

This Month's News...

New meeting location for the 2017-2018 Club year:

Falls Event Center (Evergreen Campus in Highway 18)

510 NE Captain Michael King Smith Way

McMinnville OR 97128

(It is located behind the Water Waves building with the airplane on the top.)

If you need time on the agenda, please let President Elaine know a week in advance of the meeting.

This month's speaker:

Our October speaker is [Barbara Blossom Ashmun](#), author of [How Gardening Has Changed My Life](#) and also [Love Letters to my Garden](#). She will be selling and talking about her book as well as reading from [Love Letters to my Garden](#). Here's an excerpt from her book, [Married to My Garden](#), pages 46-47.

“Our joy is in tending, even when circumstances are difficult, just as musicians play well even when the lights are hot, even when a string breaks, or a wrong note sounds. Gardening is not a solo performance, for we collaborate with weather and wildlife, with soil and seasons. We are limited by the strength and endurance of our own mortal bodies and the time allowed for gardening, which is never enough. Still, we play on, doing our best and playing with feeling.”

Future meeting Dates:

- Nov. 20
- Dec. 18
- Jan. 15
- Feb. 19;
- March 19
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18

- June 24 Garden Tour & Faire 2018!

Upcoming Events

- **October 09** – Board meeting at Jan Clay's house 2pm
- **October 16** – Monthly meeting
- **October 17** – Corvallis arts & crafts junking trip and Garlands Nursery in Albany. Meet at 9:30 at Baker Creek Church Contact Patty S.
- **October 19** – Pioneer district luncheon
- **October 26** – Field trip Bush House Museum Salem Contact Ann S.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – October 2017 Elaine P.

The autumn equinox ushers in a new season. Time to mulch, separate and prune. Some plants died after this year's very dry summer giving us a legitimate excuse to shop for new ones! As in our own gardens, assessments and new plans are being made at the Post Office and the West End. We had our first meeting at our new venue, the Falls Event Center. It is beautiful with the log walls and the gas fireplaces. There were a few stumbles. We had to decide how to set up the room and there were problems working the microphone. We will make some adjustments and next month will be smoother.

We had six new members join at the September Meeting. So many of the newer members have stepped up to join and chair committees letting those who have done so much for so long set down their responsibilities. We are so grateful for everyone's contributions over the years. We are looking forward to new places to visit on our field trips and new craft projects. Ann and Patty do such a great job. We have prepared a budget for our new fiscal year. Please examine it and bring your questions. We will be voting at the October meeting. All the newness does not change our basic principles. We are still dedicated to protect, conserve, educate and beautify.