

OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Chapter Meeting
September 25, 2014

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Chris Rusch in the Discovery Garden Pavilion. There were 42 members in attendance.
- Anne Waddington introduced her neighbor as a guest.

Agenda Approval

- Bake sale and Facebook were added to the agenda.

Minutes

- The August 28, 2014 chapter meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Agents Report - Steve Renquist

- The 2017 International Master Gardener Conference will be hosted by Oregon in Portland July 10-14, 2017. Gail Langellotto (OSU Master Gardener state wide coordinator) is looking for people to help with the conference.
- She would like chapters to get onboard and contribute financially to the conference as their budgets allow. Steve will present it to the DCMG executive board for further discussion. Conversation ensued on the possibility of profits being returned to chapters. Judy Huntley questioned how profit monies would be distributed i.e. to contributing chapters, OMGA, etc. Julie Stanbery suggested a policy statement be developed indicating where profits would go if we donate. Rosemary Brinkley will bring this to the OMGA Board. Bob Brindley volunteered to help with the exhibitors.
- Heat unit records were blown off the charts this summer and we are seeing a lot of dead leaves and leaf scorch. In general, we are going to see a need for our organization to focus on outreach dealing with wise water use, good xeric plants, etc.

Officer Reports

Membership - Denise Fennell

- 261 members current members
- 39 members dropped for non-payment of dues. Denise will be calling each one as 2015 dues become due.
- Contact Denise for any changes needing to be made on the roster, including any position changes within the organization, discovery garden, etc.

OMGA Representative - Rosemary Brinkley

- OMGA will be meeting here in Douglas County at the extension on Friday, October 31st for leadership training and on Saturday, November 1st, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for their board meeting. Chapter members are encouraged to come observe and/or participate either day. Gail Langellotto will be in attendance. Rosemary will be presenting our questions and concerns and would appreciate DCMG members attending to support her. Rosemary is hoping to be able to put together a tour of the garden on Saturday.
- We will be providing food for the event with brunch type foods Friday morning and a lunch potluck on Saturday (soups, stews, salads, bread, desserts). A signup sheet was passed around to give people the opportunity to sign up to bring food items.

Treasurer - Vicki McAlister was not present

- President, Chris Rusch, distributed the financial report provided by Vicki.
- Budget submissions are due to Vicki by Monday, September 29th.
- The executive board meeting on October 8th will include a discussion of the budget. We will meet at 10 a.m. in the extension kitchen. Garden heads and those who have budget line items are encouraged to attend.

Vice President - Fred Alley

- Next month our monthly meetings will resume back at the extension. Continuing education will be held at 9 a.m. with the general meeting to follow at 10 a.m.
- Fred has been busy lining up continuing education presenters and subject matter for the upcoming year and has come up with an impressive list of possibilities. Potential prospects include: Territorial Seed Company, Native Plant Society, Audubon Society with Birds in the Garden, Mercy Medical Center on the Nutritional Value of Gardening and Healthy Eating, Gardening with Color - Selecting the Right Color for Your Garden, Landscape Features for the Garden, Special Watering Techniques, Wildlife vs. Gardeners, Reinventing the Urban Lawn/Landscape, Future Weather Patterns, and Bees
- If you have additional ideas or requests for continuing ed topics contact Fred.

Past President - Larry Sutton not present

Secretary - Barbara Robinson had nothing to report

President - Chris Rusch had nothing additional to report.

Committee Reports**Community Outreach - Leo Grass**

- Leo and Diane Tweet did presentations at UCC. Diane presented tips for natural pest control and Leo discussed drought year gardening.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch

- Help is needed September 30 in the clinic. There are several October openings when the days are reduced to Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- So far in September there have been 95 contacts. A lot of leaf scorch and heat damage and powdery mildew questions.
- Bonnie wrote an excellent article for the News Review on powdery mildew. Leo had one as well discussing wildlife and animals in the garden. Kudos to them both for their exceptional articles and for their part in helping to get the master gardener name out to the public.

Kruse Farms - Anne Bacon

- Sept. 13 was the last day the master gardeners staffed a booth at Kruse Farms.
- 117 contacts for the season
- The shade structure originally allocated for farmers market will be used at Kruse Farms next year.

Plant Sale - Barbara Robinson

- There are two plant sale committees in need of a new chairperson for the upcoming year. Anne Waddington is stepping down after many years as head of floor coordination for our sale. A huge thank you to Anne for her tenacity and persistence in making sure our customer service out on the floor is the best that it can be. Ann Bacon volunteered to assume this position. Thank you Ann!
- We also need a fairground coordinator, a position we created two years ago and filled by Debbie Hesseltine. Duties of this committee are to insure tables are set up correctly and in accordance with a pre-established grid, etc. They are also in charge of directing the offloading of

plants/inventory at the fairgrounds in an orderly fashion. Barbara asked for a volunteer.... She's still looking. Email or give her a call if you would like to chair this committee.

Greenhouses - Maureen Benice

- Both the Westside and Eastside greenhouses are maintaining plants with root pruning, weeding, and plant divisions with regular crews working year round.
- Plants will be for sale after the meeting at both greenhouses. Master gardeners may also make purchases every Tuesday from 9 to noon.

Winter Training – Maureen Benice

- We need a few more regular mentors and substitutes. The signup sheet will be in the Plant Clinic.
- Mentor training will take place in the extension kitchen at 10 a.m. on November 5th and December 3rd at 10 a.m.
- Orientation for perspective master gardeners will be on Nov. 12th in the annex. Mentors and master gardeners wanting to welcome the new class should arrive between 10:45-11 a.m. New class members will arrive at 11:30 a.m.
- Classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Eastside Greenhouse - Barbara Robinson

- Several people have stepped up and volunteered to become part of the Eastside core group. Barbara will be in contact with them in the upcoming week to schedule a meeting.
- Revitalization of the Eastside greenhouse outside area is beginning to take shape in the form of purchasing materials i.e. gravel, lumber, etc. The plan includes building a framework to hold the trees, preventing them from tipping over in the wind or when they are watered. Also on the drawing board is filling the potholes and varmint holes to alleviate the trip and fall hazard they currently present. A thick layer of 1 inch quarry rock will then be spread and tamped in to provide a smooth, consistent surface. Last but not least.... The pallets containing plants will be raised using concrete blocks and additional pallets. This will make it much easier for our volunteers to work on the plants with them up off the ground.
- Thanks to all the volunteers who have been working on the greenhouse projects including Ivor Chapman, Gale Robinson, Dave Clark, Ray Warren, Steve Hart and anyone else they have been able to round up. They will be diligently working on the Eastside project this fall so stay tuned for updates.
- HUGE thanks go to Vicki McAlister for her diligence and investigative work which has resulted in a reduction of more than half of what we have been paying for propane at the greenhouses! This will literally save us thousands of dollars! Thank you Vicki!

Awards - Betty Ison

- Sixty hour swinger bars were earned by: Liz Akin, Rachel Billings, Kathy Hart, Steve Hart, Les Karcher, Jan Kirchner and Jim Rogers.

Victory Garden - Mik Carlson not present

- Betty shared the numbers for produce donated to UCAN this week. The Victory Garden donated 435 lbs. Total to date for this year: Victory Garden 3085 lbs. plus 1650 pounds from Master Gardeners equals 4735 lbs. total! Great job by a great crew!

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery

- Julie expressed her thanks to everyone for all that's been done in the garden. There's been some remodeling in the Butterfly Garden with new touches introduced by new leadership. Underground irrigation is now all the way through to the Japanese Garden. Noel Groshong's Iris Garden has been kept beautifully manicured. Take a look at the wonderful educational display box in the Children's Garden. Many new signs are up in the garden. The Rose Garden sign is especially

striking. Elva Sellens beautiful dahlias are all in full bloom with very distinct labeling on each. The worm bins have been painted and revised and the entire compost area looks to have had a facelift. The Shade Garden is going to be replanted and rocks will be used to define the area. The Herb Garden has a beautiful new painting on the bench. Betty Ison's Perennial Border has beautiful new arbor plantings. The Xeriscape Garden has undergone a transformation and now stretches all the way to the fence. Clever people have camouflage painted the PVC pipe and it looks wonderful. The rock garden is a fantastic addition to the garden and really fills out that corner of the garden nicely. Cleanup work has been done throughout the HLC.

- If master gardeners would like to get wood from the downed trees by the burn pile, they need to contact the County Parks Dept. to get a permit.
- We are starting to get leaves delivered from the trailer park. The first load will go to the Victory Garden and then master gardeners are welcome to the leaves left at the compost pile. There is no chemical residue.
- Julie has two Clerodendrum trees to giveaway.

Discovery Garden Signage - Karen Glatz

- The committee is continuing to add signage. Signs are going into the herb garden today. Dahlias, Orchard, and Children's Garden signs are coming up.
- There will be a permanent display mounting built for the pavilion. This 5 part display will be used to exhibit rotating informational topics. The first topic will be on pollination. Karen asked for a volunteer to develop materials on this first topic.

Publicity/Newsletter - Bonnie Courter

- Bonnie sent out a PSA for the changing hours at the plant clinic.
- She thanked those who are contributing to the newsletter and encouraged submissions of funny or interesting stories and pictures.
- Articles are due to Bonnie by the Saturday evening after our chapter meeting.

Awards Banquet - Judy Huntley

- Judy sent a sign up list around for the banquet to be held Oct. 4th at the Methodist Church on Harvard. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and we will eat at 6:30 with awards and door prizes to follow.
- Set up will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday
- Signups are lagging and Judy asked mentors to encourage their MG's to attend.

Bake Sale – Barbara Robinson

- Our annual bake sale will be held this year on Saturday, November 22, 9am to 2pm at Sherm's Thunderbird Market. Mark it on your calendar and start planning what goodies you plan to create.
- Joann Pico has stepped up and volunteered to shadow Barbara Robinson and Sharon Hopkins at this year's sale in preparation for taking it over next year. Barbara asked if someone would co-chair this event and Janet Parkerson volunteered. Thank you Janet.
- Baked goods will be received on Friday, November 21, 1-4 p.m. in the extension kitchen. We will also accept items the morning of the sale at 8 a.m.
- Ingredient labels will be provided, completed, and affixed to each item.

Facebook – Denise Fennell

- Denise and Barbara Horst are the administrators of the DCMG Facebook page. By networking with other websites they have been able to add 110 "friends" since June.
- This could be a great tool for attracting new members if master gardeners would share as well. The more people we can get on board, the more people we can reach. Denise was able to give Mary Hoffman eleven contacts who expressed an interest, via Facebook, in becoming master gardeners.

OLD BUSINESS - None**NEW BUSINESS**

- Ivor Chapman questioned the policy of worms for sale, specifically who the Plant Clinic should be referring clients to. People should be given Nathan Baily's email or phone number.

SHOW AND TELL

- Steve Renquist thanked Karen Glatz, Jen Bailey and Nathan Baily for the great job they've done on the signage committee. People are definitely reading the signs. It's important to get out a good message for every one of our gardens.
- There will be a wine event at the pavilion on Saturday, September 27. Steve Renquist advised this will be a tasting and educational activity. Participants are asked to bring wine, an appetizer or wine pairing, and wine glass.
- Nathan Baily brought "travelling" Mangrove seedlings from his recent trip to Florida to share with anyone interested.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned @ 11:25 by President, Chris Rusch. Our annual tomato taste-off followed with Bob Brindley organizing.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Robinson
DCMG Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| ❖ Insect Committee | First and Third Mondays, 10 AM |
| ❖ Diagnostics Group | October 15, 10 AM |
| ❖ Greenhouse Workdays | Tuesdays, 9-Noon at the Discovery Garden |
| ❖ Executive Board Meeting | October 8, 10 AM, Extension Kitchen |
| ❖ Biochar Expo | October 18, 9:30-3, Discovery Garden |
| ❖ Continuing Education | October 30, 9 AM Extension Auditorium |
| ❖ Chapter Meeting | October 30, 10 AM, Extension Auditorium |
| ❖ OMGA Meeting | October 31 & November 1, Extension Auditorium |

Account Balances - As of 9/22/2014

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Account	9/22/2014 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Checking-Umpqua Bank	1,364.65
Money Market-Reserves-Umpqua Bank	7,659.10
Money Market-Umpqua Bank	39,096.89
TOTAL Bank Accounts	48,120.64
OVERALL TOTAL	48,120.64

Cash Flow

8/28/2014 through 9/22/2014

Category	8/28/2014- 9/22/2014
INFLOWS	
Donations	
Contributions	143.00
Pavilion	25.00
TOTAL Donations	168.00
Interest Income - Bank	1.11
PSP Income	
Clinic & Office	
Soil Testing	90.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	90.00
TOTAL PSP Income	90.00
Special Events	
Special Events-other	
Compost Tea	133.00
TOTAL Special Events-other	133.00
TOTAL Special Events	133.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	392.11
OUTFLOWS	
Management & General	
Awards & Banquet	
Banquet	587.70
TOTAL Awards & Banquet	587.70
Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	
Gifts - Hallmark	48.75
Officer Gifts	19.00
Scholarships	300.00
TOTAL Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	367.75
TOTAL Management & General	955.45
PSP Expense	
Advanced Training	
Newsletter	
Postage	25.90
TOTAL Newsletter	25.90
TOTAL Advanced Training	25.90
Discovery Garden	
Butterfly	52.98
Maintenance	59.96
Signage	60.00
Water - River Forks meter	68.43
TOTAL Discovery Garden	241.37
TOTAL PSP Expense	267.27
Special Events Expense	
Plant Sale Expense	
Water - Pitchford meter	365.07
TOTAL Plant Sale Expense	365.07
TOTAL Special Events Expense	365.07
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	1,587.79
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,195.68

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Category	1/1/2014 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2014 Difference
INCOME			
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions	552.00	0.00	552.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pavilion	125.00	0.00	125.00
TOTAL Donations	677.00	0.00	677.00
Dues-hardcopy newsletter	268.25	319.00	-50.75
Dues-membership	2,340.00	2,400.00	-60.00
Interest Income - Bank	8.31	12.00	-3.69
PSP Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clinic & Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soil Testing	765.00	600.00	165.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	765.00	600.00	165.00
Disc Garden	294.50	0.00	294.50
TOTAL PSP Income	1,059.50	600.00	459.50
Special Events	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plant Sale Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drawings	1,126.00	800.00	326.00
Entrance Fees	2,993.65	2,800.00	193.65
Plant Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sales-event	20,387.31	19,600.00	787.31
Sales-post	854.75	1,000.00	-145.25
Sales-pre	3,139.00	2,400.00	739.00
TOTAL Plant Sales	24,381.06	23,000.00	1,381.06
Vendor Booth	2,913.24	2,500.00	413.24
TOTAL Plant Sale Income	31,413.95	29,100.00	2,313.95
Special Events-other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bake Sale	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Compost Tea	1,000.00	700.00	300.00
Misc Events	367.00	0.00	367.00
Quilt Raffle	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trash-To-Treasure Sale	2,757.60	3,000.00	-242.40
TOTAL Special Events-other	4,124.60	4,700.00	-575.40
TOTAL Special Events	35,538.55	33,800.00	1,738.55
TOTAL INCOME	39,891.61	37,131.00	2,760.61
EXPENSES			
Management & General	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards & Banquet	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards	0.00	350.00	350.00
Banquet	587.70	750.00	162.30
TOTAL Awards & Banquet	587.70	1,100.00	512.30
Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chapter Meetings	0.00	50.00	50.00
OMGA Quarterly Meeting	0.00	262.00	262.00
OMGA Travel	0.00	460.00	460.00
TOTAL Conferences	0.00	772.00	772.00
Dues-OMGA	1,631.00	1,680.00	49.00
Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	0.00	0.00	0.00
4-H Donation	80.00	80.00	0.00

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Category	1/1/2014 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2014 Difference
Endowment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gifts - Hallmark	48.75	50.00	1.25
Memorial	0.00	100.00	100.00
Officer Gifts	19.00	80.00	61.00
Scholarships	100.00	1,500.00	1,400.00
TOTAL Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	247.75	1,810.00	1,562.25
Historian	0.00	25.00	25.00
Hospitality	101.65	150.00	48.35
Liability Insurance	636.00	670.00	34.00
OMGA Chapter Display	0.00	200.00	200.00
OMGA Search for Excellence	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage for Executive Board	18.40	30.00	11.60
Print Check Charges	0.00	25.00	25.00
Supplies for Executive Board	0.00	30.00	30.00
TOTAL Management & General	3,222.50	6,492.00	3,269.50
PSP Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advanced Training	0.00	0.00	0.00
Continuing Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	135.01	320.00	184.99
TOTAL Newsletter	135.01	320.00	184.99
TOTAL Advanced Training	135.01	320.00	184.99
Capital Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Greenhouse - 5 included	0.00	1,045.00	1,045.00
Greenhouse Plumbing & Irrigation	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Capital Expenditures	0.00	1,045.00	1,045.00
Clinic & Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
Farmers Markets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insects	0.00	80.00	80.00
Library	0.00	100.00	100.00
Plant Clinic & Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soil Testing	260.15	150.00	-110.15
Website Development	0.00	200.00	200.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	260.15	530.00	269.85
Community Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fair Booth	0.00	0.00	0.00
Home Show	0.00	0.00	0.00
Speakers Bureau	0.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL Community Outreach	0.00	50.00	50.00
Discovery Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brochures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Butterfly	319.15	290.00	-29.15
Childrens	148.31	265.00	116.69
Compost	0.00	0.00	0.00
Easy Access (Container Garden)	7.16	75.00	67.84
Electric - meter 23609842	31.18	400.00	368.82
Entry	32.99	60.00	27.01
Hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00
Herb	0.00	150.00	150.00
Iris	17.09	50.00	32.91
Irrigation	428.45	600.00	171.55

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Category	1/1/2014 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2014 Difference
Japanese	0.00	50.00	50.00
Kiosk - donor board	0.00	50.00	50.00
Maintenance	400.47	500.00	99.53
Mulch	135.00	300.00	165.00
Orchard	0.00	5.00	5.00
Ornamental	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pavilion	0.00	0.00	0.00
Perennial Border	137.43	200.00	62.57
Raised Beds (Dahlia-Lily)	0.00	50.00	50.00
Rock Garden	358.89	500.00	141.11
Rock Garden - 2012 GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shade Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
Signage	438.48	1,000.00	561.52
Signage - 2013 GRANTS	730.69	750.00	19.31
Straw Bale Garden	141.80	150.00	8.20
Sun Garden	0.00	100.00	100.00
Water - River Forks meter	349.96	250.00	-99.96
Xeriscape	234.16	555.00	320.84
TOTAL Discovery Garden	3,911.21	6,350.00	2,438.79
HLC	0.00	0.00	0.00
Annual Pumping Expense - diver in river	0.00	500.00	500.00
Greenhouse Maint., Repair and Renovatio	49.49	1,000.00	950.51
Greenhouse Supplies	113.26	400.00	286.74
Maintenance	474.61	600.00	125.39
Toilet Repairs & Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00
Victory Garden	394.36	477.00	82.64
TOTAL HLC	1,031.72	2,977.00	1,945.28
Winter Program	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleaning the carpet after class	0.00	50.00	50.00
New Class - Supplies	0.00	20.00	20.00
Speakers	450.00	350.00	-100.00
TOTAL Winter Program	450.00	420.00	-30.00
TOTAL PSP Expense	5,788.09	11,692.00	5,903.91
RESERVES for unexpected expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Special Events Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plant Sale Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advertising	2,539.60	2,630.00	90.40
Contributions - Plant Sale Volunteers	350.00	350.00	0.00
Electrical - meter 23609558	2,545.31	4,100.00	1,554.69
Exhibit Fees	2,204.00	2,177.00	-27.00
Next Year Seed	-7.50	750.00	757.50
Next Year Supplies - McConkey	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Plants	111.65	1,000.00	888.35
Propane	1,960.99	3,400.00	1,439.01
Supplies	653.47	2,450.00	1,796.53
Vendor Costs	449.06	400.00	-49.06
Water - Pitchford meter	769.94	600.00	-169.94
TOTAL Plant Sale Expense	11,576.52	19,857.00	8,280.48
Special Events-other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bake Sale	0.00	75.00	75.00
Compost Tea	0.00	100.00	100.00

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Taste-Off	0.00	15.00	15.00
Trash-To-Treasure Sale	46.15	250.00	203.85
TOTAL Special Events-other	46.15	440.00	393.85
TOTAL Special Events Expense	11,622.67	20,297.00	8,674.33
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,633.26	38,481.00	17,847.74
OVERALL TOTAL	19,258.35	-1,350.00	20,608.35