



Produce

May / June 2024

Next General Meeting: 12:00 PM May 1st Fruitdale Grange

Program for May 1st: "Fall Colors" with Nancy Lester

Program for June 5th: Potluck/Recognitions - "Best Long Blooming Perennials" with Linda Price

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our year has started with many activities, including the Club's participation in the Josephine County Home Show; beginning work on the 2024-25 Budget, the Annual District Meeting and our wonderful Annual Plant and Garden Sale. Everyone is beginning to prep their gardens, plant produce and flowers, etc. It's been a beautiful Spring! Remember, in June, we have a regular Potluck and Recognition of the new State Life Members, which will carry us into Summer and all it has in store for us!

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MAY & JUNE MEMBERS!!!

May Birthdays

8 Clare Frazeur
14 Dorit Brown
15 Joan Foley
17 Barbara Byrd
21 Debbie Bergener
24 Brooke Foyt
25 Christina Sammet
26 Jan Wyllie
29 Jennifer Edgerton

June Birthdays

6 Kelley Brandeau
8 Gloria Kozar-Sullivan
17 Valerie Hall
17 Francie Lahr
20 Randy Norley
21 Cherrie Lynch
28 Shirley Schmidt

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!

Remembrance — 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](tel:8082209477). 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.

A New Feature for the Produce: Showcasing Artistic Creativity in the Garden/Yard!

If you would like to share a picture of something in your garden or yard that brings you joy . . . please do so.

For the May/June Produce is this picture provided by **Sharon Bader** of her *She Shed Greenhouse*. Designed by her using windows, and being built by her husband, this gorgeous work of creative artistry is surely going to be a joyous place for her to spend time in. How aesthetically pleasing to the eye it is! Thank you, Sharon for sharing.



WELCOME TO OUR FOUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

JUDY TRZEBIATOWSKI

My name is Judy Trzebiatowski. We bought our property 22 years ago moving from the cold country of Wisconsin. What a different landscape as well as different plant types to learn. We moved from zone 4 to 7. I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. Even though originally I wasn't too keen about moving, it didn't take me long to adjust and love it here. We have approx. 540 blueberry plants and run an Airb&b to keep me busy in my spare time. In closing, my love flowers keeps me in the garden! 🌸🌻



GWEN KILCHHERR

I moved to Grants Pass last August after my husband retired. I love growing my own vegetables and fruits. I have what you call, an edible landscape, which includes a wide selection of annual flowers, perennials, shrubs, and trees. My favorite flowers are the many varieties of sunflowers! I heard about the garden club from Don and Pam.



BONNIE SHAW

No Photo or information received.

MIRANDA FLOREZ

My name is Miranda, I grew up here in Southern Oregon, and have lived in Grants Pass with my husband and 3 children for the last 3 years. My love of gardening started during Covid. I watched every available episode of the BBCs Gardeners World, and started by growing bulbs and tomatoes in pots at our old house in Medford. My current yard is mostly shade so I am learning to love all the different plants that thrive without much sun. I look forward to getting to know and learn from all the experienced gardeners in the Garden Club.

Grange Garden and Three Rivers Community Seed Library
Donna Rewick, Community Director Report

Grange Garden: *You are invited to a Mulching Party! Hosted by Debbie Crook*
Monday, May 6 — 10 a.m. until done . . .

Please sign up at the May 1 General Meeting if able to attend and help with this work party.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped at the Grange Garden:

March — **Jan Wylie** April — **Lilly Radbourne and Lourdes Carini**



Three Rivers Community Seed Library:

The March 9 Seed Swap was a huge success and a very fun day of volunteering!

Volunteers: Dorit Brown, Jillian Brown, Brooke Foyt, Donna Rewick and Annette Sakellaridis



At the Growers Market on April 6, 2024 — Dorit in action with her positive sharing of seed starting and saving! Yay for Three Rivers Community Seed Library.



With a **Thank You** also to **Marylou Hansen** who stores the packets of seeds and continuously restocks the packets at the Josephine Community Library.

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

Siskiyou District Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 16th



Photos by Donna Rewick and Nena Heitz

What a *Wonderful* event -- Fun was had by ALL!

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Grants Pass Garden Club Annual Plant and Garden Sale

April 27, 2024 at the Club Nursery - Genovesi's Property

April 19th - Cleaning and Organizing the Nursery Begins

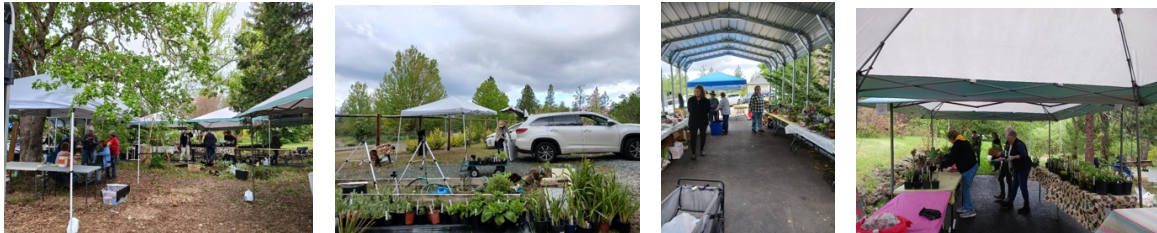


Photos by Donna Rewick and Sue Hollenbeck

April 24th - Plant Intake Day and Finishing the Cleaning and Organizing of the Nursery



April 26th - Sale Set-Up Day



April 27th -- The Sale!



THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS!!!

UPCOMING TOURS

There are two upcoming Tours scheduled - Sign-up at the meeting if you are planning on going!

May 9th: Ashland Japanese Gardens in Lithia Park, Ashland Greenhouse, Valley View Nursery

Meet at the Fred Myers Parking Lot (near the Gas Station) at 8:30 to carpool down.

July 15th and 16th: Shore Acres Tour (near Coos Bay). Again, sign-up in the back of the room.

If you have questions, contact Linda Price -- 541 / 761-5820



Yummy Chicken Salad - Servings: 6 people

Ingredients:

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- 1 lb cooked chicken breast meat (4 cups diced)
- 2 cups seedless red grapes, halved
- 1 cup celery, cut in halves lengthwise then sliced (2 - 3 sticks of celery)
- 1/2 cup red onion, finely chopped (1/2 medium onion)
- 1 cup pecans, toasted & finely chopped

Chicken Salad Dressing:

- 1/2 cup of mayo
- 1/2 cup sour cream (or Greek yogurt)
- 2 Tbls lemon juice
- 2 Tbls dill, finely chopped
- 1/2 tsp salt or to taste
- 1/2 tsp black pepper

Instructions:

1. Place the pecans on a dry skillet over medium to low heat and toast for 3-5 minutes, tossing frequently until golden and fragrant then transfer to a cutting board and coarsely chop and set aside to cool.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine diced chicken, halved grapes, celery, chopped onion and cooled pecans.
3. In a small bowl, add all the dressing ingredients and stir until completely mixed.
4. Add all the dressing to the salad (or add to taste), stir until salad is evenly coated with dressing. Cover and refrigerate until you are ready to serve.

Options: Replace grapes with cubed strawberries, blueberries or olives

Delete celery if you don't like celery

This Chicken Salad recipe can be used as a salad, in a sandwich or wrap. Use your imagination!

If you happen to be a Dahlia person, get them in the Ground...NOW!!!

A note from Nena

REMINDER: DO NOT PARK IN EDDY'S RESTAURANT PARKING LOT!!! OVERFLOW PARKING IS AVAILABLE ACROSS THE STREET IN THE BOTTLE/ CANS RECYCLING CENTER IN THE BACK OF THEIR BUILDING ALONG THEIR FENCE. LOCK YOUR VEHICLE OVER THERE AS HOMELESS TEND TO HANG OUT IN THAT AREA.

CLIPBOARDS IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM: This Club cannot continue to function without volunteers. At every meeting, there are clipboards in the back of the room with requests for your assistance and/or regarding events needing help; tours; raffle items; etc. You aren't required to help but your assistance is very much appreciated!!!

PLEASE Turn your Cell Phones off during the meetings & hold down your conversations when people are up front presenting their portion of the meeting!!! Save your calls and conversations until the break or after the meeting. And, **Remember your Name Badge!**

PLEASE Respect the person in front of the room who is speaking - whether a brief report or presentation, be courteous and save your conversations for during the break or after the meeting has been adjourned!

ALSO, PLEASE help us straighten up the room after the meeting – at least push your chair back in under the table! The entryway must also be vacuumed, floors swept and tables & counters wiped off (use the spray on the kitchen counter) and garbage taken out. After Potlucks, remember to take your serving dishes and utensils home.

If we want the Grange to continue to let us rent their space, we MUST leave it clean!!!



Extra Thanks to Merlin Self Storage for your Support!