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Clackamas Monthly News: November 2017

Chapter Meeting - Monday, November 13 at 7 p.m.

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie



Growing Conifers: What Gardeners Can Learn from Christmas Trees, Chal Landgren, OSU's Christmas Tree Specialist

Many gardens include conifers such as Douglas, noble, grand, Nordmann or Turkish firs. Chal's talk will focus on common problems that gardeners and Christmas tree growers share. Some of the problems may have a solution, others may simply be warnings to avoid future problems. He will also discuss some of the culturing tips that may be useful in gardens. *Click the Lectures link (above) for more information on this month's speaker. <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/NWREC/programs/christmas-trees> *MG education credit**

Chapter Dues: It's that time again.

Dues for the 2018 year are \$12 (add \$3 if you want your directory mailed to you). You can pay at Chapter meetings (cash or check only, please) or by credit card through our [Membership Renewal page](#). You can find the details and links on our Members Page too. Don't forget to renew - as an active chapter member you are invited to attend chapter events, have voting privileges and receive the annual Chapter Handbook and Directory, along with monthly and special email announcements. Contact Frank Wille with any questions.

Used Book Sale

Our annual Used Book Sale will be held this month. The sale will be available before the meeting and during the break. Please bring your garden books that others will enjoy owning and reading. (No magazines, please.) If you have any questions, please contact Janet Weber.

Newly Elected Officers for 2018

President - Cindy Manselle, **Vice President** - John Wilbur, **Secretary** - Barb Epidendio, **Treasurer** - Ellen Hanley, **Asst. Treasurer** - Salley Barrett, **OMGA rep** - Dick Nelson, **Alt OMGA rep** - Seamus Ramirez, **Advisory board** - Rob Kappa, Nancy Muir, Janet Weber. Special thanks to our outgoing board members, Terry Crandall and Harry Wise. And again, thank you all for your service to our chapter; we look forward to a fantastic 2018!

Fall into Gardening

Our Fall into Gardening event made 700 educational contacts with this year's event. More than 130 people came out and evaluations are very positive. A special thanks to all the volunteered and attended.

Green Glove Award: Rhonda Frick-Wright, class of 2016

Rhonda is the epitome of the perfect first-year veteran. As an intern, she literally dug right into the Master Gardener program and continued to keep digging as soon as she was awarded her orange veteran badge. Rhonda loves to keep her gardening mind sharp. She shows her enthusiasm and dedication to the program by attending as many continuing education workshops as she can as well as chapter meetings. She is patient with clients needing answers to their home gardening problems, while demonstrating to them the utmost respect. Rhonda tries to schedule one shift per week at the phones, showing a model commitment we should all emulate. With all of her participation in multiple program and partner activities, she volunteered nearly 200 hours her first year as a veteran. Thank you, Rhonda, for your dedication to the public, your enthusiasm for the Master Gardener program, and to the chapter.

Coming Next Month: December 11: Garden Art and Symbols Steve Pettengill

Landscape Consultant and Horticultural Therapist, Stephen Pettengill will teach us the basics of symbolic references



commonly found in natural settings as well as art selection and placement in the garden. Whether you are considering a fountain, statuary, or just the understated power of a well-placed boulder, come and learn how this designer uses symbolism and art in customized environments. Learn to set the stage for inspiration, relaxation and socializing in your outdoor living space. *Click the Lectures link (above) for more information on this speaker.* <http://www.thenatureofthings.biz/>

Looking ahead: 2018 Programs and Events Preview - *list is subject to change*

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 8: Fall & Winter Flowering Plants- Fred Nilsen, Hoyt Arboretum Director• February 12: Fire in the Columbia Gorge - Lisa Norris, US Mt. Hood Forest Service• March 3: Garden Discovery Day at the Milwaukie Center• March 12: Growing Carnivorous Plants - Jeff Dallas and Jacob Farin• April 9: Beyond Pinterest: Unlocking the Secrets Behind the Pretty Picture - Darcy Daniels, Landscape Designer• May 5 & 6: 34th Annual Spring Garden Fair at the Clackamas County Event Center• May 14: Science of Hops and Brewing - Shaun Townsend, OSU Hop Breeding• June 11: Meadow and Grass Ecology - Tom Kaye, Institute for Applied Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 9 : Chapter Outing/ Art in the Garden hosted by Ray Huston. (Deezine's)• August 13: Chapter Picnic and Potluck at the Milwaukie Center Picnic Shelter• September 10: Five Remarkable Women, Five Remarkable PNW Gardens - Donald Olson, author, <i>Pacific Northwest Garden Tour</i>• October 6: Fall into Gardening at the Milwaukie Center• October 8: From Poor Farm to Global Attraction: The History of Portland's International Rose Test Garden - Harry Landers• November 12: Earthquakes in NW Oregon - Dr. Scott Burns, Geologist• December 10: Leach Botanical Garden Plants and History - David Porter, Director of the Leach Botanical Garden
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