

West Linn Garden Club
Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 25, 2025
Sue Piper's home
28865 SW Pete's Mountain Road
West Linn, 97068
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Present:

- Sue Piper, President
- Lorie Griffith, Vice President
- Linda Daugherty, Treasurer
- Elaine Daggett Aye, Secretary
- Stephanie Scott, At Large
- Judy Hutchinson, McLean House
- Laurel Buncak, Plant Sale
- Marcia Prinz, Summer Happy Garden Hours

Absent:

- Cheryl Wyborny
- Barb Bourscheidt, Programs

AGENDA AND DISCUSSION

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Agenda Review

Treasures Report: (Linda Daugherty)

Financial Report

- June Income: \$8,953.66
- Ending balance of \$460
- Club bank with US Bank, 3.92% for the CD specials for 4-5 months (longer the terms the low the interest rate). Laurel recommends sticking with the lower time frame, 5 months, and getting the highest rate you can get right now. When the \$1,000 matures will check in again.
- Recommend that the club becomes part of the Chamber of Commerce: \$150 and was unanimously approved.
- In the budget to purchase \$360 dollars for raffles Sue has confirmed that she has secured the following gift certificates for Swan Island, Als Nursery, Loen nursery, Festler nursery, one certificate is for a hanging basket. To date she has spent \$90 on raffles.
- Garden clubs should have no more than \$2,000-\$3,000 in their bank accounts. Money should be distributed back to the community.

Membership Update: (Lorie Griffith, taking over from Cheryl)

- Final Membership Count: 42 members, in the last meeting one new member who paid by square. Anne Swinford was a member from 07/01/2024-07/01/2025, if you count her we have 43 members)

Sending out Invoices for dues.

- The first announcement at the 06/02/25 meeting, 19 payments were received.
- Second email sent on 06/16/25 to members who have not paid.
- Third email -07/14/25 will send email to remaining members who have not paid.
- Fourth email will be sent on 08/18/25 to members who have not paid.
- If people have not paid by September 1st then they will be considered delinquent. If members have not attended any more than 1 meeting may not renew their membership. (Borden, Filip, Gage, Muir, Renaud, Zurschmit)
- Fiscal Year July 1, when membership dues need to pay
- 110th anniversary-original garden club started in the state of Oregon, May of 2026. Lorie wants to do some press releases, maybe connect with the West Linn annual Parade and be the Grand Marshall of the parade, also and connect with the Historical Society. Judy will inquire about the opportunity to be connected with the parade and the historical society.
- Recommend being in the Oregonian and Lorie will reach out. Every Wednesday they note all their garden clubs. She will emphasis that our meetings are open to the public.
- Connect good speakers with the high-volume months, Dec 21 (garden wreaths) and April, (Creaky Gardner).

Plant Sales Recap: Laurel Buncak

- The sale went well, she enjoyed not being cashier plus organizer.
- Laurel was not stressed, everyone did what they were supposed to.
- The Square worked well and sold more due to the ease of the transactions.
- Too much of some things, 25 of the same plant in some cases.
- Ask members to limit the amount of what they bring
- Goal to get more photos of what the flowers will be like when they bloom
- Ask members to state in the fall what they plan on bringing (September & October meetings). Take a picture of what you plan on donating
- Cashier – it would be helpful to have to people that are checker helpers such as collecting sticks.
- Lots of signs were helpful but we need more.
- Before the sale get an inventory of what the plants are and have a list at the cashier.
- Vegetables sold well but not broccoli and eggplant.
- The advertisement went well and can always do more.
- Identify where the plants and what the plants go where, suggest tape the tables ahead of time.
- Pot party - ask people to separate bulbs, plants, etc. before they come.
- Provide directions for planting into pots.

Clackamas District Update: Sue Piper

- District Luncheon, April 3-Sue has been inducted as a co-director with Jennifer Buss of Happy Valley Garden Club..
- OSFGC Convention in Seaside was June 10-12 and now happens every two years. They meet via zoom for the in-between years.
- Oct 9, fall luncheon at Elks club in Milwaukie. 9:00-1:30
- Be a facilitator of the clubs to help them be the best that they can be.
- Have table topics at future meetings. Will have a leadership academy, what is your job and legal requirements.
- Garden of Enchantment, Clackamas County: State designation is not a club responsibility

McLean House Update: Judith Hutchinson

- Last Thursday's group cleaned up the lavender plot and Stephanie has some more planting to do. The second Saturday and third Thursday is the volunteer work party. Judy makes a wish list for the McLean Pollinator Garden (Judy confirm name)
- The Garden Tour is June 26. They will have three hostesses, with signs identifying the plant types such as Pollinators.
- Will always need new volunteers.
- Consider applying for the OFSGC Clair Belcher Award- Peggy Olin is the coordinator. 2019 the WLGC has made the McLean house a project, adopting the park through the city. Submission is due May 1, 2027.
- Judy to determine what the budget is to maintain the garden, i.e. Labor, Plants, tools, working benches. Make a list and what the cost is for what items they are required to maintain the garden. Currently there has been \$600 allocated for over 2 years and Judy wants to know if she can spend it on other things that are needed. Everything purchased would be left at McLean house, and it would be secured.
- Maybe they will ask members to donate to McLean house and donate to this campaign as we are a 501c3 organization.
- Paw Paw sign company, aluminum stainless steel and purchased a labeler that is available to go outside. Sue will help make the signs.

Summer Happy Garden Hours: Marcia Prinz

- June 12 was a very good event with the Backyard Habitat House.
- Diane had 12 people at her house.
- People can bring a guest.

Remaining Summer Garden Happy Hours:

- July 10: Gordon & Sue Piper: Green Planet Gardens
- July 17: Gisela Davisson
- July 24: Laurel Buncak
- July 31: Tom & Lorie Griffith
- August 7: Alma Coston -Tour of Maddox Woods
- August 14: Linda Daugherty
- August 21: Elaine Aye

- August 28: Lory Duralia: Bosky Dell Natives

2025/26 Programs: Sue Piper for Barb Borscheidt

- September 8: Fabulous Flowers
- October 6, Waterwise Gardening with Brian Clark, WyEast Gardens
- November 3, Pruning Maples with Marti Matulis
- December 1, Holiday Potluck & Wreath Making
- January 5, Sharing Our Bounty
- February 2, Popular Pollinators and the Monarch Question with Mathew Shepard, Xeres Society
- March 2, Down & Dirty – Soil Science for Successful Gardening with Master Gardener Jason Dune
- April 6, Get Potted -Strategies for Successful Dividing and Repotting Perennials with Carol Westergreen, Out in the Garden Nursery
- May 4, The Pollinator Garden at Mary S. Young with Cheryl Borden, Director
- June 1, Gardening with Natives – Garden Restoration and Resilient Gardens for Climate Change with Echo Valley Natives. (West Linn Public Library)

Logo:

- The Crimson Rose is our flower, and Sue will ask Cathryn Viteri to design a logo for the club.

Misc:

- Erick Stoct is interested in another community garden- too much work and the club passed
- Jumping Worms- no one knew about that
- Kim Klausmann donated the Geraniums last year and now wants a couple back as he gave them all away- Purple & Orange, Laurel will give him a cutting of what she has and will talk to him prior.

Next Board meeting:

- Wednesday, October 22, 2025, Laurel's House (discuss Budget for McLean House & 110th anniversary)
- Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 7pm (Elaine's House) (reviewing Happy Garden Hour)
- Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 7 pm (Elaine's House)(plant sale)
- Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 7 pm (Elaine's House) (budget)

Adjourn: 8:33 PM