

**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER**  
**Chapter Meeting, Extension Annex**  
**October 29, 2015**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch. There were 50 in attendance.

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

**Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:** Steve reported twenty seven students have signed up for the winter class. Registration will be November 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. Master Gardeners are needed to help set up at 10:30. All chapter members are encouraged to attend to welcome new students. More mentors are needed for the class.

The brown marmorated stink bug has become a major pest in Portland and the Willamette Valley. We are now seeing increased infestation as well. Feeding on a hundred different plant varieties make them difficult to control. Observing with pheromone traps and spraying does not work. One option is to hang several pheromone traps on a tree or bush off to the side, using it as bait to attract the stink bugs and not spraying it for pests. There are many varieties of stink bugs with some of them being beneficial. For more information go to <http://horticulture.oregonstate.edu/group/brown-marmorated-stink-bug-oregon>.

Steve recently attended training at UCC sponsored by Bahco on sharpening various equipment. He is now certified to teach the course and will incorporate into future educational offerings.

A new OSU publication (EC 1608) has come out on sudden oak death.

[https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/files/project/pdf/ec1608\\_0.pdf](https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/files/project/pdf/ec1608_0.pdf)

Douglas County will be the site of an AgriMet weather station. AgriMet is a satellite-based network of automated agricultural weather stations operated and maintained by the Bureau of Reclamation. The weather station will be located at the HLC and will be up and running within the next year. This will be a great tool for local growers. More information on AgriMet may be found at <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/agrimet/>

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Membership - Denise Fennell:** Denise reminded members' dues are now being taken for the coming year. Please include a completed dues form (even if your information has not changed) along with your payment of \$10. The newsletter is available online at [http://douglascountymg.org/mg\\_newsletter.html](http://douglascountymg.org/mg_newsletter.html). Those who would like a hard copy of the newsletter mailed to them will need to pay an additional \$8.75 (for a total of \$18.75). Dues forms will be included in the newsletter and are also available in the Plant Clinic.

**OMGA – Anne Bacon:** Anne and Nancy Fuller will be attending the OMGA state meeting in Linn County on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is open to all Master Gardeners.

**Treasurer – Patrice Sipos:** Chris Rusch presented the treasurers report on behalf of Patrice. Financials were distributed. Updates on budget are available on the web at [http://douglascountymg.org/mg\\_documents\\_forms.html](http://douglascountymg.org/mg_documents_forms.html) Outstanding bills should be submitted to the treasurer in a timely manner for payment before the end of the year.

**Vice President - Fred Alley:** Thanks to Kim Turner, a registered dietician at Mercy Medical Center, for a great continuing education program today. Fred has upcoming programs scheduled for the entire year. He will be sending out an email, identifying classes presented in the past, encouraging new students to request subjects they are interested in.

**Past President - Larry Sutton:** In a meeting with John Panches, Larry learned interviews for new foresters will be this next week. If all goes as planned, two will be hired to be on staff. Also, the Board of Supervisors for the county has given their okay to start on plans to remodel the extension auditorium. Two different proposals have been submitted. John will be making a recommendation to the Board on the extension's choice of plans.

**Secretary - Barbara Robinson:** No report

**President – Chris Rusch:** The Executive Board meeting for November has been cancelled due to the Veteran's Day holiday. The Board will meet in December. The chapter meeting has been moved up one week due to Thanksgiving. We will meet on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Outreach – Leo Grass:** Leo and Diane Twete gave a presentation on weatherizing the garden to the Sutherlin Garden Club. Elva Sellens did a dahlia class in the Discovery Garden. An environmental 7<sup>th</sup> grade science class from Days Creek will be checking out the Discovery Garden for sustainable gardening practices. Contact Leo if you would like to help host this group. Julie Stanbery replaced the plantings in the front planters (built and donated by Eileen and Tom Kelly) at Saving Grace Animal Shelter with wave petunias (donated by Kruse Farms). They look beautiful!

**Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:** The Plant Clinic has slowed down but is still getting quite a few calls. There have been several calls regarding Douglas fir trees dying due to drought conditions. The clinic will be open two days a week, Mondays and Wednesdays in November. December will move to Mondays only. There are several slots open on the calendar to sign up to work the clinic.

**Winter Training – Denise Fennell:** More mentors are needed. Shared mentor positions are an option if you have someone you would like to split the responsibility with. Contact Denise to sign up. Also needed are alternate mentors to fill in when mentors are unavailable. Carrie Becker volunteered to be Denise's assistant.

Mentors will need to attend meetings on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 a.m. in the Extension kitchen. New class registration is at 11:30 on December 4<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium, with setup by MGs at 10:30.

**Westside Greenhouse – Karolyn Riecks:** Crews have been busy finishing up root pruning, divisions and cleanup of plant material. Crews will be taking a break Thanksgiving week to the first of the year. The core group is scheduled to meet on November 5<sup>th</sup> to determine seed purchase choices.

**Eastside Greenhouse – Bruce Gravens:** Crews have been busy doing last minute cleanup and moving appropriate plant material into the greenhouse for the winter. Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, will be the last crew work day until the first of the year.

**Awards - Betty Ison:** Betty announced the following awards which were presented at our recent DCMG awards banquet:

- MG of the Year – Sharon Hopkins
- MG Apprentice of the Year – Nancy Fuller and Ann Severson
- Behind the Scenes MG - Gale Robinson and John Denny
- Horticultural Agent's Award: Bonnie Courter.

Betty presented Judy Dake with her 20 year length of service award. Sally Johnson has also earned this award.

Five more 2015 class members have completed their 60 hours of payback. Included are Barbara Anderson, Sarah Anderson, Marry Black, Jill Beverlin and Linda Kerl. Great work ladies!

**Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:** Toilet etiquette was at the top of Julie's priority list to share with the membership. There have and continue to be problems with the flush mechanism in the ladies toilet. Please when you flush the toilet stay until you hear the water shut off. If it continues to run please find Julie or someone who knows how to shut it off. The toilets use Umpqua Basin water and will cost us a bundle if they do not shut off. Thanks to Jack Machulies for his efforts in fixing the problem.

The Children's Garden recently finished 18 new steps for their area and they are beautiful!

Thanks to John Panches for using money out of his budget to purchase a new ignition switch for the tractor. The current switch still works most of the time, but is temperamental. The new one will be installed when the old one gives up.

Garden heads, or their representatives, are asked to show up this next Tuesday to take up all the hoses and sprinklers in their areas. Equipment will need to be labeled with the garden name and put away. Janet Parkerson will be doing some handy work to repair some of the sprinklers. Immediately after, Julie would like to meet outside of the Pavilion to discuss moving the lily bed to a sunny location.

Saving Grace is looking for a volunteer to help them come up with a thank you letter to be sent out to donors and contributors. Contact Julie if you are willing to help on this project.

**Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford:** The VG crew picked their last vegetables last Tuesday and delivered them to UCAN. The goal for 2015 was 5000 pounds and 5563 was donated! The new watering system (spearheaded by Vicki McAlister) is being attributed to more efficient irrigation, resulting in better crop yields.

Cover crops have been planted and compost or leaves have been laid. A crew has been wrangled to build fence around the new area just north of the existing beds. The new section will be ready for planting next spring!

**Publicity/Newsletter – Bonnie Courter:** Bonnie has prepared newspaper articles and PSA's for the Bake Sale and changing Plant Clinic hours. Newsletter articles are due this Saturday, the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Facebook - Denise Fennell:** Facebook followers are holding at 622.

**Bake Sale - Janet Parkerson:** Our annual Bake Sale will be held on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-2 at Sherm's Thunderbird Market. Baked goods will be received in the Extension kitchen on Friday, the 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm and the day of the sale at Sherm's from 7:45 to 8:30 a.m.

Worker signup sheets are available in the Plant Clinic. Help is needed the day before the sale to receive incoming baked goods. (Positions were filled at the meeting.) An afternoon cashier is needed. (Position filled) Please call or email Janet or Jo Ann Pico to sign up or with any questions you may have.

**Hallmark – Linda Thames:** Marianne Major had surgery to address a complication from a previous surgery. It appears to have been successful. Janet Wicka had hand surgery.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The 2016 budget draft proposal was available for chapter review. It will be voted upon at our November meeting. The Executive Board agreed to pass a deficit budget, using money market funds to cover the deficit. Major capital improvements to the Eastside greenhouse are needed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The position of Historian is open. Please contact Chris Rusch if interested.

**SHOW AND TELL**

Julie Stanbery reminded the membership there are many Master Gardeners who are also Master Food Preservers and are available to answer food preservation/safety questions. Also please remember to use only research based recipes/instructions and not just anything you find on the internet.

Toni Rudolph, a SHIBA volunteer, advised on the importance of reviewing your current Medicare Advantage Plan and standalone drug plan as they can change dramatically each year. It is now open enrollment season and SHIBA volunteers are available to help determine the best plan(s) for you. For individual counseling opportunities refer to the following site: [http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/insurance/shiba/get\\_help/Pages/calendar.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/DCBS/insurance/shiba/get_help/Pages/calendar.aspx)

Nathan Baily shared his experience with Territorial’s “Ketchup and Fries” plant. Seems he was not overly impressed with his \$20 investment and gave a thumbs down review.

Bruce Gravens brought in numerous peppers he grows for sampling.

Bob Brindley presented a wide variety of Asian sauces for sampling.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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| Winter Training Registration | Wednesday, Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11:30 a.m. (setup at 10:30), Annex       |
| Mentor Meeting               | Monday, Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 10 a.m. Extension Kitchen                   |
| Insect Committee             | First and Third Mondays, 10 a.m.   |
| DCMG Executive Board Meeting | No meeting in November   |
| DCMG Chapter Meeting         | Nov. 19, 9 a.m. Continuing Education, 10a.m. Meeting, Extension Auditorium |
| Bake Sale                    | Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup> , 9-2pm, Sherm’s Thunderbird Market                  |

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Robinson  
DCMG Secretary

# Account Balances - As of 10/26/2015

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Account	10/26/2015 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Checking-Umpqua Bank	1,888.00
Money Market-Reserves-Umpqua Bank	8,659.10
Money Market-Umpqua Bank	42,115.99
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>52,663.09</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>52,663.09</b>

**Cash Flow**  
9/24/2015 through 10/26/2015

Category	9/24/2015- 10/26/2015
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
Interest Income - Bank	2.23
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>2.23</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
Management & General	
Awards & Banquet	
Awards	327.65
Banquet	749.28
<b>TOTAL Awards &amp; Banquet</b>	<b>1,076.93</b>
<b>TOTAL Management &amp; General</b>	<b>1,076.93</b>
PSP Expense	
Advanced Training	
Newsletter	
Postage	20.59
<b>TOTAL Newsletter</b>	<b>20.59</b>
<b>TOTAL Advanced Training</b>	<b>20.59</b>
Discovery Garden	
Butterfly	40.00
Compost & Biochar	141.20
Easy Access (Container Garden)	11.56
Electric - meter 23609842	82.17
Irrigation	112.77
Kiosk - donor board	25.00
Maintenance	-2.61
Mulch	65.25
Perennial Border	35.10
Shade Garden	16.99
Water - River Forks meter	49.14
Xeriscape	289.00
<b>TOTAL Discovery Garden</b>	<b>865.57</b>
HLC	
Greenhouse Maint., Repair and Renovatio	870.17
Greenhouse Supplies	32.00
<b>TOTAL HLC</b>	<b>902.17</b>
<b>TOTAL PSP Expense</b>	<b>1,788.33</b>
Special Events Expense	
Plant Sale Expense	
Contributions - Plant Sale Volunteers	0.00
Electrical - meter 62314693	353.87
Next Year Seed	2.70
Supplies	14.97
Water - Pitchford meter	262.85
<b>TOTAL Plant Sale Expense</b>	<b>634.39</b>
<b>TOTAL Special Events Expense</b>	<b>634.39</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>3,499.65</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-3,497.42</b>

## Budget - 2015

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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	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	14.76	12.00	2.76
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
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>41,078.48</b>	<b>38,185.00</b>	<b>2,893.48</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Management & General	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards & Banquet	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards	327.65	350.00	22.35
Banquet	749.28	750.00	0.72
TOTAL Awards & Banquet	1,076.93	1,100.00	23.07
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
<b>TOTAL Grants&amp;Gifts&amp;Scholarships</b>	<b>130.00</b>	<b>1,260.00</b>	<b>1,130.00</b>
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
<b>TOTAL Management &amp; General</b>	<b>3,655.94</b>	<b>5,480.00</b>	<b>1,824.06</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	199.33	300.00	100.67
<b>TOTAL Newsletter</b>	<b>199.33</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>100.67</b>
<b>TOTAL Advanced Training</b>	<b>199.33</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>200.67</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	14.99	120.00	105.01
<b>TOTAL Clinic &amp; Office</b>	<b>241.16</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>558.84</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	291.61	400.00	108.39
Childrens	95.41	405.00	309.59
Compost & Biochar	141.20	150.00	8.80
Easy Access (Container Garden)	114.94	125.00	10.06
Electric - meter 23609842	137.45	400.00	262.55
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	376.50	600.00	223.50
Japanese	0.00	220.00	220.00
Kiosk - donor board	30.00	50.00	20.00
Maintenance	123.01	500.00	376.99
Mulch	92.25	300.00	207.75
Orchard	0.00	100.00	100.00
Ornamental	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pavilion	0.00	0.00	0.00
Perennial Border	198.27	200.00	1.73
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	66.99	75.00	8.01
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	417.89	350.00	-67.89
Xeriscape	340.69	425.00	84.31
<b>TOTAL Discovery Garden</b>	<b>3,553.74</b>	<b>6,225.00</b>	<b>2,671.26</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	975.44	1,000.00	24.56
Greenhouse Supplies	680.69	800.00	119.31
Maintenance	638.19	1,000.00	361.81
Toilet Repairs & Supplies	78.28	150.00	71.72
Victory Garden	769.00	769.00	0.00
Victory Garden Signage - 2014 Grant	345.00	649.33	304.33
<b>TOTAL HLC</b>	<b>3,966.00</b>	<b>4,768.33</b>	<b>802.33</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>8,260.23</b>	<b>12,763.33</b>	<b>4,503.10</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	3,050.56	2,800.00	-250.56
Exhibit Fees	2,888.50	2,300.00	-588.50
Next Year Seed	2.70	750.00	747.30
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	1,836.76	2,200.00	363.24
Vendor Costs	301.83	550.00	248.17
Water - Pitchford meter	916.53	850.00	-66.53
<b>TOTAL Plant Sale Expense</b>	<b>13,957.94</b>	<b>16,900.00</b>	<b>2,942.06</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	14,118.93	17,330.00	3,211.07
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>26,035.10</b>	<b>36,573.33</b>	<b>10,538.23</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>15,043.38</b>	<b>1,611.67</b>	<b>13,431.71</b>