

MAY 2022 Garden Clippings

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2021-22 Garden Club Board:

Adele O'Neal – President Deb Smith – Vice President
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Dates to Remember 2022

- May 9** **Crafts Plant Exchange** See below.
May 16 **Garden Club Meeting 10 AM Leslie Lewis Pavilion at YC Fairgrounds**
May 20 **Serenity Garden Plant Selection Brainstorming session 1:30 Place TBD**
June 6 **Garden Club Meeting PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE**
 Garden Tour Committee Meeting 12-12:45
June 11 **Workers' Pretour 10:00 AM**
June 12 **Garden Tour and Faire "Glowing Gardens"**
 Tour: 10-3 Faire: 9-4
July 8 **Garden Tour Celebration Meeting 1:00 pm**

President's Corner Theme: Coming Together for Growth Adele O'Neal

Greetings Fellow Gardeners,

My lilacs are blooming along with my favorite camellia, I've been working out in my yard at least a little and life is good!

The April general meeting agenda was packed and the Club is moving forward with lots of activities. We will begin collecting dues at the May meeting and electing a Secretary and Treasurer for the 2022-2023 year.

Activities outside of the general meeting include the Third Street Clean-Up which was on the 25th and it sounds like it was successful. Thank you to the 15 or so club members who attended to help beautify downtown McMinnville! The countdown continues for the Garden Tour and Garden Faire – only a few short weeks until June 12! If you want to assist on the day of the Faire, contact Mike Stewart or Ruth Corsi, and if you want to help with the Tour, contact Patty Sorensen or Evelyn LaMotte. Tickets for the Tour will be sold at the general meeting, so feel free to get your tickets now. The Plant Exchange on May 9 sounds like fun, please check it out!

We joined the McMinnville Chamber of Commerce to help with publicizing our Garden Tour and Faire as well as the Serenity Garden, so anyone who would like to attend Greeters, please feel free to do so; there is information in the newsletter about where the meetings will be held. They are always on a Friday at 8:00 am.

I hope you all are enjoying the days of sunny weather – I call them “teaser” days – it seems like we have one day of sun and then 3 of rain! But, we do live in Oregon and the weather is just part of the charm of being here. I appreciate all of you for being part of the McMinnville Garden Club, we have a wonderful, active group!

April Speaker: Dorothea Lee Colorful Conifers

Deb Smith

Dorothea Lee, a member of our club, has been a horticulturist most of her life, working at wholesale nurseries and for landscapers. For seven years she was employed as west coast sales rep for Iseli Nurseries in Boring OR. Iseli specializes in dwarf and unusual conifers and Japanese maples.

After majoring in English at university she switched to horticulture and studied at Clackamas Community College, Mt. Hood CC, and Rock Creek PCC. Not surprisingly her favorite hobbies are reading and gardening.

Dorothea will present a program entitled ‘**Colorful Conifers: Evergreens Are Not Just Green,**’ showing pictures of blue, gold, and bi-color plants of every size which look great in your garden year-round.

Recipes from Betty

Betty Ballentine

Yogurt Shortcake Biscuits

It’s almost strawberry picking time, so here is a wonderful little biscuit to make strawberry shortcake with. The biscuits keep well in the freezer too! Enjoy



- 1 ½ C flour
- ¼ C sugar
- 1 t baking powder
- ¼ t baking soda
- ¼ t salt

Whisk together in mixing bowl. Next add 1/3 C very cold butter cut into small bits, use a pastry cutter until you get small pea size bits.

In another bowl combine: Then add to dry ingredients to form dough.

- ½ C plain yogurt 3 T milk
- 1 egg ½ t vanilla extract

Scoop dough onto parchment lined baking sheet. Make 6 biscuits. Brush tops with milk. Sprinkle with turbinado sugar. Bake at 400 degrees for 17 – 18 minutes until golden brown. The turbinado sugar gives them a sweet crunchy top.

Website Help Needed

The board is looking for someone to help Lori with the Garden Club's website doing simple things like adding the monthly newsletter or adding events to the calendar. Please contact Adele if you or a family member might be able to assist with this very important job.

Tour "Glowing Gardens" and Faire June 12, 2022

Tour Update

Our Tour/faire date is rapidly approaching. Posters and Street Signs will be placed in various locations in May. THANKS so much to all who help with their placements. Be sure to keep talking to your friends, neighbors, groups, etc. about the event. You can pick up tickets from Betty Ballantine or others can purchase at Incahoots and Kraemers starting May 1. We also will have a booth at the Downtown Farmers Market on June 2 and June 9. You are the best salesmen...and saleswomen.....

Be sure to mark on your **calendar for our June 11 Pretour meeting at 10** at the church parking lot on Baker Creek Rd. to carpool to the gardens. This is open to members and the garden owners who will be unable to view them on Sunday.

Behind the Scenes: Preparing for the McMinnville Garden Club Tour and Faire
Rita Canales, Graphics Designer

Janis Stoven

Rita Canales joined the McMinnville Garden Club in 2015 and has since created and produced all the graphic materials for the Garden Club Tour and Faire including: main poster, the marketing bookmarks, tour ticket with all the specific details and additional flyers as needed. Rita became a Master Gardener in California in 2009 and was also an active member of her local garden club, having served as president and vice president. Currently, Rita is very active in the Yamhill County Master Gardeners but offers her skills and talents to the McMinnville Garden Club as well.

Rita became involved in the Tour and Faire through the encouragement of a garden club member who called her husband Tom to see if he would be the graphics designer. Rita willingly added this volunteer job to her list. Rita relies on the co-chairs to decide on the graphics, theme and starting the process. Once decided, she receives data and begins creating the graphics and marketing materials; "I don't mind doing this at all, I enjoy it!" Rita's biggest challenge? Making sure all the necessary information is included in the tour ticket (garden descriptions, written directions, map, and other pertinent information) to ensure guests have an enjoyable experience.

Rita and Tom are avid gardeners and maintain a large yard. They enjoy their two adult children and four grandchildren, dog Sam (Brittany Spaniel), and love camping and vacationing in their motor home. Rita has played a key role in the promotional and marketing success of the annual McMinnville Garden Club Tour and Faire for the past seven years. McMinnville Garden Club members express their sincere appreciation to Rita for the attractive and appealing graphics she has designed and produced. Thank you.

Breaking News: The Serenity Garden committee is excited to announce that the locally produced garden television show, Garden Time TV, will be in McMinnville on Monday, May 30th, to shoot production footage to promote our Garden Tour/Faire and also showcase the in-process Serenity Garden. An exact time has not yet been set, but any members are encouraged to be present to participate in watching at the Serenity Garden location. They will be also shooting footage at the Gorrie home garden as a stop on the Tour. The time will be announced when it is set. Following the shooting and gathering of good content, our segment will then be broadcast on their show on Saturday, June 4th in plenty of time to attract Tour/Faire attendees. The show airs at 10 am. Check their website for specific channel location based on your provider: www.gardentime.tv

Third Street Cleanup April 25

A HUGE THANK YOU to all who volunteered their time to help with our Downtown Cleanup. You are greatly appreciated for your community spirit and sore muscles! Hope you saw it in the Friday, April 29, New Register and on our Facebook page.

Dues!

It is time to start thinking about dues; we will begin collecting them at the May general meeting, so bring your checkbook! We want to get the directory out to members at the September General Meeting, so if you want to be included in the Directory, we WILL need all the dues to be collected by August.

Meet Your Board:

President Adele O'Neal (Reprinted from Feb. 2020)

I was born and raised in Southern California. While we had a beautiful yard, my parents never grew vegetables (my mother grew up on a farm and wasn't interested at that point in her life), so the first time I had a vegetable garden was when I was a young adult. Over the years my garden grew to a large 50' x 50' space to what I have now, 3 raised beds!

I enrolled in the Master Food Preserver Program many years ago and gave presentations to different groups including at the State Fair on how to make fruit pie filling and safely can tomatoes and other produce. I have been toying with the idea of enrolling in the Master Gardener program but wanted to wait until I was retired...I probably need to sign up since I retired in August 2019. (Update: working again part time for the state.)

My career in human resources was very fulfilling to me and I retired after 21 years at the State of Oregon. The State of Oregon was where I met Beryl Anderson, a member of the McMinnville Garden Club and we served in Toastmasters International as volunteer leaders. So, following her to the Garden Club is just a natural thing for me to do! My current home has a wonderful yard, and I will be working on the front yard over the next couple of years to make it more beautiful.

I completed the back yard last year and am very happy with it. I am an artist and make sterling silver jewelry which I market at several events during the year, including the Garden Faire in June and Art Harvest Studio Tour in October. I am excited to be a part of the McMinnville

Garden Club and am looking forward to getting to know the other members and participate in the events.

Chamber of Commerce Update

We joined the McMinnville Chamber to help get information out about the Garden Club's community activities, the Garden Tour/Faire and Serenity Garden, and to hopefully get some new members! After just one Greeters meeting, it has been very positive!



Three members attended our Club's first Chamber of Commerce's Friday Greeters gathering at Citizens Bank on Friday, April 22 (Earth Day!)

The gathering was well attended by both business and nonprofit organization members. Our presence was well received, where we shared about the Club, the annual upcoming Garden Tour/Faire and distributed Tour/Faire and Serenity Garden informational bookmarks.

Wonderful people we met included the Executive Director of the Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation (whose office is at the Serenity Garden hospital location) and the Chamber Greeters Program Presenter from the American Cancer Foundation. Both remarked about the Serenity Garden trees that were planted in January as being a welcomed addition! Both have inquired about providing more information about the future growth plans for the Garden.

Many attendees greeted us with enthusiasm about wanting to join our organization! Hopefully, more of our members will be able to attend future Friday Greeters gatherings held every Friday from 8 - 9am with locations varying weekly. Announcements will be sent to the Club about the weekly locations in the newsletter or via email. The CC calendar shows locations about 3 weeks out. <https://mcminnville.org/>

Friday, May 6, Chamber of Commerce Greeters 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Gill's Point S Tire & Auto Service

3100 NE Hwy 99W McMinnville, OR

Registration: Free No RSVP required. Coffee and snacks and prize drawings.

Friday, May 13, Chamber of Commerce Greeters 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Michelbook Country Club hosted by the **See Ya Later Foundation**

1301 NW Michelbook Lane McMinnville, OR

Registration: Free No RSVP required. Coffee and snacks and prize drawings.

Arts and Crafts

Kirsten Browne and Colleen Moxley

Monday, May 9 - Plant Exchange

Please note ***TIME CHANGE 1:00PM set up, 1:30 Start**

Do you want to give your garden a facelift? Want to get plants, bushes, flowers, and bulbs for FREE? Come to our 1st ever **Garden Club Plant Swap!**

Divide those bulbs! Dig up seedlings! Root those clippings! Or come empty handed.

Help new gardeners by labeling with information- sun, shade, water requirements, size.

*Mystery plants (i.e. not a CLUE what this is) and Houseplants are welcome too!

Upon arrival you'll receive a card with your assigned group. Groups will be called to head to the tables and select a plant. After all groups have been called, then we'll repeat until plants have new homes. **YOU WILL LEAVE WITH Fab NEW PLANTS!**

* We encourage members to bring unique interesting plants that you think folks will enjoy.

*There will be a few left over at the end of the exchange. We ask that you take the plants you brought home.



When: **Monday, May 9th**

1:00 Set up, browse, mingle

1:30-2:30ish Exchange begins!

Where: Janis Stoven's place **1230 NW Torres Pine Ct.** We hope to see you all there.
Questions? Call or text Kirsten 619-944-0409 or Colleen 503-883-3986

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/>

Cascade Nursery Trail <https://cascadenurserytrail.com>

Flowers for Bees https://www.gardendesign.com/flowers/bees.html?utm_source=article-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Bee-Flowers-4-14-22#flowers

Best Early Flowers https://www.monrovia.com/be-inspired/best-early-spring-flowering-plants-to-attract-pollinators.html?utm_campaign=Nurture%20%7C%20Grow%20Beautifully&utm_medium=email&hsmi=205600858&hsenc=p2ANqtz--4dYwbEqKbVGtPcbFI2CMzAQIplZ_oYzd_F9XY-xojttyjXkfq-6xIHdyblznYp5rjR1aecAavlGYC6RagkSpx7IAEqA&utm_content=205600467&utm_source=hs_email