

October 2023 Garden Clippings



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2023-24 Garden Club Board:

Elaine Pollak – President Kay Fitkin – Vice President
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Dates to Remember 2023-24

- October 2 Arts & Crafts.** 10 AM Pumpkin Arrangements. See below for details.
October 3 Serenity Garden Daffodil Planting 9:30 am
October 3 Deadline to register for the District Luncheon on the 19th. See info below.
October 16 Club Meeting Topic: Help us grow The Plastic Project,
Geri White (Linda Werner)
October 19 District Luncheon, North Plains. Reservations required by Oct. 3.
Nov. 6 Arts & Crafts 10 AM Bug Hotels See below for details.
Nov. 20 Club Meeting Speaker: Heather Miller, Farmers Market
Dec. 18 Club Meeting More info later.

President's Corner

Children are back in school. There are fewer hours of daylight. The nights are colder. Sometimes it tries to rain. Leaves are changing color and floating to the ground. The smell of pumpkin spice is in the air. It must be Fall.

Fall is one of my favorite four seasons. It is a great time to plant, transplant, and trim and tidy before we tuck our gardens in for their winter slumber.

The Club will be busy outside of their gardens in October We are decorating pumpkins on the 2nd as our craft project. We are planting 470 daffodils at the Serenity Garden on the 3rd. We are participating in the Downtown Association's scarecrow contest. Our scarecrow will be attached to a lamppost after October 9th. Be sure to vote for our entry so we can win a prize. Voting is online at the McMinnville Downtown Association's website.

We made great strides at the September meeting. We will have a whole new website at the beginning of the year that will be easier to navigate and will have many many more capabilities. Our current website will be maintained until the new one is ready. Eleven new members joined! Not only did they join but they brought a lot of positive energy and volunteered to fill many of the empty committee chairs.

The Tour's theme will be "Bursting into Blooms". We have five gorgeous gardens and a beautiful backup garden just in case. The artwork for the poster is being developed. With the New Year and the new website, we will roll up our sleeves and produce the best (depending on the weather) Tour and Faire ever!



Enjoy these beautiful Fall days. See you at the October meeting. Our speaker will be Geri White from Zero Waste.

Kay F. installed as VP.

October Speaker

For our first program, Geri White, co-founder with Linda Werner, of the [Plastic Project](#) will present an entertaining and inspirational "show and tell" program. Founded in 2021, the Plastic Project began collecting those hard-to-recycle plastics that can't go in curbside bins. It soon became apparent that the mission needed to be expanded to not only recycle more and better but to educate the community to slow the flow of plastic waste in our county. Sharing ideas with many groups encourages more awareness and involvement to become better stewards of our beautiful planet.

We are looking forward to seeing you on October 16.

Good Eats by Betty B.

Pumpkin Maple Muffins – makes a dozen or 1 loaf.

$\frac{3}{4}$ C buttermilk Soak oats in buttermilk in a small bowl for 15
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C quick oats

In a mixing bowl whisk together and then add the soaked oats.

1 C canned pumpkin
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C good maple syrup
 $\frac{1}{3}$ C canola oil
 $\frac{1}{4}$ C dark brown sugar
1 t vanilla
2 eggs

Combine dry ingredients in another bowl, then add to wet mixture.

1 $\frac{1}{4}$ C white whole wheat flour
1 T pumpkin pie spice
1 t baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ t salt
 $\frac{1}{4}$ t baking soda



minutes.

Spray muffin tin. Pour batter into tin. Top with some toasted pumpkin seeds or turbinado sugar for crunch. Bake at 375 degrees for about 22 minutes. You can make this into a 9x5 loaf of bread; bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.



A Hearty Welcome to our 12 new members at the Sept. meeting

Garden Tour

Linda H. & Colleen M.

Mark your Calendars: Sunday - June 9, 2024

Theme: Bursting into Blooms

Five amazing, unique and beautiful gardens have been selected for the 2024 Garden Tour. In addition, the Serenity Garden will be showcased to share all the great progress.

A HUGE THANKS to Dorothea Lee for leading the Garden Selection team. And, for all her time, dedication, expertise and enthusiasm in this year's selection of gardens.

The wonderful Art Design has been selected and we are developing the contents for the PR (posters, bookmarks, etc.).

More information will be forthcoming for the 2024 Garden Tour and Faire volunteer opportunities.

Serenity Garden Update

Hope to see a LOT of members onsite on Oct. 3 at 9:30 to help plant our 470 Daffodil bulbs. Wear your aprons, bring tools...shovels, rakes, brooms, bulb planters..., water and laughter!

Chamber of Commerce Greeters Meetings 8:00-9:00 am Fridays

We are looking for club members to represent the club by attending these meetings. Bring \$1 and a business card for the door prize drawings. Please check with Elaine.

Oct. 6 Real Deals on Home Décor 125 NE Hwy 99W
Oct. 13 Henderson House 610 SE 1st Street
Oct. 21 Pacific NW Tire 920 NE 99 W
Oct. 28 First Federal 118 NE Third Street

Arts & Crafts October 2 10-12

Kirsten Browne/Colleen Moxley

Hello! Our October craft project will be making Autumn Succulent Pumpkin arrangements. They are beautiful, long-lasting, and when pumpkin season is over consider planting your pumpkin into your succulent garden!



A signup sheet will be at the September 18th meeting or call Kirsten (619)944-0409 to be added to the list. Materials supplied: succulents, moss, seeds, pods, dried buds, coffee, tea

When: Monday, October 2

Time: 10:00-12:00ish

Where: Colleen's place, 15548 NW Orchard View Road

Cost: \$5

Bring: a pumpkin and mug

* Optional: Treats to share and/or additional seasonal embellishments for your arrangement or to share.

November Arts & Crafts 10-12 Nov. 6

Hello Creatives,

Our gardens are home to a huge range of living creatures. It's estimated that the average garden contains 2000 insect species!

Insects play a very important role in the garden. They eat pests, pollinate plants, contribute to the ecosystem and attract other wildlife like birds.

But their numbers are dropping because of a lack of habitat. So it's up to us gardeners to help them out.

That's why our November craft will be...

Bug Hotels!

When: Monday, November 6

Where: Colleen's place

Time 10:00-12ish

Cost: \$5



A sign-up sheet will be at our October 16 meeting or text Kirsten and she'll add your name to the list: (619) 944-0409

Supplied Materials: The "house", foraged items, twine, some bamboo, wood burning tools.

*Start collecting paper towel rolls, aluminum cans, bamboo stakes, and anything you'd like to add to give your hotel a personal touch.

Refreshments: Bring a mug- coffee and tea will be provided and bring a treat to share (optional).

Location: Colleen Moxley 15548 NW Orchard View Rd, McMinnville

Too Much Zucchini?

Wendy

With all of the apples, plums and vegetables this time of year, Think YCAP. I remembered something I saw on "Growing a Greener World" on PBS. <https://ampleharvest.org/> is a website where food banks and people with excess produce connect with each other. YCAP is a participant.



Show up early and stay a bit late to help us with SETUP and TAKEDOWN please.



What if we had a Biggest Pumpkin contest for members next year? WHO might win?

The Five Oaks Garden Club cordially invites you to

"Shades of Autumn"

PIONEER DISTRICT

Fall Meeting and Luncheon

Thursday, October 19th, 2023

St. Edward's Parish Hall

10990 NW 313th Ave

North Plains, Oregon 97133

9:30 - 10:00 Registration

(Beverages and morning treats)

10:00 Meeting - (may continue after lunch)

11:00 Speaker Kris LaMar

Fall Garden with environmental and sustainable actions

Noon Buffet Luncheon - \$25.00

Catered by Kam & Kam

Chicken Tuscany

Vegetarian Option - Stuffed Portobello (must preorder with members name)

Saffron Risotto and Bread Board with Olive Oil and Butter

Fresh Fruit Salad and Caesar Salad

Lemon Cake with Strawberries and Whipped Cream

Send one check: \$25 for each member attending payable to

The Five Oaks Garden Club

By OCTOBER 3, 2023

(Include name of person if vegetarian meal is requested)

Mail to: Anita Seibel

1330 N.W. 128th

Portland, Oregon 97229

Email the names of all the members of your club attending the luncheon to

kimsaville@earthlink.net

There will be tables for a Pink Panther Sale. The cost is \$10 per eight foot table. Must provide a protective (like plastic) cover for the table. Include the money with your reservations.

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>

Fall Garden Chore List https://www.bhg.com/gardening/yard/garden-care/fall-garden-checklist/?hid=14dade5f9d28b7513503491bcfb82c3bf5160936&did=10329990-20230923&utm_campaign=bhg-get-growing_newsletter&utm_source=bhg&utm_medium=email&utm_content=092323&lctg=14dade5f9d28b7513503491bcfb82c3bf5160936

Leaf Projects for Fun! <https://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/g1899/fall-leaf-crafts>

Crock Pot Fall Soups <https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/recipes/g37406365/crock-pot-soup-recipes>

Leaves are the Flowers of Fall

