
June, Lisa B., Mary Lou, Margaret.

If your birthday is in June and not listed above, Happy Birthday! Please let us know so it can appear next time around: joyfullady9@gmail.com

Field trips

Elaine P.

Thursday, June 18th:

We will visit the Rogerson Clematis Garden, located at Luscher Farm, part of Lake Oswego's Park and Recreation Department in West Linn.

The Garden with 961 cultivars contains the most comprehensive collection of clematis within the U. S. A.

Admission is free. We will have lunch at the Oswego Grill.

We will meet at 9:30 at the Baker Creek Community Church to form carpools.

Field Trip Etiquette:

If you did not sign up at the meeting and would like to go, contact Elaine to let her know. If you have signed up and cannot make it, please let Elaine know so we don't wait for you. When carpooling: It is traditional for each passenger to give the driver \$5

In July: We will visit the Connie Hansen Garden in Lincoln City.

In August: We will visit the Lux Perennial Nursery north of Hillsboro.

Garden Tour 2026 Communiques

Bonnie W. and Lisa B

It will be a great tour and Faire. If you are not signed up to work ... please consider volunteering to be substitute by filling in for a shift if needed.

Tour tickets will be sold at the following locations:

- ~Kramer's Garden Nursery
- ~Incahoots Nursery
- ~Berry Creek Nursery (in the newly transformed courtyard of MacMarket)

Good Eats

Christine P.

A great addition to your spice drawer or an unusual gift to give from your garden.



POWDERED GARLIC CHIVES

*The flavor powerhouse
you never knew you needed.*

If you're feeling adventurous and want to plant something new in your herb garden, like zingy garlic chives; or if you're just looking for some way to use all those regular chives that have multiplied in your spring garden, this might be just the recipe for you.

For more info, here's the link: [Superabundant](#) ,

Ingredients: One large bunch of garlic chives, wild garlic, or regular chives, cut into 2-inch lengths (about 4 cups)

Instructions: Spread the cut garlic chives in a single layer on the racks of a food dehydrator or on baking sheets lined with a lightweight kitchen towel.

Turn the dehydrator on to 135 F or set the oven to its lowest setting (usually around 175 F) and let the chives dry until completely desiccated (dried out).

This can take anywhere from a few hours to a full day, depending on the thickness of the chives, the air humidity, or the capabilities of your dehydrator or oven. Check often.

When the garlic chives are fully dehydrated, blitz them into a fine powder in a blender or spice grinder, then store in an air-tight container in a cool, dark place.

Community Beautification

YCAP: Eleven Garden Club volunteers showed up to portion macaroni into 684 bags (890 pounds!), to be distributed to organizations who serve our neighbors in need.



Yard of the Month:

Address: 947 Heath St., McMinnville

Owner, Michelle Nelson and her husband moved into this home six years ago, when the landscaping was builder's grade, with few plants. Michelle shared that she grew up on a rice farm, where flowers were not the focus. Although she knew little about growing flowers, she always loved people's flower gardens, so she followed a friend's advice, "Just go out and buy whatever plants you like and plant them." That's what she did: with poor design results. Yet, that started what she laughingly calls her "plant addiction". Since then, Michelle has learned much about plants and their individual needs. By necessity, she learned how to install

Christine P.



her entire drip system.

This photo shows a lovely trickling fountain at the base of the entry stairs, a recent Mother's Day present. Take a walk around the corner, and you'll see 30 dahlias, each in a Grow Bag with its own drip hose. Michelle loves dahlias and swaps them with other dahlia growing friends.

Websites to Explore

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

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

Pioneer 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>

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