

Happy Valley Garden Club
2010



October Meeting



Fundraising Tea





May & June Field Trips



Stonegate Lavender



Wild Ginger



Dorothy Akins
Birthday
January 2011







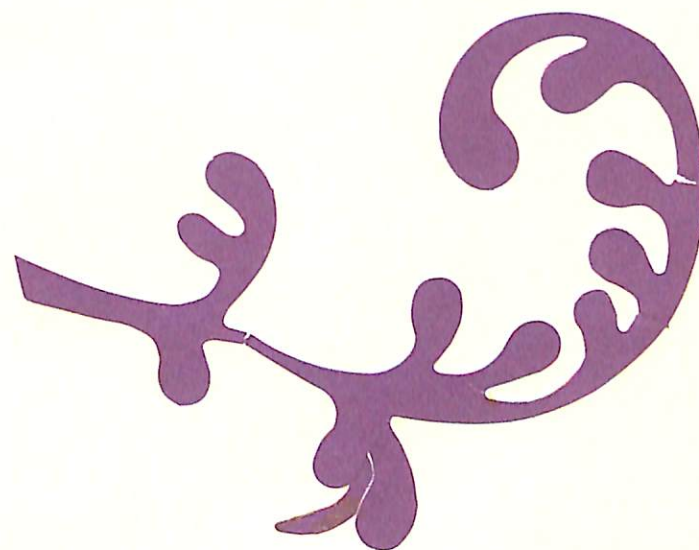
Gloria + Donna



Betsy



Emily



Dorothy Aiken
Leona McDonald
Christmas
2012





Gardens of Enchantment
May 2010

Carolyn Cella
Wins best decorated
package



Christmas at Margie McDonald's
Decorated Packages







Stevens
Crawford
House



The Artists at Work:
Kim, Jennifer, Carolyn, Leona, Patty + Sue





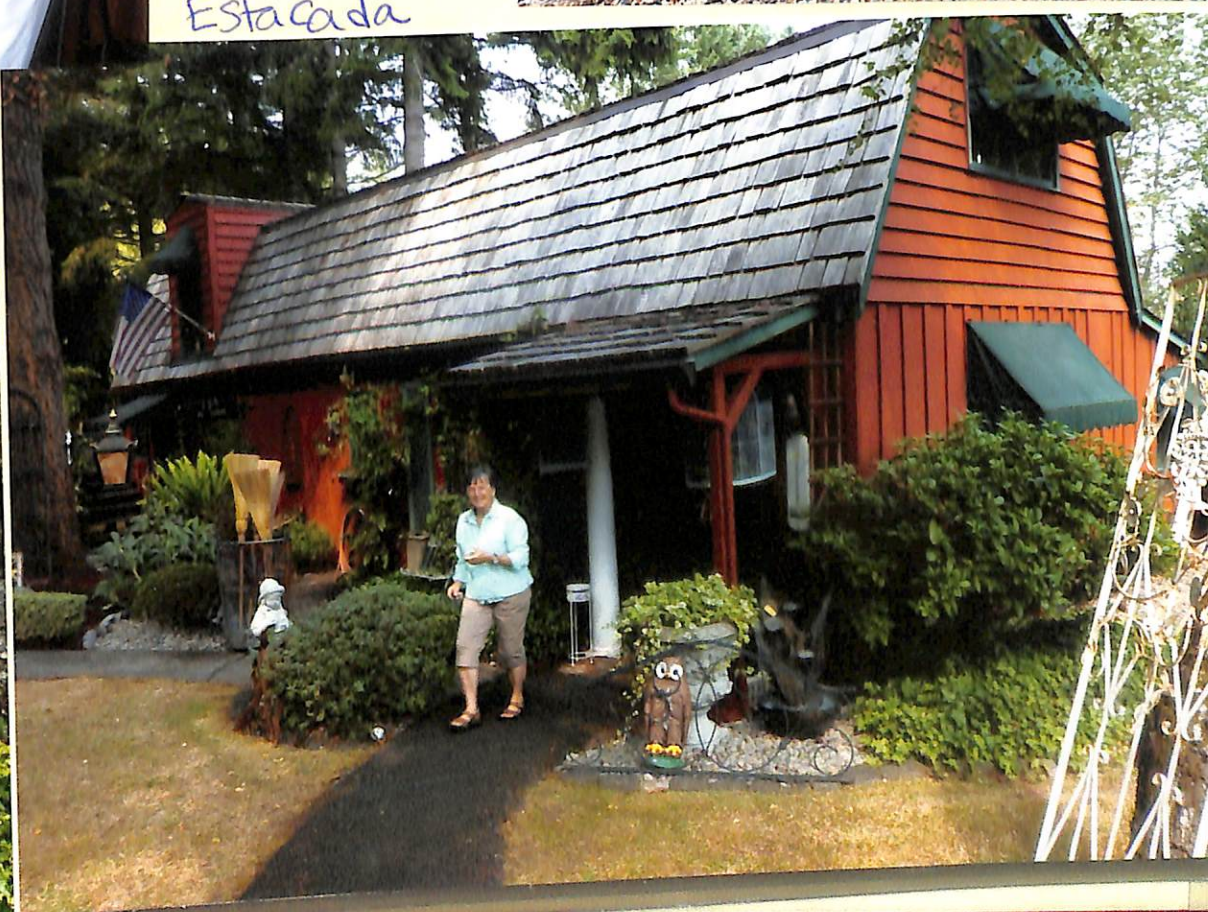
Pat Marshall's daughters home
in Estacada - She serves us a
delicious lunch



Dorothy
poses
with
Bear-



Garden + Home
Tour
at Julie
Stapleton's
-
Michelle Allen
travels there
on
her
motorcycle
Estacada





Julie
Scapleton's
Shop
←

Pat Marshall's
Daughters
Porch -



Julie's backyard



Pat Marshall's
home +
greenhouse
← →





made floral designs in a pumpkin shell.



d the birds!



Nature wreaths made with moss and sticks found on our nature walk.



Smokey The Bear contest poster



e peanut butter -
en the seed



Guess who ate
the leftover
peanut butter?



Sorting plastic lids. Keep
plastic out of the landfill



Making homes for the birds.

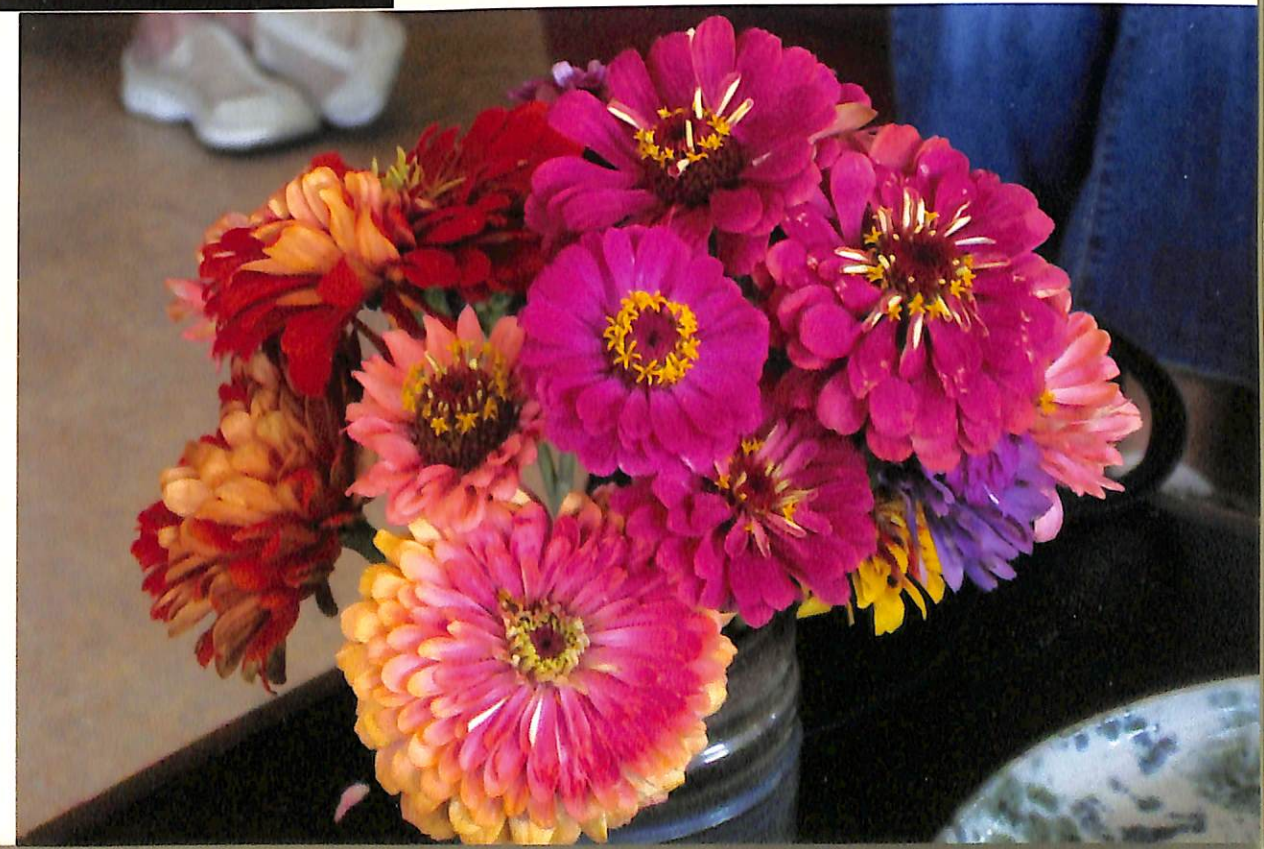


Look at the fruits and
vegetables. Let's write
a poem.





2012



Penny Pines for Oregon

"Penny Pines" History

In 1947 in California, school children started collecting pennies to help the forest service purchase seedling trees to replant in areas that had been burned by forest fires.

Garden Clubs soon joined in with their support, and in 2004, National Garden Clubs, Inc., launched a partnership with the U. S. Forest Service, to extend the program across the United States.

Since that time, garden club funds have benefitted 80 National Forests in 42 states, supported by members across the country.

In 1947, a \$68.00 donation purchased enough seedlings to plant 10 acres. With inflation, the same donation now plants 1 acre. Donations are still made in increments of \$68, in honor of the original program.

What Penny Pines Does

Under a Conservation agreement with National Garden Clubs, the U. S. Forest Service will use each \$68 donation, along with Federal funds, to plant appropriate species of trees to restore National Forest areas damaged by fire, insects or other natural causes.

This is part of the regular reforestation programs planned to provide soil protection, soil stabilization, watershed protection, future harvestable timber, and beauty and shade for recreation.

The U. S. Forest service will do the planting, and maintain the forest with the same care and protection given other forested areas.

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., chose to support this program with our donations during the 2009-2011 term, with 89 plantations donated. OSFGC will continue to collect during the 2011-2013 term. Donations in any amount will be appreciated.

Happy Valley Baptist Church, Happy Valley

Flower Show School, Course 1,



Room between plants as the paper needs to absorb the moisture. Tighten screws or place weights if using a book, and leave in place until dry. Check and replace paper if needed.

Collect naturally dried plants

When to Pick Strawflowers?

Drying With Silica Gel

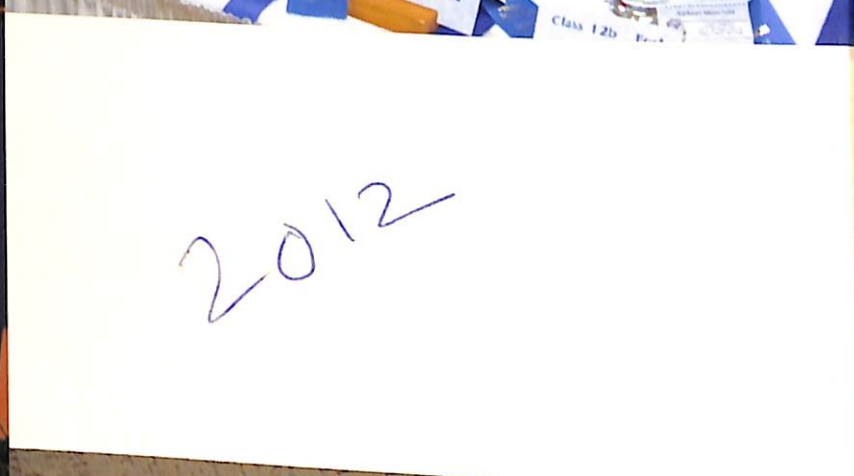
Plants Good for Air Drying

Flowers: Baby's Breath, Bachelor Buttons, Bellflowers, Black-eyed Susans, Buttercups, Carnations, Chrysanthemums, Daisies, Delphiniums, Gladioli, Hydrangeas, Lilies, Marigolds, Petunias, Pinks, Ranunculus, Snapdragons, Sweet Peas, Tulips, Zinnias.

Grasses: Pampas Grass, Foxtail Grass, Ornamental Grasses.

Seed Heads: Sunflower Heads, Milkweed Heads, Coneflowers.

Begin to take pictures



Poison in the Garden

ARUM	EUPHORBIA	LILY-OF-THE-VALLEY
AUTUMN CROCUS	FOXGLOVE	MISTLETOE
BOXWOOD	GOLDEN CHAIN TREE	MONKSHOOD
CALLA LILY	HELLEBORE	MOUNTAIN LAUREL
DAFFODIL	HOLLY	NIGHTSHADE
DAPHNE	HORSECHESNUT	PIERIS
ELDERBERRY	HYDRANGEA	RHODODENDRON
ELEPHANT'S EARS	IRIS	WISTERIA
ENGLISH IVY	JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT	

1-800-222-1222
OREGON POISON CONTROL



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Consider Oral Hull building fund support

Dear members & friends ~ I was unable to attend the October State Board meeting held in Gold Beach (due to old age!!!) so we will all learn 'what's new' from reviewing the information packets sent to the club presidents. ♦ Have you called the nominating committee to say, "Yes, I would like to be a Clackamas District Officer"? Hurry—Darby Walker and her committee are waiting to hear from you. ♦ October 25th found many of us at the Gardens of Enchantment putting the garden to bed for the winter. The Oral Hull Foundation hosted a luncheon for those who have worked in the garden during the past year. We met Sharon Elder, the new Executive Director of the Oral Hull Foundation. Long-range plans for a multi-million dollar expansion of the facility were shared.

Perhaps we should think about changing our Penny Pine collections to the Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind's building fund. ♦ Oral Hull Park & the Gardens of Enchantment are located in Sandy, Oregon. The Park is a "camping, educational and social retreat for those with visual loss." ♦ To learn more about the Park and the Gardens of Enchantment visit www.oralhull.org or contact Evelyn Mell, Clackamas District Chairman. ♦ Thank you to Estacada, Milwaukie, Posy Pickers, Happy Valley, Happy Valley Night Bloomers, Oak Lodge, Sandy and Sunny Hills Garden Clubs for their many volunteer hours. ♦ We need to hold our April 2013 District Meeting & Luncheon at a different location—stay tuned for the location confirmation.

GARDENS OF ENCHANTMENT Bob Mell reports that the Lions chicken BBQ and Fun Day at Oral Hull on August 26 was filled with music, games and activities. 'It was in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Oral Hull Park and Foundation—many people strolled through the Gardens, including Tom Halvorsen who designed the Gardens in 1971. He asked us to express his thanks to all the club members who have maintained the Gardens so beautifully the past 41 years. At the Plant Sale we made enough money to buy 11 flats of flowers for next Spring.'

Judged Flower Show at Pat Allen's - 2011





We are grateful to Evelyn & Bob Men for their continuing work and leadership of the garden crew at Gardens of Enchantment. Karen Varty has done an outstanding job of Clippings editor! ♦ Clackamas District can be pleased with our contributions of the last 2 years to Gardens of Enchantment, Penny Pines, Leach Botanical Gardens for Berry Botanic Seed Bank, Haitian Clean Water, Flower Show School, and Heifer Program. ♦

Our Dear Carolyn Butcher

Gardens of Enchantment
May 2012



Installation of Officers 2011-2013



Dorothy
+ Leona at
Christmas
Party



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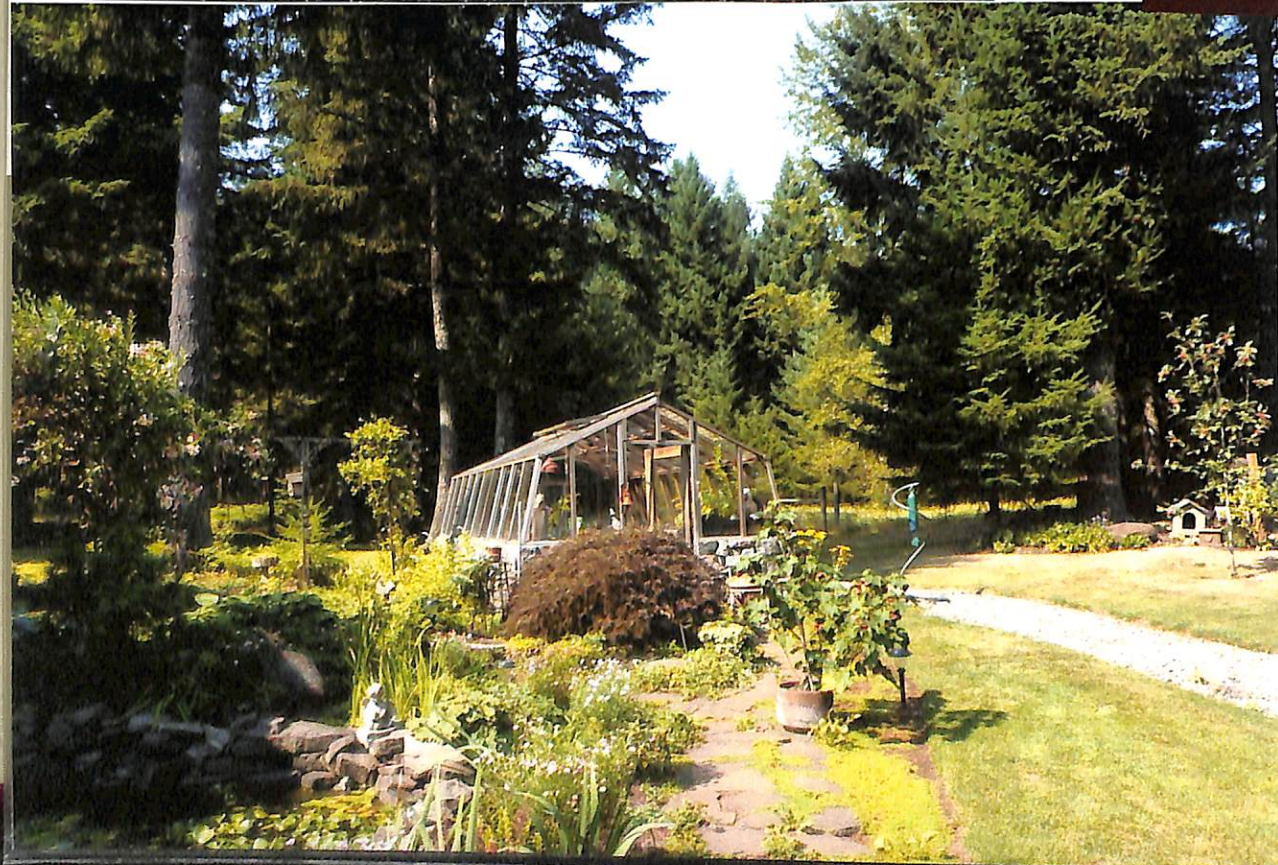


Flower Show
Judged
Entrees



Sue, Lovey, Marilyn & Evelyn

Estacada, OR.



Pat Marshall's
Greenhouse
~
Dorothy poses
with Pat's
daughter's
entry way
welcome bear
~



Tending to gardens, friendships



Evelyn Mell (from left), Leona McDonald, Gloria Cockburn and CB Ross are four of the founding members of the Happy Valley Garden Club.

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Evelyn Mell
81

"What we have in common is that just as we take care of our gardens, we take care of each other."

Jennifer Buss
49

KRISTINE THOMAS/SPECIAL TO THE OREGONIAN

Happy Valley Garden Club grows relationships as well as its members' plants

By KRISTINE THOMAS
SPECIAL TO THE OREGONIAN

Evelyn Mell, 81, is known for her abundant vegetable garden and growing things that are a challenge, such as kiwis, gooseberries and currants.

Leona McDonald, 81, has 550 pots filled with an array of flowers, trees and bonsai plants, along with statues in between.

Jennifer Buss, 49, describes her garden as "plain and simple."

All are members of the Happy Valley Garden Club; Mell said the common interest among members is gardening. But what creates a pathway to one another's lives is a friendship with long and deep roots.

"We've been together for so long that we're like an extended family," Mell said.

Buss said there are members who are experts on various sub-



HAPPY VALLEY GARDEN CLUB

The Happy Valley Garden Club not only tends gardens but also crafts flower arrangements and displays for special occasions, such as these made for the club's 2011 Christmas party.

jects and each gardener enjoys sharing what she knows.

"What we have in common is that just as we take care of our gar-

dens, we take care of each other," Buss said.

McDonald and Mell founded the Happy Valley Garden Club in

1968 along with Carolyn Butcher, Gloria Cockburn, CB Ross and Sharon Wellsandt.

"They are the most wonderful people ..." McDonald said, describing the group, adding, "I am going to start crying just talking about this ..."

"We have been through it together," said, Cockburn, 84, finding in the silence for her long friend. "We have been through death and divorces and marriages and births. We know when something terrible happens in our lives we can call each other up and bare our souls and we will be taken care of."

And they know their friends will be there for the celebrations, from weddings to graduations, helping with what needs to get done, from food to flowers.

Mell describes her fellow garden club members as "diggers." Whether it's volunteering once a

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month at the Oral Hull Gardens of Enchantment or preparing meals for a member who is ill, the women — without question — dig in to get the work done.

At their November meeting, the women collected food and clothing to donate to the Clackamas Service Center. Through the years, they have done many service projects including plantings at Happy Valley Park, Happy Valley City Hall and Sara Hite Memorial Rose Garden.

When Betsy Belles, 86, moved to Happy Valley more than 24 years ago, she was delighted she was asked to join the garden club.

"This is a very accepting group. It doesn't matter where you come from or what you have. They are about community and about caring. They are the most special friends in the world," Belles said.

Every fall, the women spend a weekend at the beach at Ross' cabin, where she has a sign reminding guests that there will be no discussions of politics or religion.

"We want to stay friends," Ross, 82, said, laughing.

The weekend is about laughter, food, sharing — and competitions such as which group can make the best table arrangement with natural material found on the beach, such as drift-

wood and seashells.

"I told a friend from another garden club that I was spending a weekend with my fellow garden club members at the beach and she told me that if she tried to do that they would be fighting before they got out of the driveway," McDonald said.

At 96 years old, Dorothy Akin is the oldest member. She knows she can count on members to give her a ride to the meetings and to check in on her.

"These ladies are such a big part of my life," Akin said. "They are so good to me and they are good to anyone and everyone. If someone has a problem, they are right there to help."

Buss is one of the youngest and newest members. Just listening to the stories and hearing the laughter filling the room, Buss has decided the Happy Valley Garden Club would make a good reality show.

"This is a group of super-intelligent women who are very welcoming and very funny," Buss said.

Lovey Lahti, 70, cherishes the friendships she has with each member.

"We gather to learn how to nurture our gardens and how to make things grow," she said. "But what I have learned and what is deep inside of me is how we nurture one another and we help one another grow. The roots of this club are so deep. Deeper than any plant or flower or tree planted in our gardens."

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Pat Marshall's Place in Estacada



We toured Julie Stapleton's home & gardens



Pat, Jennifer, Kim, Carolyn, Leona + Sue decorate at the Stevens-Crawford House.

Clubs plan holiday fun, fundraisers & donations

Happy Valley Garden Club

The Club collects food, clothing and raises \$500 for the Clackamas Service Center every Christmas. To be more helpful to the Center, the actual collection and distribution takes place in November, reports Co-president Donna Endicott.

Clackamas District/OSFGC Calendar of Events 2012-2013

Nov. 26 & 27 Decorating of Stevens-Crawford Heritage House. Contact Diane McKnight at 503.656.6435.

Dec. 1

Stevens-Crawford Heritage House Christmas Open House, 603 6th St., Oregon City. Free admission.