

Garden Clippings November 2018

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Next meeting: Nov. 15, 2018

*****Heritage Center*****

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

Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 12** Board meeting 10 am at D. Berg's. All members are welcome.
- Nov. 13** **Salem Arts/Crafts junking trip/lunch** Leave Baker Creek Church 9:30
- Nov. 17** **Field Trip** to Salem's Olde Fashioned Faire Contact Ann Silverthorne for details
- Nov. 19** **Club meeting at Heritage Center 9:30-12 Collection for YCAP**
- Nov. 23** **Rakettes at the Holiday Parade 4:00** Contact Kay Fitkin for details.
- Dec. 3-4** **Wreath making Arts/Crafts** at Rosemary's. 10-1 More info: Rosemary or Betty
- Dec. 7** **Field trip** to the McLaughlin House in Oregon City with lunch at Highland Still House for the opportunity to have haggis. Contact Ann Silverthorne for details
- Dec. 17** **Club Potluck at Heritage Center 9:30-12**

November Speaker: Kirstin Babbs, President of Keep Oregon Green Association, Inc.

The Willamette Valley is known for its abundant rainfall and lush landscapes, but summer heat and the abundance of fuels can leave the valley just as vulnerable to wildfire as any other fire-prone area of the state. Homeowners can decrease the potential for damage to their home and property by incorporating Firewise USA principles around their home. That includes maintaining a 30' flammable-free area around the home and using fire-resistant plants in the landscaping. Fire-resistant plants are those with moist, supple leaves and low resin content. They are slow to ignite, slowing or stopping the spread of a fire. Fire-resistant, however, does not mean fireproof. All plants have the potential to burn if they are neglected. This presentation will highlight the Firewise USA program and fire-resistant plants that thrive in the Willamette Valley's weather conditions.



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 the November meeting so we don't use the **Styrofoam** cups. *Can you remember? ??????*



Image from Facebook page at Racing Extinction.

500 styrofoam cups can be saved from ending up in landfill for each reusable cup we buy!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Caitlin Wright

It's that time of the year again! The fog is rolling in and we are finding our gardens bedazzled with morning frost. Fall is a wonderful season to spend time in the garden, and of course, there's always a lot of work to do to prepare for the seasons ahead! It's time to prune and trim back our fruit trees, shrubs, and spent foliage. Get creative with the last gifts of your garden by trying out some dried bouquets or potpourri! Prepare your plants for overwintering by adding a layer of compost in your garden to feed the soil and prevent pests and weeds. Insulate your susceptible plants by adding mulch around the roots of your roses, rhododendrons, and azaleas. Be sure to remember take inside your non-hardy container flowers, trees, and shrubs. Fall is also the best time of year for planting most spring and summer flowering bulbs. Clean, sharpen and oil tools and equipment before storing for winter. After all of your hard work in the garden, be sure treat yourself to a hot beverage and get cozy as you dream up plans for next year's garden!!

At our November meeting we will be collecting donations for YCAP, our local foodbank.

They currently need healthy, low-fat and low-sugar foods such as:

- Shelf-stable milk
- Foods high in protein: canned meats like tuna, chicken, or salmon, canned or dried beans
- Foods high in nutrients: canned fruits and vegetables (preferably with reduced sodium and reduced sugar)
- Whole-grain foods: brown rice, whole grain cereal, and whole-wheat or whole-grain pasta
- Soups, canned chilis and stews (preferably with reduced sodium and reduced fat)
- 100 percent fruit juice (canned, plastic, or boxed)
- Unsaturated cooking oils
- Other nutritious foods (preferably with reduced fat, sodium, and sugar)

All food donations must be commercially packaged. No glass containers, please.

Calling all Rakettes! *November 23 late afternoon.*

We still need volunteers to make this year's parade a success. Vivian Peterson's son has a flatbed truck for anyone who can not march. John Ballentine has agreed to push a wheelbarrow with the packets of bird seed.

Does anyone have older grandchildren to pass out the birdseed? If not, Betty and I will take on that task. I have a dozen members signed up, but we need more! At the meeting many hands were raised in favor of keeping our club active in the parade, so let's do our best for our community. It's easy to decorate your rake and wear a red sweatshirt, etc. with a garden hat. Please email or call me with any questions or to volunteer.
 Kay Fitkin See directory for phone # or kfitkin@mac.com



Carry Your Cell Phone!!!

I want to encourage everyone to keep their cell phones on them at all times. I was fortunate to have mine in my pocket when I passed out, without warning, on my kitchen floor. When I came to, I was able to call help, and was rushed to the hospital. I now have a pacemaker. It was a weird experience, and totally unexpected.
 Joanne DeWitt

Arts/Crafts Holiday Wreaths and Baskets: Dec. 3-4 10:00-1:00



We will be meeting at Rosemary Vertregt's home. Bring gloves, clippers, greens, berries, snacks, etc. **Dress WARM**

If we have to cancel for weather please watch the website.

Basket forms \$5

Wreath forms: Large 20" \$3 Medium 16" \$ 2.50 Small 8" \$ 2



Jottings from 2019 Garden Tour Co-Chairs –

Ann Widen, Jan Stoven

In November, thoughts turn to special holiday gifts for friends or family members. A perfect gift is an invitation to the 2019 Garden Tour and Faire, Sunday, June 23. Book marks will be available at the November meeting. Add a book mark to a holiday card explaining you will be going together to this event. Spending the day together is the best-gift-of-all. Stroll the five featured gardens and take in their beauty. There are over 50 booths at the faire offering a stunning array of items from metal art, handmade sun hats, various wooden trellis, lovely succulents, bountiful hanging baskets and much more. Your invitee will be grateful for the happiness you'll share.

Garden Tour and Faire Thoughts:

*This (dual) event is the only fund raiser sponsored by the McMinnville Garden Club. **Tickets are just \$10!** Faire is free!

*Each garden club member should be excited to help promote ticket sales to neighbors, friends, and others.

Tickets are just \$10!

*Question "if it rains, I might not want go and then I wasted my money". Answer: If you purchase tickets for ANY event and not attend, it is not the same? **Tickets are just \$10!**

*Membership in the McMinnville Garden Club is \$25 per year, only \$2.08 per month. Show your support of this dynamic club by purchasing tour tickets. **Tickets are just \$10!**

*Share with others in your card or knitting groups, HOA, volunteer organizations, church circle and more, about this event. Word-of-mouth is effective advertising. **Tickets are just \$10!**

30th Annual Wine County Holiday Home Tour Sponsored by the McMinnville Soroptimist Chapter

Sunday, December 9th Holiday Home Tour - five homes 1 - 5 pm

Silent Auction and Festivities at Michelbook Country Club 1 - 6 pm

Ticket price: \$25

Soroptimist members purchased 2018 garden tour tickets from Jan at their meetings. She'll have their Holiday Home Tour tickets for sale at our Nov. 19 meeting. One of the gardens selected for our 2019 tour is featured on this holiday home tour and will showcase five theme trees (located on Torres Pine Court)!

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>

Gardening for Native Bees <https://gardeninacity.wordpress.com/2018/10/22/gardening-for-native-bees-interview-with-heather-holm/?fbclid=IwAR2WeZ3CtA3XgpzvS4UwamrKuYhdGBEBu76esBTDkiqTtaXUebzvSqw4d6Y>

Autumn Birding Essentials: <https://www.songbirdgarden.com/store/info/infoview.asp?documentid=308>

Trees for Fall Colors: <https://www.gardendesign.com/trees/fall-color.html>

Recommended Seed Catalogs: <https://www.thegardenglove.com/top-garden-seed-catalogs>

Oregon Public Broadcasting presented a new feature piece on bees, shown in mid October. The bee information is the second segment (middle) within this three segment production. It starts about 10 minutes or so within the document. You may see familiar faces as well. Enjoy! Jan Stoven

<https://www.opb.org/television/programs/ofg/episodes/3001/>



Check out **Page B7** of the **News Register Oct. 26** newspaper. There's a picture from the 1968 flower show of the McMinnville Garden Club!!!