

in the garden



Photos by Danny Miller/The Daily Astorian

Joanie Chapel poses for a portrait next her dahlias.

Q&A with Joanie Chapel

Q: What are you doing in your garden now?

A: This month I am trying to stay ahead of the weeds that overtake my garden. I have 6 acres and about 2 acres is landscaped and needs daily work. We own an RV park 11 miles from Astoria and I want it to look good for the tenants and tourists. We are very busy during the summer.

Q: What's your biggest challenge?

A: My biggest challenge is keeping the deer from eating everything I plant. We have tried motion lights, spraying, etc. Nothing works for long. The deer have NEVER eaten my hostas. I had a 40-plant hosta garden. The deer destroyed it in one night two weeks ago. We can't fence much other than the garden because the tenants come and go.

The deer love lilies and gladiolas too. We also have three herds of elk on Highway 202 that show up occasionally.

I discovered 11 years ago deer do not eat dahlias. They bloom beautifully for months. I have 189 in full bloom.

Q: What is your favorite plant?

A: Naturally, dahlias are my favorite flower. I sell the

tubers at the "Spring into Gardening" program the Master Gardeners have every spring at the fairgrounds.

Q: What is the most recent gardening book you have read?

A: "Right Plant, Right Place" by Nicola Ferguson.

Q: What part of your personality is reflected in your garden?

A: The part of my personality reflected in my garden is color! The brighter the better. I have made over 100 quilts and most are made with bright colorful batiks.

Joanie Chapel has been a certified Master Gardener for nine years and is active in the Clatsop County chapter. She is chairwoman of the awards committee and chairwoman of "Winterizing Your Garden" at the county fairgrounds in the fall.



Shasta daisies can be seen growing in Joanie Chapel's garden.



Dahlias can be seen growing in Joanie Chapel's garden at the Klaskanine River RV Park in Astoria.



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Dahlias in Joanie Chapel's garden.



9-1-WHAT?

THE BEST OF THE WORST CALLS TO ASTORIA 911 DISPATCH

People v. cars

Alright, we get that the traffic is bad during the summer. But use some common sense:

- Man screaming and yelling bizarre things in a parking lot. #Astoria
- Woman jumping out in front of vehicles. #Astoria

Follow reporter Kyle Spurr on his 9-1-What? Twitter watch, where a few of the sometimes head-scratching calls to area dispatch take center stage. The full feed is at www.twitter.com/9_1_WHAT.

9-1-WHAT? @9_1_WHAT Following

{7/28 @ 5:31 p.m.} Someone trespassed from McDonald's going through the cigarette butt can trying to smoke old cigarettes. #Astoria

6:43 AM - 3 Aug 2016

9-1-WHAT? @9_1_WHAT Following

{7/29 @ 7:39 a.m.} Report of someone sleeping in a flower bed. #Astoria

6:51 AM - 3 Aug 2016

9-1-WHAT? @9_1_WHAT Following

{8/1 @ 10:35 p.m.} Man screaming and yelling bizarre things in a parking lot. #Astoria

6:55 AM - 3 Aug 2016

9-1-WHAT? @9_1_WHAT Following

{7/30 @ 1:55 a.m.} Gun found in women's bathroom. It was not a real gun. #Astoria

6:54 AM - 3 Aug 2016

9-1-WHAT? @9_1_WHAT Following

{8/2 @ 8:57 p.m.} Woman jumping out in front of vehicles. #Astoria

6:56 AM - 3 Aug 2016

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