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General Meeting 12:00 PM July 3rd Fruitdale Grange

**July 3rd Presentation: Carole Genovesi – the Josephine County Fair
and a short presentation about Dahlias by Nena Heitz**

No Meeting in August due to the Josephine County Fair

September 2nd General Meeting is a Salad & Dessert Potluck!

A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

If you haven't signed up on the clipboards to help out at the **Josephine County Fair**, PLEASE DO SO!!! This is our way of sharing our knowledge and enjoyment of growing flowers, vegetables and plants, as well as our pleasure of being a member of the Grants Pass Garden Club!

2023/2024 Expense Forms: If you have expense claims for fiscal year 23-24, they are due to our Treasurers before June 30th. You can get the expense form on our website and get it to Joy Smith before the end of the month. Be sure to write 2023-24 on the memo line and have a signed reimbursement paper with it.

DUES: Jenny will be sitting at the back sign-in table once again for you to pay your dues at the July 3rd meeting if you haven't done so before. In order to be in our new Directory, you MUST pay them NOW!

Also, if you are interested in going on the **Tour to the coast to Shore Acres** outside of Coos Bay on July 15th & 16th and haven't signed up yet, the clipboards will be on the back table at our General Meeting on July 3rd to sign-up. If you have any questions, contact Linda Price at 541/761-5820

May your Summer be Happy, Healthy and Fulfilling!!!

Birthdays are a new start, a fresh beginning, and a time to pursue new endeavors with new goals. Move forward with confidence and courage. You're a very special person. May today and all of your days be amazing!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1	Nall	Joanne
2	Bruno	Denny
5	Napier	Heidi
8	Davies	Pamela
9	Grippando	Jenny
9	Sakellaridis	Annette
10	Foulke	Florence
15	Miller	Terry
27	Powers	Pat
29	Kaszuba	Julie
29	Gatts	Donna



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

5	Schramm	Sandy
11	Carini	Lourdes
12	Lowe	Barbara
12	Aitchison	Michele
14	Sampson	Susan
15	Hollenbeck	Sue
17	Grosvenor	Terry
18	Rankin	Phyllis
19	Kohut	Trisha
23	Zavolta	Corinne
23	Dreyer	Marilyn
25	Wilson	Carol

Remembrance — by Donna Rewick

If you wish to have our club membership informed of any illnesses, deaths or other concerns please contact me by e-mail dlrewick@gmail.com or phone (808) 220-9477. I will submit this information for mass e-mailing on your behalf. If you know of a member who may be uplifted by receiving a card, please let us know.

NEW MEMBERS:

Hi I'm Carol Belveal. I moved back to Oregon from California about 3 years ago. I have had a lot going on but I was trying to fix my yard of weeds. Planting and getting something to grow was harder than I expected. I've been thinking of going to get help somewhere and then I saw something about the Grants Pass Garden Club. I could hardly wait to get into the group and learn about gardening and meet new people. Maybe find a friend. I have enjoyed the meetings and I'm looking forward for the next one.

Carol Belveal



Hi, my name is Leslie O'Brien. My husband, 3 children and I moved here from NY in 1993 for his job. I was only staying a year or so and didn't want to leave family, 31 years later here we are. 😊 I always loved gardening since I was little with my grandmother and aunts. It's so peaceful when you need calm and therapeutic when you need to release some aggression on those weeds. Sitting and working in my garden makes me feel happy, calm and brings back many great memories. I am looking forward to meeting new people and learning all you have to share.

Leslie O'Brien



My husband, of 45 years, and I moved to the Rogue Valley in 2020 from the San Diego County area where everything grows year-round. It was quite a shock for me to go to Wal Mart in winter and there were no plants! My grandfathers were both avid gardeners, and one had avocado groves in his retirement years. So, I think my interest is inherited; although, I don't know nearly as much as they did.

I still work a full-time job, so I mainly grow easy and hardy plants now, because that's what I have time to take care of. I'm looking forward to learning more at the Garden Club so when I retire, I can spend more time in my yard. I love color and flowers. My goal is to have something blooming year-round.

The photo was taken at the gardens at Shore Acres, near Coos Bay, this last December. What an inspiration those gardens are!

I'm thankful MaryLou Hansen invited both me and my sister, Sandy Goodell, to the Garden Club meeting. I look forward to learning more about the club and its community involvement.

Sue Cope



For over 30 years, Adrienne Powers owned and managed successful stores selling high-end antiques and home decor materials. Her first store was in Menlo Park, California, and then she expanded to Half Moon Bay, California. When she moved to Oregon in 2015, she opened her store in Grants Pass known as “Quintessence Decor” and eventually moved the store to Jacksonville. Because of covid, she had to close that store and now sells out of a collective in Medford. After moving to Oregon, she has designed the landscaping and gardens at the house where she and her husband live in Grants Pass as well as their vacation cottage in Brookings, Oregon.

Adrienne Powers



Pat Powers

After retiring from his law practice in California, Pat relocated to Grants Pass in 2015. He was motivated to move because of the friendless of the people in Oregon as well as the scenic beauty of Oregon and the absence of overcrowding. Pat has been gardening for more years than he cares to admit. Pat heard someone mention the Grants Pass Garden Club and looked it up on the internet. Liking what he read, he and Adrienne attended their first meeting in June 2024 and joined. In addition to helping to take care of gardens he shares with his wife in Grants Pass and Brookings, he operates a beach front vacation rental house in Brookings.



SPECIAL ADDED TOUR

Joan Giles' Garden – Friday, August 2nd – 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Illinois Valley Garden Club is coming for a tour and discussion of Hydrangeas and Sunflowers. It should be a great time to see the gardens, just before the Josephine County Fair. We can discuss how to pick a flower to enter at the fair—very interesting!

We would love our members to come and enjoy interacting with our neighbor garden club. Joan will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting for those who want to attend (so we get an idea how many people are coming)—if you cannot attend the July 3rd regular meeting and would like to attend, just contact Joan to let her know.

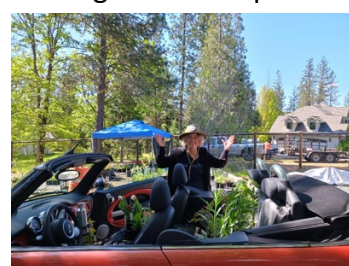
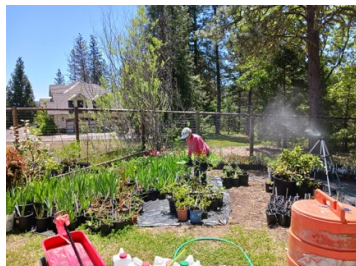
We are doing this in the morning to avoid the heat, and the discussions will be in the lovely shaded back yard by the river. Please bring a chair, and any questions you'd like to ask. We are sure Illinois Valley would like to go out to lunch afterwards, so plan on that if you'd like to join everyone.

See you all there!

Contact information: Joan Giles -- 541-471-3404 (land line) -- glencrag2@yahoo.com (new e-mail)

Cleaning up after the Wonderful Plant & Garden Sale

On May 8th, Club Members once again gathered at our Club Nursery at Carole Genovesi's home to help clean up after our fantastic Plant and Garden Sale. Some members took advantage of purchasing additional plants.



Tour to Ashland's Lithia Park Japanese Garden & 2 Nurseries

On May 9th, members of the Club traveled to Lithia Park Japanese Garden in Ashland. The Tour Guide gave the group a wonderful tour through the garden and answered many questions. The tour was followed by a visit to Diane Lewis' sister's (Elaine Sweet) home and gardens, which were beautiful. That was followed with lunch and visits to Ashland Greenhouses and Valley View Nursery where most of the members made purchases to add to their gardens. We were blessed with a beautiful day and lots of fun.



Tour in Colonial Valley

On May 31, Club Members took a tour of three homes in Colonial Valley, including the homes of Eletheak Kesarali, Susan Hanna and Carole Genovesi. All 3 have beautiful gardens and the members enjoyed their visit!



New State Life Members

At our General Meeting on June 5th, former President, Carole Genovesi presented 3 Honored Members, chosen by the Club Members, to receive State Life Memberships, along with pins and certificates.

They are:

Roi Pietrzak

Ruth Salvatore

Nena Heitz



July 3, 2024 General Meeting: Look for the VA Chapel Volunteer Sign Up Sheet!

I will be sending an informative email to the membership, on **Monday, July 1** about what it entails regarding volunteering for doing floral arrangements for the VA Chapel in White City. Our Club's month of Fridays for doing the arrangements is **September** this year.

Thank you, *Donna Rewick*, VA Chapel Coordinator. Check out the email for that info :)



A Refreshing Summer Treat (for Adults) Margarita Fruit Kabob and Dip



INGREDIENTS: Dip --

3 oz. Cream Cheese, softened

½ cut Sour Cream

¼ tbs. Lime Juice

1 tbs. Thawed Orange Juice Concentrate

1 tbs. Tequila

½ cup Whipped Cream

Fruits --

12 Fresh Strawberries

6 Pineapple Chunks

1 medium Mango, peeled & cubed

6 Seedless Red Grapes

2 Slices Pound Cake, cubed

In a large bowl, combine the first 6 ingredients. Beat in whipping cream until fluffy. Meanwhile, thread fruits and cake on wooden or metal skewers. Serve with dip.

Other fruits may be used in place of those listed. Enjoy with the dip drizzled on your Fruits and Cake.

***Donna Rewick, Community Director Report
Grange Garden and Riverside Gardens***

Grange Garden:

*Thank you to **Debbie Crook** for offering to continue being the Grange Garden Chair. Debbie is super in coordinating the volunteers and overseeing the garden for our Club.*

Thank you to the volunteers who helped at the Grange Garden these past two months:

May — **Don and Pamela Davies**

June — **Debbie Crook and Lucy Saldana**

Another thank you goes to **Carole Genovesi** who by the time you read this will have lopped down the height of the Russian Sage that fronts the Grange and Eddy's Burgers.



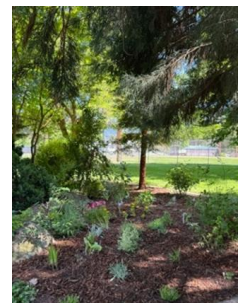
Check out the bee covered in pollen! This pic is courtesy of my friend, Lori Rilkoff who accompanied me to the Grange Garden on Friday, 6/21/24. With thanks to Lori in capturing how our Grange Garden is truly a pollinator one.

Riverside Park Gardens:

With *great appreciation* to **Marylou Hansen** for chairing the Riverside Gardens these past two years. She has been instrumental in helping the adjacent gardens, Marguerite Riddle and Bird & Butterfly remain being great sites for the public to enjoy.

With a *happy hooray* to **Bonnie Shaw** who has offered to be Chair of the Riverside Park Gardens. She and I will be going there on July 3 after the general meeting, and will be putting in "flags" in front of the Blue and Gold Star Markers. **Happy 4th of July to all!**

To the right are pics of Lori (from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada) visiting and enjoying the Bird & Butterfly Garden. She said she'd join our Club if she lived here because she really admires all that we accomplish.



Thankful for our GPGC members and all you do . . . truly, we are making a positive impact for our community.

REMINDER: At our General Meeting – Turn your Cell Phone Off (or to silent)

Keep your visiting with others for before the meeting,
during the Break and for after the Meeting:

Respect the Speakers!

PLEASE – DO NOT park in Eddy's Restaurant Parking Lot.
If the Grange lot is full, we have Permission to park at the
Recycling Center across the street – at the back side of the
building.

HELP CLEAN UP AFTER THE MEETING!

THANK YOU!!!



Extra Thanks to Merlin Self Storage for your Support!

