



# The Garden Gazette

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## 2018 Calendar of Events

Saturday, Dec. 1st 10:00 - 4:00 Craft Fair

2019 in planning:

Feb 23, Petal Heads Nursery, Time TBA

Other events TBA as they become scheduled.  
Watch this space and our website for more info.

Visit our website often for up to date details,  
And enjoy new photos on our Facebook site.



Gary Dahrens' wood turnings, beautiful work.

## Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 to 4:00

This Craft Fair always merits a visit. While you shop for unique handcrafted items, perfect for gifts, you can enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and visit with CHG volunteers. We will serve hot cider, coffee and cookies. The following items will be featured this year:

- \* Rugs \*
- \* Quilts \*
- \* Wildlife Art \*
- \* Silver Jewelry \*
- \* Solar Lanterns \*
- \* Crocheted Items \*
- \* Wood-turned Gifts \*
- \* Vintage Christmas \*
- \* Ornament Wreaths \*
- \* Wired Rock Jewelry \*
- \* Glass Flowers \*
- \* Soaps \*

## Looking Forward

Plans are under way for 2019 with some new speakers being scheduled, and events imagined, such as a rock painting session for kids and adults to be held during March. Plants are already growing in the off-site greenhouses for the usual plant sales. Plan to save the dates as they become available in this newsletter and on our website.



Gorgeous fall coloring on the barberry.



*Peony leaves wave hearty farewell to summer.*

## Garden Report

~~Priscilla Patterson

Indian summer began early this year. Night temperatures dropped into the mid 40's not long after Labor Day, precipitating autumnal changes throughout the garden. Clear, sunny days provided us with very pleasant working conditions in September, giving us a bit of a head start on fall clean up including some very overdue pruning on Oar and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets.

A gold Cappadocian maple that had been struggling for years was reluctantly cut down. Sadly, not all of Connie's experiments with lovely and unusual *flora* have been able to survive our excessively wet, overly moderate coastal climate.



*The Cappadocian Maple, cut up for firewood.*

Knowing we were on borrowed time this fall, we took full advantage of October's continuing dry weather to finish digging and adding amendments to the new White Garden border. At a finished height some 15 inches above the original soil level, the new bed consists of our rich, alluvial native soil well blended with 3 yards of a lighter top soil-sand-compost mix, and includes a couple of bags of pumice for improved drainage at the east end of the bed where natural run-off from the spring and pond area keeps the soil wet year round.

Once raked to perfection, we were able to plant the "bones" of the new border just prior to a good, soaking rain. Shrubs added so far include *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Sumida-no-hanabe', *Hydrangea quercifolia* 'Little Honey', *Gaylussacea*, and a dwarf *Pieris* 'Prelude'. Also planted are 3 *Calluna* 'White Wings', *Acanthus* 'Whitewater', *Brunnera* 'Looking glass', *Thalictrum* 'Nimbus', a white flowered, hardy geranium (unidentified), a white blooming *Hesperantha* (formerly *Schizostylis*) and *Iris* 'Okagami'. We have several plants now in the greenhouse to be added in spring, and plan on filling the empty spots with choice annuals, biennials and short lived perennials.



*The White Border planted, ready to grow.*

While we volunteers were busy finishing up our autumn projects and chores, pathway paragon Scott Torrance installed yet another segment of paved perfection to our trail system, this one leading from the west patio around by the curved teak bench to the center bridge. This now completes a loop that is easily traversed in all weathers, allowing access to all visitors to almost every part of the garden north and east of the house, as well as all around it.

*(Garden Report Continued)*

Some reconstruction of the mixed border adjacent to this pathway is now underway and includes an extension of the upper section and removal of an overgrown *Chamaecyparis*. Stone steps will smooth the transition from the wall to the lower path.



*New paver path from the patio to teak bench.*

Our long term goal would be to extend a paved loop around the rest of the garden. In time I feel sure that will be a reality.



*The path goes past the bench, down to the bridge.*

All in all, this has been a very productive year for us, and one which I hope will now draw to a close in typically seasonal fashion, with plenty of rain, some bright and frosty mornings, and a little down time for us volunteers before the days start to lengthen and inevitably draw us back out into the garden to watch for all the irresistible signs of spring.

~~Priscilla Patterson, Head Gardener

Not knowing  
The name of the tree,  
I stood in the flood  
Of its sweet smell.

~Matsuo Basho

## Oh Deer!

As a few members of Ocean Spray Garden Club, which meets the third Thursday of most months at 12:30 at the garden, were gathered and carrying out a holiday project, a lovely big buck deer looked in the gallery windows. Luckily, he did not choose at that moment to test the elegant rack of antlers he carries.

Although we would rather our garden visitors would not tromp through the beds and not eat the foliage, we have no way to prevent the visits from deer. You'll easily see their tracks in the newly worked areas, to our distress. (Just look at the tracks in the photo of the White Border planting!)

Ocean Spray Garden Club invites new members, and visitors, to their meetings, but I doubt if this one intended to join.

You just never know who you will meet when you visit CHG!



*Just imagine looking out this window, to see a curious four point buck looking back at you.*



*Pink berries of the Pernettya, late November*

## Winter Beauty in the Garden

What will you see when you visit CHG during the short, chilly days of winter? You might be surprised at how much beauty there is, even in the mostly sleeping garden.

Interesting bark on those tree trunks doesn't show up so well when the trees are fully clothed. Notice those that exfoliate, leaving a "camouflage" pattern visible on the trunks.



*Stewartia trunks in December*

The *Primula*, or Primrose, family members also may pop out some blooms early, to join the notoriously early Hellebores. We've added a profusion of Hellebores to brighten shady areas. Bend down to peak under their hanging blooms, and you'll find delicate patterns of spots in many of them.



*The Hellebore bed blooms in January and February.*

Also known for early bloom are the witch hazels, and a delicate fragrance may tantalize you on sunny days as you near them.



*Witch Hazel, or Hamamelis, Flowers in January*

The graceful silhouettes of bare branches overhead are a contrast with the plump shapes of the many evergreen plants that thrive in our area, such as the rhododendrons Connie loved so much. Some of the rhodies and azaleas will have colorful blooms to offer a spot of color at almost any time.

Evergreens such as *chamaecyparis* hardly notice winter, staying green or blue green, and flaunting their feathery foliage at the winter wind. The conifer bank along the path to the Heather beds is at its best in winter, making a tapestry of texture and shades of green. Just to enjoy them makes the visit worthwhile.



*Enjoy walking down a Primrose path.*

The new paver paths will make walking in the winter tidier and less slippery, but there are still treasures to be seen down other little paths as well. Feel welcome to take a walk any time, and see what interesting and beautiful sights are to be found in a winter garden. ~~Karen Brown



### Connie Hansen Gallery Exhibit

The display of Jenny Dahrens’s “Barn Quilts” will still be up for the Holiday Craft Show. Meticulously crafted, each painting is based on a traditional quilt pattern. The 24” square paintings are acrylic on plywood, completely weatherproofed, designed to ornament an outdoor wall in your garden.

### Petal Heads Nursery

**Saturday, February 24th at 1:00 PM.**

The Doolittles grow the best of the newest plants, and twice a year they bring a selection for us to shop. They begin the program with a slide show and information about each plant they’ve brought. Come join the fun and enjoy the beautiful pictures.



*Kirengeshoma, one of the plants from Petal Heads.*



### From the President’s Desk.....

As 2018 draws to a close, so does activity at the Garden. We’ll be closing the gift shop after the Craft Fair, to reopen again in March. The Garden itself is open year round for your enjoyment. Winter is a good time to see the ‘bones’ of the garden, while all the deciduous trees and shrubs have lost their leaves.

We wish you all the happiest of holiday seasons, and good health, happiness, and success in the coming year. Happy New Year 2019!!!

~~Kathie Arehart, CHG President

*Thank you...  
To the many volunteers who hosted  
The Garden House during our extended  
2018 summer and fall hours that included  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.  
Visitors appreciated you.*

### Floor Upgrade Planned!

Thanks to generous gifts from several donors, faithful friends of CHG, a fresh floor finish is planned to take place in January. In order to accomplish this miracle, the Garden House will have to be closed to the public during the work period. All furnishings have to be removed, and no traffic is allowed in the entire house until the coating used is finished.

Plan to visit later in the spring to enjoy the new look. Thank you to everyone involved in making this improvement to our facility possible!!

**Lincoln County Master Gardeners  
Invites you to become a volunteer.  
Registration is open until December 18, 2018.  
Class size is limited, so register early.**  
For more information visit:  
<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/lincoln/how-do-i-apply>  
Or contact Pami Monnette, Program Coordinator  
541-283-5119, [pamela.monnette@oregonstate.edu](mailto:pamela.monnette@oregonstate.edu)

*The Connie Hansen Garden is open every day, dawn to dusk, for your visiting enjoyment.*

*The Garden House will be open and hosted only on Tuesdays, 10:00- 2:00, until March 1<sup>st</sup>, unless prior arrangement is made.*

*If you wish to use the house or book a group tour, please arrange in advance.*

### **Private Use of the CHG**

In addition the garden being open to the public during daylight hours, at no charge, the Garden House is open on specified days as well. The Garden House can be used for small meetings, parties, weddings, etc., with the fee depending upon the size of the function.

Tours of the garden, including the house, can be set up with a reservation and a modest donation of \$10 for one to three persons, or \$3 per person for larger groups. A "tour" of this sort includes being accompanied by a CHG volunteer who can relate the history of the garden and answer some of your plant questions. (None of us knows it all!)

Contact CHG for more information if you wish to set up any of these uses, which depend upon scheduling to avoid other use. Addresses are in the page 1 header.

### **REMINDER**

Connie Hansen Garden Conservancy is one of the charitable organizations qualified to participate in the Oregon Cultural Trust program.

This means that if you make a contribution to CHG, you may also make a matching contribution to the Oregon Cultural Trust and take the amount of the Trust donation, up to \$500 per person, or \$1000 per couple filing a joint Oregon Income Tax return, as a tax credit. A tax credit is subtracted directly from the amount of tax you would otherwise be required to pay. Go to the OCT website or consult your tax preparer for additional information.

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

If you are not currently a member and would like to be, or would like to give a membership as a gift, the options are listed below. Payments may be sent to: CHGC, PO Box 776, Lincoln City, OR 97367.

There are no meetings and no requirements. Benefits of membership include this quarterly publication, a 10% discount in our gift shop and the joy of knowing you are helping to save this beautiful garden!

\_\_\_\_ Individual \$25                      \_\_\_\_ Family \$35  
\_\_\_\_ Senior individual \$15          \_\_\_\_ Senior family \$25  
\_\_\_\_ Supporter \$100                  \_\_\_\_ Sponsor \$500  
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The E-Gazette includes beautiful color photos of the garden in its seasons.

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*Thank You!*

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