

**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
Chapter Meeting, Discovery Garden Pavilion
September 24, 2015**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch. There were 45 in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist: Not in attendance

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Denise Fennell: Denise will be bringing membership forms to our October chapter meeting. Added to the form will be a section for members to indicate their preferred method of contact i.e. text, email, phone, etc.

OMGA – Ann Bacon: The next OMGA meeting will be in Linn County on Saturday, No. 7th. All are welcome to come. If interested contact Ann for more information.

Treasurer – Patrice Sipos: Financials were distributed. Updates on budget are available on the web. Outstanding bills should be submitted to the treasurer in a timely manner for payment before the end of the year.

Vice President - Fred Alley: October 29th continuing education will be given by Kim Turner and Jo Carol Dryver, registered dieticians with Mercy Medical Center. They will focus on gardening and healthy eating.

Past President - Larry Sutton: Not in attendance.

Secretary - Barbara Robinson: Barbara thanked Jen Bailey and Janet Parkerson for filling in for her while she was gone.

President – Chris Rusch: There will be a community open house at the Discovery Garden next spring aimed at community involvement and education. There will be mini workshops provided throughout the garden. Next year's focus will be on more educational offerings for the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach – Leo Grass: Leo will be hosting a group of kindergarten kids from Cobb Street School in the Discovery Garden tomorrow. Nathan Baily will head up a composting class scheduled for January.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch: Traffic in the plant clinic is slowing down. Starting in October days will be cut back to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. November will go to two days and December one day. Clinic workers have been able to hand out quite a few MG class interest letters. Chris encouraged others to do the same.

Ann Bacon – Kruse Farms: Only one more week at Kruse Farms. Ann said Kruse Farms has been very welcoming. She thanked everyone who has worked this venue.

Maureen Benice – Westside Greenhouse: Crews have been cleaning up plants and root pruning and have now started cuttings propagation directed by Jackie Carpenter. This will be the focus for the next few weeks. Maureen announced Denise Fennell will be her replacement as winter training coordinator.

Awards - Betty Ison: Betty announced five more students who have earned their 60 hour swinger bars: Gary Dubois, Charlotte Hennessy, Kareen Lavalley, Carene Villegas, and Barbara Zastrow.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery: The main topic of the Discovery Garden meeting last week was the need to reach out to the public with the focus on educational items, signs, etc. Many gardens are currently fulfilling this goal. Julie thanked everyone for their hard work and advised the scheduled workdays in the Discovery Garden are over for the year. She also gave kudos to the following:

- The gong in the Japanese garden has been refurbished by Fred Alley and looks great.
- The Children's Garden shadow box, with seasonal items displayed, is a great addition.
- The Shade Garden has expanded into a small grassy area on the west side of Pavilion. The grass was difficult to keep green so leaf mulch has been added and drought tolerant plants will be planted.
- Thank you to Sharon Hopkins and Dave Hopkins for the beautiful hand painted sign for the donor board.
- The Butterfly Garden has qualified as a Monarch waystation. A sign will soon be installed noting such.
- Watering is on a flexible schedule according to the weather and will probably go through October with the current weather conditions.
- Tasha King and Ken Hays put in hummingbird garden this season.
- Worm composting and biochar have merged into one section with Nathan Baily heading it up.
- Dave Hopkins trimmed the Euonymus shrubs into a hedge making it easier to maintain.
- Perennial and Easy Access garden heads, Betty Ison and Jeanie Owen, are working together toward a wonderful educational display.
- Xeriscape is expanding all the way to the outer fence with beds made out of wood chips and leaf mulch.
- The Rock Garden, headed by Tasha King, has been a favorite of the public with many seen seated, enjoying the area.
- Installation of educational signs has been ongoing under the guidance of Karen Glatz.
- With the onset of dump charges, Ken Hays has graciously agreed to continue hauling garbage to the dump. Julie asked members to take any recyclables home.
- Julie advised Master Gardener parking permits for the Discovery Garden can be obtained at the front office of extension.

Signage – Karen Glatz: Karen advised there are new signs in the Compost area, Butterfly Garden, and Biochar. Other signs are yet to be installed and hopefully will be done by next year.

Victory Garden – Bonnie Courter for Mik Carlson: The crew expects to easily reach their goal of 4,000 lbs. of produce.

Publicity/Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Bonnie has submitted PSA's giving the change in hours for the Plant Clinic. Newsletter articles are due on Monday.

Facebook - Denise Fennell: There are over 600 participants to date.

Awards Banquet – Judy Huntley: A signup sheet was passed for the banquet. The evening will celebrate our accomplishments during the past year with awards and door prizes. It will be held at the First Methodist Church on Harvard on Oct. 3rd at 5:30pm. Particularly needed for the potluck are more salads and Judy asked for someone to take charge of the punch. She also asked for help setting up the morning of the banquet at 9 a.m. Signups for the banquet should be no later than Sept. 25. Anyone signing up after that time cannot be guaranteed a certificate(s) the night of the event.

Bake Sale - Janet Parkerson: Our annual bake sale will once again be held the Saturday before Thanksgiving on November 21st from 9a.m. to 2p.m. at Sherm's Thunderbird Market. Baked goods will be received the day before on Friday from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the extension kitchen. They will also be accepted the day of the sale at Sherm's from

7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Please mark your calendars with these dates and stay tuned for more information. Janet circulated a signup sheet for workers. Please call Janet Parkerson or Jo Ann Pico with any questions.

2015 Class Rep - Barbara Hamby: Classmates with outstanding hours to complete were contacted on Monday. .

Hallmark – Linda Thames: Linda made note of several Master Gardeners who have recently had surgery: Marianne Major, Myra Weber, and Jim Leet. She also saw Sally Johnson who is doing well. Congratulations to Ken and Charity Hays who recently became great grandparents!

New Business:

- Chris Rusch, President and Barbara Robinson, Secretary were sworn into office by Betty Ison.
- Denise Fennell: Postage for the newsletter will be increased from \$8.50 to \$8.75 per year. This hopefully will cover the cost of increased postage for the next few years.
- Denise Fennell - Winter Class: Denise circulated a signup sheet for mentors. Trainees from last year's class will have first preference as mentors. She also asked for donations of small, pocket calendars to pass out to class members. There are currently 12 to 15 prospective students signed up. Steve Renquist will be advertising for new students via the newspaper and radio spots.
- Barbara Robinson: UCAN (United Community Action Network) badly needs volunteer help to support their food distribution warehouse. This is where all our Victory Garden produce is taken. Helpers are needed to: assist in warehouse, sort food donations, and drive or ride along in the Food Bank truck to pick up fresh produce, meat, bakery and dairy items from local grocery stores. For more information please contact Jeanine Coffey at 541-492-3524 or email Jeanine.coffey@ucancap.org

Announcements:

Insect Committee	First and Third Mondays, 10 a.m.
East & West Greenhouse Crews	9 a.m. to Noon every Tuesday
Awards Banquet	Oct. 3, 2015, 5:30 p.m., First Methodist Church on Harvard
DCMG Executive Board Meeting	Oct. 14, 10a.m. Extension Kitchen
DCMG Chapter Meeting	Oct. 29, 9 a.m. Continuing Education, 10a.m. Meeting, Extension Auditorium

Show and Tell:

- Elva Sellens invited everyone to the Douglas County Dahlia Society Show this weekend at the fairgrounds floral building. Best day to view will be Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. while flowers are fresh, or the show will also be on Sunday from 10a.m. to 3p.m. Elva recently attended the National Dahlia Society's 100th Anniversary Show in Long Island, New York. From her description, it certainly sounded like the trip of a lifetime!
- Julie Stanbery brought in a potted Mangrove "stick" she obtained from Nathan Baily last year. It is just now developing a couple buds. Nathan said his just leafed out as well. Julie brought in more tiger lily bulbs to share and indicated there are Lipstick Strawberry plants in the shade garden which need to be thinned out and taken home.

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

Tomato Taste off - Bob Brindley: There are 15 varieties to taste. Winners will be announced at our next meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Robinson
DCMG Secretary

Account Balances - As of 9/21/2015

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Account	9/21/2015 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Checking-Umpqua Bank	1,582.47
Money Market-Reserves-Umpqua Bank	8,659.10
Money Market-Umpqua Bank	46,113.76
TOTAL Bank Accounts	56,355.33
OVERALL TOTAL	56,355.33

Cash Flow
8/28/2015 through 9/23/2015

Category	8/28/2015- 9/23/2015
INFLOWS	
Uncategorized	0.00
Donations	
Grants	250.00
Pavilion	25.00
TOTAL Donations	275.00
Interest Income - Bank	2.36
PSP Income	
Clinic & Office	
Soil Testing	25.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	25.00
TOTAL PSP Income	25.00
Special Events	
Plant Sale Income	
Plant Sales	
Sales-post	12.50
TOTAL Plant Sales	12.50
TOTAL Plant Sale Income	12.50
TOTAL Special Events	12.50
TOTAL INFLOWS	314.86
OUTFLOWS	
Management & General	
Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	250.00
TOTAL Management & General	250.00
PSP Expense	
Advanced Training	
Newsletter	
Postage	20.59
TOTAL Newsletter	20.59
TOTAL Advanced Training	20.59
Discovery Garden	
Butterfly	82.92
Irrigation	17.96
Maintenance	16.04
Straw Bale Garden	222.83
TOTAL Discovery Garden	339.75
HLC	
Greenhouse Supplies	49.99
Maintenance	82.00
TOTAL HLC	131.99
TOTAL PSP Expense	492.33
Special Events Expense	
Plant Sale Expense	
Plants	83.48
TOTAL Plant Sale Expense	83.48
TOTAL Special Events Expense	83.48
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	825.81
OVERALL TOTAL	-510.95

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Category	1/1/2015 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2015 Difference
INCOME			
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions	181.50	0.00	181.50
Grants	250.00	0.00	250.00
Pavilion	25.00	0.00	25.00
TOTAL Donations	456.50	0.00	456.50
Dues-hardcopy newsletter	272.00	323.00	-51.00
Dues-membership	2,360.00	2,400.00	-40.00
Interest Income - Bank	12.53	12.00	0.53
PSP Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clinic & Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
Soil Testing	730.00	700.00	30.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	730.00	700.00	30.00
Disc Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL PSP Income	730.00	700.00	30.00
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	562.25	1,000.00	-437.75
Sales-pre	3,348.50	2,550.00	798.50
TOTAL Plant Sales	24,488.62	24,050.00	438.62
Vendor Booth	3,565.40	2,700.00	865.40
TOTAL Plant Sale Income	32,068.07	30,350.00	1,718.07
Special Events-other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bake Sale	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Compost Tea	958.05	900.00	58.05
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	5,177.15	4,400.00	777.15
TOTAL Special Events	37,245.22	34,750.00	2,495.22
TOTAL INCOME	41,076.25	38,185.00	2,891.25
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	250.00	0.00	-250.00
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	10.00	80.00	70.00
Scholarships	-200.00	1,050.00	1,250.00
TOTAL Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	130.00	1,260.00	1,130.00
Historian	0.00	25.00	25.00
Hospitality	134.41	150.00	15.59
Liability Insurance	636.00	670.00	34.00
OMGA Chapter Display	0.00	0.00	0.00
OMGA Search for Excellence	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postage for Executive Board	19.60	30.00	10.40
Print Check Charges	0.00	25.00	25.00
Supplies for Executive Board	0.00	30.00	30.00
TOTAL Management & General	2,579.01	5,480.00	2,900.99
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	178.74	300.00	121.26
TOTAL Newsletter	178.74	300.00	121.26
TOTAL Advanced Training	178.74	400.00	221.26
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	14.99	120.00	105.01
TOTAL Clinic & Office	241.16	800.00	558.84
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	251.61	400.00	148.39
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	55.28	400.00	344.72
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	254.74	600.00	345.26
Japanese	0.00	220.00	220.00
Kiosk - donor board	5.00	50.00	45.00
Maintenance	138.16	500.00	361.84
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	163.17	200.00	36.83
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	55.00	700.00	645.00
Signage - 2013 GRANTS	0.00	0.00	0.00
Straw Bale Garden	222.83	200.00	-22.83
Sun Garden	28.89	125.00	96.11
Water - River Forks meter	368.75	350.00	-18.75
Xeriscape	51.69	425.00	373.31
TOTAL Discovery Garden	2,691.72	6,225.00	3,533.28
HLC	0.00	0.00	0.00
Annual Pumping Expense - diver in river	479.40	400.00	-79.40
Greenhouse Maint., Repair and Renovatio	105.27	1,000.00	894.73
Greenhouse Supplies	648.69	800.00	151.31
Maintenance	638.19	1,000.00	361.81
Toilet Repairs & Supplies	78.28	150.00	71.72
Victory Garden	570.63	769.00	198.37
Victory Garden Signage - 2014 Grant	345.00	649.33	304.33
TOTAL HLC	2,865.46	4,768.33	1,902.87
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	6,277.08	12,763.33	6,486.25
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	2,696.69	2,800.00	103.31
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	959.51	1,000.00	40.49
Propane	861.81	1,500.00	638.19
Supplies	1,821.79	2,200.00	378.21
Vendor Costs	301.83	550.00	248.17
Water - Pitchford meter	653.68	850.00	196.32
TOTAL Plant Sale Expense	13,323.55	16,900.00	3,576.45
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	13,484.54	17,330.00	3,845.46
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,340.63	36,573.33	14,232.70
OVERALL TOTAL	18,735.62	1,611.67	17,123.95