



Chapter Activities Cancelled Through August

As many of you know we have had to cancel our chapter meetings and activities until September per O.S.U. Extension Service. With the cancellation of these activities volunteer requirements have been waived for 2020. Our Open Gardens program is also on hold for now. Please be sure to watch your email for more information should anything change. And stay well during this challenging time.

The program committee has coordinated with OSU to broadcast our Bee Friendly Gardening Practices talk online in the same time slot as the original chapter meeting. A chapter wide email was sent out on April 23 detailing directions on how to participate. If you have any questions please contact Sherry Sheng.

May 11, 2020: Bee-Friendly Gardening Practices – *Gail Langellotto, Oregon State University Garden Ecology Lab*



Although Master Gardeners are trained in university research, nearly all of the gardening advice they dispense to home gardeners are derived from agricultural research. This is because research funding concentrates in commercial crops while there is little to no money to support research in gardens.

Bucking this trend, Dr. Gail Langellotto of Oregon State University formed the Garden Ecology Lab in 2016. This talk draws from a 3-year study of Portland area gardens. It will review the plants and practices that have been shown to promote native bee abundance and diversity in home gardens. It will also highlight the importance of urban and suburban gardens to bee conservation efforts, and small changes that any gardener can make to benefit bees.

<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/gardenecologylab> * eligible for recertification credit



2020 Spring Garden Fair Cancelled

Because of the current COVID-19 Stay Home orders placed by the State of Oregon and the size of our event we cancelled our 36th Spring Garden Fair. We will be back again next year, bigger and better than before! The good news is that gardening isn't cancelled and many of our nurseries and garden art vendors are still open and ready to assist you in making your garden the best it can be. Take a look at the 2020 Vendor list and plan a road trip today!

<https://springgardenfair.org/vendor-information/>

Our vendors have also been invited to participate in the conversation in our Spring Garden Fair Facebook group. Head over to check it out, and consider joining too – we would love to have you! [Spring Garden Fair group](#)



2020 Chapter Events & Programs:

* indicates eligible for recertification credit (list is subject to change)

- **September 14** - Lan Su – What makes a Chinese Garden? - Justin Blackwell, Curator *
- **October 3** - Fall into Gardening - Milwaukee Center *
- **October 12** - Mutualism, Deception and Self-Defense: The Complex Dance of Co-Evolution in Insects and Plants - Celeste Searles Mazzacano *
- **November 9** - Gardens, Farms, and Nature for Veteran Whole Health - Scott Hoffman, VA Portland
- **December 14** - A Short History of Seed and Nursery Catalogues - Alice K. Formiga, OSU

Check the webpage for complete information on each program and program notes from past speakers.