



Garden Clippings

McMinnville Garden Club, PO Box 386, McMinnville, OR

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2020-21 Garden Club Board:

Betty Ballentine – President

Judy Buccholz – Vice President

Charlene Drake – Treasurer

Fran Henderson – Secretary

MAY 2021 Dates to Remember

May 16 11 am *Post Office Cleanup. Contact Lori Schanche(loriees@gmail.com)*

May 17 10 am **Meeting Fairgrounds**

Yamhill County Fairgrounds, 2070 NE Lafayette Ave, McMinnville Covered area behind the Leslie Lewis Pavilion **Social time 9:30 – 10am Meeting time 10 – 11am**

May 18 10 am *Arts & Crafts Patty’s house (see info below)*

May 20 10 am *Field Trip to Dancing Oaks.....Ann Silverthorne*

June 21 10 am *Meeting Fairgrounds*

June 26 10 am **Pretour** for volunteers and homeowners only.

June 27 9-4 **Garden Faire**

June 27 10-3 **20th Garden Tour**

President’s Corner Theme: Rooted in Community Betty Ballentine

I love the month of May; I love the lilacs, and how the entire garden just seems to burst into color! Warmer days spent tending the flower beds; every nursery buzzing with people buying plants. Bird’s nesting, fat buds opening to display beautiful shades of green, gold, and reds.

What a joy it was to see 40 of our members at the first outdoor meeting on April 19th! It was heartwarming to greet so many of you after 13 months of canceled meetings due to the pandemic. We have reserved the same space at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds for May 17th and June 21st. If you were not able to attend, I urge you to contact Dian Berg or Charlene Drake to volunteer for the Tour. Help will also be needed at the Garden Faire downtown; to sign up please contact Mike or Gaye Stewart. This month posters and road-signs will go up to advertise our 20th Annual Garden Tour & Faire! I will be selling tickets this year, and they will be available for purchase at our May meeting; you may pay with cash, check, or credit card; \$10/ticket. If you cannot attend the meeting, I am willing to deliver them to you or you are always welcome to pick them up at my house.

The 2021-2022 Officer nominations were presented at the April meeting. This month nominations from the floor will be allowed and then a membership vote will be held.

Adele O'Neal – President

Debra Smith – Vice President

Sherry Blum – Treasurer

Fran Henderson – Secretary

Thank you all for the support you have shown this executive committee during this difficult and strange year. Looking forward to a successful fundraiser next month. We cannot be successful without your help.



THIRD STREET CLEANUP a SUCCESS!

2021 GARDEN TOUR AND FAIRE

Seeing so many club members at the April meeting was what we've been missing these many months of separation. And the joy with which everyone is looking forward to the 20th Tour and Faire is so gratifying.

Here's an update on what's been happening in the wings: Lori Schanche has updated the McMinnville Garden Club website with great information about the event. Rita Canales is finishing up work on the tickets with help from Caitlin Wright, Patty Sorensen and Kay Fitkin.

Jan Clay is getting the word out to other garden clubs and places where publicity about the event is placed. Elaine Pollack is preparing her volunteers who will be distributing our beautiful posters. Kay Fitkin has been writing up directions to each of the gardens to be sure visitors will find their way after purchasing a ticket. June Benson has found volunteers to place all of the road signs that will advertise the event. And the amazing Faire team of Gaye and Mike Stewart and Ruth Corsi have found wonderful vendors eager to show their products at the Faire.

Below, please notice the places where help is needed. If you have volunteered for a task, we thank you with all our hearts. There are a few of you who have said you'd like to help, but haven't specified what you'd like to do. Now's your chance to find that spot. We welcome anyone else to the party. Just give us a call to let us know: Dian 928---231---3702 or Charlene 909----215----0849.

For of those members eagerly waiting to volunteer here is a list of the places available for your helping hands.

Pretour Tasks in Order of Time Frame

(Use your directory to locate the various members mentioned in this.)

One month prior:

Poster Distribution: there are 2 routes, local churches and 3 Mile Lane, left to fill. Contact Elaine Pollak to sign up

Two weeks prior:

Farmers Market: publicity and ticket sales. We would like at least 6-7 more volunteers to man our booth, talk about the Tour and Fair and sell tickets. This many volunteers will give us two people per 3 hour shift. Chairs, canopy and other supplies will be provided. Ticket sales will be cash unless the volunteer has a card reader they are willing to make use of. Contact Ann Silverthorne

Day-of-Tour and Faire: Sunday, June 27th

Garden host: we have 4 more time slots to fill for this task. Each shift is 2.5 hours plus a few minutes to setup at the beginning of the day, exchange with the next shift and close down at the end of the day. Contact Dian Berg or Charlene Drake to sign up for this task.

Garden greeter positions are filled at the moment but feel free to let us know if you would like to be on our last minute replacement list. Contact Dian Berg or Charlene Drake to sign up for this task.

Faire ticket booth sales: the club will have one booth at the Faire to sell tickets. Close to half of our ticket sales occur at the Faire on Day-of-Tour. Time slots are not official but 2.5 hours means that we need 6 volunteers. The ticket purchase booth also serves as a temporary storage place for Faire goers purchases. Contact Betty Ballentine, Ticket Sales Task Leader, Dian Berg or Charlene Drake to sign up for this task.

Faire helpers: faire helpers fall into three categories of roughly 2.5 hours each. Morning Setup, directing vendors to their booth locations, helping unload, etc. During the day help in delivering water, lunch orders, monitoring booths if lone vendors need to run an errand. End-of-Day clean up of the Faire area and helping vendors load their vehicles. You can sign up for one or more of the following shifts. Contact Mike or Gaye Stewart to sign up.

rosesremembered at aol.com

Morning Set-up	–	6:30 am to 9:00 am
Faire helper	–	9:00 am to 11:30am
Faire helper	--	11:30am to 2:00pm
Faire helper	--	2:00pm to 4:30pm
End of day Clean-up	--	4:30pm to 5:30pm

Day of tour general runner or backup: we need a few people who are willing to act as gophers. You will need to have a phone to keep in touch with and a vehicle. You may be called on to deliver extra tickets to sell, water to a thirsty worker or even replace someone who must cancel at the last minute. Contact Dian Berg or Charlene Drake to sign up.

In summary, your volunteer job is to be a happy and helpful representative of the McMinnville Garden Club by making sure everyone has a good experience while at the TOUR and FAIRE. **SMILES!**

Post Office CLEANUP

Time for our Spring cleanup at the Post Office. Bring the same equipment you did for Third Street Cleanup. More little weeds for this site. Hope to see you on Sunday, May 16 at 11 AM in the PO parking lot. Contact Lori Schanche loriees at gmail.com

SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to members who voted at our April meeting to increase our scholarship fund for next year to \$4,000! This enables us to grant \$1,000 scholarships to four worthy students. (Our scholarship fund is normally \$6,000 but was reduced because last year we were unable to hold our tour and fair, our only fund raiser, due to the pandemic.)

Two Yamhill County high school students will receive scholarships. Both are awaiting financial aid offers from colleges so neither is sure which college she will attend. (FYI, a student is only eligible if s/he attends an Oregon college although it does not matter if the college is 2 or 4 year, public or private.)

Jessica Reyes will graduate from Dayton High School and will major in Biology. She is a member of FFA and works in her family's nursery.

Cydney Stables will graduate from Amity High School and will major in Agriculture Education and Communication. While enrolled in high school, she completed an impressive amount of community college credits that will count toward her Bachelor's degree. She is a member of FFA and has started her own flower business.

Scholarships were renewed for two college students for a third year. Quentin Comus attends OSU/Cascades with a Natural Resource major. He serves as the First Year Events Coordinator and the Video Editor at his Cascades campus. **Steven Irving** attends OSU/Corvallis and is pursuing an Honors BA in Forestry. He is active in student clubs and the Oregon State Timbersports (logging sports competitions). During the summers he works for the Oregon Department of Forestry and fights wildland fires in Oregon.

Students will be invited to our June meeting.

--June Benson

OSFGC, Inc. Zoom Convention

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs 93rd Convention
Dates: June 14-17, 2021. There is no charge for registering and all sessions will be on Zoom.

You must send in your registration form by June 7th to Darby Walker. If you need the registration forms sent to you, please contact Betty Ballentine bballentine51@gmail.com

OSFGC, Inc. Digital Photo Contest

Don't forget to enter the photo contest! If you need a reminder about the rules for entry, please refer back to the March newsletter on our website at:

<https://mcminnvillegardenclub.org/2021/02/28/21mar2/>

Photo files must be e-mailed to the photo chairman on or before **May 31st, 2021.**

Happy Birthday



Jeanne Ayala 05/28
Betty Ballentine 05/30
Ruth Corsi 05/19
Aprly Garmon 05/10

Susan Gorrie 05/15
Kirsten Lund 05/09
Linda Olsen 05/19
Robert Vertregt 05/22

FIELD TRIP to Dancing Oaks Nursery, Monmouth, May 20 10 am

Bring your own bag lunch and drink please. There is a picnic area there and lots of unusual plants as well as demonstration gardens.

Meet at 10:00 am, Baker Creek Community Church, West parking lot, NW Elm St and Baker Creek Rd.

2 people per car with masks.

Ann Silverthorne Email: [reggie4811 at frontier.com](mailto:reggie4811@frontier.com) 503-----435-----1611

Arts & Crafts Color Pour Pots, May 18 at 10 am

Patty Sorensen

I've admired these for a long time and finally gathered the supplies last Spring. What fun this is! Simple yet gorgeous. Reminds me of the marbling I did 20 years ago! Come join us as we explore this craft on clay pots. Painting can be done two ways. Either buy the acrylic paint with the flow medium in it or use your own acrylic paints and add flow medium. Your choice.

Supplies you need:

Bring your own **cardboard trays covered with aluminum foil, paints...**

1. Craft stores are selling packs of matching pour color packs like used on the turquoise pots in this picture.
2. Patty has the flow medium which can be added to your acrylic paints for this project. Bring your own choice of 4 colors for each pot. Used in the picture on the smaller pots. **Cost: \$2**



...AND small clay pots. Bring one clean 3 inch and one " pot as we are just doing this project as a sample for you to decide if you want to invest in the materials to do it again at home. Don't bring bigger clay pots please. You can try to do a matching saucer, if we have time. Same process can be used on artist canvas to hang on walls but we are doing the pots.

To balance the pots as you work, you also need **to bring two empty pop, beer or juice cans** that you can turn your pots upside down on so the paint can drip off.

When they are dry in a day or so, spray with varnish inside and out. You choose if you want to use matt or gloss finish. I'd do two coats if they are to be used outside.

Due to Covid, you **MUST register** for this craft and wear a mask. If we have several interested, we may need to do a session at 10 am and another one at 1 pm. Signup list will go around at the May 17 club meetings or email Patty for a reservation. We will be meeting in my shop. [patty.sorensen at gmail.com](mailto:patty.sorensen@gmail.com) 1666 NW Medinah Drive, 2nd driveway

Directory Addendum

Members will receive an addendum to their membership directory which will include our recent new members. **WELCOME TO THE CLUB.** We are thrilled you have joined our fun!

Quarterly Finances Report

This report **should** be attached to this email in pdf format. Please take time to read it. THANKS!

Need Location to Donate Empty Plant Pots

Please let Patty Sorensen know if you have found a place other than Recology to recycle our empty plant pots. Rumor has it that they no longer are accepting them. Inquiring minds want to know!

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://ycmga.org/>

May Garden Chores <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/techniques/may-garden-calendar>

Mini Woodland <https://www.wildlife-gardening.co.uk/Make%20a%20Mini-Woodland.htm>

Don't forget to check out our **Yard of the Month** feature on our website. New yards will be honored this year. <https://mcminnvillegardenclub.org/yard-of-the-month/>





YEAH! We had a meeting together. Thanks, Betty, for your hard work to accomplish this!