



# *The Garden Gazette*

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## **2022 Calendar of Events**

*As new events are scheduled, we will post them on our bulletin board and web page, also this newsletter.*

**Sept 1 through Nov 30: Painted Ladies Art Exhibit**

**Saturday, September 10, 2022...Garden Tea**

**Friday, October 7, 2022, 4-6 PM... Painted Ladies Art Exhibit Opening Celebration**

**Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022...Holiday Craft Sale**

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

*The Garden is always open from dawn to dusk for your enjoyment, to visit, walk or sit and enjoy. The Garden House, with library and gift shop, is now open and hosted, Friday through Tuesday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.*



*Feathery Astilbe in the shady perennial bed*



*Clematis 'Polish Spirit' by the kitchen window*

## **From the President's Desk.... "Changes"**

~~~Kathie Arehart, CHG Board President

In our modern society, change is present in all aspects of our lives, seeming faster and faster. In contrast, the garden for most is more timeless, less subject to change. It offers a respite from our hectic lives, and a chance to connect with and appreciate nature.

In truth, the garden is also constantly changing, depending on the seasons, the weather, global climate change, or the whims of Mother Nature (for better or for worse). We also tend to forget that plants age, and have a lifespan.

Now, after our very wet spring and very dry summer, autumn is upon us, and we'll see what the future holds next for our garden.





*Snapdragons, Pelargoniums, Lobelia, & Sweet Alyssum*

## Summer Color

~~Priscilla Patterson, Head Gardener

For the past several years, one of our goals has been to increase the amount of colorful flowering annuals that brighten up the summer garden. Historically, the spectacular spring display of blooming shrubs and trees was justifiably considered by many to be the highlight of Connie's garden, dramatically punctuated by later season displays such as the huge multi-colored blossoms of the Japanese Iris, the towering whorls of Candelabra primroses and the textural tapestry of the Heather bed.

Perennials provided most of the ongoing seasonal bloom and interest for the remainder of the year until autumn, with a few annual color spots tucked in here and there to liven things up a bit. By and large, the garden remained an increasingly shaded oasis of green in a rural urban landscape. That oasis has been the attraction for many, a place of calm and tranquility year-round.



*A doe with two fawns likes the shade by the pond.*

However, the maturing shrubs and trees have been shading out less vigorous plants, causing the loss of layers of interest and definition, so we began to open up the garden and let the sunshine in.

The ultimate goal is to create areas of full sun where we could expand the plant palette to include sun loving annuals and plants with low water requirements.



The recently reconfigured parking lot has been a hugely successful experiment in fulfilling those goals. Almost all of the annuals that visitors can find there have been grown from seed by a couple of dedicated volunteers. The bright, bold colors provide a warm welcome to all entering the parking lot and are frequently conversation openers if volunteers are present.



*Gazanias in the entry to the parking lot*

The driveway divider strip proved to be the ideal location for one of our favorite annuals, the Gazania, a flamboyant, low growing member of the daisy family or Asteraceae. It's hot summer colors in striped or blotched shades of orange, yellow, cream, pink and red set the color palette for the remainder of the bed. A South African native, Gazanias require full sun, warmth, excellent drainage and prefer a sandy soil. They will flourish throughout the summer under these conditions with very little attention and are often used in xeric plantings such as rock gardens although treating them to a little water occasionally will produce bigger blooms. They do well not only in rock gardens and parking lots but also close to the ocean, being impervious to salt spray.



## (Summer Color Continued)



*These Calendula are growing down by the Heather beds.*

Planted in the same strip you can also see the perfect companion plant to Gazania, echoing the same color tones and sharing the same native origin. Calendula is a taller plant with fluffier heads of daisy-like petals in solid colors with a brown center. These plants grow very easily from seed and in our zone 8 climate, will reliably self-sow and return the following spring. For an earlier display, it is best to use fresh seed started in pots and planted out just after the last frost. Once established, calendula have low water requirements, need a well drained soil, and will continue to bloom and grow throughout the summer if deadheaded. Pinching back will produce a bushier, more attractive plant. The flowers have traditionally been used in culinary infusions as herbal teas or medicinally as salves for skin infections and wound healing and are believed to have anti-inflammatory properties.

Both of these plants are worthy, attractive additions to the summer garden that are very easy to grow and maintain. Consider investing in a packet of seeds for your own garden next year or look for starts at your favorite nursery!

~~~Priscilla Patterson, Head Gardener



*Frogs, dragonflies, & mosquito fish live in the pond.*



*The hand creams are hand made in various floral scents.*

## Gift Shop

The quaint gift shop that now occupies a part of the home that once belonged to Connie Hansen features an eclectic assortment of garden items such as, garden gloves, books, gardening essentials as well as garden gifts, decor, post cards and souvenirs including Connie Hansen logo t-shirts, sweatshirts, coffee mugs, and more.

We support our local arts and crafts community and offer locally handcrafted items such as Connie Hansen Gardener's Friend Hand Cream, exclusively made for and sold in our gift shop as well as soaps, floral sun catchers, and other locally made items.

We also offer plants for sale in front of the gift shop, while supplies last. Please come and enjoy the garden and visit our gift shop. Our volunteers in the garden and gift shop are here to welcome you. 100% of the proceeds from gift shop and plant sales support our garden along with your memberships and donations.

Become a member of the Connie Hansen Garden Conservancy for as little as \$15/year and receive a 10% discount on gift shop items. Plant sales are not included. The gift shop is open Friday-Tuesday from 10-2 the first Friday in March through the first weekend in December when we have our Christmas Craft Sale. The house and gift shop are closed after our craft sale through the end of February for maintenance. The garden remains open year-round from dawn to dusk and is always free to the public.

## Art Exhibit at Connie Hansen Garden Gallery “Painted Ladies: Creative Journeys”

September 1<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>

**Ruth Hugeback:** watercolor, oil and acrylic

**Roxce Stavney:** Oil and cold wax with palette knife

**Sue Henderson:** calligraphy, watercolor & landscape

**Doreen (Doe) Thirkell:** soft pastels

The Connie Hansen Garden will again be exhibiting the artwork of the Painted Ladies, a group of local women who come together regularly to discuss, critique and support each other on their journey to improve their artistic skills. Each artist has their own style but all the women are in touch with the natural world. They're not only inspired by the world around them but also by the world within themselves, touching emotion and Spirit.



*“That Evening in Athens” by Ruth Hugeback*

**The Garden Gallery is open during  
the Gift Shop Open Hours,  
Friday – Tuesday 10:00 to 2:00**

### **Painted Ladies “Creative Journeys” Opening Celebration**

**Friday, October 7, 4-6 pm.**

You are invited to come to the gallery for the Opening Celebration of this exhibit. Meet the artists, and enjoy their beautiful artwork. The event will be catered by Vivian Lucero and feature her own artisan cheeses.

## MEMBERSHIPS

If you are not currently a member and would like to be, or would like to give a membership as a gift, 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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