

November, 2025 Garden Clippings

McMinnville Garden Club

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9:30 Social, 10am Business Meeting, 11am Speaker 12-Close

2025-26 Garden Club Board:

Rita Canales – President, Dorothea Lee – Vice President

Linda Hansen & Lisa Binner – Treasurers, Betty Ballentine– Secretary

Dates to Remember 2025

November 2nd- 2:00-3pm: *20th Century Landscape Architecture*, a lecture by Mark R. Eischeid, offered by Lord & Schryver Conservancy in Salem OR.

November 3: Crafting event: floral pumpkins and gourds at Colleen Moxley's Shop

November 10: 1:00pm-Executive Meeting at Betty's House

November 15: Field trip to Deepwood Museum and Gardens Holiday Market in Salem

November 17: Our monthly club meeting at the First Presbyterian Church

~9:30-10:00 Social time

~10:00 Meeting

~11:05 Speaker: Dorothea Lee, Slide Show: Beautiful Trees w/Brilliant Autumn Foliage

November 21: Zero Waste McMinnville's Annual Fundraising Dinner

November 28: See our Garden Club "Rakettes" at the Santa Parade and Tree Lighting

December 1st: Crafting Event. Sparkly String trees at Colleen Moxley's Shop

December 13: Field trip to the Farmington Gardens Christmas Market

December 15: Members' art on display & Christmas Luncheon/catered by Biscuit & Pickles

April 16, 2026: Pioneer District Luncheon

June 22, 2026: Last Meeting for 25-26- 100th Anniversary Party

President's Corner

Rita Canales

Hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Where did this year go? Pretty soon the first freeze will be here and all my pretty flowers will go to sleep for the winter. I will miss my fuchsias and will look forward to seeing them in the spring.

President's Corner, continued . . .

I would like to extend a big thank you to all of you that have stepped up to fill many of the tasks that need to be done this next year. The committee to celebrate our 100 years met with lots of great ideas to help us celebrate. I am looking forward to a fun filled 100th year.

We now have historians to go through the many years of information we have about the club. It will be wonderful to share what they find.

The scarecrow committee did a fantastic job! Make sure you go downtown to see her. I hope you all remembered to vote for Gilda. I'm sure pictures will be in this Newsletter for those of you who missed it.

We now have enough of us to enter the parade on Friday November 28th . I was wrong about the date on the agenda. We will welcome all late comers, the more the merrier. The parade begins at 4:30 and we are hoping to be near the front. It should be a hoot, don't miss out! At our next meeting our own Dorothea will be sharing a slide show of Beautiful Trees with Brilliant Autumn Foliage. I can imagine she has some beautiful pictures, there are so many grand trees changing color now.

If I don't see you at the next meeting have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Rita

Membership: We love New Member Energy: therefore, we're delighted to welcome members who joined in October: Toni Cross, Margaret Garry, Keri Johns, Margit Wheeler.



Birthdays:

*Wishing each of you a year filled with happiness,
personal bests, & all your favorite plants
at a great price.*

Members celebrating November Birthdays

Carolyn Nyquist, Janice Jones, Mike Stewart,
Marlene Petersen, Dian Berg, Bonnie Webb

Chamber of Commerce Greeters

Check Friday, 8 am locations with this link: [Calendar of Events](#)



*Field Trip to Laurel Hedges
on Oct 4th.*



*Members at the Fall District
Meeting and Luncheon.
Remember; it will be McMinnville's
turn to host in April.*

Field trips

Elaine Pollak

Nov. 15: We will go to the Deepwood Museum and Gardens Holiday Market. Deepwood is an impressive, beautiful Queen Ann Victorian mansion built in 1894.

We will be able to see the gorgeous interior while browsing for holiday gifts from selected vendors. Admission is free. A portion of the proceeds supports the care and preservation of Deepwood. Afterwards we will have lunch at The Best Little Roadhouse.

We will meet at 9 am at Baker Creek Community Church on the Elm Street side to form carpools. Please contact Elaine if you wish to join us

December 13. Our December field trip will be to the Farmington Gardens Christmas Market on Saturday, please contact Elaine if you wish to join us.

Field Trip Reminder: It is traditional for each carpool passenger to give the driver \$5 for gas. There will be a signup sheet at the October meeting. If you cannot make the meeting just let Elaine know. Thank you.

Arts and Crafts:

Colleen Moxley

December 1st Craft Event: Greetings Crafters. The days are getting shorter, the air is colder, and before we know it the Holidays will be here.

In December the crafters will be creating a set of 3 sparkly string trees. These will brighten your coffee table, bookcase or a forgotten corner of your home. All supplies are provided.

- Place Colleen Moxley's Shop
- Date Monday December 1st
- Time 10am - Noon-ish
- Cost \$7.00



Just a few photos from a fun morning at the October crafting event.

Origami Peace Crane Mobiles, using paper, beads, brass, and bamboo.



Community Beautification:

“Scarecrows on a Lamp Post” competition in our Historic Downtown area.

When Imaginations Ran Wild



Lookin’ Good:

Members who came out to help and/or admire.



Judy Tolliver shared this behind-the-scenes kudos, “I know a lot of pictures have been sent, but here is one that a very nice tourist took of the “hanging crew” yesterday. Mark (*pictured left*) made this project work with allowing us the work space, hanging her in the shed for building, providing most of the materials for her exterior skirt, dealing with many people with many ideas, designing, constructing the hanging mechanism for the post, transporting her in his truck, and having a ladder and all the tools required to hang her. He also crafted her necklace! Just saying he deserves a big shout out! Of course, many others contributed, but without Mark, I think this might have been much more difficult!

Bravo for Sharalie, Judy and especially Mark, AKA our Scarecrow Wizard!

More Beautification Needed:

Charlene Drake

Dear Garden Club members;

It is time to clean up and prune back shrubs at the West End Garden. In case you don't know what garden I'm referring to, The McMinnville Garden Club maintains the plants and shrubs that surround the McMinnville Welcome Sign at the intersection of 99W and Old Sheridan Road. Although there is a small group that does the general maintenance throughout the year, this trip is a bigger job, so we would like to invite any members who would like to help. We have decided on Monday, November 3 at 2pm, weather permitting. We are holding the next day, Tuesday, November 4th, also at 2pm as a fall back.

Pruners, rakes, nippers and buckets are useful. Our team will provide haul away and garden trash bags. If you are not familiar with how to access this area please contact me, Charlene Drake, at ed.cl.drake@gmail.com and I will provide specific directions. I am also in the club directory

Conservation & Sustainability

Adele Oneal & Beth Frischmuth

The membership meeting on October 20th was fun, and we enjoyed hearing from both Recology and Zero Waste on what is going on. As usual, there will be more changes, but we will do our best to keep up so we can continue to help the club members to:

Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

Support The Reuse Movement.

Zero Waste McMinnville's Annual Fundraising Dinner FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2025 6:00pm, The Grand 325 NE 3 Street McMinnville, OR. Miriam Gordon, Reuse Program Director from the Story of Stuff, will present on successful reuse campaigns from throughout the country, and share proven tactics on policy changes and collaborations. It's time for sustainable change in McMinnville. Dinner, dessert, and libations will be provided. Please RSVP by November 14th. Tickets at <https://givebutter.com/c/zwmdinner>

Good Eats:

<https://plantsomethingoregon.com/hearty-chowder-showcases-pnw-flavors/>

Dungeness Crab & Corn Chowder

Ingredients

- ¼ pound smoked bacon cut into ½-inch pieces
- 2–3 tablespoons butter
- 3 medium baking potatoes peeled/cut into ½ inch cubes
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 ribs of celery, finely chopped
- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 5 teaspoons Old Bay® Seasoning
- ¼ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 large bay leaf
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 5 cups whole milk, half & half or a combination of both.
- 4-5 cups fresh or frozen corn kernels
- 1 pound fresh Dungeness crab meat
remove any pieces of shell or cartilage



Directions: Melt the butter in a large saucepan or stock pot over medium heat. Add bacon pieces and cook, stirring occasionally until bacon is fully cooked but not crisp. Add potatoes, onion, celery, bell pepper, Old Bay Seasoning and bay leaf. Continue cooking, stirring frequently until potatoes become tender. Sprinkle the flour over all while stirring constantly for a couple of minutes. Add the milk and chicken stock while continuing to stir. Bring to a boil then add the corn and crab. Reduce the heat to low and simmer for 5-8 minutes. Remove the bay leaf and serve.

Horticulture

Christine Pritts

*Hydrangeas, are you wondering what you need to do now to get the most hydrangea blooms next year? Or maybe you're stumped with the query, "Deadhead now vs later?" Monrovia Nursery Company answers these questions and assures us that hydrangeas are easy to care for with the following info.:

“. . . we've found that many gardeners feel stumped when it comes to how to best care for their hydrangeas to get the most blooms. For some, hydrangeas have gotten a bad reputation for being fussy. If you choose a hardy, reliable variety and plant it in the right spot, you'll find growing hydrangeas is easy. “



*Sneak peek answer to the "deadhead now vs later" question → "Yes (but you don't have to)".

Find this and more at the following link. <https://www.monrovia.com/be-inspired/hydrangea-care-guide.html>

November: As winter approaches, nature can do things to our souls that nothing else can. It can revive us, remind us that we are grounded to it, that we are still one with the earth. This is expressed so well by Emily Dickinson in a quote from a letter to her Aunt Katie Sweetser, 1880.

"I trust your Garden was willing to die . . . I do not think that mine was—it perished with beautiful reluctance, like an evening star—"

Emily Dickinson

Websites to Explore

National Garden Club <https://gardenclub.org>

Serenity Garden <https://mcminnvillegardenclub.org/serenitygarden/>

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>

Pacific Region National Garden Club <https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>