

**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
Chapter Meeting at Tim and Georgia Richards
July 30, 2015**

Fred Alley introduced Tim and Georgia Richards, our hosts for the morning. Tim gave a brief history and description of their property.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch. There were 37 in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:

- Steve recently returned from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents meeting which was held in Sioux Falls South Dakota. Garden journals were a topic of conversation between Steve and other agents. Although our chapter has not had great success with selling these, Steve indicated they can be a very valuable tool. He uses one himself.
- Steve talked about the impact the smoke from the wild fires can have on crops, including flavoring. An example would be grapes which can produce a smoky flavored wine.
- Protecting your crops from predators i.e. deer, birds, squirrels, etc. can be challenging. Bird netting can be used on cherry or plum trees by placing the netting just above the lower canopy and extend down to cover the trunk. Animals do not want to become entangled in the net. Another tool for protecting your grape clusters is bagging the clusters with plastic or paper bags.
- Steve went on to encourage attendance at mini college Aug. 7 and 8.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Denise Fennell: No Report

OMGA – Rosemary Brinkley: Mini College will be held in McMinnville August 6-8. Leadership classes, including one on member retention, will take place on the 6th. Housing is extremely limited so get your reservations in right away.

Treasurer - Vicki McAlister: Financials were distributed. Updates on budget are available on the web via chapter minutes which have the current figures attached.

Vice President - Fred Alley: Thank you to Georgia and Tim Richards for hosting today's meeting. Jean Wall will be hosting our August meeting. The September meeting will be held in the pavilion at the Discovery Garden.

Past President - Larry Sutton: While working the Plant Clinic Larry noticed there were numerous questions coming in via email from the same address. After some sleuthing it was determined a commercial site, which charges their customers, was submitting questions to the Douglas County Plant Clinic. Gail Langaletto advised against answering these emails. Instead it was suggested to respond to the person asking the question and advise they contact their local county extension office who will answer their question for free. These emails are being sent by *Customer Service My Garden Questions*.

Secretary - Barbara Robinson: No report

President – Chris Rusch: We received a \$250 Karl Carlson Grant for signage thanks to Jen Bailey and Nathan Baily. OMGA has also given us a \$200 grant for mini college. Contact Chris if you are interested in a mini college grant.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch: There are quite a few openings on the August Plant Clinic calendar. A veteran is specifically needed for August 6th as well as some other dates. There were 120 visitors in July in addition to many email inquiries. Most of the 2015 class has completed their required PC hours. Thanks to all the trainers who have committed to one day a week in the clinic.

Bonnie Courter wrote another article for the News Review which will run this Saturday. We are committed to providing two articles a month. Anyone interested in providing an article, please contact Chris. Steve Renquist sent in a spotlight article which may run this Saturday as well.

Community Outreach - Leo Grass: The Douglas County Fair will begin next Wednesday. Volunteers are still needed to man our exhibit. Please contact Leo if you can help out. Those volunteering will receive a free pass to the fair which can be picked up in the front office at extension. The Douglas County Bee Assoc. will once again be part of our exhibit with a live working hive of bees. This was very popular last year.

Westside Greenhouse - Maureen Benice: New inventory has been purchased to begin stocking for Plant Sale. Workers have been repotting, root pruning and dividing these plants. Crews have been kept small to fit underneath the shade cloth in the hot weather.

Eastside Greenhouse – Georgia Richards: The Eastside has been busy root pruning and cleaning up inventory. They are also getting in donated plant material. She requested anyone dropping off plants provide a full description including not only the name of the plant, but variety and size. Also please provide your name so you can be contacted with any questions.

Awards – Betty Ison: Seven new trainees have earned their 60 hour swinger bars: Nancy Fuller, Patrice Sipos, Iva Greywolf, Terry Grove, Barbara Hamby, Ann Severson, and Jayne Strader. Betty encouraged people to turn in hours soon so they are updated for the Awards Banquet in October. (If you need a form to record your hours it is available on the web under forms.)

Vicki McAlister has developed a spreadsheet showing the total number of volunteer hours each volunteer has accrued through 2014. This will be posted on the web. Thank you Vicki!

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:

- There was a big break in the main pipeline to the Discovery Garden which was repaired by Terry Tinker. A second leak occurred while fixing the first, so both were repaired.
- Sandy Grindle weed eated the entire vineyard area. What a great job she does. Thanks to Sandy for keeping us looking so well-manicured!
- To keep plants hydrated, the Butterfly Garden has been attacking the hot weather with milk jugs! Alongside more delicate plantings you may see a gallon milk jug filled with water. The secret is punching a pinhole at the bottom to allow it to drip irrigate.
- The Rock Garden has had issues with the back side not getting enough water. Come fall they are going to collaborate with the xeriscape garden in planting xeriscape plants in the area.
- Julie is pleased with the efforts workers are making to conserve water.
- Chips are once again being delivered and Gale Robinson has been spreading them. Eventually excess chips will be offered to master gardeners for their own use.

Victory Garden - Ruth Stafford: Watering system is working really well. To date a total of 998 lbs. has been turned into UCAN. New signage has been temporarily hung on fence, but will be moved once the garden is expanded. This garden could use more help on Tuesday mornings.

Publicity/Newsletter - Bonnie Courter: Newsletter articles are due Saturday

Facebook – Denise Fennell: We hit over 4,000 contacts on one of our posts. Please “like” our page (currently have 568 people) and hit “share” whenever there is a posting to spread the word.

Awards Banquet – Judy Huntley: October 3rd at the First Methodist Church on Harvard Avenue. Judy Dake has advised there will not be a conflict with Farmer’s Market so we will be able to set up at our normal time. The main entree for our potluck will be soups. Mark your calendars for an evening of excellent food, comradery and door prizes!

Old Business:

- **Betty Ison - Garden /Tour:** Betty thanked everyone who participated in the garden tour and to those who hosted. The tour was well attended.
- **Steve Renquist:** Steve had parking passes available for the Discovery Garden. He also asked, on behalf of Coleen Keedah, that all OSU tablecloths (from farm markets, etc.) be returned to Coleen at extension for cleaning and use at the fair.

New Business:

- Nomination of officers - Julie Stanberry presented the following slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee: President Chris Rusch, Vice President Fred Alley, Secretary Barbara Robinson, Treasurer Patrice Sipos, Membership Chairman Denise Fennell, OMGA Representative Anne Bacon, and OMGA Alternate Representative Nancy Fuller. Larry Sutton moved we accept the slate of officers. Motion was seconded. No nominations were received from the floor. Motion passed.
- Chris Rusch read the following revision to the OMGA Travel Reimbursement Policy as recommended by the DC Executive Board: *Travel expenses are reimbursed for the State Representative and Alternate State Representative to attend the quarterly OMGA meetings: Mileage for one vehicle at OMGA's reimbursement rate (currently 30 cents a mile). For meetings held over 150 miles away, up to \$100 for meals and one night's lodging per person for the State Representative and Alternate State Representative.* Motion made by Larry Sutton to approve this change. Motion seconded and passed.

Show and Tell: Julie Stanberry brought in a *hyalophora cecropia moth*, the largest native moth in North America. Valerie Call brought in a vine from her *sweet pea tomato* with fruits the size of a large pea.

Announcements

Insect Committee	1 st and 3 rd Mondays, 10am
Discovery Garden Workdays	Every Tuesday, 8 or 9 to Noon (depending on area)
Greenhouse Workdays	Every Tuesday, 9-Noon
Douglas County Fair	August 5-9
Mini-College	August 7-8
DCMG Chapter Meeting	August 27

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Robinson
DCMG Secretary

Account Balances - As of 7/29/2015

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Account	7/29/2015 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Checking-Umpqua Bank	2,311.06
Money Market-Reserves-Umpqua Bank	8,659.10
Money Market-Umpqua Bank	48,108.98
TOTAL Bank Accounts	59,079.14
OVERALL TOTAL	59,079.14

Cash Flow
6/25/2015 through 7/29/2015

Category	6/25/2015- 7/29/2015
INFLOWS	
Interest Income - Bank	2.42
PSP Income	
Clinic & Office	
Soil Testing	30.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	30.00
TOTAL PSP Income	30.00
Special Events	
Special Events-other	
Compost Tea	252.05
TOTAL Special Events-other	252.05
TOTAL Special Events	252.05
TOTAL INFLOWS	284.47
OUTFLOWS	
Bank Charge	-70.23
Management & General	
Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	
4-H Donation	70.00
TOTAL Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	70.00
TOTAL Management & General	70.00
PSP Expense	
Discovery Garden	
Butterfly	130.98
Childrens	73.42
Irrigation	223.30
Sun Garden	28.89
Water - River Forks meter	33.48
TOTAL Discovery Garden	490.07
HLC	
Greenhouse Supplies	33.85
Maintenance	245.47
Victory Garden	42.52
Victory Garden Signage - 2014 Grant	270.00
TOTAL HLC	591.84
TOTAL PSP Expense	1,081.91
Special Events Expense	
Plant Sale Expense	
Plants	538.32
Water - Pitchford meter	145.09
TOTAL Plant Sale Expense	683.41
TOTAL Special Events Expense	683.41
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	1,765.09
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,480.62

Budget - Current Year

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Category	1/1/2015 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2015 Difference
INCOME			
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	7.75	12.00	-4.25
PSP Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clinic & Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soil Testing	690.00	700.00	-10.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	690.00	700.00	-10.00
Disc Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PSP Income	690.00	700.00	-10.00
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	740.05	900.00	-159.95
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	4,959.15	4,400.00	559.15
TOTAL Special Events	36,896.72	34,750.00	2,146.72
TOTAL INCOME	40,357.97	38,185.00	2,172.97
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	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	70.00	80.00	10.00

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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
TOTAL Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	70.00	1,260.00	1,190.00
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
TOTAL Management & General	1,863.41	5,480.00	3,616.59
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
TOTAL Newsletter	134.72	300.00	165.28
TOTAL Advanced Training	134.72	400.00	265.28
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
TOTAL Capital Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00
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
TOTAL Clinic & Office	226.17	800.00	573.83
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
TOTAL Community Outreach	0.00	200.00	200.00
Discovery Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brochures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Butterfly	168.69	400.00	231.31
Childrens	95.41	405.00	309.59
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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Irrigation	236.78	600.00	363.22
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	28.89	125.00	96.11
Water - River Forks meter	161.50	350.00	188.50
Xeriscape	51.69	425.00	373.31
TOTAL Discovery Garden	1,807.14	6,225.00	4,417.86
HLC	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	598.70	800.00	201.30
Maintenance	386.19	1,000.00	613.81
Toilet Repairs & Supplies	78.28	150.00	71.72
Victory Garden	501.91	769.00	267.09
Victory Garden Signage - 2014 Grant	345.00	649.33	304.33
TOTAL HLC	2,438.97	4,768.33	2,329.36
Winter Program	0.00	0.00	0.00
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
TOTAL Winter Program	300.00	370.00	70.00
TOTAL PSP Expense	4,907.00	12,763.33	7,856.33
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	876.03	1,000.00	123.97
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	410.52	850.00	439.48
TOTAL Plant Sale Expense	11,967.14	16,900.00	4,932.86
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	12,128.13	17,330.00	5,201.87
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,898.54	36,573.33	17,674.79
OVERALL TOTAL	21,459.43	1,611.67	19,847.76