

# JUNE'S GARDEN

## Village of Flowers (continued)

The lilting sound of soprano voices singing, "Oh Beautiful for Gardens Green," to the tune of "America the Beautiful," accompanied by Mrs. Audrey Spencer, followed by salute to the flag led by Mrs. Leonard Mason, opened the Cannon Beach Garden Club's June 1956 monthly meeting.

Mrs. C. R. Pennock, President of the Club, tapped her gavel to call the meeting to order and asked the officers to give their reports. The secretary taking roll call reported 27 members out of 98 paid members were present. She then read a letter from Mrs. David Logan that Mrs. Uncer and helpers had grown 150 flats of annuals in Logan's Cannon Beach greenhouse and that the annuals would be planted around Logan's beach front home by May. The letter said that Mrs. Uncer had wintered over 50 begonias and fuchsias which would be displayed in the large lath structure that had been added to the garden last year. She had planted sweet peas that would cover the 55' fence on the south side. The Logans were looking forward to decorating their home for the Garden Club's annual Silver Tea and tour of the gardens to be held after the flower show.

The secretary reported that Mrs. Adamson had hand painted place cards for the judges' luncheon table. The invited ladies that would act as judges for the flower show were from Portland and they would be paid eight cents a mile for their trip to the coast. Each judge would be presented with a gift of glass floats that had been found on the beach by one of the members.

Discussion continued that Seaside, Gearhart and Astoria garden clubs would bring flower arrangements for the show to be held in the school house gym. Further business was about Mrs. John Huntley's leadership in interesting the state to locate the original cannon on the site in Arch Cape. The site property in Arch Cape was donated to the state by George Van Vleet of Van Vleet Logging Company. The cannon was donated by Mel Goodin; and Dr. Burt Brown Barker, Portland past president of the Oregon Historical Society, would give the history of the 300-ton U. S. Naval survey schooner "Shark," which was wrecked in the attempt to leave the Columbia River on July 18, 1846, just 110 years to the day before this dedication July 18, 1956. Members gave Mrs. John Huntley a standing ovation for her leadership in placing the cannon in a permanent place with help from Mrs. C. R. Pennock and other members in landscaping the area.

The treasurer's report stated all the yearly \$1.00 dues had been paid and that donations from events, plant and bake sales, hot cake breakfasts and card parties that had been held in various members' homes and last year's Christmas Bazaar would be applied to projects and the costs of the August flower show.

Proceeds from the pancake breakfasts would be given next month to the "Women's Club" to apply on the purchase of Mr. Moxon's house on Second Street. (Note: The Women's Club had rented Mr. Moxon's house for the library for years. At the time of his death they purchased the house for \$2,500, giving the library its first permanent home.) Other contributions would be made to the library, Willamette National Cemetery, Christmas Seals, the life saving program, the Commercial Club, the National Wildlife Federation and the P.T.A.

Mrs. Pennock asked the members how many "Honey-do"s (husbands) would be available to help set up the flower show and said that Emmett and Mike of Cannon Beach Lumber Yard, along with Erickson Construction Company, would lend some lumber for shelving. She added there was enough black satin material to cover the shelving, and asked for a volunteer to have the silver tea set polished to gleam for the Silver Tea at Logans'.

Mrs. Lyle Murren and Mrs. Edith M. Dickover were appointed co-chairmen. The staging would be the duty of Mrs. Dudley Uncer; entries: Mrs. H. Lensrud; and, as usual, the standards for set-ups, judging and entries would be taken from the suggestions of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs. The flower show would be held the 10th and 11th of August, 1956. The theme this year was "Nature's Harmonies," this would be the 25th organized flower show, and on August 24th they would have their annual picnic at Ecola State Park.

Before the close of the meeting a door prize of a beautiful pot of marigolds Mrs. Uncer had donated was given, then the ladies gathered around the tea table, which was decorated with lace tablecloth, a bowl of pink rhododendrons, the silver tea service, and dishes of mints, nuts and cookies, for refreshments.

Closing the meeting, Mrs. Mason led the members with a prayer for a successful flower show and many thanks for the contributions given by the businesses in the community.

The 1956 flower show, "Nature's Harmonies," had 200 entries from 44 gardens. The club received a purple ribbon for the flower show achievement from the State National Awards chairman, Mrs. Rud H. Stone. In the 1950's the population of permanent residents was only 530. The



club's paid membership was 98, some part-time. Still, at that time, there were seven charter members.

The above description of the Cannon Beach Garden Club's 1956 meeting was taken from the scrapbooks the club kept through the years.

Among these papers is an outline of the club's history written by Ella Rummelin, May 16, 1951. She told of the club's origin at Mrs. Zeigler's home on Adams Street, of a meeting that was to organize some kind of a club to improve certain things in the town. The library needed more books and the sidewalk through town was in poor condition. Pauline, Rummelin's sister, was chairman of the first meeting and an improvement club was discussed. Rummelin felt she wasn't too interested in improvement alone, and suggested that she would be interested also in a garden club; thus, August 14, 1928, the Cannon Beach Garden Club was organized. Mrs. Powell was elected President, Mrs. Will Warren, Vice-President; Pauline Rummelin, Treasurer; Mrs. MacKay, Secretary. An executive board met and drafted the constitution and by-laws. They also discussed membership dues would be fifty cents a year. At the next meeting Rummelin wrote, "We planned to add 100 members and we did. Most were only summer people." A discussion was held about the sidewalk that was needed from Mr. Moxon's corner on Second Street to the corner of the service station. Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Nickelsen were appointed sidewalk chairmen.

Recorded in the club history papers, by 1942 they had raised enough funds by contacting owners of property along Hemlock Street and contributing their own funds from dues, bake sales, etc., to complete the wooden sidewalks from Greer's Service Station south to the Log Cabin Restaurant and further on to Elk Creek Bridge. Seventeen blocks in all. Total cost was \$1,900. Mr. Lauscher (called Uncle Fritz) had stated to Pauline when she asked him for a donation, "You'll never raise enough money!" Pauline and he had a wager on. He lost, and Rummelin's recollection was that he paid with a bunch of choice vegetables from his garden.

From 1928 to the late 1950's, the Club's meetings were held in various places: a few homes, Mrs. Walker's picture building, the library, and later the church. Nearly every year the club had some kind of sale, cut flowers, roots or bulbs, baked food and vegetables. Mrs. Tucker and Mrs. Will Warren were the first to sponsor these sales. The sales and dues made it possible for the club to donate the proceeds, always with the thought of the betterment of the town. Rummelin was chairman of the first flower show in 1931. The themes for the flower shows were to educate the public about the pleasures of gardening. The flower shows continued on into the 1960's. February 19, 1947 the club became a member of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs and for years they sent delegates to State Conventions. Members continued to study and share their knowledge and experience with others.

Now, 70 years later (August 1928-August 1998), the Garden Club is still in existence, meeting every third Wednesday from September to May (excluding summer months June, July and August). They no longer elect officers, nor do they belong to the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. The town now is self-sufficient. The last volunteer work the members helped the city with was keeping the city parking lots weeded. In 1991 the city hired full-time landscape personnel.

Each month two members are chosen to plan a program related to gardening. Meetings are informal. The garden club would welcome new members: bring a sack lunch, share your gardening experiences.

Yearly events include a plant exchange every spring, and tours to gardens. Last spring the members visited Connie Hansen's garden in Lincoln City, Oregon.

Next meeting: 12:00 noon, September 16th, 1998, at the Tolovana Clubhouse across from the Cannon Beach Day Care Center.

If you are interested in learning more about the history of one of the oldest garden clubs in Oregon and its accomplishments, contact the Cannon Beach Historical Society, where all the scrapbooks and records are safely stored.

It was this group of ladies 70 years ago that cared enough to volunteer their efforts to improve the quality of Cannon Beach. This type of caring remains today. For years active volunteers have committed thousands of hours on city and county boards, including the mayor, recycling, the Haystack Awareness program, the Day Care Center, Fire and Rescue, Ecola Creek Awareness Project, the Historical Society, American Legion and Auxiliary, Kiwanis, and many other volunteer service clubs, always with the intent of upgrading the quality of our small town.

As a garden club member wrote in July of 1953, "All so little of so much that has been done in the past ... much will be done in the future and will be added to 'Our History,' as time passes."



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I am contemplating building a house and want to make it as energy efficient as possible. Therefore, I have been gathering information about residential energy use. I thought others may find it interesting to take a look at how much electricity is used to operate household appliances and what it costs. The following information has been provided by PP & L, the Oregon Department of Energy and the Residential Efficiency Database. For those of you that use the internet you can find the database at <http://www.its-canada.com/reed/savings/intro.htm>.

A commonly asked question is how to translate an electrical bill. Customers receive bills for kilowatt hours (kwh) but many light bulbs and appliances refer to the watts used. A kilowatt hour equals 1000 watts of electricity used in an hour. To calculate the energy used you divide the wattage by 1000 then multiply it by the cost. This will give you the cost per hour to operate an electrical item. Following are averages based on the rate we pay in Cannon Beach for residential use.

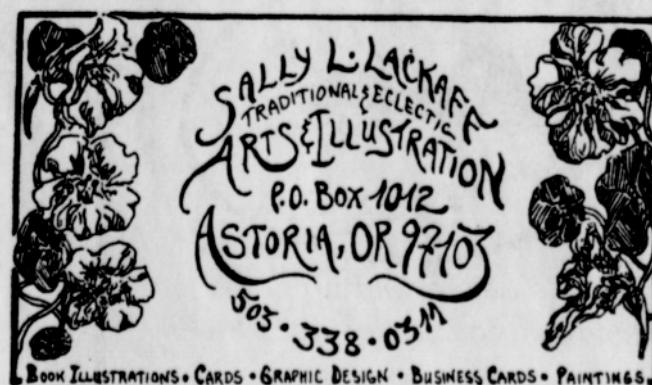
Refrigerator	\$7-10/month
Freezer	\$5-7/month
Electric Stove	
used twice /day	\$1.20/month
used 4 x/week	\$0.55/month
Oven	13 cents/2 hours
Microwave	3 cents/20 mins.
Coffee maker 1 pot/day	\$2.00/month
Toaster 4mins./day	12 cents/month
Blender	30mins/1 cent
Dish Washer	
automatic	20cents/load
hand wash/air dry	10 cents/load
Washing Machine: settings for wash/rinse	
hot/warm	34 cents/load
hot/cold	28 cents/load
warm/warm	29 cents/load
warm/cold	15 cents/load
cold/cold	2 cents/load
Dryer	15 cents per 35 mins.
Waterbed uncovered	\$8/month
covered	\$6/month
Electric Blanket	\$1/month
Tub Bath 12" water	21 cents/bath
Shower old showerhead	35 cents/shower
Shower low flow head	18 cents/shower
Blow Dryer	1 cent per 15 mins.
Air Conditioner	
Room Type	\$13.50/month
Central/Standard	\$134.10/month
Central Efficient	\$90.00/month
Fans	
window	60 cents/month
furnace auticycle	6.25/month
circulating	66 cents/month
Sewing Machine	7 cents/10 hours
Iron	13 cents/5 hours

Lighting is difficult to average due to the vast variety of lighting fixtures and bulbs. Here are a few estimates to help you:

Most people use incandescent bulbs of varying wattage.  
100 watt bulb used 8 hours/day = \$1.20/month  
60 watt bulb used 8 hours/day = 72 cents/month  
40 watt bulb used 8 hours/day = 48 cents/month

Compact fluorescent bulbs use less wattage for the same amount of light:

18 watt bulb used 8 hours/day = 30 cents/month  
9 watt bulb used 8 hours/day = 13 cents/month



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