October, 2026 Garden Clippings

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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 2026

Oct 5: Arts & Crafts event-*details below*
Oct. 8: Field Trip, Brooks Winery-*details below*
Oct. 12 : Executive Board meeting, 1 pm at Linda Hansen's
Oct. 15: Pioneer District Fall Luncheon
Oct. 17: Join fellow club members as we walk in McMinnville's 150th Year Celebration parade- *see President's Message for more details.*
Oct. 19 : Our monthly Garden Club meeting at the First Presbyterian Church 9:30-10:00 Social, 10:00 Meeting, 11:00 Speaker 12:00 Closing
Oct. 25: Cutoff date to for submitting information to include in the Nov. Newsletter.
Nov. 17 Speaker: Opossums
April 4-7: Pacific Region Convention-Portland
June 6 : McMinnville Garden Club 26th Annual Tour & Faire.
Please mark it in your calendar now: we need everyone's help on that day.

President's Corner

Rita C

Wow, fall kind of snuck up on me. We have some fun things going on this fall. I hope you will come out and join us.

We just had the dedication to the Serenity Garden. It was well attended by many of our members and our McMinnville Community. We had in attendance those that help installed many of the features to the garden, members of the Chamber of Commerce, hospital staff and other members of the community. It was a

wonderful turn out with speeches from Patty, Chamber President, John Olson, the mayor, Kim Morris and Dwayne Pace, CEO of Willamette Valley Medical Center. Thank you to all our members who came out on such a typical Oregon day. I especially want to thank Dian for letting me stand under her umbrella. We had some pretty good downpours. October 17th McMinnville will be celebrating its 150th year. There will be a parade down Third Street. We will be walking with the Community Garden and Yamhill County Master Gardeners all under the inclusive banner of McMinnville Gardeners. I hope that many of you will be able to join us. It is a fun way to show our support for our community. More information will be sent out closer to the time.

Sharalie will be working with her committee on the Scarecrow. For those of us who are not so clever to make the scarecrow we can support their effort. After they are all up we will be able to vote for favorite scarecrow on Third Street. You can take a stroll down Third and pick your favorite. I am not going to tell how to vote but…

Now for a little club business, we are in need of a few members to step up and become the face of the Tour and Faire for next year. It can be a rewarding experience. Find a friend that will work with you and make it fun. Those highlighted in red are where we are still looking for help.

Garden Tour Coordinators- They make sure all sub-committees are filled, communicates with Faire coordinators; works closely with all for general coordination of tour activities; reports progress at meetings and through newsletter articles. See tour chair notebook for full details.

Committees for the Tour are:
Coordinator for Hostesses and Greeters, Tote Bags, Signage, Garden Setup Member Yard Signs, Reader Boards, Horticulture, Garden Descriptions, Garden Selections, Treasurer and Farmers Market.

Garden Faire Coordinators – Oversees the activities required to coordinate the vendor faire; works with the city for permits, etc. and vendors and vender coordinators; secures help from members for various tasks; communicates with Tour Coordinators; reports progress at meetings. Most of the work is concentrated on the day of and the day before the faire. See faire chair notebook for full details.

Thank you!
Rita



Chamber of Commerce Greeters

Check Friday locations with this link: Calendar of Events

Membership:

- We're delighted to welcome Joyce G. who joined in September.
- PHOTOS: We would like to have everyone's photo in our directory. Why have your picture in the directory? It really helps everyone, especially new members, to place the face they have seen with a name. There are over 80 members. It can be difficult remembering which name goes with which person. So please find a picture you like of yourself and send it to Rita: ritacanales555@gmail.com

Speaker Series:

Dorothea L

- The speaker for October will be Garland Bayley from the Oregon Camellia Society. He will show us beautiful slides of flowers and instruct us in the best ways to grow this lovely and useful plant.
- In November Beth Lau will give us the long-awaited presentation on opossums.

Field Trips:

Elaine P

On Thursday, October 8, we will dine and tour the gardens at Brooks Winery in Amity

- We will meet to carpool to the winery at 10:20am.
- At 11am we will enjoy a lovely brunch. A non-alcoholic a La Carte meal will be about $30.
  Note: Although many non-alcoholic refreshments are available, GC club member, Linda H. arranged for garden club members to receive discounts for some wine tasting.
- At 12:30 Shannon will then lead us on a tour of their gardens.

On Monday, October 26, we are going to Washington Park in NW Portland to visit Hoyt Arboretum. We will meet to carpool at 8:45am.

For carpooling to either event:
We will meet at the Baker Creek Community Church parking lot on the Elm Street side to form carpools at. Please let Elaine know if you want to join us and have not yet signed up. Hope to see you there!!

Elaine

Field Trip Reminder: It is traditional for each carpool passenger to give the driver $5 for gas. If you signed up but cannot make the meeting just let Elaine know. Thank you

Birthdays:



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

Members celebrating October Birthdays:
Evelyn L , Sally T , Keri

Arts & Crafts:

Colleen M

Welcome back crafters, Autumn is in the air. The nights are cooler, morning is draped in dew, and the leaves are beginning to change color. All this makes me want to get creative.

Again, this year the Garden Club will host an Arts and Crafts session on the first Monday of each month from October to April. (*We skip January*)

Our first session:

What:	Clay Creations
	$5.00 each project
When:	October 5th
Time:	10am - noon(ish)
Where:	Colleen's shop

What to bring (if you have one)

* Rolling pin
* Exacto or sm. sharp
* sm. Paint brushes





Community Beautification

Serenity Garden Dedication September 25, 2026



Above: Huddled under the Gazebo: Just a few of our club members who showed up in spite of rain for the Serenity Garden Presentation. Below: And then there are the non-huddlers, who look happy to be standing out in the rain!



Above: Dedication speaker, Patty Sorensen shared this sentiment, "It warms our hearts to hear stories of those who use this garden that started as a dream. We hope it thrives and is embraced for many years!"







For a History of the Serenity Garden and more photos, See pages 8 and 9.

Good Eats

Lisa A.

Scalloped Corn

Serves 4



2 cups corn kernels, from the cob or frozen
1 1/2 cups cream
1 egg
½ cup corn meal
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ cup bread crumbs or cracker crumbs

Preheat oven to 350°. If using corn cur from the cob, scrape the cob with the dull side of a knife to release the corn "milk". Add this to the corn mixture. Combine all ingredients except for the bread or cracker crumbs. Pour into a casserole dish that has been greased or sprayed with nonstick spray. Sprinkle with crumbs and bake 20-30 minutes until almost firm in the middle. It should jiggle a bit. Let rest 10 minutes before serving.

Recipe Book Project

Melany Coyne

Melany Coyne is still accepting recipes for the recipe book.

Horticulture:

Take A Walk On The Wild Side

Christine P



If a Miller Woods hike is still on your to-do list, do it now before it becomes too wet and slippery with winter rains. Pick an autumn day that's been rain free for a few days, and turn your walk into a

. . . . . SCAVENGER HUNT. . . . . .

Snowberries are an easy find while you're keeping your eye out for this stunning <u>crustose lichen</u>



Crustose lichens on log ends are specialized wood-dwelling (lignicolous) organisms that form a flat, tightly adhered crust directly on exposed wood grain.

Watering Tropical Houseplants

Dorothea L.

Going into autumn and winter, how should you care for your indoor plants? The first rule is that they are not going to need any fertilizer until February first. Unless you have them under grow lights, they are getting much less light in our climate than in spring and summer. They cannot utilize fertilizer.

Secondly, unless you keep your house very warm they will need less watering. A Conservation and Sustainability note: overheating a house in winter is wasteful of the earth's resources. Like mom said: put on a sweater if you're cold! Houseplants will need more water when the room is 72f than at 65f. Dry heat is not a friend to tropical plants; they should not be placed near a wood stove, fireplace, or heat vent. Your cacti and succulents can handle the heat but they also need as much light as possible. All plants prefer a temperature drop at night.

Always use warm (not hot!) or tepid (not cold!) water on your houseplants, and water the soil until water comes out the holes in the bottom of the pot into the saucer or the decorative basket or cache pot. You may leave water in the saucer for several hours; if there is still water after that, lift the pot and dump the excess out. If roots get waterlogged they will rot. Then the next time you water that plant, give it a bit less. The easiest thing to do before watering is to feel the soil with your fingers: if it is dry it is time to water, if it still feels moist, wait. About once every 3 or 4 months set your plant in a pan or bowl of warm water. Leave it there for up to an hour until it gets a good soaking, then return to its home. If you tend to over water your indoor plants, winter is the worst time to do it, the roots will suffocate and the plant will die.



Different tropicals need different watering schedules, so look up your plants to see what they like. A fern will want more moisture than a pothos which will want more than a jade plant. If you're not sure what the name is, use google lens or a plant app. Some plant leaves start to look pale and grayed when they are thirsty, some wilt. Don't worry they will perk back up with a drink of water!

Cover Crops:

Christine P

Our local OSU Extension Service offers the following information, followed by a link to their site. “Now's the time to protect your soil over winter. Learn which cover crops fix nitrogen for next season, how to time your planting before cold weather sets in, and simple tips for managing them come spring.” Link: **Cover Crops**

More Serenity Garden Photos and Info . . .











A Brief History of the Serenity Garden: This garden was originally conceived, researched and planned by three McMinnville Garden Club members in 2019: Patty, Linda, Jan, each who had experienced cancer themselves or in their families and knew the need for contemplative space. Many hours of research and visits to similar gardens helped them to refine their plans to provide a serene spot for users.

In 2020 they were thrilled when the Willamette Valley Medical Center agreed to provide this site to the Garden Club for the creation of this envisioned peaceful community garden. Our club membership, now 83 strong, enthusiastically supported this ever-developing project. The club donated close to $16,000 from our annual garden tours/fairs and budget. Members provided landscape design, ideas, lots of labor, and unquantifiable positive energy to complete the garden in six years. Finally, we received remarkable support from local businesses who helped with the hardscape and plant components. They not only did the work but gave us much needed guidance along the way. ***Note:*** *This information is drawn from Patty's dedication speech.*

Websites to Explore

National Garden Club https://gardenclub.org

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

Pioneer 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 https://www.mac-coop.org/communitygarden/

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