

Garden Clippings MAY 2019

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Next meeting: May 20, 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.

May Speaker: Spring birds of Northwest Oregon

The mild winters of the Pacific Northwest allow many birds to be year-round residents, yet many more species arrive each spring, some to nest and raise their young and others just passing through to points even further north. At the same time many non-resident species that spent the winter here depart for their nesting grounds in the Arctic. All in all it is a time of great activity for resident and non-resident birds alike. In this presentation you will be introduced to a number of songbirds, waterfowl, raptors and other kinds of birds that characterize northwest Oregon in the spring.

Steve Engel is a naturalist and educator who has been with the Hillsboro Parks & Recreation Department since 2014. Prior to that he organized and taught classes and led birding trips for the Audubon Society of Portland for eight years. He also worked as naturalist specializing in birds, marine mammals, geology and animal tracking with Lindblad Expeditions for fifteen years prior to that, traveling on small ships to locations such as Southeast Alaska, Columbia and Snake Rivers, Mexico, Antarctica and northern Europe. Helping people learn about the amazing natural world that surrounds all of us all the time is his passion.

Check out our website monthly for the **Yard of the Month** pictures! <http://mcminnvillegardenclub.org>



2018/2019 Garden Club Board:

Caitlin Wright – President **Jan Clay – Vice President**
Charlene Drake – Treasurer **Dian Berg – Secretary**

REMINDER: 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?*

Upcoming Events:

May 8 **Arts & Crafts 'Bug Hotels' \$10 prepaid by May 1.** 10 am -12 Contact Patty S.
June 2 **Field Trip - Gaiety Hollow, Garden Tour** Prepaid \$25. Contact Ann S.
June 17 **Club Meeting**
June 22 **Garden Tour PRETOUR** for workers and garden owners in the morning
June 23 **Garden Tour and Faire.....all hands on deck!**

Announcement: *The only items needed by membership for the Miniature Fairy Garden Booth at the Garden Faire are very small figurines, castles, animals and cars. We will NOT be having a plant boutique. All donations collected at the Garden Faire are designated for scholarships. You may deliver miniature items at the June Meeting. Donations of miniature garden plants are always welcome. Thank you, Doris*

At the Yamhill County Fairgrounds.

DON'T MISS THIS!



Jottings from 2019 Garden Tour Co-Chairs – Ann Widen, Jan Stoven
Garden Club Tour and Faire Update

In just a few weeks, June 23 will arrive and we will showcase our lovely community. Even if you are not a volunteer on June 23, please act as an ambassador for the McMinnville Garden Club. **If you visit the gardens**, please greet others, thank them for coming and perhaps ask if they would be interested in joining the club. **While at the Faire?** Thank the vendors for choosing our Faire and express appreciation. Words of gratitude make a difference. Throughout the summer months, when you enjoy a meal at one of our sponsoring restaurants, share you are a member of the McMinnville Garden Club and acknowledge their support.

Think about the time you were visiting a city, attending a social event, or church and a stranger greeted you. How did that make you feel? All of us can make a lasting impression on those who attend Garden Tour and Faire. Your kind words to that individual will be shared with others and good feelings will exist. Thank you.

Exciting Volunteer Opportunities

There are several volunteer options available for our Garden Tour and Faire. Remember, this is our one-and-only fund raiser. An additional Reader Board person is needed (one connects with several companies who have electronic information boards). Both greeters and hosts are needed at the Gardens. The Faire has numerous interesting openings; including offering bottled water to the vendors, relieve a one-person only booth, information booth and much more! Set up and take down is also in need of help.

Ticket Sales at the Thursday Farmer's Market seeks volunteers. Ann Silverthorne is the coordinator and desires assistance at the ticket sales booth. The Road Sign chairs need people to place six-signs on a designated route. Locations are suggested. Signs are placed two weeks before June 23 (June 9) and removed on by June 24.

Advice Column

Ms. Genie Magnolia is on vacation. Wonder which winery she is at? Or is she at Magnolia Markets in Texas? Word has it she has been dating the owner of Cousin It. He is an attractive divorcee after all. More scandalous details next month!!!



THANKS THOSE WHO HELPED at our ANNUAL DOWNTOWN CLEANUP!



A GIANT thanks to all the workers, [Harvest Fresh](#) for a lunch buffet and to Rosemarie Caughran for the bark dust. Great collaborative effort. We received many thank you's.

Tidbits from Janice

Kudo's to:

- [Patty Sorensen](#) – for leading a workshop on creating terrariums. All who attended are enjoying their terrariums.
- [Ann Silverthorne](#) – for arranging an outing to Al's Greenhouse for creating, dining, learning, conversing and enjoying. Also, a greenhouse shop hop! Almost 20 people on April 25th visited various greenhouses and garden centers. An abundance of plants were purchased on a stunning spring day.

Do you know?

Has your ticket number been called and you are a recipient of a door prize? At garden club meetings, door prizes are available. Most items are plant related, both indoor and outdoor. Door prizes are donations from members. There is no sign-up. Bring an item in a gift bag and leave on the table near the front. This is optional – but certainly adds to the excitement of a meeting! If you have an item you are not using i.e. succulent container, consider donating as a door prize. Thank you!

Arts and Crafts – Bug Hotel – May 8

Our May 8 Bug/Bee hotels have 15 of us attending so feel free to come anytime between 10 and 11. Bring your SHARP clippers and any dried plant materials you find around your yard or on the roads.....hollow tubed stalks will work great if you can find any. Moss, thistles, dried seed heads on plants, etc. With this many attendees we will need everyone to bring a bit. Patty has gathered a pile too.

Lavender Wands September 18? Let's do some lavender wands in September. We will need to have a source for our lavender spikes. If you are looking to purchase lavender new plants the directions say that these varieties are great to make wands from: **Lodden Blue, Royal Velvet, Grosso and Hidcote Giant**. One thing I've learned about lavender too is that it does not like to be planted where it gets watered often. My automatic lawn sprinkling system did a super job of killing them!!!

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>

28 Perennials You'll Regret Planting <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/231302130849429702/>

Companion Plantings <http://www.vegetablegardeninglife.com/companion-planting-charts.html>

Mulching <https://www.bhg.com.au/mulch-to-keep-garden-healthy>

“We're not getting old, we just need repotting.”

