



Garden Clippings

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October 2020

2020-21 Garden Club Board:

Betty Ballentine – President Judy Buchholz – Vice President

Charlene Drake – Treasurer Fran Henderson – Secretary

President's Corner

Theme: Rooted in Community

Betty Ballentine

October President's Message

Fellow gardeners, we made it to Fall!; cool nights, a change in the color of the leaves, pumpkins, and apple-picking. Time to appreciate all of the joy our gardens provided us with during this most unusual and difficult year! Time to bring in the harvest and stock up on the bounty to hold us over the winter months. Time to perhaps dry some of our beautiful blooms so that we may enjoy them a little longer. This has been a quiet year with most of us sheltered in place. I have noticed the little things in my garden; this year I was able to keep up with dead-heading and pulling tiny weeds. Most years the garden would get periodic tending but this year it became a daily ritual making my rounds; taking time to pause and enjoy. That is the blessing from all of this pandemic uncertainty; time to reflect; time to connect with nature; time to slow down and appreciate the little things.

The latest news from the Yamhill Valley Heritage Center is that they will remain closed until **January 2021**. Sadly, this year we will not march in the Santa Parade or be able to enjoy a Holiday December lunch meeting. But I am hopeful that we will be able to meet in small groups in the new year and continue our work in preparation of the **2021 Garden Tour & Faire**. I will do my best to share any news from the district and state. Remember to share photos and stories on our Facebook page and send them to Patty for the newsletter.

Since we are not able to meet in person because of the pandemic, I wonder **how do you, the member feel about that?**

- Is it best to stay connected through emails, newsletters, and Facebook?
- Or are you eager to attend even with having to follow social distancing and wearing face masks?
- If the Heritage Center decides they will not open up in January, would you want the board to try and find another meeting place?

Any feedback would be appreciated.

President Betty macgardenclub@gmail.com

2021 OSFGC Photo Contest

Plan ahead to participate in this! Keep taking pictures!!!

Categories: all color

Landscapes

Gardens

Floral

Birds

Wildlife

Insects/Butterflies

President's Choice – Pets in the Garden

Anyone interested in this contest, please notify:

Karen Ramsey, photo contest Chair, 541-479-5513 or sierrakr@aol.com

Photos will be judged by local club members, the winners there will be sent onto district at the spring luncheon in April, then onto the 2021 State Convention. Winners will receive a certificate and ribbon.

For general questions contact Betty Ballentine macgardenclub@gmail.com

McMinnville Community Garden at Parkview Update



September 2020

The garden construction was completed in 2019 and we felt that this would be the year that we would be able to garden without the added work of building the garden.

The Pandemic hit in March and caused the following problems:

- Loss of all fund raising events and activities

- Loss of most of the row gardeners and volunteers as the garden didn't open until June
- Restrictions from Oregon State U. that prohibited anyone except gardeners to enter the garden

A very small group of very dedicated volunteers continued to garden and planted all of the Food Bank area. The garden is one of the primary sources of fresh produce for the Food Bank and they were determined to make the best of a bad situation.

Glenda and Alan moved the Church Produce Tables to Parkview to provide free produce to members of the congregation and changed the date and time to better suit all concerned.

To Date:

Over 10,000 pounds of fresh produce to the Food Bank

Over 1300 pounds of produce to the Church Produce tables

A total of over 11,000 pounds of produce with probably another 2000 pounds to harvest and deliver

Donations to the garden from the Church Produce tables was over \$1100. This amount goes a long way in covering the annual operating expenses of the garden.

Glenda and Alan are working on a plan to greatly improve the selection at the Church Produce Tables for next year, as we have not focused our energies on this very important aspect of having the garden at Parkview.

The Gardeners thank McMinnville Cooperative Ministries for all of the help and support provided. A great team effort with outstanding results.

2 Rays of sunshine in a somewhat gloomy year!

Alan Wenner

Happy Birthday



September Birthdays:

07 – Suzanne Beukama

07 – Cindi Flake

16 – Elaine Pollak

24 – Sally Parks-Brown

25 – Suzanne Litviak

26 – Nancy Jellison

30 – Georgia Queen

October Birthdays:

09 – Sandy Parr

18 – Sally Thompson

20 – Donna Parr

30 – Pamela Petrotta



Lori, Sherry, Charlene, Eldon, Betty, John, Patty
Mike Henderson (Fran's hubby) and Melinda M. not pictured.

**A HUGE thanks to club members who helped spread bark at the Post Office on September 27.
AND to the Third Street Cleanup Crew who continue to monitor their blocks!**

The following positions are still open for the 20-21 year. Please contact President Betty if you can help!

✓ **Newsletter Editor:**

Collects information for monthly newsletter, works with Website Chair for online publication and distributes newsletter online to Club members in a timely fashion; sends copy to YC Master Gardeners.

✓ **Photographer:**

*Takes photos of events/activities, new members, Garden Tour/Faire etc. Send pictures w/names, date & event to newsletter editor to be published in the Newsletter; provides Historian with Club pictures for Club records.
(NOTE: you can do this with a phone camera!)*

✓ **Publicity/PR:**

Provides information on Garden Club meetings and events to local newspaper, Master Gardener newsletter, TV coverage, on timely basis, posts notices of meeting at appropriate locations.,

DUES

Although I have received a lot of dues payments, I still need to hear from many of you.

Our club dues are \$25 per person or \$40 for a couple.

Payment can be sent to the following address.

McMinnville Garden club, PO Box 386, McMinnville, OR 97128

Charlene Drake (ed.cl.drake@gmail.com) Treasurer

Websites to Explore

Pacific Region National Garden Club's Website

<https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>

Patty Sorensen

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://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/yamhill/yamhill-county-master-gardener-association>

Fall Vegetables to Plant <https://www.oregonlive.com/hg/2019/07/plant-these-vegetables-now-for-oregons-fall-harvest.html>

Native Plants in Oregon <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/collection/native-plant-gardening>

Fall Outdoor Porch Decorations <https://www.countryliving.com/home-design/decorating-ideas/g2621/fall-porch-decorating/>

