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The Co-Directors' Desk

Welcome Autumn!

As we write this, Clackamas County braces for our first freeze warning of the season. Hopefully, you have moved your tender plants indoors and are continuing to prepare your garden for the upcoming winter. Even though the forecasts are for a mild winter, you just never know….

As you can see from the photos at right, we had a successful Fall General Meeting—it was more program and fun than meeting. We are already beginning to plan the Spring General Meeting and would appreciate any suggestions for an engaging speaker and ideas to generate greater participation from garden club members. The General Meeting is truly open to all interested gardeners, not just club officers. Please put a hold on your calendar for April 1, 2027, typically 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. Details about location and program to come. And please help us spread the word about how much fun attendees have meeting other enthusiastic gardeners and participating in the Wish to Win Raffle and Silent Auction. It's not too early for clubs to think about what they might donate for both activities, which help supplement our income from club dues.

The Spring Meeting is also the time we elect new officers! The two of us and Sheila Greer, our Treasurer, will be stepping down as of the July 1, 2027. We seek volunteers to serve as Director and Assistant Director (or two Co-directors, as we did this term), and Secretary. Linda Daugherty, Treasurer of the West Linn Garden Club, has graciously offered to serve as Treasurer for 2027-2029. The positions involve three to four 2-hour board meetings a year and the two 3 1/2 hour general meetings, along with several executive committee meetings as needed, 2 hours in the afternoon,typically). The Director (or Co-Directors) are expected to attend OSFGC board meetings twice a year and the Convention, this year on June 25 & 26 in Wilsonville.

Member clubs also appreciate having officers visit them at least once during their executive term—there are currently 9 clubs in the District, so it isn't too onerous and you learn a lot from the programs at the individual club meetings. District officers do

Fun at the Fall Brunch



We tried something new for the Fall meeting--we held a brunch instead of a lunch and still accomplished a lot before the meeting was adjourned at 12;30 pm.

Sam Hubert, horticulturist and nursery manager at One Green World in Portland, gave an informative presentation on "Nurturing Incredible Edibles in Your Landscape." We learned that you can have your "fruit" and eat it too in a beautiful garden. Many of the edibles he featured were unusual but hardy for our area, including loquat, pineapple guava, paw paw, figs, olives, goumi berry, pomegranates and mulberries.

Club members and friends enjoyed a delicious brunch and had a rousing time at the sales, silent auction and "Wish to Win Raffle" tables. We encouraged people to bring their friends.



not have had to serve as an officer of their local club, although it helps to have had that experience. These days, so many of us have leadership experience from our other community activities and careers that is highly applicable to the District needs. Please consider sharing your talents and expertise with the District as a potential officer. You can contact us at clackamasdistrict@gmail.com if you have questions.

Meanwhile, we wish you continued happiness in your garden as we head from autumn to winter.

Jennifer Buss
Co-Director

Sue Piper
Co-Director

Fall Club Programs

Check out the Fall Newsletter from Clackamas River Water Providers.

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

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Member Resources

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.

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

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.

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