

OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER

Chapter Meeting

June 30, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch at the home of Dave Clark and Iva GreyWolf. There were 49 in attendance.

Iva GreyWolf welcomed Master Gardeners to their beautiful garden. Their homestead began with a bare plot of land on a hillside. The first tree was planted in February of 2011 and has evolved into a multi-tiered oasis of various perennials, annuals, herbs, vines, fruit trees, deciduous and evergreen trees, ornamental hardscape elements, a waterfall, and fountains. A vegetable garden lies on a terrace below the house. Soon to come will be a teahouse (already under construction) and a bathhouse.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as published online.

Agent's Report – Steve Renquist: This year is one of the strangest years Steve has seen when it comes to monitoring insect and pest issues. Typically, a mild winter brings early evidence of the spotted wing drosophila in traps with high counts in March and April and few in May or June. The count seems to be down and it's possible this may be attributed to commercial farmers applying commercial sprays to control the pest. Steve advised gardeners to use really good sanitation, regularly harvest their crops, use vinegar traps and perhaps only spray once to control the Spotted Wing. There are a couple predators found in China and Korea which labs here are working on for pest control. These biologicals seem to be working well.

Steve will be teaching a class at Mini-College on August 5th on Growing Quality Grapes. Information on Mini-College can be found at <http://omga.org/mini-college-2016/>

Advanced Diagnostics is normally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Since this time has been conflicting with Steve's schedule, future classes will be planned according to his availability. The next one will be on Wednesday afternoon, July 13th at a residence up by UCC. Steve will be sending out more information on the time and location directions.

An educational wine class was requested. Steve will set this up. Stay tuned for more details.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer – Chris Rusch for Patrice Sipos: Financials were distributed. Updates on the budget are available on the web at http://douglascountymg.org/mg_documents_forms.html.

Vice President – Fred Alley: Fred thanked Dave and Iva for hosting the meeting. The July 28th meeting will be held at Kay Livermore's in Glide.

Past President – Larry Sutton: On behalf of Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers, Larry and his wife, Giulli, are manning a booth at the Umpqua Valley Farmers Market the first Saturday of each month

through the summer. June 4th attendance was over 1200 people. Larry made 16 contacts, 4 people brought in plant material with questions, and 2 signed up for Winter Training. Larry encouraged others to schedule a Saturday to staff the booth. Barbara Anderson (who has a booth at the Market) has the tent, table and the traveling box with materials. All you need to bring is your own chair and drink. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Anderson.

Larry also staffed Elkton's Blooms and Butterflies event through thunder, lightning, and rain. In spite of the weather, there were 33 contacts with 4 signing up for the Winter Training Class, 3 for MFP's and 2 for Small Farms. Coleen Keedah has placed various cards for the different agents in the market boxes which can be handed out to clients according to their interest.

OMGA – Anne Bacon: Mini-College will be held at Linfield College in McMinnville August 4-6. Information and registration are available online at <http://omga.org/mini-college-2016/>. Each chapter is asked to donate ten raffle prizes with a value of at least \$25 each. If you plan to donate an item, please contact Anne by July 15th with a description and value. She will be collecting donations until our July 28th meeting. Sharon Hopkins offered to put together a basket if people would like to donate less expensive items for inclusion.

President – Chris Rusch: Vicki McAlister, Karen Glatz, and Toni Rudolph have been appointed to the Audit Committee. They will meet with Patrice and report back to the membership.

August 9th is floral entry day for the Douglas County Fair. For details and instructions on entering go online to www.co.douglas.or.us/dcfair/fair/img/forms/book.pdf

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch: Contacts through June 29th numbered 137. Spotted Cucumber Beetle, earwigs eating dahlias, and the cost of putting in a well were a sampling of questions and concerns. Chris thanked the Core Training Team for their dedication to putting in one day a week at the Plant Clinic, especially working with the new class members. Signups are still needed to fill the calendar which is in the Plant Clinic.

Kruse Farms – Anne Bacon: Plant Clinics are held at Kruse Farms each Saturday morning. The calendar is filled with new class members but no veterans. Please take it upon yourself to sign up for one Saturday if you are a veteran. The table and traveling box are stored at Kruse.

Community Outreach – Leo Grass: Leo gave a presentation on fertilizers and soil amendments to the Lookingglass Grange 2 weeks ago. Myrtle Creek would like a talk on the same subject.

We will have a booth at the Douglas County Fair the 2nd week of August. If you are interested in working, there will be a signup sheet in the Plant Clinic. (Workers receive a free fair pass.)

Westside Greenhouse – Barbara Robinson: Westside has started the purchasing and propagation process for next year's Plant Sale. There are still many perennials for sale at half price and others at the

regular price. Barbara encouraged people to come by weekly to see what's blooming at the greenhouse and perhaps purchase your favorite perennial.

Eastside Greenhouse – Ann Severson: Eastside maintenance workers have been busy upgrading the irrigation system, installing additional grow tables, and completing 3 grow sheds with irrigation. Several more projects are in the works. Crews have been busy cleaning, dividing and propagating inventory. They've had a good crew showing up each week.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:

Irrigation in the adjoining pastures will be running sporadically. Julie will let everyone know when it is scheduled.

Please do not leave the restroom while the toilet is still running. If it does not shut off, contact Julie or Steve Renquist. Umpqua Basin Water is the water source for the restrooms and a running toilet could conceivably run up a huge bill.

Neal Meyer built and donated a new picnic table off the Entry Garden. Thank you, Neal!

The Butterfly Garden will be having a chip brigade Tuesday morning, July 5th. Please join in if you can.

Victory Garden – Mik Carlson: All is going well in the Victory Garden. The Demonstration Garden is coming along really well with the addition of new signs that look really nice. The VG is currently fighting raccoons which are doing a lot of damage to plants. Measures are being taken to discourage the critters by adding additional deer netting and wire. Production to date is 195 lbs. Mik encouraged Master Gardeners to grow extra produce and bring to the VG on Tuesday mornings for transport to UCAN.

Publicity/Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: It appears The News-Review would like to publish a weekly Ask a Master Gardener article. If you are interested in participating in this project, even on a one-time basis, please contact Bonnie. Newsletter articles for our chapter publication are due Saturday, the 2nd.

Awards – Betty Ison: Several winter training students have earned their 60-hour swinger bars. Included are Kimberly Allen, Peggy Gilbertson, Kay Livermore, Jacqui Richardson, and Amy Staats.

Betty reminded members to turn in their completed time sheets as there are some people who have not turned in any. Vicki McAlister has made it much easier to turn these in by providing a box at Westside Greenhouse #1 to drop them off. She is also updating hours on our website, making it easy for members to check how many hours they have and to see what months they have not turned in.

Hallmark – Linda Thames: Linda sent cards of condolence to several including the families of Bud Cruger, Sally Kruse, and Harriet May.

OLD BUSINESS

The Historian position is still vacant. The Executive Board will discuss and perhaps opt to do away with this position.

There is a good possibility our Discovery Garden will be on a pre or post tour itinerary for the International Master Gardener Conference in Portland July 10-15, 2017. Douglas County Master Gardeners would give tours of our Garden and perhaps host a potluck for participants.

NEW BUSINESS

Our soil testing fee has been raised to \$20 for non-MG's, but remains \$10 for MG's. The Co-Op charges \$45 so we are still offering an important service at a great price.

Nominating Committee: Maureen and Bonnie have developed a full slate of officers for the coming year. Voting on the following officers will take place at our July meeting:

President: Chris Rusch
Vice President: Anne Bacon
Secretary: Barbara Robinson
Treasurer: Patrice Sipos
OMGA Rep: Nancy Fuller
OMGA Alternate Rep: Kish Doyle
Past Vice President: Larry Sutton
Membership Chair: Barbara Horst and Diana Circle

Barbara Horst and Diana Circle each introduced themselves and gave a short presentation on their qualifications to fill the Membership Chair position. The position will be decided by ballot next month.

Nancy Fuller presented a proposal for our chapter to partner with the Umpqua Valley Audubon Society on a fundraising project for them. Each September the Vaux's Swifts circle down and enter the chimney of Clay Place behind the Arts Center in Stewart Park. Their droppings in the chimney need to be cleaned out and Umpqua Valley Audubon Society has been given the go-ahead to do so. The last time they took on this project, a pickup load was taken out. The guano is nutrient rich and odor free and if packaged up would make a good fundraiser, perhaps selling at our Plant Sale. They would like help with the removal of the guano, packaging, and developing a label. Nancy received a positive response from the group. Anyone interested in helping please contact her direct. The UVA Society used our Discovery Garden for a recent meeting and were very impressed with our gardens. They passed the donation hat for the use of the facility and came up with over \$100!

SHOW AND TELL

Toni Rudolph, on behalf of SHEBA, will be conducting a Medicare 101 class tonight at UCAN. She suggested anyone approaching Medicare eligibility take the class 4-6 months prior.

Carol Bolt heard Ken Hayes on the radio sharing information about Master Gardeners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Insect Committee	First and Third Mondays 10 a.m.
Discovery Garden Workdays	Tuesdays, 9 to noon
Westside & Eastside GH Crews	Tuesdays, 9 to noon

DCMG Executive Board Meeting July 13, 10 a.m., Extension Kitchen
Advanced Diagnostic Class July 13, 1 p.m., 62 River Drive (Near UCC)
DCMG Chapter Meeting Kay Livermore Residence, 10 a.m., Glide

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Robinson
DCMG Secretary

Account Balances - As of 6/29/2016
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Account	6/29/2016 Balance
Bank Accounts	
Checking-Umpqua Bank	2,998.36
Money Market-Reserves-Umpqua Bank	8,659.10
Money Market-Umpqua Bank	55,127.86
TOTAL Bank Accounts	66,785.32
OVERALL TOTAL	66,785.32

Cash Flow
5/27/2016 through 6/29/2016

Category	5/27/2016- 6/29/2016
INFLOWS	
Donations	
Contributions	111.00
TOTAL Donations	111.00
Dues-hardcopy newsletter	9.00
Dues-membership	10.00
Interest Income - Bank	2.27
PSP Income	
Clinic & Office	
Soil Testing	170.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	170.00
TOTAL PSP Income	170.00
Special Events	
Plant Sale Income	
Entrance Fees	248.00
Plant Sales	
Sales-post	688.00
TOTAL Plant Sales	688.00
Vendor Booth	33.00
TOTAL Plant Sale Income	969.00
Special Events-other	
Compost Tea	413.00
TOTAL Special Events-other	413.00
TOTAL Special Events	1,382.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	1,684.27
OUTFLOWS	
Management & General	
Conferences	
OMGA Travel	137.17
TOTAL Conferences	137.17
Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	
4-H Donation	70.00
Officer Gifts	40.00
TOTAL Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	110.00
TOTAL Management & General	247.17
PSP Expense	
Advanced Training	
Newsletter	
Postage	18.36
TOTAL Newsletter	18.36
TOTAL Advanced Training	18.36
Clinic & Office	
Plant Clinic & Office Supplies	48.21
TOTAL Clinic & Office	48.21
Discovery Garden	
Compost & Biochar	142.45
Electric - meter 23609842	7.32
Irrigation	60.93
Perennial Border	189.38
Rock Garden	212.45

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Category	5/27/2016- 6/29/2016
Xeriscape	43.45
TOTAL Discovery Garden	655.98
HLC	
Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	619.87
Garbage Dump Fee	21.00
Victory Garden	173.48
Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	186.82
Westside Greenhouse Supplies	-11.00
TOTAL HLC	990.17
TOTAL PSP Expense	1,712.72
Special Events Expense	
Plant Sale Expense	
Advertising	775.80
Electrical - meter 62314693	967.89
Next Year Seed	322.79
Supplies	87.90
TOTAL Plant Sale Expense	2,154.38
TOTAL Special Events Expense	2,154.38
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	4,114.27
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,430.00

Budget - Current Year
1/1/2016 through 12/31/2016 Using 2016 Budget

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Category	1/1/2016 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2016 Difference
INCOME			
Donations	2.00	0.00	2.00
Contributions	142.25	250.00	-107.75
TOTAL Donations	144.25	250.00	-105.75
Dues-hardcopy newsletter	185.75	255.00	-69.25
Dues-membership	2,419.25	2,400.00	19.25
Interest Income - Bank	6.59	12.00	-5.41
PSP Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clinic & Office			
Soil Testing	630.00	700.00	-70.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	630.00	700.00	-70.00
TOTAL PSP Income	630.00	700.00	-70.00
Special Events	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plant Sale Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drawings	1,118.00	950.00	168.00
Entrance Fees	3,811.50	2,900.00	911.50
Plant Sales			
Sales-event	20,420.22	20,500.00	-79.78
Sales-post	688.00	700.00	-12.00
Sales-pre	3,311.75	2,700.00	611.75
TOTAL Plant Sales	24,419.97	23,900.00	519.97
Vendor Booth	3,184.80	3,300.00	-115.20
TOTAL Plant Sale Income	32,534.27	31,050.00	1,484.27
Special Events-other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bake Sale	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Compost Tea	589.00	900.00	-311.00
Trash-To-Treasure Sale	2,980.29	2,500.00	480.29
TOTAL Special Events-other	3,569.29	4,400.00	-830.71
TOTAL Special Events	36,103.56	35,450.00	653.56
TOTAL INCOME	39,489.40	39,067.00	422.40
EXPENSES			
Bank Charge	0.00	0.00	0.00
Discovery Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
Discovery Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Discovery Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
Management & General	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards & Banquet	318.40	0.00	-318.40
Awards	0.00	350.00	350.00
Banquet	0.00	750.00	750.00
TOTAL Awards & Banquet	318.40	1,100.00	781.60
Conferences	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chapter Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00
OMGA Travel	274.34	1,000.00	725.66
TOTAL Conferences	274.34	1,000.00	725.66
Dues-OMGA	1,568.00	1,659.00	91.00
Grants&Gifts&Scholarships			
4-H Donation	70.00	80.00	10.00
Gifts - Hallmark	0.00	50.00	50.00
Officer Gifts	40.00	80.00	40.00
Scholarships	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

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Category	1/1/2016 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2016 Difference
TOTAL Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	110.00	1,210.00	1,100.00
Historian	0.00	25.00	25.00
Hospitality	158.85	200.00	41.15
Liability Insurance	0.00	670.00	670.00
OMGA Search for Excellence	0.00	150.00	150.00
Postage for Executive Board	0.00	30.00	30.00
Print Check Charges	0.00	25.00	25.00
Supplies for Executive Board	12.60	30.00	17.40
TOTAL Management & General	2,442.19	6,099.00	3,656.81
PSP Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advanced Training			
Continuing Education	0.00	100.00	100.00
Newsletter			
Postage	55.15	255.00	199.85
TOTAL Newsletter	55.15	255.00	199.85
TOTAL Advanced Training	55.15	355.00	299.85
Clinic & Office	0.00	0.00	0.00
Farmers Markets	0.00	40.00	40.00
Insects	0.00	100.00	100.00
Library	0.00	100.00	100.00
Plant Clinic & Office Supplies	56.20	50.00	-6.20
Soil Testing	233.68	250.00	16.32
Website Development	0.00	207.00	207.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	289.88	747.00	457.12
Community Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fair Booth	0.00	50.00	50.00
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	0.00	350.00	350.00
Childrens	58.02	300.00	241.98
Compost & Biochar	142.45	50.00	-92.45
Easy Access (Container Garden)	442.84	450.00	7.16
Electric - meter 23609842	7.32	400.00	392.68
Entry	6.46	75.00	68.54
Hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00
Herb	0.00	75.00	75.00
Hummingbird	0.00	150.00	150.00
Iris	0.00	0.00	0.00
Irrigation	282.88	400.00	117.12
Japanese	0.00	200.00	200.00
Kiosk - donor board	30.00	50.00	20.00
Maintenance	144.73	600.00	455.27
Mulch	0.00	300.00	300.00
Orchard	0.00	50.00	50.00
Ornamental	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pavilion	0.00	0.00	0.00
Perennial Border	189.38	400.00	210.62
Raised Beds (Dahlia-Lily)	0.00	100.00	100.00
Rock Garden	212.45	800.00	587.55

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Shade Garden	20.00	50.00	30.00
Signage	268.65	250.00	-18.65
Straw Bale Garden	0.00	220.00	220.00
Sun Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
Water - River Forks meter	1.21	500.00	498.79
Xeriscape	374.21	400.00	25.79
TOTAL Discovery Garden	2,180.60	6,170.00	3,989.40
HLC	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	2,251.83	4,239.00	1,987.17
Eastside Greenhouse Supplies	0.00	500.00	500.00
Garbage Dump Fee	21.00	100.00	79.00
Maintenance	497.46	600.00	102.54
Toilet Repairs & Supplies	0.00	150.00	150.00
Tree Trimming Professional	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Victory Garden	1,053.02	1,071.00	17.98
Victory Garden Signage - 2014 Grant	0.00	345.00	345.00
Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	263.94	1,200.00	936.06
Westside Greenhouse Supplies	129.52	400.00	270.48
TOTAL HLC	5,216.77	9,605.00	4,388.23
Winter Program	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Class - Supplies	0.00	20.00	20.00
Speakers	300.00	400.00	100.00
TOTAL Winter Program	300.00	420.00	120.00
TOTAL PSP Expense	8,042.40	17,497.00	9,454.60
Special Events Expense			
Plant Sale Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advertising	2,017.54	3,800.00	1,782.46
Contributions - Plant Sale Volunteers	349.32	350.00	0.68
Electrical - meter 62314693	2,747.18	3,600.00	852.82
Exhibit Fees	3,296.50	2,900.00	-396.50
Next Year Seed	322.79	750.00	427.21
Next Year Supplies - McConkey	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Plants	121.72	1,100.00	978.28
Propane	705.37	1,500.00	794.63
Supplies	518.54	1,500.00	981.46
Vendor Costs	0.00	550.00	550.00
Water - Pitchford meter	151.25	900.00	748.75
TOTAL Plant Sale Expense	10,230.21	19,450.00	9,219.79
Special Events-other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bake Sale	0.00	75.00	75.00
Compost Tea	0.00	150.00	150.00
Taste-Off	0.00	30.00	30.00
Trash-To-Treasure Sale	25.49	150.00	124.51
TOTAL Special Events-other	25.49	405.00	379.51
TOTAL Special Events Expense	10,255.70	19,855.00	9,599.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	20,740.29	43,451.00	22,710.71
OVERALL TOTAL	18,749.11	-4,384.00	23,133.11