

**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER**  
**Chapter Meeting at Bonnie Courter Residence**  
**June 25, 2015**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch. There were 34 in attendance.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as distributed.

**Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:** Steve began by saying the rumors of Steve leaving are true. However, he stressed it was the Extension Forester, Steve Bowers, who is leaving. He will be moving up to OSU to fill a two year position and plans to retire after. His position here in Douglas County will be filled.

Steve brought Master Gardener 2016 program applications. He asked that everyone take at least one application and share with a neighbor, friend or anyone else who might be interested in the program.

Clarification on OSU's marijuana policy was discussed. OSU receives over \$200 million in federal grants each year. We are required to follow federal guidelines and cannot give out any advice on this subject without jeopardizing our federal funding. This applies not only to those accessing the plant clinic, but also neighbors or friends who might inquire.

If anyone is interested in information on successfully growing gardenias in Douglas County Steve has a contact that is doing so. Talk to Steve if interested.

A commercial grower shared with Steve his success story on controlling cucumber beetles in squash and cucumbers. He uses a sprinkling can filled with water and flushes his plants twice a day, midmorning and 6pm which flushes the beetles out.

Boxwood blight has hit hard and is spreading rapidly, particularly in the Portland area. Symptoms in plants include die back, wilt and taking on a grayish scorched look. The spread of this blight is being tracked throughout the state, so contact Steve if you think you might have plants which are affected.

The normal monthly schedule for diagnostics class has not been working out with Steve's busy schedule. OSU is down to five horticulturists within the state and those individuals are spread very thin. As such, he will be picking a date when he's available and send out a notice for the class. The next diagnostic class will focus on viral diseases and issues i.e. squash mosaic virus, grapevine fan leaf virus, and tobacco mosaic virus (hitting tomatoes and other vegetable crops). Eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, potatoes and plums are being hit by viruses.

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Membership - Denise Fennell:** Nothing to report.

**OMGA - Denise Fennell for Anne Bacon:** 2015 Mini College will take place in McMinnville on August 8-9 with Leadership training sessions on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Information on classes and housing is available online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/minicollege-classes>.

**Treasurer - Vicki McAlister:** Financials were distributed. Updates on budget are available on the web.

**Vice President - Fred Alley:** Thanks to Bonnie for hosting our June meeting and potluck. Although temperatures were forecast for the 90's, the picturesque venue was shady with a nice breeze. Bonnie

shared some of the background of their property which used to be the home of the old South Deer Creek School. The Courter's have lived in their home for 29 years, and Bonnie keeps busy trying to outsmart the deer and gophers. She is currently trying to get rid of the gophers by putting dry ice down their holes. Stay tuned for upcoming news on the efficiency of this technique. As if Bonnie doesn't have enough to keep her busy, she also maintains the pioneer cemetery across from their house and is getting ready to host a family reunion! Thanks again Bonnie for your hospitality!

There have been several informative articles in the News-Review submitted by several of our members including, Steve Renquist, Bonnie Courter, Leo Grass, Larry Sutton and Chris Rusch. Bonnie has an online subscription to the paper so she will be sending out articles of interest to Douglas County Master Gardeners.

Our next meeting will be on July 30<sup>th</sup> at Georgia and Tim Richards. Fred will send out instructions prior to that meeting.

**Past President - Larry Sutton:** Larry had nothing to report but is glad to be back stateside.

**Secretary - Barbara Robinson:** No report

**President – Chris Rusch:** Chris brought Mini College schedules for those interested. There are some more advanced classes this year and many interesting subjects.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch:** The clinic has seen over 100 visitors this month which is down from 140 last year. They are receiving more questions through email which tend to be more challenging to answer than face to face or phone contact. Steve Renquist mentioned he is getting quite a few walk ins outside of Plant Clinic hours which may also account for the reduced number. Veterans are needed to fill numerous slots in July.

**Community Outreach - Leo Grass:** Brook Edmunds is bringing a group of Lane County MG's down to visit our Discovery Garden on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Brook oversees the Master Gardener programs in Lane, Linn, and Benton counties.

Bob Brindley presented a class on watering techniques to 20 people in Grants Pass.

We will be sharing a booth at the Douglas County Fair with the Douglas County Beekeeper Association once again this year. The theme this year will evolve around dry year gardening in some capacity. Dates for the Fair are Aug. 5-8 (same as Mini-College) with volunteers needed to man the booth three shifts per day. Leo has asked for only 2 people in the booth to alleviate overcrowding, with one veteran and one newbie needed per shift. Leo will be sending out more information on sign ups. Anyone working the Fair will be given a free admission pass.

**Westside Greenhouse - Barbara Robinson for Maureen Benice:** Small crews are dividing plant material, repotting and doing general cleanup.

Barbara has purchased a few of the black Douglas County Master Gardener aprons. They are \$15 each. Contact Barbara if you are interested in purchasing one.

**Eastside Greenhouse - Bruce Gravens:** This is a busy time of year for the Eastside with propagation by divisions, stem cuttings, etc. If you have any plant material you think might be appropriate and are willing to share please contact Eastside. They would be glad to help you prune and collect the material. The Eastside has a good crew showing up each Tuesday, but could definitely use a few more.

**Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery by Chris Rusch:** Gary Dubois and Dave Hopkins cleaned out the chemical room. Numerous very old chemicals have been disposed of and new supply will be stocked next week. Everything is now in metal cans.

Denise Fennell is the official filler of the reservoir system. All system users have been giving a tutorial on its use. Noel Groshong and Dave Hopkins installed a replacement valve for the river water. It is designed to be fool-proof. (Just what are you implying Miss Julie? ☺) The irrigation team is watering Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 2 hours each session. With the current high pressure, they are able to water the entire garden each time.

Thanks to Fred Alley for his restoration work on numerous garden tools for use in the garden. Sandy Grindle has been manicuring the property in preparation for Graffiti Weekend. All chips have been disbursed by tractor man, Gale Robinson and new ones will not be delivered until after Graffiti.

Word is getting out among the butterflies of all the wonderful sunshine and nectar available in the Butterfly Garden. Many have been sighted this past week enjoying the garden.

With the hot weather, most gardens are starting work at 8 a.m.

**Publicity/Newsletter - Bonnie Courter:** A few new banners have been purchased for Plant Sale. The most impressive is a thirty-foot long banner which will hang the 2-3 weeks before our sale on the Fairgrounds grandstand. Bonnie says it is beautiful! She also reminded members articles for the Newsletter are due this Saturday.

**Nominating Committee – Julie Stanbery by Chris Rusch:** Official nominations will be presented and voted on at our July chapter meeting.

**Facebook – Barbara Horst:** The DCMG page has 561 followers.

**Awards Banquet - Judy Huntley by Chris Rusch:** The banquet will be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

**Hallmark – Linda Thames by Chris Rusch:** Former Master Gardener, Diane Aiello, passed away after a lengthy illness. Her husband Chuck, also a Master Gardener, was formerly chapter president. Information was emailed regarding services this Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business:**

- Chris Rusch appointed an audit committee consisting of Judy Huntley, Toni Rudolph, Patrice Sipos, and Karolyn Riecks. Their findings and recommendations will be presented at the August chapter meeting.
- At the request of the membership, Betty Ison is organizing a Master Gardener garden tour for July 23<sup>rd</sup>. More MG locations are needed for the tour. Currently there are only two who have volunteered to participate, Betty and Lori Salars. Please contact Betty if you are interesting in participating. Directions for the tour will be published in the Newsletter.

**Show and Tell:**

- Bob Brindley is active in various activities through the Umpqua Valley Art Association, including their marketing committee. He verbally surveyed those in attendance regarding how they heard about the Art Association's events.
- Steve gave everyone a heads-up on the severe consequences in relation to the high temperatures and lack of moisture. Take measures to protect your more delicate plants by moving potted plants under trees, covering with shade cloth, or any other kind of temporary shade, and make sure all is well hydrated. The product "Surround" may be sprayed on fruit trees and other plant material and will protect from heat scorch. It deflects the heat and light away from the fruit. It will leave a white residue so fruit will have to be washed. An added bonus is it repels codling moth as well. It may be purchased at DC Coop. Do what you can to prepare for the heat.

**Announcements**

Insect Committee

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, 10am

Discovery Garden Workdays

Every Tuesday, 8 or 9 to Noon

Greenhouse Workdays

Every Tuesday, 9-Noon

DCMG Chapter Meeting

July 30<sup>th</sup> at Georgia & Tim Richards

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Robinson  
DCMG Secretary

# Account Balances - As of 6/24/2015

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Account	6/24/2015 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Checking-Umpqua Bank	1,864.33
Money Market-Reserves-Umpqua Bank	8,659.10
Money Market-Umpqua Bank	50,106.56
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>60,629.99</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>60,629.99</b>

## Cash Flow

5/28/2015 through 6/24/2015

Category	5/28/2015- 6/24/2015
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
Donations	
Contributions	30.00
TOTAL Donations	30.00
Interest Income - Bank	1.92
PSP Income	
Clinic & Office	
Soil Testing	155.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	155.00
TOTAL PSP Income	155.00
Special Events	
Plant Sale Income	
Plant Sales	
Sales-post	26.50
TOTAL Plant Sales	26.50
TOTAL Plant Sale Income	26.50
Special Events-other	
Compost Tea	241.00
TOTAL Special Events-other	241.00
TOTAL Special Events	267.50
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>454.42</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
Management & General	
Dues-OMGA	42.00
TOTAL Management & General	42.00
PSP Expense	
Advanced Training	
Newsletter	
Postage	22.72
TOTAL Newsletter	22.72
TOTAL Advanced Training	22.72
Discovery Garden	
Butterfly	37.71
Electric - meter 23609842	0.00
Irrigation	13.48
Kiosk - donor board	5.00
Rock Garden	337.50
Water - River Forks meter	128.02
TOTAL Discovery Garden	521.71
HLC	
Greenhouse Maint., Repair and Renovatio	49.49
Greenhouse Supplies	296.31
Maintenance	37.98
Victory Garden	17.63
TOTAL HLC	401.41
TOTAL PSP Expense	945.84
Special Events Expense	
Plant Sale Expense	
Advertising	873.85

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Category	5/28/2015- 6/24/2015
Electrical - meter 62314693	506.53
Supplies	185.27
Water - Pitchford meter	142.05
TOTAL Plant Sale Expense	1,707.70
TOTAL Special Events Expense	1,707.70
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>2,695.54</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-2,241.12</b>

## Budget - Current Year

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Category	1/1/2015 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2015 Difference
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions	131.50	0.00	131.50
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pavilion	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Donations	131.50	0.00	131.50
Dues-hardcopy newsletter	272.00	323.00	-51.00
Dues-membership	2,360.00	2,400.00	-40.00
Interest Income - Bank	5.33	12.00	-6.67
PSP Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clinic & Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soil Testing	660.00	700.00	-40.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	660.00	700.00	-40.00
Disc Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PSP Income	660.00	700.00	-40.00
Special Events	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plant Sale Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drawings	982.00	800.00	182.00
Entrance Fees	3,032.05	2,800.00	232.05
Plant Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sales-event	20,577.87	20,500.00	77.87
Sales-post	431.75	1,000.00	-568.25
Sales-pre	3,348.50	2,550.00	798.50
TOTAL Plant Sales	24,358.12	24,050.00	308.12
Vendor Booth	3,565.40	2,700.00	865.40
TOTAL Plant Sale Income	31,937.57	30,350.00	1,587.57
Special Events-other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bake Sale	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Compost Tea	488.00	900.00	-412.00
Misc Events	279.00	0.00	279.00
Quilt Raffle	0.00	0.00	0.00
Trash-To-Treasure Sale	3,940.10	2,500.00	1,440.10
TOTAL Special Events-other	4,707.10	4,400.00	307.10
TOTAL Special Events	36,644.67	34,750.00	1,894.67
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>40,073.50</b>	<b>38,185.00</b>	<b>1,888.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Management & General	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards & Banquet	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards	0.00	350.00	350.00
Banquet	0.00	750.00	750.00
TOTAL Awards & Banquet	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chapter Meetings	0.00	50.00	50.00
OMGA Quarterly Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00
OMGA Travel	0.00	460.00	460.00
TOTAL Conferences	0.00	510.00	510.00
Dues-OMGA	1,659.00	1,680.00	21.00
Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	0.00	0.00	0.00
4-H Donation	0.00	80.00	80.00



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Category	1/1/2015 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2015 Difference
Endowment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gifts - Hallmark	0.00	50.00	50.00
Memorial	0.00	0.00	0.00
Officer Gifts	0.00	80.00	80.00
Scholarships	0.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
<b>TOTAL Grants&amp;Gifts&amp;Scholarships</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,260.00</b>	<b>1,260.00</b>
Historian	0.00	25.00	25.00
Hospitality	134.41	150.00	15.59
Liability Insurance	0.00	670.00	670.00
OMGA Chapter Display	0.00	0.00	0.00
OMGA Search for Excellence	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage for Executive Board	0.00	30.00	30.00
Print Check Charges	0.00	25.00	25.00
Supplies for Executive Board	0.00	30.00	30.00
<b>TOTAL Management &amp; General</b>	<b>1,793.41</b>	<b>5,480.00</b>	<b>3,686.59</b>
PSP Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advanced Training	0.00	0.00	0.00
Continuing Education	0.00	100.00	100.00
Newsletter	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	134.72	300.00	165.28
<b>TOTAL Newsletter</b>	<b>134.72</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>165.28</b>
<b>TOTAL Advanced Training</b>	<b>134.72</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>265.28</b>
Capital Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Greenhouse - 5 included	0.00	0.00	0.00
Greenhouse Plumbing & Irrigation	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL Capital Expenditures</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Clinic & Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
Farmers Markets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insects	0.00	230.00	230.00
Library	0.00	100.00	100.00
Plant Clinic & Office Supplies	0.00	100.00	100.00
Soil Testing	226.17	250.00	23.83
Website Development	0.00	120.00	120.00
<b>TOTAL Clinic &amp; Office</b>	<b>226.17</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>573.83</b>
Community Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fair Booth	0.00	50.00	50.00
Home Show	0.00	0.00	0.00
Photo Team	0.00	100.00	100.00
Speakers Bureau	0.00	50.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL Community Outreach</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>
Discovery Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brochures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Butterfly	37.71	400.00	362.29
Childrens	21.99	405.00	383.01
Compost & Biochar	0.00	150.00	150.00
Easy Access (Container Garden)	103.38	125.00	21.62
Electric - meter 23609842	0.00	400.00	400.00
Entry	0.00	75.00	75.00
Hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00
Herb	140.00	150.00	10.00
Iris	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Category	1/1/2015 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2015 Difference
Irrigation	13.48	600.00	586.52
Japanese	0.00	220.00	220.00
Kiosk - donor board	5.00	50.00	45.00
Maintenance	57.99	500.00	442.01
Mulch	27.00	300.00	273.00
Orchard	0.00	100.00	100.00
Ornamental	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pavilion	0.00	0.00	0.00
Perennial Border	0.00	200.00	200.00
Raised Beds (Dahlia-Lily)	81.31	75.00	-6.31
Rock Garden	599.50	600.00	0.50
Rock Garden - 2012 GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shade Garden	50.00	75.00	25.00
Signage	0.00	700.00	700.00
Signage - 2013 GRANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00
Straw Bale Garden	0.00	200.00	200.00
Sun Garden	0.00	125.00	125.00
Water - River Forks meter	128.02	350.00	221.98
Xeriscape	51.69	425.00	373.31
<b>TOTAL Discovery Garden</b>	<b>1,317.07</b>	<b>6,225.00</b>	<b>4,907.93</b>
<b>HLC</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Annual Pumping Expense - diver in river	479.40	400.00	-79.40
Greenhouse Maint., Repair and Renovatio	49.49	1,000.00	950.51
Greenhouse Supplies	564.85	500.00	-64.85
Maintenance	140.72	1,000.00	859.28
Toilet Repairs & Supplies	78.28	150.00	71.72
Victory Garden	459.39	769.00	309.61
Victory Garden Signage - 2014 Grant	75.00	649.33	574.33
<b>TOTAL HLC</b>	<b>1,847.13</b>	<b>4,468.33</b>	<b>2,621.20</b>
<b>Winter Program</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Cleaning the carpet after class	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Class - Supplies	0.00	20.00	20.00
Speakers	300.00	350.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL Winter Program</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>370.00</b>	<b>70.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PSP Expense</b>	<b>3,825.09</b>	<b>12,463.33</b>	<b>8,638.24</b>
RESERVES for unexpected expenses	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Special Events Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plant Sale Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advertising	2,789.74	2,600.00	-189.74
Contributions - Plant Sale Volunteers	350.00	350.00	0.00
Electrical - meter 62314693	2,329.47	2,800.00	470.53
Exhibit Fees	2,888.50	2,300.00	-588.50
Next Year Seed	0.00	750.00	750.00
Next Year Supplies - McConkey	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Plants	337.71	1,000.00	662.29
Propane	861.81	1,500.00	638.19
Supplies	1,159.24	2,200.00	1,040.76
Vendor Costs	301.83	550.00	248.17
Water - Pitchford meter	265.43	850.00	584.57
<b>TOTAL Plant Sale Expense</b>	<b>11,283.73</b>	<b>16,900.00</b>	<b>5,616.27</b>
Special Events-other	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Bake Sale	0.00	75.00	75.00
Compost Tea	130.00	150.00	20.00
Taste-Off	0.00	30.00	30.00
Trash-To-Treasure Sale	30.99	175.00	144.01
TOTAL Special Events-other	160.99	430.00	269.01
TOTAL Special Events Expense	11,444.72	17,330.00	5,885.28
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,063.22</b>	<b>36,273.33</b>	<b>19,210.11</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>23,010.28</b>	<b>1,911.67</b>	<b>21,098.61</b>