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**Next General Meeting 12:00 PM JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> Fruitdale Grange**

**JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> Presentation: TBA**

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> Presentation: Sherrie Teague: Planter a Pollinator Garden using Native Plants**

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### **A NOTE FROM THE PREZ**

### **HAPPY NEW YEARS – 2025 – TO ALL!!!**

I hope you had a healthy, happy and relaxing holiday season... The Garden Club had lots of fun and a successful Boutique on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. Our December General Meeting was fun and we had a delicious Potluck, wonderful entertainment from Corinne and Lucy, a fun Ugly Sweater Contest and the Gift Exchange/Steal was a lot of fun as well.

Thank you so very much to everyone who took part in all our events throughout 2024. Total, thousands of hours were donated to the Club and the result was an outstanding year for the Grants Pass Garden Club. Bless you. All!!!

We are looking forward to the 2025 New Year!

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*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!*

#### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 14. Sharon Motta
- 15. Joy Firquain
- 18. Adrienne Powers
- 23. Debbie Crook
- 23. Jan Schultz
- 30. Luane Watson



#### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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| 2. Patti Budesilich  | 19. Ruth Salvatore |
| 2. Bonnie Shaw       | 22. Valerie Powell |
| 11. Annette Maxwell  | 25. Jean Smith     |
| 11. Julie Meadows    | 26. Karen Hunger   |
| 12. Joy Morell Smith | 28. Leslie O'Brien |

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### **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 [drewick@gmail.com](mailto:drewick@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. \_

## WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS...

### Joe Gecsey:

My most recent gardening adventure was with the Josephine County Master Gardeners, graduating from the course in 2023. I enjoyed working in the greenhouse the most, and, in 2024, I helped maintain the MGA greenhouse under John Etchells' tutelage. I also started a very modest personal seed effort at my own residence. In my youth, my father kept a modest garden in our backyard, growing some vegetables and quite a few roses (my mother's favorite). I have been retired for 8 years, having previously been somewhat of a world traveler for a local company, logging over 2 million actual air miles in some 30 years. My wife, Gina, just retired, and we are planning various trips in the US and overseas, as well as taking care of our own property: a city lot of 0.2 acres so not too big to leave when "on the road". My more recent interest in the gardening world is in learning more about the various methods of propagation.



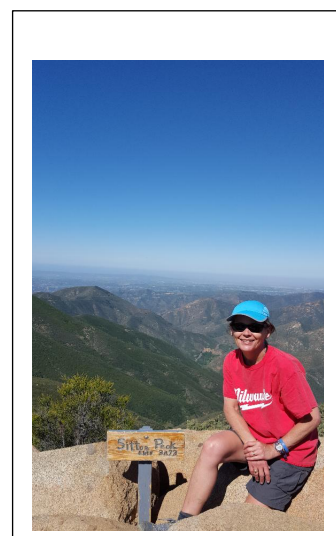
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### Jody Gerard:

My husband and I moved to Grants Pass four months ago. We have been planning this move for several years and we are thrilled to finally be here! I quickly sought out the Garden Club because I have so very much to learn. We came from Southern California where there is no frost date, little variation in weather year-round, and no foliage chomping deer - many gardening challenges ahead for me!

I prefer to be outside as much as possible. Hiking, bicycling and camping are among my favorite activities. Both our children and their families reside in Oregon, so we are looking forward to many outdoor adventures together in the future. When "forced" indoors, my hobbies are largely fiber related - knitting, crocheting, and spinning yarn.

I look forward to participating in club activities and learning from all the members!



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Valerie Powell: No picture or bio received... We will just need to "seek Valerie out" at our meetings individually and get to know more about her...

We are very happy to welcome all three of you to the Grants Pass Garden Club!!!

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### November 5<sup>th</sup> Dig & Divide at Nancy Lester's Home

On November 5<sup>th</sup>, a small group including Lucy Saldana, Bonnie Shaw, Linda Price, Darlene Garske and Nena Heitz joined Nancy Lester to dig up and split many of her wonderful plants.



Photos by Nena Heitz

## Final Dig and Divide of 2024

Dig & Divide, November 11, 2024 led by D&D Chair, Lucy Saldana at Peggy Della Maggiora's gorgeous yard had several volunteers helping that day. With thanks to: Dorit Brown, CarolAnne Durante, Brooke Foyt, Carole Genovesi, Joan Giles, Valerie Hall, Linda Price and Donna Rewick.



Thank you Donna Rewick for the photos

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## Update on the Boutique

We had a WONDERFUL Bazaar this year. Our results exceeded the \$2,500.00 expected income that was part of the budget!

The results: Boutique Items... \$1,624.85  
Baked Goods..... \$ 885.50  
Raffle .....\$200.00  
Total Sales .....\$2,710.35

Please congratulate Ruth Salvatore for organizing both the Bake Sale and creating the marvelous Gingerbread house for the raffle. And all the members who contributed baked goodies. And all the members who showed up at 7 AM to set up. And Carlene Honeychurch who organized setup so we were ready by 9 AM. And all the members who contributed items for sale. And our Treasurer, Rebecca and her helpers who prevailed through technical difficulties to keep the customer line moving smoothly. And Joe Giles and Dorit's better half Jackson who helped with the ENORMOUS wreath!

And all the members who worked throughout the day to keep the customers happy, wrap their purchases and finally pack up the leftovers so we met our deadline to turn the Grange over to the next group.

The good news... next year we will be having the sale on the first Saturday of December but will have the Friday before from

3 PM to 7 PM to do the setup. Should make things a lot easier. Thank you, Nena for arranging this.

I hope you all have a great holiday! See you in January.

Carole Genovesi.



## December's General Meeting

Our General Meeting/Party began with a wonderful Potluck, Pledges, a few announcements, including Carole Genovesi and Ruth Salvatore giving info regarding the Boutique and Joan Giles about the Aging Group Gathering.



Corinne Zavolta and Lucy Saldana entertained the group and led everyone in Christmas Carol Sing-Alongs.



After a short break, The Ugly Sweater Contest was held. The results: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Tom Houghton; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Carole Genovesi; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Debbie Crook



Then it was time for the Gift Exchange / Steal!!! Many laughs were shared as gifts were stolen!!!



Thank you Donna Rewick, Terry Miller & Valerie Hall for all the wonderful photos you shared!!!!



## The December 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Boutique



Before the Bake Sale

After the Bake Sale was set up...





**GINGERBREAD HOUSE RAFFLE:** A Beautiful Gingerbread House was created and donated by Ruthie Salvatore. Many tickets were purchased ... And, the WINNER: Grants Pass Garden Club Member -- Lilly Radbourne! Congratulations, Lilly! And again, Thank you Ruth!



Thank you to all the wonderful members who came in to help set up the Boutique, man all the various positions needed to make it a success, donated bake goods for the Bake Sale, helped tear down at the end of the sale and clean the rooms up!

**Donna Rewick, Community Director Report**  
**Grange Garden and Riverside Gardens**  
**Three Rivers Community Seed Library and Flowers for Hospice**

**Grange Garden:**

A "Cutting Down of Plants for the Winter" workday was held on Tuesday, November 11.

Led by **Chair, Debbie Crook**, the volunteers made sure to get the garden winter ready.

With thanks to the volunteers: **Debbie Crook, Don & Pamela Davies, Valerie Hall, Tom Houghton, Terry Miller, Lilly Radbourne, Donna Rewick, and Bonnie Shaw.** A *special thank you* to **Mike Zerwer** for her continuous contributions in helping the garden to look great!

**Thank you** to the volunteers who helped at the Grange Garden for November:

The **Crook Family** and **Mike Zerwer**

At the January 8, 2025 Meeting, be sure to check out our Club's beautiful Grange Garden!

Also, please sign up to help in 2025, thank you.



**Riverside Park Gardens:**

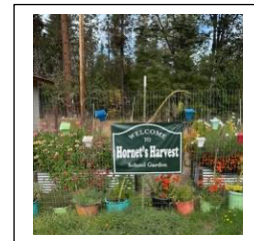


**Thank you** to our **Riverside Gardens Chair, Bonnie Shaw** for the continued work she does at the Riverside Gardens. **Bonnie** planted two shrubs, a Rainbow Drooping Leucothoe and a Kaleidoscope, in late October and is keeping check on what needs to be done periodically at the Marguerite Riddle side and the Bird & Butterfly side of the adjacent gardens.

### **Three Rivers Community Seed Library (TRCSL):**

On November 7, **TRCSL Chair, Dorit Brown** and committee members **Marylou Hansen, Donna Rewick** along with Madrona Elementary Liaison, **Sharon Snyder** led a Winter Sewing of Vegetable Seeds session with Madrona Elementary students ranging from 2nd to 5th grade. The students were provided two kinds of seeds for them to put into their coin-sized envelopes: Icicle Radish and Dinosaur Kale, a comprehensive instructional flyer, top soil, and labels to be included in a provided packet they took home for using the items in a small area of their yard to create a garden. The volunteers discussed with the students learning objectives of how to grow direct-to-soil seeds and how to care for their planted area. Encouraging students to learn how to grow healthy, edible foods using basic gardening skills was an enjoyable time for the students and the volunteers.

Reminder: **Dorit** will be requesting volunteers from the Club to help with cleaning seeds, packing seeds, labeling coin-sized envelopes, and taking turns at the JoCo County Fairgrounds Farmers Market manning the table of free packets of seeds to offer to the community. Hope many of you will say, Yes when she requests this help.



### **Flowers for Hospice:**

A huge **thank you** to the **Membership** who at our November 6 Club meeting donated flowers that the Hospice Volunteer Coordinator picked up to take back to her office to make over a dozen bud vase bouquets to distribute to those undergoing care. This purely voluntary donation of flowers will take place again at the March 2025 meeting, and a reminder email will be sent.



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

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**REMINDER:** At our General Meeting – Turn your Cell Phone Off (or to silent) \$5 fine for not!

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!**

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## Ruthie's Scones

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease or spray two baking sheets.

3 cups flour

1/2 cup sugar

2 1/2 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp baking soda

1/2 tsp salt

1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, room temperature

1 Tbls (or more) citrus zest, finely chopped

(lemon, orange, tangerine, etc)

Dried fruit of your choice, approximately 1 cup (cranberries, blueberries, chopped apricots, etc)

1 cup (approximately) buttermilk



In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. By hand, cut the butter in until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Add dried fruit and citrus zest; toss until mixed into the flour mixture.

Add buttermilk, a little at time, and mix in by hand until flour is just blended. Do not over mix or the scones will be tough.

Divide into two balls of dough, each weighing the same amount. Place each on a greased cookie sheet and lightly pat down until about 1" thick and in the shape of a circle.

With a sharp knife, cut each circle into 6 equal sized wedges. Place in oven... set timer for 20 minutes. When timer goes off, rotate cookies sheets from one shelf to the other. Reset timer and bake another 15 minutes. Check scones. They should be golden brown and when touched, they should bounce back.

Remove from oven, brush with butter and sprinkle with raw sugar. With a sharp knife, re-cut scones into wedge shape. Ready to serve!

Combos I like:

Dried apricot and orange zest, lemon zest and dried blueberry, or dried cranberry and orange zest.

You can also add nuts if you like...have fun experimenting and finding combinations that you like. These can be made savory by reducing the sugar to 2-3 Tbls, increase salt by a little and adding grated cheese and/or meat (ham, crumbled bacon or sausage). Sprinkle coarse salt on top instead of sugar.



*Thanks to Merlin Self Storage for your Support!*

# HAPPY 2025!!!