

June's Garden continued.

My guide stopped me next to a huge, native Willow tree and explained Hansen had shaped its whirling twisted trunk and canopy of drooping branches by pruning and maneuvering the trunk and limbs with weights and props. He said he had carefully pruned the tree which then produced too much sudden growth. With a shake of his head Scotton said, "It will take time for me to get to know this tree and if I'm careful, I will eventually know how to prune it successfully."

It was evident that the group of people who are members of The Connie Hansen Conservancy have the same sensitivity as he does to preserve the gardens in the essence of its originator, as Scotton added that one of the caretakers commented, "Wrath be upon us if we take the wrong steps. Connie will let us know."

I asked him if he did all the pruning of the trees. Chuckling he said, "Oh, no, but some of us have taken on roles. We have a deadheader, a bamboo and horsetail person, a digger, and a composter (evidence was the composter hadn't been on the job lately!). He said that a lady who had recently moved near the garden asked for her own "little section." Another lady had scheduled her next year's vacation to help in the garden and said she would take any title the group wanted to give her. The enthusiasm of preserving the garden is catching; I left wishing that I lived closer so that I too could be part of the team.

In the future, the team plans to modify the house to create an interpretive center, horticultural library and classroom area.

Even though the ideal time to visit the garden would be in the spring when most of the rhododendrons and other spring flowers are at their peak of bloom, it is still a lifting and inspiring experience to visit the garden in any season. Humans, birds, and animals now can come to observe and enjoy the seeds of her dream.

If you're driving through Lincoln City, it's worth turning two blocks off Highway 101 to see this garden. It's located at 1931 NW 33rd.

For further information about visiting The Connie Hansen Garden Conservancy, write C.H.G.C., PO Box 776, Lincoln City, OR, 97367 or call 503-994-6338. Volunteers are also welcome, on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10-2pm (wear sturdy gardening shoes and gloves, probably bring your own tools just in case). The people at the telephone number will be happy to explain further.

August: a month to sit back and enjoy the fruits of one's labors.

The day was cool to the touch,
but warm to the wrist, bare to my
feet on the floorboards of the deck.
Jingling bells on a string, giant
geranium sprawled from a crock - red
blooms
like puffball stars against
grey slats of wood and a place
to rock in the swing and see
honeysuckle unfold and know the nasturtiums
will come on strong - twine up the stairs
with orange fighting
honeysuckle green - and anticipation
of the beauty makes me see it now
while two weak strands
of transplanted nasturtiums faithfully
lie there -
lifting open-palmed leaves
like two little hands.

Anne S. Phillips

Corrections on names of grasses, Helleborus,

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Back up the creek, among the myriad ferns and soggy dells, Ron has acquired - along with several beautiful acres - the best kind of neighbors: unassuming, unargumentative, and feathered. Among those co-inhabiting Ron's logan are a female Wood Duck and her mate; a member of the exclusive Pileated Woodpecker clan; and several Small Green Herons going about their fishy business.

And in the Midtown area of Cannon Beach, a very pale Sparrow of uncertain background has craftily and rapidly become a preferred member of Society.

A small frightened bird was recently given refuge on the upper left porch. Though its name was never mentioned, its dark red pate and method of clinging to walls marked it as one of the Woodpecker Sapsucker family.

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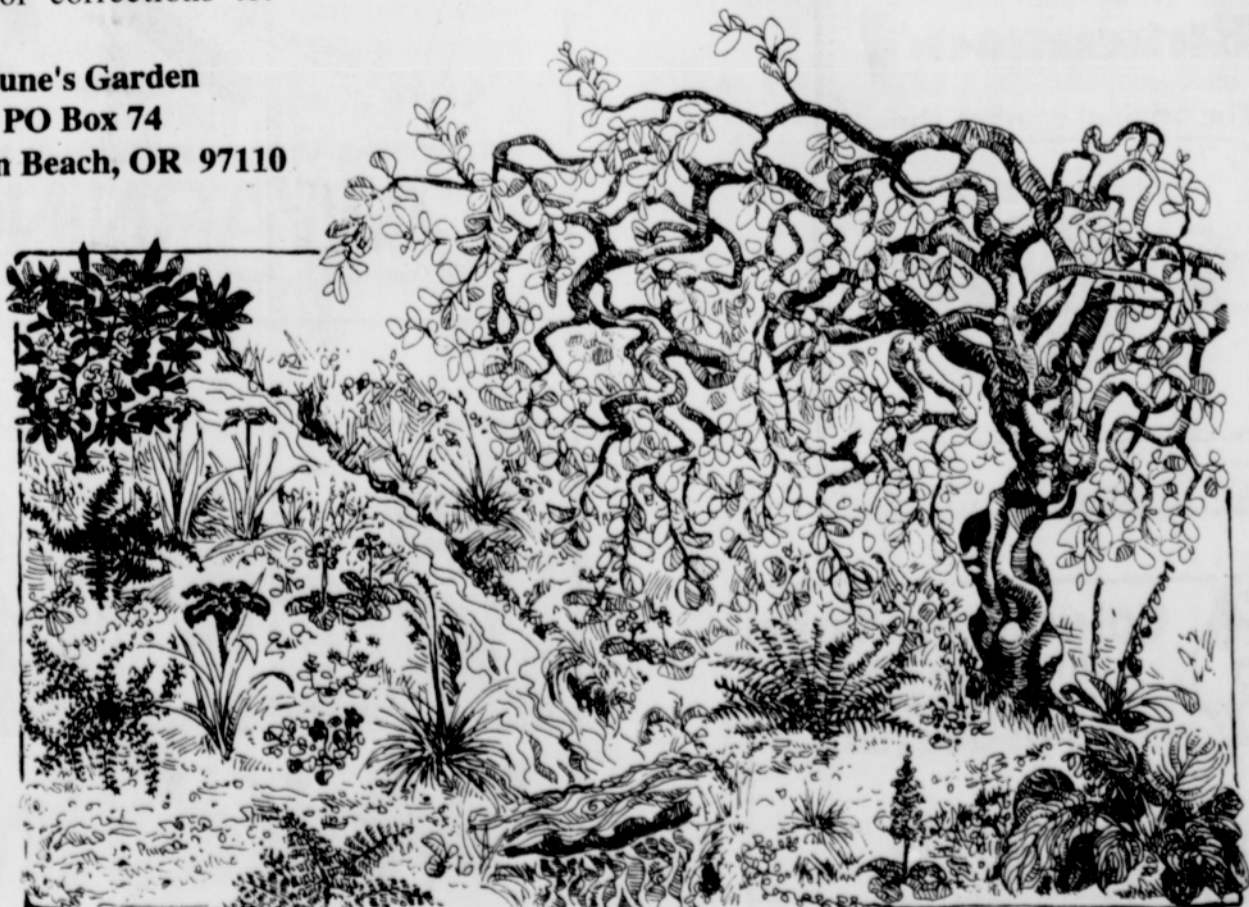
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and Lunaria printed in "June's Garden", July 1995 issue:

- Grasses: Pennisetum caudatum, "Hamelin"
Pennisetum caudatum, "Moudry"
Miscanthus sinensis Gracillimus
Helleborus foetidus (not fettesus)
Lunaria (not Lanaria)

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