

A PASSION FOR THE LAND

True love grows in an Oregon garden

In mid-July I visited Marietta and Ernie O’Byrne, to talk about their recently published book, *A Tapestry Garden: The Art of Weaving Plants and Place*. Ernie ushered me into the couple’s cool and homey farmhouse kitchen and offered me a glass of homemade juice — three flavors. I chose blackcurrant, my favorite. It was excellent.

It was blazing hot outside, but the garden was resplendent. No plant wilted in the afternoon heat, and the perennial beds, still in midsummer glory, were swimming with the scent of lilies that towered over my head.

Marietta and her first husband bought this 1918 house and 70-acre farm west of Veneta in 1972. A few years later, that husband had departed and Marietta, by then enrolled in a landscaping course at Lane Community College, met Ernie, who would become her second husband.

Ernie sold his own farm and moved in with Marietta. “He had more water,” Marietta said, “but I had a better house!”

Both O’Byrnes dreamed of growing a serious garden there, but making the dream reality didn’t really get under way until they drilled a decent well in the early ’80s. By then they were in the landscape maintenance business, working in other people’s gardens, but that didn’t keep them from laboring long hours together at home, growing plants for clients while building and maintaining their own garden.

Local nurseryman Roger Gossler encouraged them to start a retail nursery, and before long they were phasing out the landscaping business to focus on acquiring and propagating a wonderful inventory of superior and unusual plants from around the world.

Many local gardeners first encountered the O’Byrne garden as customers of Northwest Garden Nursery, a great resource that is sorely missed. The O’Byrnes now focus on breeding world-class hellebores for the wholesale market. Visitors are still welcome, but the nursery is open only a couple of weekends a year for retail sales, offering hellebores in bloom.

It’s no surprise, given how much the authors have to do, that *A Tapestry Garden* was a few years in the making. It took Marietta a year and a half to write the text, and then Ernie typed it up. Two friends familiar both with the garden and with publishing reviewed the manuscript and made suggestions. Then the authors spent many months reviewing and editing photographs. About half the photos in the book are by the O’Byrnes and half by

Doreen Wynja. She took thousands of photos over the course of a year, and sent the O’Byrnes about a thousand for consideration.

High-quality illustrations are essential to this kind of book, and most of those in *Tapestry* are excellent. Full-page plates capture the overall character of the garden’s different areas, while smaller photos provide details: individual plants, Marietta’s wonderful combinations of color and texture, close-ups of flower, leaf and stem. The endpapers provide a plan of the entire garden, based on the cool aerial photo, taken by Wynja with a drone, which appears on pages 12 and 13.

The preface is an engaging account of the O’Byrnes’ early life stories, revealing the origins of their respective interest in gardening and the natural world. How lucky that these two people, born on different continents, both chose Eugene to settle down, and then found each other!

Following a brief history of the garden’s overall development, we are given a guided tour of the garden in Marietta’s lively prose, with a chapter for each distinct component area — food garden, woodland, rock garden, chaparral and so on — with abundant cultural and descriptive details.

Interspersed through the narrative are sections devoted to intensive treatment of a few favorite plant categories. One section, not surprisingly, describes the origin, goals and accomplishments of the O’Byrnes’ remarkable breeding program with hybrid hellebores.

The O’Byrne garden is quite old by Oregon standards, and contains many choice trees and shrubs that have been lovingly maintained for decades. At just about two and a half acres, it feels bigger — probably because its various habitats accommodate a huge variety of plants, all as happy as they can be because they are well sited. There is little formality. As Marietta puts it, “Harmonious disorder is my comfort zone!”

Collector’s gardens are often incoherent and spotty, but not this one. It’s unified by a consistent vision, conceived with an artistic eye and executed with passion, energy and joy. Gardens are never static and they are, ultimately, ephemeral. *A Tapestry Garden* goes some way to immortalizing this sweet creation. ■

Visit northwestgardennursery.com for information about visiting the O’Byrne garden or buying their hellebores. *A Tapestry Garden* is published by Timber Press.

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neys for the personal representative, Scott G. Bassinger, Bassinger & Harvey 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 320, Eugene, Oregon 97401. **DATE AND FIRST PUBLISH :** AUGUST 9TH, 2018. Personal Representative: Scott F. Raney, 2760 Garson Lane Springfield, Oregon 97477 Telephone: 541-968-9088. Attorney for Personal Representative: Scott G. Bassinger, OSB# 920285 Bassinger & Harvey 1200 Executive Parkway, Suite 320 Eugene, Oregon 97401 Telephone: 541-687-8700 Fax: 541-687-8701 scott@bassinger-harveylaw.com

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY: Case. No 18CV19377, **PUBLISHED SUMMONS:** SHAWN E O'CONNOR, Plaintiff, v. RONALD CLARK a/k/a RONALD LYNN CLARK JR., Defendant. TO: Ronald Clark a/k/a Ronald Lynn Clark Jr. You are hereby required to appear and defend the First Amended Complaint filed against you in the above-entitled action within thirty (30) days from the date the first publication of this Published Summons. If you fail to appear and answer, the Plaintiff will apply to the above-entitled court for relief demanded in the First Amended Complaint. The First Amended Complaint filed against you is for indemnity and unjust enrichment. The Plaintiff prays for judgment against Defendant and in favor of Plaintiff for the sum of \$22,217.22, plus interest thereon at the rate of 9% per annum from September 22, 2014, until paid, plus Plaintiff's costs and disbursement incurred herein and any other relief the court deems just and equitable. **NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!** You must "appear" in this case or the other side will win automatically. To "appear" you must file with the court a legal paper called a "motion" or "answer". The "motion" or "answer" (or "reply") must be given to the court clerk or administrator **WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION SPECIFIED HEREIN** along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have proof of service on the plaintiff's attorney or, if plaintiff does not have any attorney, proof of service upon the plaintiff. If you have any questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at WWW.OREGONSTATEBAR.ORG or by calling [503] 684-3763 [in the Portland metropolitan area] or toll-free in Oregon at [800] 452-7636. **DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION: 08/16/18, DATE OF LAST PUBLICATION: 09/06/18** BASSINGER & HARVEY /s/ Scott G. Bassinger, OSB #920285 Of Attorneys for Plaintiff, Trial Attorney: Scott G. Bassinger scott@bassingerharveylaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE: Juvenile Department. Case No. 18JU01342. **PUBLISHED SUMMONS** In the Matter of: KAMRON ALEXANDER LEE KELLEY, A Child. To: Kyle Taylor Easley. **IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: A PETITION HAS BEEN FILED ASKING THE COURT TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED CHILD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING THE CHILD FOR ADOPTION. YOU ARE REQUIRED TO PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE** the Lane County Juvenile Court at 2727 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Eugene, Oregon 97401, **ON THE 4TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.** to admit or deny the allegations of the petition and to personally appear at any subsequent court-ordered hearing. **YOU MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY IN THE COURTROOM ON THE DATE AND AT THE TIME LISTED ABOVE. AN ATTORNEY MAY NOT ATTEND THE HEARING IN YOUR PLACE. THEREFORE, YOU MUST APPEAR EVEN IF YOUR ATTORNEY ALSO APPEARS.** This summons is published pursuant to the order of the circuit court judge of the above-entitled court, dated July 31, 2018. The order directs that this summons be published once each week for three consecutive weeks, making three publications in all, in a published newspaper of general circulation in Lane County. Date of first publication: AUGUST 16TH, 2018. Date of last publication: AUGUST 30TH, 2018. **NOTICE: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY! IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR PERSONALLY BEFORE THE COURT AS DIRECTED ABOVE, THEN YOU MUST APPEAR ON OCTOBER 18, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE SAME ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR FOR BOTH OF THESE DATES OR DO NOT APPEAR AT ANY SUBSEQUENT COURT-ORDERED HEARING,** the court may proceed in your absence without further notice and **TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS** to the above-named child either **ON THE DATES SPECIFIED IN THIS SUMMONS OR ON A FUTURE DATE,** and may make such orders and take such action as authorized by law. **RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS: [1] YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER.** If you are currently represented by an attorney, **CONTACT YOUR ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING THIS NOTICE.** Your previous attorney may not be representing you in this matter. **IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE AN ATTORNEY** and you meet the state's financial guidelines, you are