



The Garden Gazette

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2019 Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 23, 1:00 - 3:00
Rock Painting Workshop by Kathy Cope
Saturday, April 20, 10:00 - 3:00 Spring Plant Sale
Saturday, May 11, Garden Tea Party
Two Seatings, 11:00 and 3:00
May 17 – 19, 10:00 - 5:00 Art Studio Tour
Saturday, July 20, 10:00 - 2:00 Summer Plant Sale

Additional events we are still planning....

August: Music in the Garden
September: Fall Plant Sale
October: Petal Heads Nursery
November: Silk Scarf workshop &
Ornament Decorating Workshop
December 7: Craft Sale

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

**Visit our website often for up to date details!
We're on Facebook now too!**



Rock Painting Workshop

On Saturday, March 23rd, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at Connie Hansen Garden, Kathy Cope will lead a rock painting workshop. Rock painting is a form of art that is fun and suitable for everyone from beginners to accomplished artists. Kathy will bring examples from simple to complex, including the gorgeous Mandala design paintings she creates.

The workshop is free, and all necessary materials will be provided. A modest contribution (suggestion: \$2.00) to cover the cost of materials would be appreciated. Please sign up at Connie Hansen Garden, or by calling 541-994-6338, so enough materials can be prepared for everyone.



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

The Garden House, with Gift Shop, Gallery and Library, will be open Tuesdays, and Thursday through Sunday, from 10:00 to 2:00 each week.

Call or email for more information if needed.



Many varieties and colors of Heather will be at the sale.

Spring Plant Sale

April 20, 10:00 – 3:00

If you only have one opportunity to visit the Connie Hansen Garden this year, this may be the perfect weekend to do so. First of all, the Garden is breathtaking at this time of year, with azaleas and rhododendrons in bloom throughout the entire garden, new foliage on trees and shrubs, and many early perennials showing off their brightly colored blossoms. More importantly, this is our biggest plant sale of the year, and the very best time to get your new purchases in the ground. You will find well-rooted divisions and established seedlings from the Connie Hansen Garden and the gardens of volunteers, all of which are admirably suited to our coastal climate.

Much of what we divide and propagate is difficult to find even at specialty nurseries and our prices are far below market. Generally, one gallon (6 inch) pots are priced at \$5-\$7, larger at \$8-\$10, and, if we have them, 4-inch pots are \$3 or \$4 (these may be annuals).

Volunteers will be present to help with your selections, answer questions, and point out plants of interest in the garden setting. The sale kicks off at 10:00 AM and runs until 3:00 PM. Early arrivals will have the best selection available as some varieties are quite limited.

The peaceful garden
Works at a furious pace
Beneath the surface.

Garden Report: The Irresistible Signs of Spring

Our “Gazette” readers residing in the Willamette Valley, and especially those farther north and east, will no doubt be wondering how on earth I could possibly write a report with such an inappropriately themed heading this year. Initially, I am hopeful that by the time this arrives in the mail, the worst of the coyly captioned “wintery mix” will have run its course and spring will be well on its way. Additionally, I have to say that this part of the coast has not really had much of a winter at all. Temperatures hovered around freezing for little more than a week in total, including a few days in December, and not many more a couple of weeks ago. A very minor dusting of snow on the beach one morning caused some excitement, short lived and completely unnoticed by all the burgeoning spring flora happily celebrating global warming.



This rhody bloomed in April, October, & now in February!

Most of December, and virtually all of January, could quite appropriately be labeled “not-Winter”. Many plants demonstrated an uncanny ability to transition from the fading flowers and shrinking foliage of fall to production of fresh new growth, with no apparent rest period whatsoever.

Primroses, hellebore and early spring flowering bulbs grew rapidly and flowered early, and appear to be gathering momentum for an increasingly colorful display, as long awaited rains are finally beginning to rehydrate the soil. The candelabra bed, usually a sea of mud in the winter, is filled with rosettes of primula that never became dormant, and with newly emerged crowns of those that did.

[Garden Report Continued]

Many iris are pushing new growth already, months ahead of schedule. We can only hope that an extended period of cold rain will slow things down a bit, and penetrate deeply enough to restore more natural soil conditions.



Cheerful yellow Hellebore behind the teak bench.

Work in the winter garden has continued undiminished this year, with a dependable crew of sturdy volunteers. Although weeding is a year round chore, pruning takes priority and is a welcome respite for sore backs and knees. Shrub growth has been particularly vigorous due to an extended growing season which may now be the norm, so we will stay busy for several more weeks removing major wood that is encroaching on pathways and crowding planting beds. The first of several unsightly hollies planted along 34th Street is up for removal. Wax myrtle and *escallonia* will be planted to serve as wind breaks here as they are very amenable to pruning and trouble free.



Rhododendron 'Seta' bloomed in January.

Winter blooming rhododendrons such as 'Christmas Cheer' and 'Seta' have been lovely this year, while rhododendron 'Cornubia' as well as an

assortment of blooms on azaleas, *camellia*, spring heather, witch hazels and *parrotia* are now brightening the landscape.



Rhododendron 'Cornubia' in bloom now along the Oar St.

Swelling buds on deciduous azaleas and many other shrubs and rhododendrons hold the promise of unusually early seasonal color. Each week we check for those emerging spring ephemera as we tend beds and borders, and generally gear up for the excitement of the coming season.

~~Priscilla Patterson, Head Gardener



High Tea at Connie Hansen Garden

Plan to join us on Saturday, May 11, 2019, the day before Mother's Day, for our annual Garden Tea Party. It is always a fun event. Treat your mom, daughter, friend and/or yourself.

There will be music, games and prizes, in addition to wonderful High Tea treats. Dress up in your favorite festive outfit. Hats and gloves are available to borrow if you wish.

We will again have two seatings, 11:00 and 3:00, for the price of \$25.00. Seating is limited, and we always sell out, so reservations are required. You may purchase tickets in our gift shop or call Jenny at 541-992-4567 to reserve with a credit card. No special diet requests, please.

“Light in the Garden” Art Exhibit

The Connie Hansen Art Gallery exhibit this spring, “Light in the Garden,” will feature four artists, two of whom are volunteers. The exhibit can be seen in the main room of the Garden House from March 1st through May 31st.

This exhibit will be included in the Cultural Center’s Studio Tours, May 17, 18 & 19, when the artists will set up temporary studio spaces in the Garden House and be on hand to discuss techniques and materials. Marion Moir will be out in the garden, plein air painting during the tour.



“Landscape with Horses” quilt by Robirda Baker

Robirda Baker, a dedicated garden volunteer, has created expressive art quilts, using layered colored fabrics, some of which are printed with her own photo images.



Naima Baker’s “Organites” are made of crystals, beach stones, metals, and semi-precious gems set into resin.



“Bridge over Hansen Creek” by Nancy Chase

Nancy Chase will present oil paintings and watercolors of Connie’s Garden and other natural subjects. She is also the garden’s photographer and graphics artist.



Marion Moir is an artist in residence in Lincoln County Schools who teaches watercolor, collage, gytaku and mixed media in her Newport studio.

Art On The Edge Studio Tour

May 17, 18 and 19, 2019

This spring marks the third year for *Art on the Edge Studio Tour*, a self guided tour of artist’s studio spaces. The Connie Hansen Garden House was originally built as an art studio, and will serve as one during the tour for several local artists. Cost of the full tour is \$10 and provides entry to all three days of the event; open 10 am-5 pm.

(The Connie Hansen Garden House will be open to the public free of charge during the event.)

For more information, visit

<https://www.artstudiotourlccc.com/>



From the President's Desk.....

Here comes spring! We at the Garden are SO ready for it. After our mild winter the plants are ready to burst out into new growth and bloom. The hellebores and other early spring bloomers are already in flower. It's about this time of year that "plant lust" emerges in many gardeners, including most of us at Connie Hansen Garden.

Dulcy Mahar's column for February 12, 2004 had a test for that. Some of the signs are:

**Come spring, you feel strange stirrings, and they have nothing to do with Harrison Ford (or the appropriate gender or generation counterpart).*

**You no longer regard dirt under your fingernails as tantamount to a lowering of social standards.*

**Latin is not a dead language to you.*

**Your car automatically turns into nurseries.*

**You buy flowers at the supermarket because you don't want to disturb your garden.*

**If you were to throw seeds in the back of your car, there is sufficient dirt that they might sprout.*

**You think instructions that say plant 36 inches apart were written for someone else.*

**You even enjoy plant catalogs without pictures.*

**The questions "where will it go" and "how much does it cost" have lost all meaning to you.*

If these signs are familiar to you, take Darcy's advice: take two chocolates and call a nursery in the morning.

Happy Gardening,

~~Kathie Arehart

Garden House Improvement Project

The wonderful new Floor Project is completed! Parker Smith Flooring poured a complete new floor covering for the entire house. This major project meant we had to pack and empty the entire house (including the toilet). I can't give enough thanks to all those volunteers who packed everything and identified where everything belonged. Packing all the library and labeling the dismantled bookshelves so they would fit back together was a major job.



We stripped the house down to the bare floor.

Charlie Ray's Movers loaded everything into a 26-foot U-Haul truck which was left in the parking lot for a week. It took 4 days to pour the floor. Then while the house is empty - let's paint! After a week the Movers moved everything back into the house and many volunteers started unpacking. Many kudos to all who helped with this project, including the generous donations designated for a floor upgrade. We now have a beautiful new floor that will be easy to clean and should last a lifetime. Do stop by and check it out!

~~Jenny Dahrens





Bergenia 'Helen Dillon' glows when backlit.

Help Wanted

Volunteers are always welcome at Connie Hansen Garden. There are a variety of tasks to be done, including hosting the Garden House to be open for visitors to enjoy. Last year, we were able to be open from 10:00 to 2:00 five days of the week. It would be nice to be open every day. Hosts may choose a convenient day or days to be on hand to greet visitors and sell items from the gift shop.



Rhododendron moupinense, an early blooming species.

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
- ___ Business Supporter \$100

_____ Please send my "Gazette" by Email!
The E-Gazette includes beautiful color photos of the garden in its seasons.

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Thank You!



A fragrant Camellia

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