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2026 Calendar of Events

Coming up soon!

June 20 (Sat) *– 10:30am*
Creepy Crawlies with Master Gardener
Janice Smith

July 25 (Sat) *– 10am - Noon*
Native Plants
Shonnards Nursery

Aug 8 (Sat) *– 10am – Noon*
Roses and Clematis
Linda Beutler

Visit our website for up to date details.
Share your photos of CHG on our Facebook page



One of many Siberian Iris that can be found in the garden

From the President's Desk….

"May is the month of promise and
Sweet Spring Greetings! ~Unknown

The garden is drenched with color as the rhododendrons and azaleas bloom in abundance.

Shades of green dot the landscape as the deciduous trees and shrubs come to life. It is a beautiful time of year to visit the garden and we welcome you from dawn to dusk every day. Our gardeners have been hard at work keeping the weeds at bay, planting new plants, and making plans for the summer.

Our yearly "tea party" was a great success again this year. It is very popular and tickets are sold in early April, so if you missed out this year, please try again in 2027. It is always a lovely occasion. A giant thank you to Jenny Dahrens for organizing this event.

We have a few things planned for the next months and hope you can join us. We think they will be fun and informative.

On Saturday, June 20 at 10:30 a.m., a Lincoln County Master Gardener, Janice Smith, will talk to us about "bugs" in our gardens. She will help us identify the good ones and the bad ones.

On Saturday, July 25 at 10 a.m., a person from Shonnards Nursery in Philomath will talk to us about planting Native plants.

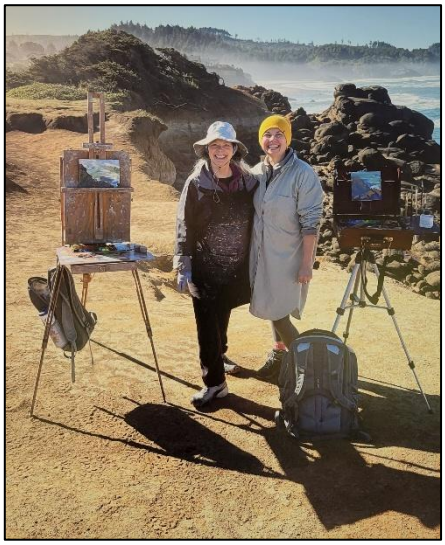
On Saturday, August 8 at 10am, Linda Beutler, curator of the Rogerson Clematis Garden, will be talking to us about Roses and Clematis.

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President's Desk, continued

We are grateful for the longer days and the promise of better weather and hope your own garden is flourishing as is the Connie Hansen Garden.

~Cheri Rice, CHG President



Katia Kyte and Jill Townsend

Art Exhibit "Shared Horizons:

Plein Air Paintings"

extended to September 1st

Katia Kyte and Jill Townsend, Artists

Katia says on her lovely facebook page: "This show brings together paintings by two friends who began painting regularly side by side during the early days of the pandemic. Since then, we've returned again and again to the same stretches of coastline — chasing shifting light, wind, fog, and tide.

Even when we set up our easels just a few feet apart, each painting tells a completely different story.

Painted on location around Lincoln City and nearby beaches, these works capture fleeting moments of the Oregon coast — misty mornings, tidal reflections, and rugged headlands.

Come see how two artists transform the same view into distinct artistic voices."

~Nancy Chase, Art Exhibit Coordinator



Coastal Spice Rhody

Garden Report

It has been a busy and eventful spring and early summer in the garden this year, with a fair amount accomplished on our rather extensive "to-do" list;

Several construction projects are now completed. We will now be focusing our energies on introducing some new plantings to the former rhododendron beds, and evaluating the use of more low-growing, evergreen shrubs and easily established groundcovers in the exterior border areas to reduce weed competition.

The rhododendron display has been lovely this year, if noticeably less spectacular than in the glory days, pre-P. ramorum.

One of my all-time, personal favorites is, thankfully, still with us. Blooming in mid April, 'Coastal Spice' is covered in highly fragrant, large, trumpet shaped blossoms in white, pink and gold; this medium sized rhododendron is ideal for NW gardens in zones 8-9 and one all rhody lovers should not be without.

The Candelabra primroses are blooming well this year, as are the peonies; Siberian irises are loaded with colorful buds just beginning to open and the Japanese iris bed is packed with lush growth which indicates an outstanding display in short order.

Annuals, volunteer grown from seed and hand-picked for deer resistance, have been set out around the parking lot and entrance beds and will provide a colorful summer display. Because of the Phytophtora issues, we are no longer able to sell divisions from the garden but we will continue to sell plants propagated or sown from seed by volunteers Joan and Karen or others.
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Garden Report, continued

The juvenile Gunnera are growing magnificently and will possibly be competing with the 4-year old giant in another year. If so, one youngster should completely fill, and fortuitously help soften, the space next to the newly erected compost bin, now full of compost donated by North Lincoln Sanitary Service.

Our first work party of the year was held May 16th to re-gravel pathways. It is already apparent that an all-out, no holds barred blitz on horsetail is in the offing and requires many pairs of willing hands to help accomplish this successfully while the rest of the garden is still visible. The date has not yet been set but it must be imminent. We'll keep you posted.

~Priscilla Patterson, Head Gardener



Jenny Dahrens, our High Tea Hostess extraordinaire

and Volunteer Coordinator



Connie Hansen started Gold Lace from a cutting

High Tea event continues to be an annual favorite

Our very popular High Tea at The Garden has just finished on May 9th. We have been serving teas for over 10 years.

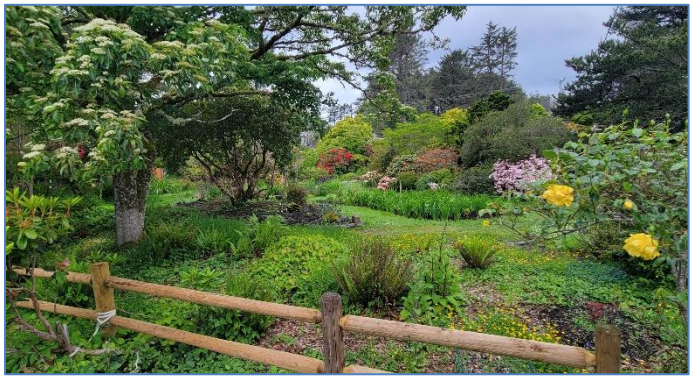
Reservations started on April 1 and we sold out in three days! Our venue is fairly small, so we do it at 11:00 and again at 3:00.

The Garden is always at a peak bloom time making it such a lovely setting with our mismatched china.

Our tea is a bit different than most. Jenny brings her hat collection for people to try on and wear if they like. We give prizes and gifts and a drawing for a hanging flower basket. Lots of fun, laughs and great food!

~Jenny Dahrens, Volunteer Coordinator





THANK YOU to our supporters

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the supportive local businesses and individuals whose skills and resources have helped to keep the Connie Hansen Garden an asset for the community and our visitors. You are all greatly appreciated!

~Priscilla Patterson, Head Gardener

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Rhody "Norph" can be found in the garden

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If you are not currently a member and would like to be, the options are listed below. Payments may be sent to: CHGC, PO Box 776, Lincoln City, OR 97367.

There are no meetings and no requirements. Benefits of membership include this quarterly publication, a 10% discount in our gift shop and the joy of knowing you are helping to save this beautiful garden!

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Connie Hansen Garden is always open from dawn to dusk for the public to visit, walk the pathways, or sit and enjoy.

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