

## Grants Pass Garden Club Welcome New Member!

As a new member of the Grants Pass Garden Club, you have joined a gardening legacy and have many fun gardening moments ahead. If you have just moved to beautiful Grants Pass and love to garden, you will be especially interested in what our members have to share about gardening here in our garden-friendly climate. Let's start with ...

### ... How the Club started

In 1926, Grants Pass was bustling. Route 199 was completed all the way to Crescent City, and tourists flowed through the town on their way to the Oregon Caves and California. Ginger Rogers danced in Medford, and Zane Grey was fishing the Rogue River. A group of civic-minded women, many of them the wives of city leaders, decided that Grants Pass needed to put its best foot forward with trees and flowers to greet visitors, as well as making it a pleasant place to live. The first members pledged to "stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs, to aid in the protection of native plants and birds, and to encourage civic planting and related community projects." In 1928, the club became a part of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. State dues were 5 cents per person, and there were 1,470 members in 23 clubs around the state.

### What we do

Our Club continues the thread of its founders and early members by remaining involved in both civic and individual gardening projects. Members work to promote the Club and its activities in our local newspaper and occasional public service announcements. We work to improve "public" gardens and planted areas in our community, coordinate activities with senior centers and other community-based projects. Frequently, we work with the local Master Gardeners organization.

On an individual basis, members bring various levels of gardening "expertise" and ideas to share with others - some have small intimate gardens, others have "starter" gardens, some have expansive acreage beautifully landscaped, and some members have yards that are "au natural" with native plants. At our monthly General Meetings, and through garden tours, we share information, ask questions, and gain gardening knowledge and landscape ideas.

### Who do I call with Club questions?

Your Membership Committee will be happy to assist you with any Club questions you may have: Jenny Griptando 562-900-2215 or Sharon Conklin at 541-244-1143.

### It's fun to get involved and get to know other gardeners!

The Club offers many ways for New Members to get to know members and other gardeners in our area! Take a look at the Committee Descriptions sheet in your New Member packet and sign up using the Committee Volunteer Form. The earlier you get involved, the sooner you'll get to know our active and enthusiastic membership. Through our members, you'll gain help with your garden!

**We are here for gardening fun - Join in!**