



Clackamas County Chatter June 2022



Chapter Meeting – Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m.

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie: Refreshments will be served.

High Impact Plant Combinations – Laura Eyer, Clackamas County Master Gardener



This program will be presented by our very own Laura Eyer, a Clackamas County Master Gardener for 30 years. She has produced many of our 10-Minute University™ videos on ornamental plant design.

Laura will show us how to achieve High Impact Plant Combinations by employing three important principles that are the cornerstone of high impact plantings. She will tell us how to use the color wheel to achieve the right combinations and how to compose a planting that will enhance the tapestry of the garden.

Greetings Chapter Members, I hope that you are all doing well, and your gardening is under control.

The Noon-time Webinars are completed for the Spring. They had an extremely successful season. Many thousands of people have viewed both the live and recorded sessions across the United States and in seven foreign countries. What an outstanding job the 10-Minute University™ team has done - thank you.

Grow An Extra Row is moving forward at a good pace. Plants and seeds are in the ground, growing, and harvest of early vegetables have been donated to food banks already. Volunteers meeting for work parties twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays. Thank you to all who are volunteering and helping with this very worthwhile program.

The crew for the End of the Oregon Trail Pioneer Garden have returned to care for the garden after the two-year COVID break. Volunteers are needed for the Wednesday morning weekly work parties. When the Interpretive Center opens again, they will also need volunteers for visiting student groups. Please contact Rhonda Frick-Wright to be added to the work party list.

The Farmers Markets are starting up. Please contact Marcia at the extension office to sign up.

The Open Gardens program has begun! If you are interested in inviting folks to your garden this summer, please contact Sharon Wiley to be added to the schedule. And watch your email for details on gardens that will be open in the coming weeks.

As most of you know, we had a very successful Spring Garden Fair this year. There was much hard work and many hours spent by our chapter members to make this a success.

Paul Baker was chairman of the Fair and ran it extremely well. To the Chairmen who were involved in the various segments of the fair: thank you for your outstanding effort restarting our Spring Garden Fair.

The following is Paul's report of the fair:

"We Did It! Spring Garden Fair 2022 was a great success thanks to 25 chair folks, and 200 volunteers who logged over 2500 hours over 5 days. We did have some weather challenges on Saturday that dampened some guests and flooded Plant Check but these didn't have a significant impact. Attendance this year was 7200 paid guests, down a bit from the last fair in 2019, where we drew over 7900 attendees.

Overall, the fair was a great comeback after being gone for the two COVID years. Raffle, Potting Station and New Plant Introductions were as popular as ever. We missed 10 Minute University classes, Children's Activities and the many display booths in 4H Hall, but look forward to having them back next year. The financial benefits from this event fund the chapter and allow us to continue to donate to worthy charitable causes going forward. Our contact for with the Canby Events center has been renewed for another 5 years."

Sunday Afternoon we met Gayl and Paul Ratigan who were involved in starting the fair in 1984. They attended our May chapter meeting and Gayl told us what was involved in starting this up.

There are photos and other information about the event posted on the webpage. Take a look when you have the time: www.springgardenfair.org



Have a great Day.

John Wilbur - Chapter President