

in the garden

Protect the earth as much as possible



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Roberta Muehlberg walks around her garden at her home in Astoria.

Q&A

with Roberta Muehlberg

Q: What have you been doing in the garden?

A: Because of the dry weather I've been spending way too much time watering. I've also been picking blueberries which I sell to the Astoria Co-op.

Q: What has been your biggest gardening challenge this season?

A: My biggest gardening challenge has been pulling myself out of my garden long enough to get anything else done.

Q: What's the most recent gardening book that you've read that you would recommend?

A: Gardening and landscaping books are my weakness and I own about two hundred of them — seriously! I couldn't recommend just one.



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Wildflowers in Roberta Muehlberg's garden.

Q: What is your favorite plant?

A: My favorite — and most useful — plant is the sword fern because it looks so natural in Northwest gardens. It's also deer resistant and drought and shade tolerant. I'm also a fan of ornamental grasses.

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



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Raspberries in Roberta Muehlberg's garden.

A: I'm a pretty quiet person and the garden is a good place to be quiet. My garden is also a place where I can indulge my love of color combinations.

Roberta Muehlberg is a retired nurse in Astoria active with the Clatsop County Master Gardener program. Her gardening philosophy is to protect the earth as much as possible.



9-1-WHAT?

THE BEST OF THE WORST CALLS TO ASTORIA 911 DISPATCH

Drunk wash

Nothing screams "fun" more than going to the car wash drunk. But don't go drunk and hungry. Bad mix ...
From dispatch: "Intoxicated man looking for his gold chocolate coin in the car wash."

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
{9/5 @ 4:23 p.m.} Report of man lying in the grass. Man contacted. He was just lying in the grass. #Astoria

9-1-WHAT? @9_1_WHAT Following
{9/9 @ 3 p.m.} Five men in boxers climbing on the 6th Street Viewing Platform. #Astoria

9-1-WHAT? @9_1_WHAT Following
{9/9 @ 9:19 p.m.} Half a dozen kids loitering in the area. #Astoria

9-1-WHAT? @9_1_WHAT Following
{9/13 @ 10:55 p.m.} Intoxicated man looking for his gold chocolate coin in the car wash. #Astoria

9-1-WHAT? @9_1_WHAT Following
{9/10 @ 4:53 p.m.} Caller reported a man who is "higher than a kite." #Astoria



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