

CLACKAMAS CLIPPINGS

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CLACKAMAS DISTRICT GARDEN CLUBS BUILDING COMMUNITY August 2026



The Co-Directors' Desk

As the last days of summer mark the march of time, we hope you are enjoying the fruits of your labors—in the vegetable garden as well as the flower garden!

We'd love all garden club members to consider bringing along a friend to our **Fall Brunch**

Thursday, October 1 9:30 am- 12:30 pm
Apostolic Faith Church

5601 SE Duke Street, Portland, OR

Cost is \$25 per person. Members are asked to provide the funds to their club, and for each club to send a list of participants along with one check for all participants to Sheila Greer, our District Treasurer, before September 25, 2026. Please start getting the word out to your club members and be on the lookout for a more detailed email in the next few weeks.

We've changed things up a bit, to make the gathering of gardeners fun and informative. We'll start with a light brunch when you arrive and short meeting, and then move on to the speaker (tba) and the "Wish to Win" Raffle and Silent Auction. If you've never participated in a "Wish to Win" raffle, you purchase your raffle tickets and place one or more in the cup next to the item(s) you hope to win. The winning number is taken from those in the cup for each item. Each garden club is asked to bring at least one item, up to a \$50 value, to submit for the "Wish to Win" Raffle. The Silent Auction typically has 8 to 10 items of higher value—we've had quilts, table runners, and other enticing items. All funds raised support the Clackamas District events, including the new District Pilot Project Program Grants.

The Grants help fund projects that support membership growth, community engagement, state or national garden club priorities, or fund raising. The project must be completed by June 30, 2027, and a visual presentation made at the Spring 2027 luncheon. Applicants will be asked to present their proposal to the Pilot Program Grants Committee, which will pick one or two projects that best meet the purpose of serving as pilots other clubs can emulate.

[Click here for the minutes of our August 6, 2026 Board meeting.](#)



Dedication of Gold Star Marker at Willamette National Cemetery

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Noon

11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Please join us in dedicating the new Gold Star Marker at Willamette National Cemetery. Gold Star Markers honor the families of Armed Service members who lost their lives serving our country.

Details: Contact Jane Sercombe, OSFGC Blue and Gold Star Marker Chair at jane.sercombe@gmail.com

Member Resources

Cascade Nursery Trail--Colors of Fall Festival.
September 26-27- wonderful nearby nurseries!

Garden Ecology Lab focuses on social-ecological research in urban and suburban garden systems. Check out their blog on "Where to buy native plants in Oregon."

Grow Portland Resource Library provides free information on how to grow organic vegetables in the Pacific Northwest and Willamette Valley.

Seeds for Sharing--Happy Valley, Oak Lodge, Gladstone and West Linn Libraries maintain the Seeds for Sharing Seed Libraries, which provide access to free seeds. Check out each library to see what is available.

Steele Acres Seed--a retail supplier of seed native to the Willamette Valley. Great for creating pollinator habitat and establishing native plants in gardens and natural areas.

Swan Island Dahlia Festival--Every Wednesday-Sunday & Labor Day, 9 am - 5:30 pm, located in Canby.

Meanwhile, we hope you enjoy these last lingering days of summer and look forward to the renewal of each garden club's activities in the fall.

Jennifer Buss
Co-Director

Sue Piper
Co-Director

In Memoriam
John Ludi

John Ludi, long-time President of the Sandy Garden Club and active Irisarian, passed away on August 19.

For many years John worked tirelessly with Region 13 of the American Iris Society and with the Greater Portland Iris Society and the American Iris Society. John had a great passion for gardening, and iris in particular. He will be remembered for his knowledge, humor and counsel as a member of the Clackamas District Board and will be greatly missed.

In Memoriam
Delores Smith

Delores Smith, 2011-2013 co-director of the Clackamas District with Darby Walker, passed away earlier this summer. She was a long-time member of the Oak Lodge Garden Club and very active in their community service programs as well as the district community service programs. She joined the Posy Pickers Garden Club in 2015 and served as Treasurer for eight years. She was known for providing beautiful baskets for raffle prizes. She was the OSFGC Community Service Chair 2015-2017.

Pacific Region Garden Clubs

Sign up for the Final "Firewise Communities" Zoom webinar series on Monday, September 14 at 2 pm.

Pre-registration is required. Click the calendar button below. Contact [Tanja Swanson](#)



Firewise Zoom Calendar



National Garden Club
President [Donna Donnelly](#)

Sign in to the MEMBER SECTION of the [NGC website](#) where you can find [school resources](#), [events](#), forms and videos

10-Minute University August Newsletter-- Tips for gardeners based in Clackamas County from the Clackamas County Master Gardeners.

Willamette Gardens, specializing in Native Oregon Plants, Open by appointment only.

Update on The Gardens of Enchantment

The Gardens of Enchantment was lookin' good for the Hull Foundation annual Tea Party on May 30. Volunteers from AntFarm in Sandy, and the Sandy and Estacada Garden Clubs showed up several times to clean up, dig blackberry vines, prune and plant some hardy annuals and perennials. Thank you Al's Nursery in Gresham for their continued support and generous discount.

The restoration plan is moving forward. First, we are eradicating the blackberries that are planted by the birds. We hired WyEast Gardens to remove an overgrown azalea and 4 hours of cleanup. They inspected the irrigation system and confirmed that we now need five new timers.

The second thing on our plan is to use the weed eater on the spreading ivy.

The AntFarm is growing in Sandy, Estacada and Molalla. It is a great resource for youth, and they are working to involve communities. They have hangouts for after school, a café in Sandy and we can't wait for the Estacada Bakery's grand opening! Carson is the youth group leader and knowledgeable about plants. He has brought groups to help in the gardens several times.

I would like to thank Lynne Hatfield and others for their friendship and help. Please remember this is our OSFGC, Multnomah and Clackamas District project delighting many adult visitors with sight loss. **Bring a sack lunch and your gloves to join us Saturday, September 5 for a workday from 11am to 3:30 pm.**

Muriel Pagel, Chair,
Gardens of Enchantment

Your Garden is Featured!

Introducing a space for members to share their gardens and creative projects. Garden Club members are encouraged to share what they have learned over the years from the speakers you host. MS PowerPoint was used for this Pocket Garden [sample entry](#). Videos and MS Word docs may also be posted.

'POCKET GARDEN'

"We are all amateurs of one thing or another"

District Needs Your Help

Every member has a voice in our District's gardening community.

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