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By Mary Delamater, President, KCCA Board of Directors

Office update

The office window is open! The new office window hours are 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, with the window closed for an hour at lunchtime. In addition, the clubhouse doors are unlocked during those hours, so you won't need to use your key card.

And there's one more thing you should know. I've instructed Deborah, our new front desk person, not to open the window to anyone who isn't wearing a mask. This is both to comply with the current mask mandate, and also for Deborah's protection. If this is something you have questions or concerns about, please contact me at <u>mdelamater@</u> <u>mykcca.com</u> and we'll talk.

You'll meet Deborah in another article in this newsletter. And you'll also meet her when you stop by the office to say hi!

Website update

At the most recent Board of Directors meeting, the board voted to form an ad hoc Website committee to do two things. One, to complete the project of overhauling the current website, which began late in the term of the last board. And two, even before the overhaul is complete, try to keep the content on our existing website more current. That way, mykcca.com will be a better source of information about upcoming meetings, notices from the board. etc.

Board Directors Catherine Lee, Sherry Smith, and Jim Minor will be members of this committee, with Catherine Lee as chair. If you've got ideas of what you'd like to see with the website, or if you're interested in serving on the committee, please contact Catherine Lee at clee@mykcca.com.



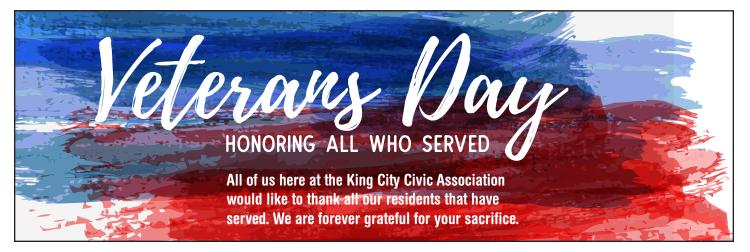
Committees update

We've set standing times and places for the meetings of the board committees, and have posted those times and places on page 2 of this newsletter, and on the <u>mykcca.com</u> website.

Note that some of the committees are meeting virtually for now. When those committees go back to in-person meetings, we'll update that information.

Thank you to our volunteers

KCCA residents have volunteered countless hours to help us keep things moving forward. I just want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you! Thank you!





Jim Minor, Director jminor@mykcca.com Catherine Lee, Director clee@mykcca.com Joe Wilson, Director jwilson@mykcca.com

The KCCA Board of Directors meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm.

Currently the board is meeting virtually – you can check the <u>mykcca.com</u> for connection information. We hope to resume meeting in-person at the KCCA clubhouse soon.

STANDING COMMITTEES

CLUBS & AMENITIES, Chair: Laurie Petrie Date & time: 1st Tuesday at 10am Location: Virtual for now. Email Laurie Petrie for link.

> **GREENS**, Chair: Joe Wilson Date & time: 1st Thursday at 1pm Location: Pro Shop

HELLO NEIGHBORS SOCIAL, Chair: Sherry Smith Date & time: 1st Friday at 10am Location: Clubhouse Multi-Purpose room

LANDSCAPING, ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE (LARC), Chair: Jim Minor Date & time: 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10am Location: Clubhouse Multi-Purpose room **HOUSE**, Chair: Laurie Petrie Date & time: 3rd Monday at 11am Location: Virtual for now. Email Laurie Petrie for link.

> **FINANCE**, Chair: Faramarz Khozouiee Date & time: 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 4pm Location: Crown Center & Virtual. Email Faramarz Khozouiee for link.

POOL, Chair: Mary Delamater Date & time: 4th Sunday at 5pm Location: Virtual for now. Email Mary Delamater for link.

KCCA TEAM

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Club House & Office:

Administrator: (To be determined) Administrative Assistant: Deborah Dornberg

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Jeff Halfman, Golf Course Superintendent golfsuper@mykcca.com Joy Olmstead, Pro Shop Manager golf@mykcca.com

The Aquatic Center is closed until further notice.

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Salute to Veterans

Submitted by Paul Hailey

Everyone is invited to a community celebration to honor and say "Thank you" to our many local King City veterans.

The celebration will be in the Clubhouse on Veterans Day, November 11th from 11 am to Noon.

There will be a trumpet player sounding Reveille, singing of the military branch songs, short talks by local officials and veterans, sounding of Taps, and refreshments.

Please come and join in showing appreciation to those who have served our country so admirably.

Veterans: Please feel free to wear your uniform, medals, and bring photos or other memorabilia.

If you have questions, you may contact Billie Reynolds at 503-716-8098 or Paul Hailey at 503-620-2161.



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INDEPENDENT & MAINTENANCE-FREE LIVING

Halloween Magic Show

King City

by Brian Ledbetter Tuesday, October 19 at 2:00 pm

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Featuring Marilyn Keller Saturday, October 23 at 2:00 pm

Halloween Costume Party & Happy Hour

with ghoulish hors d'oeuvres and prizes. Wednesday, October 27 at 3:00 pm

Reservations Required. Please RSVP to 503-684-1008.

Other Upcoming Events:

Flu-Clinic offered by Rite-Aid*
 Wednesday, October 6 • 1:15-3pm
 Covid Booster Shots are a possibility, but not
 confirmed at time of printing. Call for details.

 Sunday Brunch* Sunday, October 20 • 10:30am-1:30pm Brunch buffet with unlimited Mimosas \$15/quest

*Reservations Required. Please RSVP to 503-684-1008

 First Ladies Handwriting Analysis* by Joyce Brizendine Tuesday, October 26 at 2pm.

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Welcome Deborah Dornberg

We are fortunate to have the friendly and smiling face of Deborah Dornberg behind the window of the KCCA front office. While her specific duties and job title are still being worked out by the Task Force appointed by the Board, her main duties right now are to answer phone and in-person inquiries. Deborah's hours are from 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

Deborah grew up in San Diego, CA. After high school, she moved to Florida for a few years where she attended a junior college. Once finished with college, she moved back to San Diego. Four years ago, Deborah moved to Oregon to be with her boyfriend, Adam. Deborah has a grown son, Dustin, who lives in Phoenix, AZ.

She hasn't seen him since before COVID and is looking forward to visiting him in December.

When she first moved to Oregon she lived in Lake Oswego with several roommates. There she had a garden and chickens. She now lives in Tigard but, sadly, doesn't have the gardens or the chickens! She is looking to the future when she will have a home where she can garden while a cat is chasing the birds and butterflies!

As you might guess, Deborah enjoys gardening, one of several spare time activities. She is an avid reader and, presently is working on getting through the "Game of Throne" series an ambitious literary feat. Another favorite pastime is crocheting,



Deborah Dornberg

taught to her by her grandmother when she was six years old.

Please stop by the window of the front office in the clubhouse to sav hello and welcome Deborah.

Living Here, Working Here and Loving King City

The market is still strong in KCCA. There are buyers just waiting for homes to come on the market. If you have been considering selling, now could be the right time for you. Give me a call and we can chat about the pros and cons for your situation.





Elaine Simms

Remember...

Of all the decisions you will face when buying and selling a home, there is none more important than the person you choose to represent you.

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Tualatin Valley Quilt Guild

Submitted by Carol Springer

TVQG holds monthly meetings at the KCCA Clubhouse the 3rd Tuesday of each month, except December, starting at 7:00pm. Meetings feature a guest speaker or a quilting-reQuilters of all experience levels are invited to attend our meetings or join our guild. Yearly dues are \$35.00. Guests are welcomed at all TVQG events. Our guest fee is \$5.00 per meeting.

> information about the guild or its activities email

For more

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lated program, include a Show & Tell segment, door prizes, a Block of the Month presentation, and a Fat Quarter drawing.

 TVQG.

 About@gmail.

 com
 or visit their website

 at
 tvqg.wordpress.com.

 We would love to see you

 at our next meeting.

King City Music Club

Submitted by Jerry Larsen

We were able to meet for one rehearsal before the heat wave hit, causing us to cancel for safety reasons, and then the Board re-instated the mask mandate (following the Governor's order) due to the surge largely caused by the Delta variant. We will restart rehearsals as soon as we are allowed. It's not possible realistically to sing with masks on. We have some great programs lined up for the future, though, and hope against hope that we can reconvene within a few weeks.

We have four new members who will be joining us after our imposed break, and we are ready to welcome more. Here are some numbers to call if you want more information about a fun singing group. Any of us can answer questions you may have, and describe how we rehearse and perform.

For more information, please contact:

Jerry Larsen Lynn Turner Muriel Dresser Club President and co-director Club Treasurer and co-director Pianist and Club Founder 503-336-0000 503-620-6023 503-443-6777



The Calendar is Back!

Yay! It's taken a long time and a lot of volunteer hours, but we finally have the calendar back in the newsletter! Yay again!

However, while we did our best, there are almost certainly errors and omissions. If you notice that your club or event is missing or listed at the wrong place or time, please contact the office and let us know what needs to be corrected. Thanks for your help!

House Committee Survey

What is your vision for our amenities and what would you like to change? Think about the possibilities....

The House Committee would like your input as we start to plan for future renovations to our building's interior spaces. There is a survey included with the newsletter this month. We hope that you will take the time to fill it out and turn it in to the drop box at the Clubhouse. This is your opportunity to share your thoughts and help us with this process. We look forward to hearing from you!

King City Women's Golf Club

Submitted by Sue Wihtol

Our CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AND HANDICAP played August 18 and August 25 had a 3 way tie for our handicap winners. WENDY MARCHANT, ANN WEBSTER, and MARILYN HAYMOND are our winners. Our Club Champion for the 5th year is JULIE MICHELS.

The BACKPACK CHARITY GOLF will be played September 15. This annual event has been in the process for many years and money raised helps to support the St. Vincent De Paul Food Bank. The food bank provides week end food for school children in the Tigard area. The backpacks are filled at the schools and students bring the packs home on Fridays. The empty packs are returned to school on Mondays to be refilled throughout the school year.

The Club members also fill FOOD BARRELS throughout the year. We always look forward to contributing to our charities.



Preparing Your Herb Garden for Winter

Submitted by Peg Martinez, Master Gardener

As the hot days of summer have passed and we are looking forward to Fall and the cooler weather, the first thing to do is stop fertilizing your herbs. The new growth from fertilizing is much more vulnerable to the colder temperatures and frost, so you want to discourage growth for now. On the other hand, mature growth that is allowed to respond naturally to the season will develop more winter hardiness.

It's helpful, after the first freeze, to add three to four inches deep of mulch. This will help them overwinter. That little insulation, to keep the soil warmer, will protect the roots from the freezing temperatures. Be sure to leave a one to two inch space around the stem, making sure the mulch doesn't touch it.

In addition to the above guidelines, outdoor hardy perennials will benefit tremendously from a little TLC as winter sets in. Chives, lavender, oregano, and thyme can all take the cold–especially with a little extra help. Using horticultural fleece or other fabric designed for plants, cover before a freeze, weighing or pinning the fabric to the ground securely. Once the freeze has passed, uncover the plant and repeat as needed.

It looks like we might be in for a pretty cold winter by the new Farmers' Almanac prediction, so keep a close eye on those outdoor herbs!



Much of herb gardening is trial and error, so don't be discouraged if you lose a plant or two to a cold snap. If you take your time and do a bit of planning, you can still enjoy many herbs year-round, and you can replace your plants in the spring.

Enjoy!! And always remember that "you reap the benefit" of fresh herbs!!

Resource: extension.psu.edu/growing-herbs-outdoors



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Artists' Guild News

Submitted by Diane Tyhurst

Welcome back artistic friends with hopes that we can continue meeting in the Clubhouse! Even though we could not meet inside due to the Covid restrictions, for a year we met outside the front door of the Clubhouse on a weekly basis. It was good seeing our members and catching up on what each had been doing. Many members continued to produce art during the quarantine.

Debbi Estes was very prolific, showing her art in online shows (Knickers In A Bunch), taking classes, and attending an artists' retreat (Art and Soul). Debbi produced fascinating artwork in the mediums of collage, acrylic and alcohol ink. Laurie Svec was busv during the quarantine teaching online classes in watercolor and decorating eggs out of washi paper for the Japanese Garden. Though they could not be there in person to teach the art class at King City Senior Village, Laurie and Diane Tyhurst outlined images for the folks to paint on their own. Our leader, Kathryn Amrani painted small pictures daily, kept us up to date with weekly, newsy emails, and as did many of our members, enjoyed gardening and cooking new and interesting recipes. Member Jan Auten moved to Woodburn and got a head start on painting holiday pictures. Bev Jensen continued her artistic endeavors by making curtains for her home. Judea Pullella traveled to Hawaii, Wisconsin and Michigan giving her



appreciate our neighborhood!

As a resident and owner I can confirm King City is a wonderful place to live. Our homes are well cared for and are selling for a premium price in this current market. If you need help preparing a home for sale or know someone looking to buy within King City, give me a call. I am happy to help answer any questions and can supply recommendations for local resources.



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the opportunity to spend time with her family. And as for Diane, well, she spent a lot of time virtually riding roller coasters, driving race cars, and landing airplanes. (There has to be a NUT in every group!)

Going forth, we have scheduled Laurie to teach the skill of painting fur and clouds in watercolor on October 14th. On October 16th and 17th Washington County painters



Marianne Pfeiffer

will be participating in the annual Open Studios Tour. Debbi will be participating in that show. Needing motivation after being in quarantine for so long, the members of the Guild are hoping to get local artists to come and teach at our meetings. We are in the process of recruiting an artist to teach us the uses of various artistic tools used in our craft.

Finally, we would like to remember and honor Marianne Pfeiffer, one of our founding members who was with the artists' guild for over 30 years. Marianne passed away on September 5th at the age of 102. Besides painting and selling her art for many years, Marianne was an inspiration to us with her uplifting spirit and fascinating life stories. We will miss her dearly...

The King City Artists' Guild meets every Thursday in the multipurpose room at the Clubhouse from 1:00 - 4:00. We welcome all creative souls who would like to gather with other artistic folks to paint and socialize.



Showing Friday, November 19th at 2 pm **Planes, Trains and Automobiles** R/1987/92 MINUTES/COMEDY

Steve Martin and John Candy star in John Hughes' classic tale of holiday travel gone awry. Neal Page (Martin) is an uptight advertising executive trying to get home to Chicago for Thanksgiving. When his flight is rerouted to Wichita, he reluctantly partners with Del Griffith (Candy), an obnoxious yet loveable salesman. Together, they embark on a cross-country adventure that includes various modes of transportation, hilarious mishaps, and unforgettable rental car shenanigans.



Sponsored by: KCCA "Hello Neighbors" and Elaine Simms of Ken Miller and Assoc.



Employment Opportunity

Writer/Reporter

Our community newspaper focus on hyper-local coverage of human interest, events, people profiles, business, local politics, sports, and restaurant reviews. We currently have freelance and/or employment opportunites for writers who have a passion community news. Basic photography skills a plus. Flexible P/T or F/T hours.

To be considered for this position, please send resume to <u>mike@tigardlife.com</u> or call 503-692-9215.

Tigard Life





Apple & Butternut Squash Soup

Submitted by Nancy Hayes

INGREDIENTS Yield: 10 servings

- 3 tbsp. Unsalted Butter
- 1 large Onion, chopped
- 2 tbsp. Curry Powder
- 1 tsp. Chili Powder
- 2 1/2 cups Chicken Broth
- 3 lb. Butternut Squash, peeled, seeded and cubed (8 cups)
- 1 ¼ lb. Granny Smith Apples, peeled, cored, and chopped (3 cups)
- Salt and Pepper
- 1/2 cup Heavy Cream
- 2 1/2 cup Chicken Broth
- 1 tbsp. Fresh Parsley, chopped

INSTRUCTIONS

In a large heavy pot, melt butter over medium heat. Add onions and sauté until translucent, about 5 minutes. Add curry powder and chili powder. Mix well. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in 2 ½ cups chicken broth, squash, apples, and salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer 30-45 minutes until squash is very tender, stirring occasionally.

Strain soup, reserving liquid. Puree vegetables in a food processor in several batches. In same pot, combine vegetable puree, reserved cooking liquid, cream, and 2 ½ cups chicken broth. Bring just to simmering – do not boil or cream will curdle. Ladle soup into warm bowls. Garnish with parsley.

HELLO NEIGHBORS Regrets Cancellation of:

Halloween Party - October 30th

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Thanksgiving Potluck - November 20th

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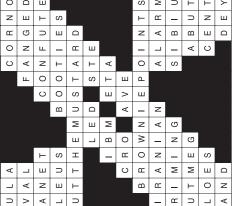
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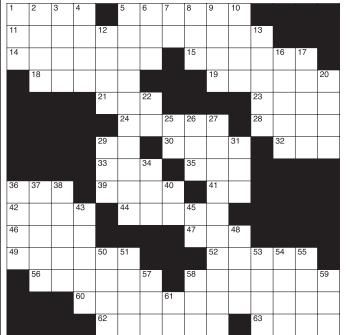
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Look for answers in next month's newsletter



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- 2. Dueling sword
- 3. Practice fight
- 4. Genus of clams
- 5. Fear of heights
- 6. What some tell their dog
- 7. The Golden State
- 8. When you expect to get there
- 9. Pointed ends 10. Extinct flightless bird
- 12. Feeds
- 13. Nape of neck
- 16. Descendant
- 17. Small boats found in Turkey
- 20. To avoid the risk of
- 22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
- 25. 13th letter of the
- Greek alphabet
- 26. Brew
- 27. Feeling of anxiety
- 29. Young girls group

- 36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
- 39. Feels ill
- 41. Indicates position
- 42. Beverage containers
- 44. Assists
- 46. Science accreditation
- organization (abbr.)
- 47. Purpose
- 49. Group of elected officials
- 52. Hebrew prophet
- 56. They help you drink
- 58. Lawmaker
- 60. Charitable
- 62. Doctrines
- - 31. Perform on stage
 - 34. White clerical vestment
 - 36. Popular musical awards show

 - 38. One who acts on another's behalf
 - 40. Direction
 - 43. Look at with fixed eves
 - 45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
 - 48. A large number of

 - 51. Large jug
 - Christian Anderson, 53.
 - 54. American state
 - 55. Muslim inhabitant of the Philippines
 - 57. Witness
 - 58. Landscapers lay it
 - 59. Type of bread
 - 61. Of I

- 37. Bumpkins

- 50. Type of powder

 - children's author

Resident Member Spotlight: Lynn Turner

KCCA MUSIC CLUB CHORUS PORTRAIT

A series spotlighting the talented members of our KCCA Music Club Chorus. Each of our members has interesting backgrounds, some with professional experience. When not limited by the current pandemic, the chorus performs the first Thursday of every month at 2:00 PM in the Clubhouse.

Submitted by Jerry Larsen, Co-Director of the Music Club Chorus

Lynn Turner, the Treasurer and Co-Director of our King City Music Club Chorus, is a talented, lovely, and elegant lady who has been with the chorus since its inception. She was born in the latter days of the depression, in Salem, but when the war started her father got a job as a welder in the Shipyards up in the Portland area in 1942. Her singing started at Richmond Grade School, participating in the All-City Choir. Her extended family was musical, and there were lots of gatherings around the piano in her younger days. She sang in the choir at Franklin High School and graduated when she was 16, having skipped a grade. She was married at 17, moved to Albany, and sang with the Albany Choristers, where they performed "Brigadoon"

one year. She had two girls, in 1952 and 1954. She now has the honor of being a great-greatgrandmother twice over, two girls 7 and 3. She and her



Lynn Turner

first husband were married 23 years when they separated. He was in the Air Force, and they moved several times. Duluth in the winter, and Yuma in the summer.

Moving back to Portland about 1974, she joined the Choral Arts Ensemble. In 1987, The Ensemble joined up with the University of Oregon Choir, and they went on a 16-day concert tour of the British Isles. The small picture shows Lynn preparing to kiss the Blarney Stone in Ireland. She had just married her second husband following her separation of 13 years prior, to Jack Turner, who guickly learned the music and sang with the group. He had only sung barbershop before this. They were kidded as being "the newlyweds" throughout the tour. They moved to Wilsonville, she began singing with and directing a small choral group, after taking some informal lessons in directing from a friend. She worked in banking and worked



at the Wilsonville Library, and joined another small all-girl group there, directed by a fellow named Steve. They were "Stevie and the DOLLS" (Dear Old Library Ladies.) Her husband died in 1994, after 7+ very full years. She moved her mobile home to Royal Villas in 2006, where it now stands, where she lives with her daughter Diane. Other work experience included being Secretary for a disc jockey school and delivering books to shut-ins for the County Library in Portland. She also worked as a multi-1260 printing press operator for several concerns, and investigated employee theft for Fred Meyer by analyzing cash register tapes.

She joined the King City Music Club Chorus as soon as it was formed, and has sung and directed and served as Treasurer for those years up until the present. She loves it, and you will love hearing her sing once our concerts can resume.



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Home of the Month



Submitted by Nancy Hayes

So many yards in our community are enjoyed as you walk or drive by. But, there are beautiful yards you can't see because they are behind a brick

wall as those in the Garden Villa area. Having seen a few photos of the yard at the home of Kathie Leonetti and George Grondin, I knew the yard should be shared. I was in for a

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very special treat!

This beautiful yard didn't happen overnight. When Kathie and George moved to King City from Nevada 14 years ago, Kathie had a vision which she has executed in impressive fashion over the years.

Opening the gate from the street I entered a charming setting of colorful plants and whimsical figures. There is a bench inviting you to sit and enjoy this little haven. I was led through a beautiful home to the back patio area where I felt an invitation to sit, have a cup of tea and read a book. Looking up, my eyes were greeted with a view of a backyard filled with beautiful flowers, plants and a landscape laid out with care.

Several trees offer height and a touch of gracefulness to the grasslined yard. Bordering the grassy area are lovely gardens with plantings of various textures and colors. A simple pebbled path leads to woodland-like area along the back of the yard. As you glance out over the yard from the patio, one of the first things you see is a trellis on the edge of the woodland-like area covered with a grape vine shading a thoughtful statue.

Wherever

you look

there is a

pleasant

sense

of calm whether it is

the statuary.

the colorful

plants or

garden

décor.



Each time I turned to look around (and I did several times), there was something new or different to please the eye. I am sure with any subsequent visits more attractive features would be spotted.

This is a yard that has been cared for with kindness and pride. The pictures here don't give you the sense of the relaxing environment. It is hard to explain the quiet beauty found behind the brick wall. Go on-line to KCCA's website, <u>www.</u> <u>mykcca.com</u> to see the newsletter in color so you can better appreciate this wonderful yard.







