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2019 – 2021  
Pacific Region Director  
Robin Pokorski

## **Director's Message**

Woo-hoo!!! I'm going to get to see YOU at convention. We have so much to accomplish at this convention – I hope you'll be there – I owe you a hug!

Everything you need to register for the convention AND for the post-convention tour is included with this issue.

**Thank you** to all the **AWESOME** Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs' members and particularly Peggy Olin for all their time and effort in 2020 only to have the convention postponed from April to August – only to have THAT postponement moved to this August 2021. They never lost their good humor, they never gave up and I am deeply grateful for each one of them.

Thank you to our WONDERFUL WACONIAH staff who made this Special Edition issue possible.

*Robin*

## **What's Available at Convention?**

Here's what will be available at our Pacific Region convention in Silverton, Oregon in August!

- ❖ **Installation Ideas 2020**
- ❖ **What's Cookin' in the Pacific Region**
- ❖ **Live, Laugh, & Garden in the Pacific Region**, an inspiration book
- ❖ **Membership Matters! Ideas for Growth** – hard copy available from Gaye Stewart or free download on the website
- ❖ Youth Contest entries booklet, Hope for the Future

## **What's Gonna Happen at Convention?**

Here are some highlights that are planned for convention!

- ❖ **Garden Bingo**
- ❖ **Design Banquet**
- ❖ **Garden Club Jeopardy**
- ❖ **Display of Coloring Contest entries**
- ❖ **Display of Photo Phundraiser entries**
- ❖ **Presentation of Life Members**
- ❖ **Presentation of Awards**
- ❖ **DIY Designing**
- ❖ **Tissue Paper Flowers**
- ❖ **6-pack Snowflakes**
- ❖ **Slugs and their sexy lifestyles**
- ❖ **Flax manipulation**
- ❖ **Membership ideas**
- ❖ **Rockin' Plant Label painting**
- ❖ **Bring red/white/blue outfit for Wednesday**
- ❖ **The Director's Project – Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region celebration**

## **Really, can you afford to miss all this?**

- ❖ **And then there's the Post-Convention tour**
- ❖ **And the Pre-Convention Browse and Break Bread dinner together on Sunday**

**THE REGISTRATION FORM,  
CONVENTION INFORMATION AND  
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE ARE  
ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL ISSUE.**

## Prior Registration

If you registered last year then your money is safe and sound and you are registered HOWEVER, the catering service has increased their prices and while we begged and pleaded we are sorry to report that additional money will need to be collected for meals.

The resort has graciously held the price on the room rate at \$109 per night – we are grateful for that!

You will be sent an email giving the increased amount owed.

If you haven't registered.....what are you waiting for? The forms and everything you need are attached to this issue and will be available on our [PacificRegionGardenClubs.org](http://PacificRegionGardenClubs.org) website.

Questions? Peggy and Robin are happy to help and answer any questions you may have.

Robin – [PRGCDirector@gmail.com](mailto:PRGCDirector@gmail.com) 818.361.7873 home  
818.425.3247 cell

Peggy - [peggyolin@msn.com](mailto:peggyolin@msn.com) 503.975.7782 cell

## Bylaws Amendment Proposals

Greg Pokorski, Organization Study Chairman, and his team have been busy working on bylaw amendments for your consideration at convention. Proposed bylaw changes will be sent under separate cover early in July.

Please review the changes and be prepared to discuss and vote on these proposals at our convention business meeting.

## Credentials

Carol Norquist, Credentials Chairman will send credentialing information to the state presidents.

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Not to brag, but I just went into another room and actually remembered why I went in there.

It was the bathroom, but still....

## Reporting

**State Presidents:** at the start of this term you were asked to present a video report – if you can then you will have 10 minutes to present it. If you can't, then you will have 4 minutes to report orally but we'd really like to see and hear highlights of your term.

**Chairmen/Teams:** Robin would like as many of you to report as are willing. You can report as an individual or as a team. Robin hopes the teams will find creative ways to report.....she's up for anything.

Each chairmanship will have 4 minutes to report. Don't tell me you have nothing to report, share an idea from your chairmanship. You will meet with your team on Monday, August 8.

## Lil' Moose Garden Club

**Lil' Moose Garden Club members** will sport Lil' Moose bling to show their support of our scholarship fund at the convention – it will be available at registration.

## WACONIAH Staff

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First day back at school after lockdown 🤔😞🙄🤪





**PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**77<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention – August 9-12, 2021**  
*Connecting in a Kaleidoscope of Colors*

The Oregon Garden, 895 W Main Street, Silverton, OR 97381  
 All attendees MUST register...ONE person per registration form...no walk-ins...no exceptions  
 Last day to register is Friday, July 30—NO registrations will be accepted after July 30

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

State Garden Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Pacific Region Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Voting Status: \_\_\_ PR Board of Directors Member \_\_\_ Delegate \_\_\_ Alternate Delegate

**BADGE INFORMATION – Please check all that apply:**

- |   |  |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> NGC President                  | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Chairman            | <input type="checkbox"/> NGC Life Member            | <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse or Guest             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Director        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Officer  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Life Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Former Pac. Region Director |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region State President | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Region Chairman | <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Club Member         | <input type="checkbox"/> First-Time Attendee         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Show Judge              | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening Consultant    | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Consultant   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Design Consultant |

**PACKAGE PLAN REGISTRATION – NO refunds after July 30.**

Package Plan includes: \$50 Registration (\$15 for OSFGC members), 3 Lunches, 3 Banquets, all workshops.

Full-time Package – postmarked by July 16	\$260	\$ _____
Full-time Package – OSFGC Members – postmarked by July 16	\$225	\$ _____
Full-time Package – postmarked AFTER July 16	\$290	\$ _____

**PART-TIME REGISTRATION – NO refunds after July 30.**

Part-time Registration Fee (meals not included; add below as desired)		
– postmarked by July 16	\$ 50	\$ _____
Part-time OSFGC members Registration Fee – postmarked by July 16	\$ 15	\$ _____
Registration postmarked AFTER July 16 – add additional	\$ 30	\$ _____
Spouses, Guests and Companions – Registration Fee waived	\$ 0	\$ _____
Meals – Open to all members, spouses, companions and guests		
Monday, August 9 Luncheon / Designing for the First Time - Again	\$ 35	\$ _____
Monday, August 9 Life Members / What is Garden Club Jeopardy?	\$ 50	\$ _____
Tuesday, August 10 Luncheon – Celebrating Trees	\$ 35	\$ _____
Tuesday, August 10 Design Banquet	\$ 50	\$ _____
Wednesday, August 11 Luncheon – Sex Life of a Slug	\$ 35	\$ _____
Wednesday, August 11 Banquet – Installation of 2021-2023 Officers	\$ 55	\$ _____

**WORKSHOPS: check if attending**

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|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Tuesday, August 10 Tissue Paper Flowers | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wednesday, August 11 Membership             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tuesday, August 10 6-pack Snowflakes    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wednesday, August 11 Rockin' Labels         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |                          | Wednesday, August 11 Fabulous Flexible Flax | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Diet Restrictions:  Gluten-free Other \_\_\_\_\_

**CONVENTION TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Make check payable to "Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc." or "PRGC"

Mail registration and check to:

Robin Pokorski, 512 Newton Street, San Fernando, CA 91340-2421

[PRGCDirector@gmail.com](mailto:PRGCDirector@gmail.com) or 818.361.7873

CONTACT: Peggy Olin, Convention Chairman

[PeggyOlin@msn.com](mailto:PeggyOlin@msn.com) or 503.975.7782 (cell)

For Office Use	Amount <input type="checkbox"/>
Amount _____	Confirmation _____
Check # _____	Postmark _____
Refund Due _____	Refund Check _____
Balance Due _____	Bal Paid Ck# _____

**Pre and Post-Convention Fun – see page 2**

**PRE & POST-CONVENTION FUN:**

**Silverton Browse and Break Bread** - Sunday, August 8, 4:00 p.m. check if attending   
Information will be provided to all attending. Attending the Post-Convention tour is not required.  
This is an informal gathering to celebrate getting together again!

**Scavenger Hunt in The Oregon Garden (included as part of the fundraiser tour – only pay if you are NOT going on the Post-Convention Tour)** \$ 10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Thursday, August 12, 2:00 p.m. Include this on your convention check

**The Beauty of Oregon – fundraiser tour – \$225 total**  
Thursday, August 12, 1:30 p.m. – Saturday, August 14, 6:00 p.m. check if attending   
p.m. \$225 due to PRGC Treasurer Susan Nash by July 15  
Tour money needs to be on a separate check and sent to  
Susan Nash, 1749 Beaver Lake Dr SE, Sammamish, WA 98075

**Tour Schedule**

**Post-Convention Tour** (stay at the convention hotel – not included in tour price)

**Thursday, August 12** – Post-Convention Tour begins after Lunch – Tour *The Oregon Garden*  
Scavenger Hunt – The Oregon Garden – 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Dinner on your own in Silverton or at the Lodge

**Friday, August 13** –  
Depart at 8:30 a.m. for the Durant Olive Mill – tasting, nursery, gift store, fabulous view  
Lunch with the McMinnville Garden Club  
Depart at 1:00 p.m. for the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum  
Return to our hotel for a pizza party in the Immediate Past Director’s (Robin’s) room

**Saturday, August 14** –  
Depart at 8:30 a.m. for somewhere fun that is open – we’re working on two possibilities and you’ll like it!  
**Light** lunch on your own in charming Corvallis  
Victorian Tea and floral demonstration at the Hudson Victorian home  
Return to our hotel for a fond farewell!

**Oh come on!**  
**Join us - it's going be**  
**great fun!**





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**Oregon Garden Resort** – 895 W Main Street, Silverton, Oregon 97381 **Parking** – Free

Telephone: **503.874.2500 Ext 0** or online [www.OregonGardenResort.com](http://www.OregonGardenResort.com)

Group attendee code is “PRGC” to obtain the special group rate. **Deadline July 30, 2021**

**Room rate - \$109/night (includes breakfast) – Rate is good 3 days before and 3 days after convention**

Post-Convention Tour – optional. Be sure to extend your stay for the Post-Convention Tour!

**Exhibits** – To reserve table space and set up an exhibit, contact Peggy Trees.

Email: [twofirsclean@aol.com](mailto:twofirsclean@aol.com) or 503.320.6552 cell

**Sunday, August 8 - Browse and Break Bread** – Silverton Stroll and Dinner (on your own) – 4:00 p.m.

**Convention Activities**

**Monday, August 9** – Place Photo Phundraiser and Coloring Contest exhibits, Committee and Team Meetings, Lunch, Life Members and *What is ....Garden Club Jeopardy!* Banquet

**Tuesday, August 10** – Pre-Convention Board Meeting, Workshops, Lunch, Convention Opening Ceremonies and Meeting, incoming 2021-2023 Executive Committee Meeting, and Elemental Designs Banquet

**Wednesday, August 11** – Convention Meeting, Lunch, Workshops, Installation Banquet

**Thursday, August 12** – 2021-2023 Board of Directors’ Organizational Meeting, Post-Convention Tour begins

**Convention Workshops**

**Tuesday, August 10** – “Tissue Paper Flowers” – Diane Lerner & Harriet Vallens will demonstrate and help you create your own brilliant wreath. This is a great idea to take home to your club or district.

**Tuesday, August 10** – “6-Pack Snowflakes” – Gail Vanderhorst & Charlotte Tucker will show you how to repurpose plastic 6-pack rings into snowflakes for your garden.

**Wednesday, August 11** – “Membership” – Gaye Stewart, PRGC Membership Chairman, will conduct an interactive program brainstorming membership increase ideas.

**Wednesday, August 11** – “Rockin’ Labels” – Gaye Stewart will demonstrate and help you make woven hearts to use as a garden therapy activity or as gifts.

**Wednesday, August 11** – “Fabulous Flexible Flax” – Gail Vanderhorst & Carol Vallens demonstrate and walk you through flax-weaving, curling and everything else they know to do with flax.

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**Airport Information**

We recommend flying into Portland (PDX). If not renting a car or having someone pick you up, it is recommended to take Uber or Lyft. The Oregon Garden is 48 miles south of Portland. Contact Judy Tolbert to arrange carpooling options - [grmaidj@gmail.com](mailto:grmaidj@gmail.com)

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Or Peggy Olin, Convention Chairman, [PeggyOlin@msn.com](mailto:PeggyOlin@msn.com) or 503.975.7782 (cell)



# Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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### Monday, August 9, 2021                      “Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose Day” Room

Today celebrates **Recycling, Reusing, and Repurposing**. Bring/wear something that demonstrates how you recycle, reuse or repurpose.

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Setup Sales Room and Exhibits	Trillium
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Setup Photo Phundraiser entries; Setup Coloring Contest entries	Trillium
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration and Credentials	Lobby/Foyer
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Organization Study Greg Pokorski, Jeanette Pruin, Judy Bates	Lotus
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Finance & Budget Meeting Becky Hassebroek, Robin Pokorski, Lana Finegold, Susan Nash	Robin’s room
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	State Presidents’ Meeting Rita Desilets, state presidents	Orchid
11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch – George Speer “ <i>Designing for the First Time – Again</i> ”	Orchid
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Executive Committee Meeting Officers, state presidents	Lotus
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Team Meetings Communications Team Conventions Team Educational Opportunities Team Environmental Concerns / Conservation Team Gardening / Horticulture Team Internal Organization Team Projects Team Youth Team	
5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Social Hour	Orchid
6:30 – 10:00 p.m.	Life Member Banquet Entertainment – Sherry Cossey <i>What is Garden Club Jeopardy?</i>	Orchid

**Tuesday, August 10**                      **Kaleidoscope Day**                      **Room**

Today celebrates **“Connecting in a Kaleidoscope of Colors.”**

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration	Lobby/Foyer
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Board of Directors Meeting	Orchid
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Workshop #1 – Diane Lerner & Harriet Vallens <i>“Tissue Paper Flowers for Any Season”</i>	Lotus
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch – Celebrating Trees <i>Arbor Day ceremony – City of Silverton Promise Trees Project – Tanja Swanson</i>	Orchid
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Workshop #2 – Gail Vanderhorst & Charlotte Tucker <i>“6-Pack Snowflakes”</i>	Lotus
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Convention Opening Ceremonies	Orchid
3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Convention Business Meeting #1	Orchid
4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	2021 -2023 Executive Committee Meeting Officers, state presidents	Lotus
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Social Hour	Lobby/Foyer
6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Banquet – Portland Judges Council Design Program – <i>“Elemental Designs”</i>	Orchid

**Wednesday, August 11**                      **Show Your Patriotism Day**                      **Room**

Today celebrates our **“Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region”** Project and our patriotism. **Bring/wear something red, white and/or blue** that demonstrates your patriotism.

8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Registration	Lobby/Foyer
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Convention Business Meeting #2 Blue Star Memorial Marker ceremony	Orchid
12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch – Laura Eyer <i>“Sex Life of a Slugs”</i>	Orchid
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Workshop #3 – Gaye Stewart <i>“Membership”</i>	Lotus
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Workshop #4 – Gaye Stewart <i>“Rockin’ Labels”</i>	Lotus
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Workshop #5 – Gail Vanderhorst & Carol Vallens <i>“Fabulous Flexible Flax”</i>	Lotus
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Social Hour	Lobby/Foyer
6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Banquet – Entertainment Installation Raffle results	Orchid

**Thursday, August 12**                      **Friendship Day**                      **Room**

Today celebrates Friendships – newly made or long-standing.

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Break down sales, vendors, awards Photo Phundraiser; coloring contest	Lobby/Foyer
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Organization Meeting for 2021 – 2023 Board of Directors	Orchid
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch on your own	
2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Tour of The Oregon Garden	

**Thursday afternoon, Friday, Saturday, August 12-14**    **Post-Convention Tour**

Information may be found on the registration form.