

Weed of the Month: Lesser Celandine

This invader reached the US from Eastern Europe and Western Asia as an ornamental and frequently appears this time of year in floral arrangements and landscaping. Here is what you need to know to be part of the prevention rather than the problem. To learn more, visit the Tualatin SWCD website at www.swcd.net/invasive-noxious-weeds/lesser-celandine/.

Identification

- Be on the lookout in winter and spring for this perennial, herbaceous flowering plant in low open woodlands, floodplains, meadows, and disturbed areas with sandy soils.
- Leaves: Kidney shaped, succulent, shiny dark green in a rosette close to the ground.
- Flowers: 8-12 bright shiny yellow petals arranged symmetrically around a slightly darker center, poking above the leaves on single stalks.
- Forms large patches along spreading stalks; dense mats may look like a yellow dotted green carpet.
- Look-alikes such as marsh marigold, common celandine, and celandine poppy are not native either.

Why We Care

To date, Oregon is the only Western US state where lesser celandine infestations have been reported. This plant grows vigorously and disrupts natural vegetation in special habitats, especially along floodplains and in some upland sites.

Secondary effects can include enabling erosion, reducing food and shelter for wildlife, and reducing support for native pollinators. Examples of the plants that may be displaced by lesser celandine include wild ginger and trilliums, both naturally common to parks and forests in Washington County.

What to Do

- Report large infestations in natural areas to the Invasive Species Hotline.
- Prevent new infestations by always disposing of this plant in sealed plastic bags in municipal waste – never toss in your yard or in compost pile or bin.
- Control infestations in your yard by hand pulling and digging up roots, but don’t leave root fragments to spread. Control may take several seasons because the plant is only visible in winter and spring, and you may want to research herbicide use in the Pacific Northwest Weed Management Handbook. There is no known bio-control.
- Plant the natives this plant threatens, especially for home gardens and in natural areas (go a step further and consider these as ideal gift basket alternatives for the holidays). Try Oregon grape, the native strawberries or stonecrops, and yellow monkey flower, among many others. Don’t substitute other problematic, fast-spreading groundcovers like vinca.

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Coronado, California at the rank of Corporal. Stephen served with UDT team one as a reconnaissance diver and field radio operator. The UDTs pioneered combat swimming, closed-circuit diving, underwater demolitions, and midget submarine (dry and wet submersible) operations. They were the precursor to the present-day United States Navy SEALs.

Steve and his wife, Peggy, celebrated 42 years together this past November. They met enjoying their common love of the ocean and Scuba diving, they resided in Los Angeles, California, until 1976 when they moved to Oregon, settling in the Medford community for a year. They later moved to Depot Bay, Oregon and resided there until 1982, when they moved to the Aloha, Oregon community, where they resided until 1985. In 1985 they moved to the Vernonia community, where they have resided since.

He worked in International Security for many years until he retired and they moved to Depot Bay.

Among his special interests, of flying, collecting and sharing stories, Steve enjoyed drinking coffee with his friends and neighbors at Mario’s restaurant in the winter and

at Larry’s at the Vernonia lake in the fair weather months. He also enjoyed photography and caring for his wolf pack, “Tohbe”, “Bacho”, “Ursa”, “Tazzie” and “Lucy” and his bird “LeRoy.”

He is preceded in death by his parents, Stephen J. III. and Julia Zolner.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy A. Elliott-Zolner, of the family home in Vernonia, Oregon and his sister-in-law and spouse, Nancy J. and Derek Melling, of San Diego, California.

Also surviving are his two nephews, James “Jim” Baglioni, of Wilmington, North Carolina and Donald “D.J.” Baglioni, of San Diego, California and Stephens’s extended family in Czechoslovakia.

The family suggests that remembrances may be contributions to the Oregon Humane Society, 1067 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland, Oregon 97211 or Vernonia Cares, 627 Adams Avenue, Vernonia, Oregon 97064, in his memory.

To sign the online guestbook or to send the family condolences visit www.fuitenrosehoyt.com Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home in Forest Grove is in charge of the arrangements. 503-357-2161

Bridge Street Bits

At least I didn’t have to worry about trying to find my computer here buried under 15 inches of snow as I did lots of other things around...today 4 deer outside my deck, they were glad to see the snow gone. So, now that Spring is around the corner, I think... get ready for...
QIGONG EXERCISES here at the center. Friday mornings from 9:00-9:30 AM. ALL seniors are welcomed whether a member here or not. Free to all seniors. 503-429-3912.
BINGO starting here Saturday, February 22nd from 6 to 9 PM. BINGO will be played the second and fourth Saturday

at the Vernonia Senior Center. NO ONE UNDER 21.
MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$15 for the new year 2014. Thanks for your support.
WEDNESDAYS COME JOIN IN THE MUSIC WITH TOMMY’S TURNTABLE TUNES. Hope to have some karaoke at some point to go along with a little Ricky Nelson, Elvis, Perry Como, etc. Hey, a likable variety, taking requests just for you. How ‘bout some “who sings this song” trivia along with it? See ya Wednesdays and come in for Sheila’s lunch. Room for dancin’ too. The Golden Oldies Band plays on some Wednesdays as well.

LIKING WHAT YOU SEE INSIDE HERE AT THE THRIFT STORE? Thank Lila, our new manager here for all her hard work and organizational skills! Looks great around here!
WE APPRECIATE OUR BOARD MEMBERS who help make this center run. The board meets once a month. Thanks to Wayne Marr, Joe Biggs, and Rosie McCoy, our newest board members.
NEEDING SOME SENIOR INFO? Call Karen Miller, Community Action Team Case Manager, 503-366-6581.
SENIOR SIGN OFF: Never argue with your doctor. He has inside information.

Vernonia Senior Center • 446 Bridge Street • 503-429-3912

Church Directory (in alphabetical order)

Assembly of God
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Sunday Evening Prayer: 6:00 PM
Wayne Marr, Pastor
662 Jefferson Avenue
503-429-0373
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Sunday Schedule:
Sacrament Meeting: 10:00 AM
Sunday School & Primary: 11:20 AM
Relief Society, Priesthood and Young Women: 12:10 PM
Marc Farmer, Branch President
1350 E. Knott Street
503-429-7151
Covenant Church Vernonia
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 7:00 PM

John D, Murray, Pastor
359 “A” Street
503-860-3860
Grace Family Fellowship
Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship Service: 10:30 AM
Thursday Prayer: 6:00 PM
Greg “Mac” McCallum, Pastor
957 State Avenue
503-429-6790
Nehalem Valley Bible Church
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship Service: 10:45 AM
Wed. Ladies Bible Study: 10:00 AM
Wednesday Service: 7:00 PM
Sat. Men’s Prayer Meeting: 6:30 AM
Gary Taylor, Pastor
Grant & North Streets
503-429-5378

Open Door Gathering Place
Service: Wednesday 7:00 PM
Grant Williams, Pastor
375 North Street
Pioneer Baptist Fellowship
Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
www.pbfalive.com
John Cahill, Pastor
939 Bridge Street
503-429-1161
St. Mary’s Catholic Church
Wednesday Religious Education: 3:15-4:30 PM
Sunday Mass: 12:00 PM
Rev. Luan Tran, Administrator
960 Missouri Avenue
503-429-8841
Vernonia Christian Church
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Worship Service in Youth &

Family Center: 11:00 AM
www.VernoniaChristianChurch.org
Sam Hough, Pastor
410 North Street
503-429-6522
Vernonia Foursquare Church
Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 AM
Children’s Sunday School
Carl Pense, Pastor
850 Madison Avenue
503-429-1103
Vernonia Seventh-day Adventist Church
Sabbath (Saturday) Services
Sabbath School: 9:30 AM
Worship Service: 11:00 AM
www.VernoniaSDAC.org
Larry Gibson, Pastor
2nd Ave. and Nehalem St.
503-429-8301