

Garden Clippings March 2019

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Next meeting: March 18, 2019

Heritage Center
11275 SW Dunham Lane

If you need time on the agenda, please let [President Caitlin](#) know a week in advance of the meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Feb. 18 Club Meeting **The Plants of Oregon**

Join John Savage of the Willamette Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon. Last month he educated us on the evil plants of Oregon will continue his talk on familiar plants. Prepare to learn a lot!

March 16 YCMG "Spring into Gardening" Seminars See article below

March 18 Club Meeting **The Plants of Oregon**

March 29 Arts & Crafts: Terrariums: \$8 prepaid by March 19 Bring your glass container/gloves! 10 am at Patty's

April 15 Club Meeting **Soil; What It Is and How It Works**

April 22 **Downtown Cleanup** Contact Jan Clay for more information



2018/2019 Garden Club Board:

Caitlin Wright – President Jan Clay – Vice President

Charlene Drake – Treasurer Dian Berg – Secretary

*****Let's help support President Caitlin's Sustainable Goal and try bringing our own coffee cups to our meetings so we don't use the Styrofoam cups. Can you remember? ?????? Also bring your plastic amber colored empty medical bottles to recycle.

Jottings from 2019 Garden Tour Co-Chairs Ann Widen, Jan Stoven

Below is the list of all of our fabulous garden tour and faire chairs.

We thank them so much for volunteering!

Event Co-Chairs

Janis Stoven
Ann Widen

Garden Faire

Ruth Corsi
Gaye Stewart
Mike Stewart

Advertisement

Caitlin Wright

Directional Signs

Charlene Drake
Dian Berg

Farmers Market

Ann Silverthorne

Garden Selection

Patty Sorensen
Judy Eggers
Sharon Gunter

Horticulture

Poster Design

Poster Distribution

Publicity

Lori Schanche

Rita Canales

Kay Fitkin
Elaine Pollak

Marlene Petersen

Reader Boards

Dolly McCord

Road Signs

Linda Olsen
June Benson

Tickets

Betty Ballentine
John Ballentine

Treasurer

Charlene Drake

McMinnville Garden Club Tour and Faire - Sunday, June 23, 2019

Yamhill County Master Gardeners will have their annual *Spring Into Gardening* event **Saturday March 16** at the McMinnville Community Center, 600 NE Evans St. We will have a wide variety of speakers for all kinds of gardeners.

Slug Hunting
Native Plants
Bonsai
Climate Change
Organic Pesticides
Managing Clay Soils

Should you test your soil?
Irrigation
Weeds
Invasive Plants
Fruit Trees
Permaculture

To register visit our web site at: ycmga.org or come into the OSU Extension Office at 2050 NE Lafayette Ave. We hope to see you there!



WINTER - CORVALLIS STYLE

When this morning I awoke,
Startled by the quiet,
I thought that this must be a joke,
To miss our daily diet
Of rain upon our little roof,
And have no moisture under hoof
Or splatter on our windowpane
Of winter's ceaseless rain.

Could this be true, and really right?
I took a wondering to look again

At what had happened overnight
To our beloved rain.
A sheet of white had spread on all
From lowly weeds to trees so tall
As though someone with a magic wand,
Had changed our world to a fairyland.

Across the way a field of weeds
Looked like a Southern land of sun,
Held tights a tuft of cotton spun
Each Queen Ann's Lace with hand of seeds
By Mother Nature over night,
Who turned our land so shiny bright
I felt like going out with a sack
To bring a load of cotton back.

Let's all get out those rusty sleds
And take a ride down yonder hill.
Who cares if we may bust a head
Or get a snuffle or an ill.
This happens only once a year,
So let us give an extra cheer
And slide down yonder hill so steep,
If nothing else but on our seat!

---Emma Hillemann (Ellen Compton's mother)
Corvallis, Oregon
Northwest Challenge, Autumn 1960

How Do I Fix My Ratty Rattan Chair Legs?

I've been pondering this question lately. I have 3 rattan chairs that have sections of the legs where the rattan has come off. They look so worn out, but are still great chairs. I finally figured out a solution! I removed the torn rattan and used RAFFIA to repair those areas. I tied the raffia on at the back of the leg then wound it around to cover the area. I covered the first knot with raffia when I started winding and wound extra at the end so I could tuck the second one into the raffia. Now all I have to do is wait for warmer weather to spray paint the chair. YEAH!!!! Patty Sorensen



Charity Opportunity: 'Dress for Success'

Sponsored McMinnville Soroptimists International

The McMinnville Soroptimist Club has established an account with *New to You* to benefit area women. Bring items of clothing to New to You. If clothing is accepted, please tell employee to add to the Soroptimist account. Identified women will receive a credit voucher to select clothing from New to You, for a job interview or return to work. Women are referred by various agencies. McMinnville Walmart is assisting as well. They will provide funds for women to purchase items such as undergarments, socks, etc. Even one or two items of your clothing will build up the account to help area women! Thank you.

Janis Stoven
Member of McMinnville Garden Club and Soroptimists

Garden Advice Column — *we are lucky to have Ms. Genie Magnolia, syndicated columnist.*

Dear Ms. Genie Magnolia:

I'm hoping you can give me some advice, I am not sure what to do, I feel like I am trapped in the brambles. Every day on my walk I see him, and good lord he is huge. I manage to get a little closer to him each time I walk past, but for the life of me, I cannot keep my hands off him! Yesterday I stepped over the line. I stopped right in front of him, reached out and snapped some deadwood off. Yes, I snapped deadwood off of someone else's Japanese Maple! I couldn't stop myself. I did it again today. I just can't help it, he's a 5' tall Japanese Maple and currently looks like Cousin It, from the Addams Family.



Cousin It

Please advise me of the proper etiquette here. Do I finish trimming the deadwood? Should I clip crossed branches to tidy up? Asking for a friend.

*Sincerely,
Roxy Barberry*

Dear Ms. Roxy Barberry,

Oh my! Gracious dear, it appears your friend has become a Prune-aholic. There is no cure, you simply MUST prune. Don't worry, there are many of us, you can find us at the Garden Club the third Monday of every month. It's only a matter of time before you're strutting down the sidewalk, packing your Felco pruners on your hip. I would suggest you leave a card with the following note;

Dear Home Owner:

Hi, I am a Prune-aholic. I live in your neighborhood and I truly love trees.

But your Japanese Maple is in major need of a trim to take the deadwood off. Would you mind if I did it for you? No charge. Call or text.

(XXX)XXX-XXXX

Thanks, Roxy's friend

P.S. Darling, it's really not a good idea to touch your neighbor's trees. The only time you can trim without worry is if the branches are hanging into your yard. Be careful out there!!!

*Sincerely,
Genie S. Magnolia
Tree & Etiquette Columnist*

Websites to Explore

Patty Sorensen

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

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

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

Yamhill County Master Gardeners <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/yamhill/yamhill-county-master-gardener-association>

HGTV Containers <https://www.hgtv.com/design/make-and-celebrate/handmade/3-diy-oversized-planters-to-make-this-weekend-pictures>

Fine Gardening; It's Not Too Early To Get Out Outside

ALDA Landscaping: [How to Cope with Heavy Clay Soil](#)

