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Next General Meeting 12:00 PM July 2nd Fruitdale Grange

July 2nd General Meeting Presentation: Carole Genovesi +: "Josephine County Fair"

August 6th Presentation: Shari Teague "Pollinator Gardening"

Message from the President

We are starting our new Fiscal Year at Grants Pass Garden Club. May we be blessed with a wonderful year!

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT THE JULY 2ND MEETING, IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO YET! Cash or Check!!!

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

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| 1. Joanne Nall | 14. Julie Clark |
| 8. Pamela Davies | 15. Terry Miller |
| 8. Mike Zerwer | 25. Pat Powers |
| 9. Jenny Grippando | 29. Julie Kaszuba |
| 9. Annette Sakellaridis | |
| 10. Florence Foulke | |



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 4. Sandy Schramm | 14. Susan Sampson |
| 5. Cheryl Patrick | 18. Phyllis Rankin |
| 9. Carolyn Woods | 19. Trisha Kohut |
| 11. Lourdes Carini | 23. Marilyn Dreyer |
| 12. Michele Atchison | 23. Corinne Zavolta |
| 12. Barbara Lowe | 25. Carol Wilson |

A Very BIG CONGRATULATIONS...

To

TERRY MILLER!!!

I received a notification from OSFGC that they have appointed Terry to be the New Interim District Director for the Siskiyou District. We are all very happy for and proud of TERRY!!!

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](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 me know.

2025 – 2026 Club Directory

We will soon be starting work on the 2025-26 Club Directory. If you are a new member (since our previous directory came out), we would like to take your picture to add to our members' section. Please see Lynda Demsher so she can get your photo. Also, if you didn't like your old picture, see Lynda for a new photo.

WILDLIFE IMAGES TOUR

May 15th – Thank you, Shari Teague

Everyone who joined us on the Tour really seemed to enjoy the Tour. Shari was a great guide!



PHOTOS by Nena Heitz

MEMBER PLANT SALE AT CAROLE GENOVESI'S CLUB NURSERY

May 17th - Thank you to the few who came!



Installation of the 2025 – 2027 Grants Pass Garden Club Officers

At the June 4th General Club Meeting, Past President, Carole Genovesi installed the new and returning Officers. Thank you, Carole, for a beautiful ceremony!

Secretary, Sharleen Brasher; Vice President, Donna Rewick; President, Nena Heitz;
Treasurer, Rebecca Hove and Assistant Treasurer, Jody Gerard.



PHOTOS by Lynda Demsher

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

Grange Garden:

Thank you to the volunteers who help at the Grange Garden!

With great appreciation to Chair, Debbie Crook for overseeing and coordinating volunteers for the garden. A thank you, also, to Mike Zerwer. She and Debbie will be putting in many more plants, so please make a point to view the garden when you attend the July 2 general meeting to see their accomplishment.

If you would like to help with the maintenance of the garden, sign up on the clipboard provided by Debbie.

Riverside Park Gardens:

Chair, Bonnie Shaw and crew of Dorit Brown, Don & Pamela Davies, Terry Miller, and Donna Rewick spiffed up the adjacent gardens at Riverside Park on May 5 to get it ready for the Memorial Day weekend of Boatnik. A big thank you to the volunteers.



PHOTOS by Donna Rewick

Three Rivers Community Seed Library:

A seed packing session led by TRCSL Chair, Dorit Brown was held at the home of Adrienne and Pat Powers on May 23. An added bonus for the volunteers that day was a tour of Pat and Adrienne's lovely garden. A big thank you to the Powers for their gracious hospitality. A big thank you to the volunteers that include: Dorit Brown, Julie Clark, Curt & Valerie Hall, Terry Miller, Lilly Radbourne, Donna Rewick, Sharon Snyder, Debbie Weske, and Jan Wyllie.



PHOTOS by Donna Rewick

Congratulations State Life Members

For their considerable and comprehensive volunteering in our garden club, the membership voted for Lourdes Carini, Don Davies, and Terry Miller to receive the honor of a State Life Member recognition. At our June meeting they were awarded a certificate and pin.

A hearty congratulations to the three of them for their volunteer contributions.

PHOTO by Lynda Demsher



An Update on Madrona Elementary:

One of the schools in the community that GPGC donates funds is Madrona Elementary. Sharon Snyder, Liaison between the school and our club shared that a team of adult volunteers regrouped in helping students on Tuesdays in their working together in the garden. The several weeks of sessions ended on June 3. The adults will continue to maintain the garden during the summer. After the *Back To School* event in September, the volunteers who include in addition to Sharon, our club member, Lilly Radbourne, will resume volunteering with students on a weekly basis. Lilly donated the scarecrow to the garden. Sharon created a banner for the garden.



PHOTOS by Lilly Radbourne & Sharon Snyder

Lastly, but not least . . . for the Community Director Report:

With an appreciative thank you to **Nancy Lester** for creating on behalf of the GPGC this gorgeous centerpiece for a JoCo Food Bank fundraiser. The event "*Shining a Light on Hunger*" was held June 12 with its farm to table theme. Nancy's floral arrangement, placed on a 6' round sponsor table, had information with it identifying her as the creator, and a listing of Grants Pass Garden Club's contributions to the community. One of our contributions includes our support of the Raptor Creek Farm that is a production and education farm of the Josephine County Food Bank. Additionally, Grants Pass Garden Club will be recognized on the Food Bank's subsequent social posts highlighting the support received by the community for its successful event. Again, thank you, Nancy for the lovely arrangement you did on our Club's behalf. Here are two views of its beauty!



PHOTOS by Nancy Lester

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



SUMMER GARDEN TOUR (2 BEAUTIFUL GARDENS)

THURSDAY, JULY 10

This event will be our big summer tour—a great chance to socialize and enjoy 2 wonderful gardens. You are welcome to bring guests to enjoy the experience!

The first one is at Peggy Della Maggiora's home—this garden was featured on the cover of Country Gardens magazine—such an honor and very unique!

The second garden is at Joan Giles' home, featuring many unusual hydrangeas, a sun/vegetable/flower garden, a shade garden, and much more. You can bring your lunch, and a chair, and enjoy a shady/cool experience by the Applegate River. Also, all the "fixins" for a "make it yourself" ice cream sundae will be there—toppings, fresh fruit, etc.

**For those of you who have not previously signed up, please let Joan Giles know how many are coming (this will help so that she can plan the amount of sundae ingredients needed).*

Joan Giles 541-471-3404 (land line—no texts) glencrag2@yahoo.com

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FOR GARDEN TOURS ON THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

FROM GRANTS PASS TO PEGGY'S, 309 ELLIOTT CREEK RD (Arrive @ 9:30 a.m.)

Travel west on Hwy. 199 to mile post 11.

Just past mile post 11, turn left on Elliott Creek Road

Drive over the bridge (100 ft.) turn sharp left on wood railed driveway (Do not go up the hill!) This driveway is an easement so please drive slowly

Follow the driveway over another small bridge to the end # 309

Go through the gate and park on the right

Peggy's phone # 541-287-1407.

FROM PEGGY'S TO JOAN'S, 4334 FISH HATCHERY RD (Arrive about 11:30 a.m.)

Go back to Redwood Hwy, Turn Right

Go 2.3 miles to Old Redwood Hwy & Wilderville, Slight Right

Go 0.7 miles to Wilderville Store & Fish Hatchery Rd, Turn Right

Go 2.0 miles to sign on left (4330-4350) with balloons, Turn left

Go down gravel lane to next lane on right (balloon), Turn right

Go to end of lane to 4334, last balloon

Joan's phone # 541-471-3404.

Notes: Bring a chair and your lunch

You will be making your own ice cream sundae, "makings" provided by Joan.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FALL?

This year we will be doing 2 or 3 Dig and Divide events in September or October. The difference this year is that you will need to babysit the potted plants (or find someone to take care of them) over the winter. This only means finding a place to put them (outside is fine) and occasional watering. So, if your plants, like mine, are taking over your beds and you would like some help taming them, let me know. I could also use some help in organizing these D&D's if you would like to get involved. More on this later.

Carole G.

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP ON THE CLIPBOARDS IN THE BACK OF THE GENERAL MEETING ROOM!!!

ENTERING THE JOSEPHINE COUNTY FAIR

Someone told me the other day that they were hesitant to enter flowers or designs into the fair because they didn't "know if they were good enough". Having done this fair for a number of years I can tell you that You Never Know what the judges will choose for awards. But aside from the contest, our aim is to fill the room with flowers, grasses, potted plants and floral designs so the public that visit the event can enjoy all the various displays. An additional benefit is great publicity for the club.

I will be going over how to do your entries at the July club meeting and Joan G. will remind you how to make your entries the best they can be. An additional bonus for those of you who entered previously and signed up for ShoWorks, I have learned how to use your last year's entries to shortcut the entry process.

Please look around your yards as we get closer to the Fair date and if you think something will be ready by July 28, please enter it – there is no cost to enter and no penalty if you enter something that turns out not to be ready.

LET'S FILL THE ROOM WITH FLOWERS!

Carole G

German Potato Salad Heirloom Recipe

Ingredients

- 5 pounds Yukon Gold potatoes - Russet potatoes are not recommended
- 1 small red onion finely chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 pound bacon strips completely optional
- 1 tablespoon dill optional, but we like it
- 1/4 cup fresh parsley chopped
- 1/4 cup chicken stock
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoons fresh cracked pepper approx.
- 3/4 cup red wine vinegar, white vinegar is okay, too
- 1/4 cup Unseasoned rice vinegar non-traditional, optional secret ingredient
- 1 cup vegetable oil



Instructions

1. Boil the potatoes, skin on, until fork tender (approximately 20 to 30 minutes) in water. Drain and allow to cool so that they can be picked up, and held into a clean tea towel.
2. Once all of the potatoes are peeled, cut each potato in half and then into fairly thin slices (about
3. 1/4") into a large bowl.
4. Pour the vinegar (including unconventional rice vinegar, if using), salt & pepper, to the warm potatoes and wait for a few minutes, so that it absorbs.
5. Cut the bacon into "lardons" (thin strips) and cook until crispy. Reserve about 2 Tbsp of the bacon fat.
7. Add the bacon, onion, salt and pepper, and dill (if using).
Add the reserved bacon fat, and chicken stock.
8. Gently stir with a large spatula, being careful not to press the potatoes too much.
9. Add about 3/4 cups of the vegetable oil (you can always add more). Gently combine.
10. Add 1 teaspoon of white sugar, not too much!
11. Taste the salad. Adjust the salt, if necessary. Add a little more vinegar, so that it has a mild tartness to it.
12. The potato salad should have a nice sheen to it, but not be too oily. Add a little oil at a time, until you
13. see a very light sheen.
14. I like to add the fresh parsley, last.
15. It's best served at room temperature.

It's delicious cold, but ideally, you want to serve it room temp– never hot! That's Bavarian "blasphemy"!



PHOTOS & FLOWERS – Nena Heitz

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