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Oregon Garden Blooms with Summer Events

Summer Kicks Off with Extended Hours, Saturdays for Kids, Summer Concerts and More

Silverton, OR— Just in time for the first signs of summer, The Oregon Garden will launch early hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays, plus a vibrant lineup of events for both adults and children.

RISE AND SHINE FOR THE GARDEN'S "MORNING GLORY" EARLY SUMMER HOURS

Wake up morning glory, it's time to rise and shine at The Oregon Garden's 7 a.m. early morning hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays during the months of May through September. For the price of garden admission (free for Oregon Garden members and children ages 7 and younger), all are invited to soak up the Garden's natural wonders at 7 a.m. This is a chance to stretch your legs amid the Garden's invigorating setting; launch a summer exercise routine; or meet up with friends for coffee at the Garden Café. Contact: www.oregongarden.org; (503) 874-8100.

CONIFER DAY AND PLANT SALE JUNE 13

On June 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Conifer Day at The Oregon Garden features a plant sale offering conifers, flowering shrubs and perennials to benefit the Conifer Garden expansion project. The Oregon Garden's Conifer Garden boasts some of the most rare dwarf and miniature conifers in the United States. Contact: www.oregongarden.org; (503) 874-8100.

"SATURDAYS 4 KIDS" HAPPENING JULY 11 THROUGH AUGUST 29

Kids are invited to become "nature masters" each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. this summer as The Oregon Garden leads a gaggle of kids ages kindergarten through third grade in fun hands-on activities in the Children's Garden. Each week's crafts and other activities focus on different themes including insects, birds, trees and flowers. Children may also enjoy Children's Garden exhibits such as the mason bee display and the Hobbit House. These events are free with the general garden admission ticket. Contact: www.oregongarden.org; (503) 874-8100.

OREGON GARDEN BASEBALL EVENING JULY 16

The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes are generously hosting the Oregon Garden Baseball Evening at their stadium on July 16. Here's a chance to enjoy a summer's evening of baseball while you go to bat for The Oregon Garden, too. Fans who purchase a ticket for the game directly from The Oregon Garden will receive four dollars off the regular price, seating in the stadium's Reserved Section and a standard grade baseball. A portion of the ticket price (\$3) will also go toward supporting The Oregon Garden. Gates open at the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes Baseball Stadium one hour prior to game time, which is 6:35 p.m. For information and tickets, please contact (503) 874-8244.

ENJOY "SUNSETS IN THE GARDEN" EACH TUESDAY ALL SUMMER

On July 7 through August 25 (except August 11), all are invited to soak up summer's balmy evenings at The Oregon Garden's "Sunsets in The Garden" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For the price of general garden admission, these extended hours give guests a chance to

watch the sun sink amid the tranquil beauty of the garden while enjoying live music and wine tasting on the patio of the Visitors Center. Contact: www.oregongarden.org; (503) 874-8100.

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES AT THE OREGON GARDEN

An all-new lineup of great entertainers will perform amid The Oregon Garden's grassy-sloped Teufel Amphitheater and 200-year-old oaks. Bring blankets or sand chairs and enjoy refreshments via concessionaires. Amphitheater gates open at 5 p.m. with shows beginning at 7 p.m. However, concert ticket holders may enter The Oregon Garden at 4 p.m. On-site parking is available for \$5. Additional parking is offered at the Robert Frost School and at Safeway, which are one-half mile from the Garden. Members of The Oregon Garden enjoy discounted concert tickets. Concert schedule: July 3, Amy Clawson / J.R. Joe and the Farm; July 9, Three Dog Night / The Flextones; July 22, Sam Bush / Grascals; July 30, Crystal Gayle / Juice Newton; August 6, Swinging with Benny Goodman; August 11, Sawyer Brown. Tickets may be purchased by calling The Oregon Garden at (503) 874-2538 (toll-free 877-674-2733), or through TicketsWest at 800-992-8499, www.ticketwest.com. Tickets may also be purchased in person at The Oregon Garden Visitor Center or at all Safeway TicketsWest locations. Details on the concert venue may be found at www.oregongarden.org.

SILVERTON DAY CONCERT AND FIREWORKS JULY 3

Before the breathtaking fireworks begin, come early and enjoy the gardens and food, too, while choosing a good viewing spot. It's extra easy on July 3 as Silverton residents enjoy free admission to The Oregon Garden from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., while non-residents may enter free beginning at 6 p.m. There is a fee charged for the concert held at the Teufel Amphitheater, which this year features Amy Clawson and opens J.R. Joe and the Farm. There is limited on-site parking for \$5, and Oregon Garden members receive free on-site parking with a membership card. Additional parking will be marked on Westfield Street. Contact: www.oregongarden.org; (503) 874-8100.

OREGON GARDEN WINE FESTIVAL AUGUST 23

The public is invited to a feast for the senses as The Oregon Garden announces "Taste in the Garden," a wine and food tasting event held on August 23 during the garden's peak season for blooms. Event hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and the \$15 entrance fee includes a commemorative wine glass and admission to The Oregon Garden. Additional fees apply for wine tastes and food. Guests will be serenaded by live music as they sample an all-Oregon lineup of boutique wines, many of which have limited distribution or are only available directly from the vintner. This is also a chance to meet winemakers and winery owners face-to-face and learn about their product and passion. As guests enjoy an indoor and outdoor setting amid The Oregon Garden's J. Frank Schmidt Jr. Pavilion and Garden Green, tapas-style small plate fare will also be offered by chefs from throughout the Willamette Valley. Contact: www.oregongarden.org, trina@oregongarden.org or (503) 874-8100.

RED HATS ABLOOM AT THE GARDEN SEPTEMBER 4

Flowers won't provide the only colors in the garden on September 4. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., "Ret Hat Day" at The Oregon Garden invites members of the Red Hat Society to enjoy discounted admission along with complimentary punch and cookies. Contact: www.oregongarden.org; (503) 874-8100.

GENERAL INFORMATION

May through September, The Oregon Garden is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and admission is \$10 for adults; \$9 for seniors; and \$8 for students. Entry is free for Oregon Garden members and for children ages seven and younger.

For more information, or, to become a member, please call (503) 874-8100 or visit www.oregongarden.org.

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The Oregon Garden is an 80-acre botanical sanctuary that showcases the natural wonders of the Pacific Northwest with more than 20 individual themed gardens and related attractions. The mission of The Oregon Garden is to welcome and inspire all visitors with an appreciation for the extraordinary ecology of the Pacific Northwest, and to provide a meaningful educational experience for gardeners of all skill levels and ages. Visit www.OregonGarden.org or call (503) 874-8100 for more information.