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Newsletter

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Presidents Monthly Message

Hello gardening ladies.

We have had a successful fall with several terrific meetings and speakers. Thank you to everyone who worked together and made them possible.

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the town ... the gazebo looks great! The library is ready for the holidays and I see wreaths and bows everywhere that I look! Our room at the Wayside Inn is a must see! It's a great place for a holiday lunch or dinner!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the holiday dinner on Thursday (Dec 13th 6:30) at the Oregon Club in Ashland. Good Food and socializing with friends - what could be better!

Our next events are in February. February 11th 10 am- Senior Therapy is doing Valentine's Roses and our general meeting is on the 19th at Faith Church at 6:30 pm We will have Karen Taylor from Atypical Farms. She will be speaking "Put some spirit in your gardening".

I hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe Holiday!

Happy indoor gardening till Spring!

Constance Charters- President HGC

ps. don't forget to use the federation icon when you buy things from Amazon !



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Beautification

Wayside Inn Howe Sitting Room

This room is part of the Howe's original expanded homestead and Inn. It was originally referred to as the "back parlor" because it is situated directly behind the Inn's main parlor (first room on the left as you enter the front door). Before the fire of 1955, there were two passageways on each side of the fireplace, connecting this room to the parlor in front. At one time this room was used as a guest bedroom and was erroneously called the "Washington Bedchamber."

Picture shows Constance, Shannon, Ann and Merylyn after decorating the sitting room



Gazebo Committee

Maureen Bumiller

The Gazebo Committee decorated the Town Common Gazebo & Doughboy on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Ann Hogaboom, Nancy Smith & Maureen Bumiller with some help from Town Hall to have someone put up the Wreath. Some repairs were needed on the garland & freshening up on the decorations.



Winter Bird Feeders

Fruit Garlands

String dried and/or fresh fruit on a string using a darning needle. Use oranges, raisins, other dried fruit, even bread squares. Tie the ends together and drape from a tree.

Suet cookies

1. Melt some beef suet. Remove from heat and pour in seeds. Mix together.
2. While suet is cooling, lay a sheet of wax paper on a cookie sheet. Set several cookie cutters on the wax paper. Pour cooling suet mix in the cookie cutters. Stick a toothpick through the suet near the top of the cookie.
3. Put the tray in refrigerator or freezer to harden. When hardened, remove cookie cutter and tooth pick. Tie a loop of string through the hole and hang from tree.

Bird pudding

Put some seeds, peanuts, oatmeal and bread crumbs in a bowl. Pour some melted suet in the bowl. Stir the mixture and let set. Turn out on a plate. Fill a half coconut shell or empty can and hang from tree.

Pine cone bird feeder

Tie a three to four foot piece of yarn around the top of the pine cone for the hanger.

Mix two tablespoons of peanut butter with two tablespoons of margarine.

Spread the peanut butter and margarine mixture onto the pine cone.

Pour some bird seed onto a plate or shallow dish and roll the pine cone in it.

Place the seed-covered pine cones in the freezer for about an hour or until it is firm.

Hang it outside in a tree!



Events and Activities for December



Christmas Dinner
Thurs 13th December

Restaurant Bio

The Oregon Club was born as "The Briasco Inn" in 1922, founded by Giuseppe Briasco. When prohibition ended in 1933, the Briascos renamed their restaurant "The Oregon Club" and made it members-only in order to continue offering their guests the privacy they enjoyed.

Giuseppe turned over the business to his son John and wife Rena in the 50's. Word continued to spread about the odd little farmhouse with such great food, and eventually the once private club was opened to the public. John and Rena retired in 1994 and handed over their much loved restaurant to a new generation.

Chef Chris Scanlon and Judy MacLeod, owners of the Oregon Club since 2009, met at the Oregon Club many years ago. Both were enamored by the history and the potential in this funky little spot. When the opportunity came to take over, they jumped at the chance

Events for 2013

February

11th Board Meeting 7.30pm
11th Garden Therapy 10am
Senior Center: Valentine Day Roses
19th General Meeting 6.30pm
Faith Church, Speaker Karen Taylor
Atypical Farms '*Put some Spirit in your Gardening*'

March

11th Board Meeting 7.30pm
19th General Meeting 6.30pm
Faith Church, Speaker Suzanne Mahler
'Perennial Color, Spring thru Fall'
Ashland Garden Club

Happy Holidays

