

**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER  
Chapter Meeting  
July 28, 2016**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch at the residence of Kay Livermore.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as published online.

Chris introduced Kay Livermore and thanked her for welcoming us to their residence. Kay gave a brief history and overview of their home on Little River, which they designed and built in 2005.

**Agent's Report – Steve Renquist:**

AgriMet has installed an automated agricultural weather station at the HLC. Over 100 of these stations are located in irrigated agricultural areas through the Pacific Northwest. Each one is designed to collect reliable data on temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation, and solar. Saving water and improving crop yield are just two of the uses for AgriMet data. Degree days, a valuable tool for commercial as well as home growers, are also tracked on the site. Steve asked that workers be especially careful when mowing or working around the site, especially near the monitoring probe placed in the ground to read soil temps.

More information and data on our site ("ROSO" in Roseburg) may be found at <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/agrimet/> and <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/agrimet/location.html>. Statistics for our station should be online beginning Monday.

Steve toured the area with the head of the Wine Research Institute at OSU, meeting with various people and visiting vineyards.

Controlling powdery mildew has been an issue this year due to our high humidity levels in conjunction with the heat. Especially affected are cucurbits i.e., cucumbers, squash, and melons. Steve suggested several methods to help control the problem. One needs to stay on top of the issue by using any or all of these methods: 1) limit irrigation since it is driven by humidity 2) periodic early morning hosing and washing of plants which tends to wash spores off from plants 3) limit foliage density if possible 4) preventative fungicide program 5) grow vertically when possible.

Washington State University has a great software program, the Irrigation Scheduler Mobile, to help you determine your watering requirements anywhere within the AgriMet system. For more information, go to <http://www.weather.wsu.edu/ism/>.

Sara Runkel, Small Farms and Food Systems Coordinator, has developed a garden plot adjacent to the Victory Garden. It is in the formative stages with Sara currently experimenting with various types of mulch, planting times, etc.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**OMGA – Anne Bacon:** Anne advised it was not too late to sign up for Mini-College, which takes place August 4-6 at Linfield College in McMinnville. She thanked Sharon Hopkins for organizing various donations from members into beautiful baskets. Among the many items

donated were those from Chuck Aiello which were his wife Diane's. Thank you, Chuck, for being so thoughtful. For more information or to register for Mini-College go to <http://omga.org/mini-college-2016/>.

**Treasurer – Patrice Sipos:** Financials were distributed. Updates on the budget are available on the web at [http://douglascountymg.org/mg\\_documents\\_forms.html](http://douglascountymg.org/mg_documents_forms.html). Patrice reminded members Co-Op receipts need to be turned in to Patrice in a timely manner so she can pay the bill before it's due date of the 10th. This continues to be an issue. In addition to leaving these in the Plant Clinic locked drawer, Patrice is also collecting them from the membership hours box in the Westside Greenhouse #1. If you absolutely cannot get your receipt(s) in prior to the 10th, call Patrice or email and let her know the amount of the bill and what budget it should be charged to.

**Past President – Larry Sutton:** Larry advised people to start filling their piggy banks for the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference to be held in Portland July 10-14. Registration will open and hotel codes will be given on October 10, 2016. For more information, go to <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>.

**President – Chris Rusch:** The audit committee has met and audited the books. They have completed a draft audit for us which will be reviewed at the Executive Board meeting in August. It will be presented to the membership at our August meeting. A very thorough, well done report was completed by Toni Rudolph, Vicki McAlister, and Karen Glatz. Thank you ladies!

A new pamphlet/letter has been developed for the Master Gardener 2017 training session. Copies of the material were distributed to attendees.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Outreach – Leo Grass:** Jude Stensland will be giving a garden tour to a group of gardeners from Medford who will be staying at River Forks Campground.

Extraordinary Living Conference will be held September 9th at UCC. Leo will be giving an invertebrate presentation. It was decided we will have a booth at the conference.

The Douglas County Fair will take place August 10-13. There are still a few slots open for volunteers at our booth. Sign up in the Plant Clinic or give Leo a call if interested. Those working may pick up their free fair passes from Coleen in the Extension Office. Workers will still have to pay for parking unless they take advantage of free bus transportation from various locations.

**Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch:** Contacts are at 130 so far this month. There have been a lot of powdery mildew questions as well as those on insects. There are still a lot of August openings for veterans. Trainees are still working on their 36 hours of payback. The Plant Clinic will be open during Fair week.

**Westside Greenhouse – Barbara Robinson:** Crews are working on cleaning, root pruning and repotting plant materials. It's especially important in the hot weather to keep plants well hydrated, which is difficult if they are root bound. New plants have been purchased which also need some tender loving care. The Westside could use a good size crew again this next Tuesday to accomplish these tasks. Thank you to those who have come by to help. Also

thanks to Dave Clark who moved and added to existing irrigation plumbing in the shade area. This will be much more efficient and of great help during the heat of summer.

**Kruse Farms – Anne Bacon:** It has been difficult getting veterans to sign up with trainees for this venue. Business has also declined. As such, we have decided to forego this outreach post after this Saturday. Farmers Market has seen 1,000+ people visiting each Saturday. Master Gardeners will be staffing a booth here each Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Barbara Anderson is heading up facilitating the Master Gardener booth at the Farmer's Market which is located at the First United Methodist Church on Harvard. There will be trainees and veterans from MG's and MFP's staffing the booth. Typically, 20-30 people a day stop at the booth. People want information on their garden or preserving food. Many fill out interest cards. If you are interested in signing up at this venue, there is a calendar at the Plant Clinic for sign ups. Volunteers need only to bring a chair and water if they wish. Barbara will have the pop up tent, table and material. Barbara, who is head of marketing for the Farmers Market, expressed how thankful and appreciative they are of Master Gardeners being there. Workers cannot claim hours for MG and MFP and need to sign up for only one.

**Victory Garden – Beth Brown:**

The garden has donated 678 pounds to UCAN to date, including 23 pounds donated by Master Gardeners. Beth encouraged MG's to bring their garden produce by on Tuesday for delivery to UCAN or if delivering to UCAN themselves, let UCAN know they are a Master Gardener.

The Demonstration Garden is open to the public. Produce grown is available to the public for picking.

The Garden has been battling raccoons which have been digging up the rows. After experimenting with different remedies, deer fencing laid along the rows appears to be deterring the raccoons from digging.

A new magazine in town, Verb, would like to do a feature article on the Discovery Garden.

**Publicity/Newsletter – Bonnie:** A PSA was sent to the News-Review advising of the change in venue from Kruse Farms to the Farmers Market. Newsletter articles are due on Saturday. Bonnie encouraged members to send in articles and pictures.

**Awards – Betty Ison:** June Murphy earned her swinger bar. Betty encouraged people to turn in their hours, especially those who have not turned in any.

**Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:**

Julie thanked Sharon and Dave Hopkins for putting a new finish on the Japanese Garden Moon Gate.

Kudos went to Noel Groshong and Dave Hopkins for replacing yet another valve for the second time.

Someone is needed to clean the bathrooms. Now that we have a pressure washer (donated by Dennis Moore), Steve offered to, once again, offer his expert services. Thank you Steve! 😊 Julie asked for a volunteer to periodically clean the signs in the Discovery Garden. Merrill McFarland volunteered. Thank you Merrill.

The Garden is currently being irrigated 3 times a week.

Steve Hart and Julie measured the main paths through the Garden, making one pass through on each side of the garden and came up with almost 700 feet. Julie will be getting a bid from a contractor for establishing handicapped accessible pathways. This will include a cut down of 6 inches, laying of gravel and compaction. She is gathering ideas and researching the project at this point.

**Awards Banquet – Judy Huntley:** Our Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at the First Methodist Church. Judy is open to suggestions for main entrée for the event. Dinner signups will be circulated at our next meeting.

**Linda Thames – Hallmark:** Linda sent a card to Jon Thran who had surgery.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Judy Weaver has volunteered to be Historian. Chris will talk to her about the process.

We are looking for a new Hospitality Chair. This person sets up and monitors drinks and snacks for Winter Training and also heads up the dining room/kitchen for Plant Sale. Toni Rudolph and Cindy Rich will think about filling the position as a team.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Election of Officers for 2016-2017:** The slate of officers for the year are President Chris Rusch, Vice President Anne Bacon, Secretary Barbara Robinson, Treasurer Patrice Sipos, Past Vice-President Larry Sutton, OMGA Rep Nancy Fuller, and OMGA Alternate Rep Kish Doyle. Larry Sutton moved we accept the slate with the exception of Membership by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Julie Stanbery. The motion was passed. Officers will be sworn in at the end of our August meeting.

A paper ballot was held for election of Membership Chair. Candidates were Diana Circle and Barbara Horst. Elected by majority of those present was Diana Circle.

Barbara Robinson expressed greenhouse workers' frustration with the Empress tree adjacent to the Westside Greenhouse. Thousands of tiny seedlings are popping up everywhere, including potted plants, the compost pile, potting soil, patio gravel paths, and even the sand-filled heated beds in the greenhouses. Steve advised it is an invasive species and he was surprised the County had not been concerned about it. He suggested cutting it down, spraying the ground around it and painting the stump. Steve will follow through and talk to the appropriate people. Thank you Steve.

## **SHOW AND TELL**

Chris welcomed our own Roger Sawyer who travelled from his new home in Florida just to see us. (Well he did see some family while here as well.) Roger reminded as all areas of the country have their own problems with pests. While we are figuring ways to keep raccoons out of crops, in Florida they battle armadillos.

In Florida they have issues not being able to plant certain crops because it's not cold enough. Florida University is developing blueberries that will receive enough cold weather to set fruit, as well as other crops.

Roger has been working in a community garden and is educating others on the advantages of developing compost. The Master Gardener Program there only offers training every other year. Roger plans to take the training next time it is offered.

He was asked about issues their bees have. He indicated they were subject to Colony Collapse as they are here. Steve Renquist said research is beginning to show it's not just the various new diseases causing the problem, but often it's the fact bees are used more in a commercial way with large colonies being transferred long distances which weakens them. Their diet of one crop also weakens them.

Patrice Sipos is involved with Meals on Wheels out of The Friendly Kitchen here in Roseburg. This kitchen (housed in the First United Methodist Church) provides 43,000 meals a year, with 60% of those people served below poverty level. There will be a fund raising event for this outreach program on September 17th at Splitz Bowling Alley. Splitz will be donating a portion of their food revenue for the night to Meals on Wheels. There will be live and silent auctions, food, and music. Admission is \$5. They are asking for donations of auction items. Jude Stensland suggested making leaf molds from huge leaves. She has the leaves, the sand, etc. but needed direction. Barbara Robinson suggested she contact Ann Severson or Tasha King who are both experienced with this type of project.

Tony Rudolph advised SHEBA will be offering a Medicare 101 class at UCAN on Tuesday, August 2nd at 6 p.m. If you are approaching Medicare age, this is a great class to take. Thanks for reminding us, Toni.

Ruth Saily shared her experience with using crushed egg shells around her strawberries. No more slug damage on her berries!

Kay Livermore had house plants to give away which were originally earmarked for Wolf Creek Job Corp. They will not be doing hanging baskets in the dorms due to safety concerns, and after touring the rooms, it was decided there was not sufficient space and/or light for houseplants. Master Gardeners will still be working with them on a Meditation Garden.

Steve Renquist received a call from UCC requesting help with starting a garden project with some of their more advanced students. Steve and Jude Stensland will meet with them and make suggestions on what needs to be done and other opportunities which may be available to them. The plot is already fenced as it was the previous sight of a garden by the Culinary Program.

#### 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
Mini-College	Aug. 4-6, Linfield College, McMinnville
Floral Entries/Douglas County Fair	Aug. 9, 9 a.m. to 2p.m., Floral Building
Executive Board Meeting	Aug. 10, 10 a.m., Extension Kitchen
Douglas County Fair	Aug. 10-13

DCMG Chapter Meeting  
Stensland's  
DCMG Awards Banquet

Aug. 25, Summer Meeting & Potluck, Jude  
October 1

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at noon by President, Chris Rusch.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Robinson  
DCMG Secretary

Account Balances - As of 7/27/2016  
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Account	7/27/2016 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Checking-Umpqua Bank	1,951.48
Money Market-Reserves-Umpqua Bank	8,659.10
Money Market-Umpqua Bank	55,130.53
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>65,741.11</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>65,741.11</b>

Cash Flow  
6/30/2016 through 7/27/2016

Category	6/30/2016- 7/27/2016
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
Donations	
Contributions	50.00
TOTAL Donations	50.00
Interest Income - Bank	2.67
PSP Income	
Clinic & Office	
Soil Testing	60.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	60.00
TOTAL PSP Income	60.00
Special Events	
Special Events-other	
Compost Tea	182.00
Trash-To-Treasure Sale	80.00
TOTAL Special Events-other	262.00
TOTAL Special Events	262.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>374.67</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
PSP Expense	
Advanced Training	
Newsletter	
Postage	18.36
TOTAL Newsletter	18.36
TOTAL Advanced Training	18.36
Discovery Garden	
Childrens	17.00
Electric - meter 23609842	85.87
Irrigation	66.09
Maintenance	45.72
Rock Garden	17.51
Water - River Forks meter	23.23
TOTAL Discovery Garden	255.42
HLC	
Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	38.86
Maintenance	28.41
Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	8.09
TOTAL HLC	75.36
TOTAL PSP Expense	349.14
Special Events Expense	
Plant Sale Expense	
Electrical - meter 62314693	186.30
Next Year Seed	351.27
Next Year Supplies - McConkey	90.96
Water - Pitchford meter	342.09
TOTAL Plant Sale Expense	970.62
TOTAL Special Events Expense	970.62
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>1,319.76</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-945.09</b>



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
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations	2.00	0.00	2.00
Contributions	192.25	250.00	-57.75
TOTAL Donations	194.25	250.00	-55.75
Dues-hardcopy newsletter	185.75	255.00	-69.25
Dues-membership	2,419.25	2,400.00	19.25
Interest Income - Bank	9.26	12.00	-2.74
PSP Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clinic & Office			
Soil Testing	690.00	700.00	-10.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	690.00	700.00	-10.00
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	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	771.00	900.00	-129.00
Trash-To-Treasure Sale	3,060.29	2,500.00	560.29
TOTAL Special Events-other	3,831.29	4,400.00	-568.71
TOTAL Special Events	36,365.56	35,450.00	915.56
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>39,864.07</b>	<b>39,067.00</b>	<b>797.07</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
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	0.00	0.00	0.00
Awards	0.00	350.00	350.00
Banquet	318.40	750.00	431.60
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	297.16	1,000.00	702.84
TOTAL Conferences	297.16	1,000.00	702.84
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	9.40	30.00	20.60
Print Check Charges	24.02	25.00	0.98
Supplies for Executive Board	24.39	30.00	5.61
TOTAL Management & General	2,510.22	6,099.00	3,588.78
PSP Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advanced Training			
Continuing Education	0.00	100.00	100.00
Newsletter			
Postage	73.51	255.00	181.49
TOTAL Newsletter	73.51	255.00	181.49
TOTAL Advanced Training	73.51	355.00	281.49
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	7.99	50.00	42.01
Soil Testing	233.68	250.00	16.32
Website Development	0.00	207.00	207.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	241.67	747.00	505.33
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	75.02	300.00	224.98
Compost & Biochar	142.45	50.00	-92.45
Easy Access (Container Garden)	442.84	450.00	7.16
Electric - meter 23609842	93.19	400.00	306.81
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	348.97	400.00	51.03
Japanese	0.00	200.00	200.00
Kiosk - donor board	30.00	50.00	20.00
Maintenance	190.45	600.00	409.55
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	229.96	800.00	570.04

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Category	1/1/2016 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2016 Difference
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	24.44	500.00	475.56
Xeriscape	374.21	400.00	25.79
<b>TOTAL Discovery Garden</b>	<b>2,436.02</b>	<b>6,170.00</b>	<b>3,733.98</b>
HLC	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	2,290.69	4,239.00	1,948.31
Eastside Greenhouse Supplies	0.00	500.00	500.00
Garbage Dump Fee	21.00	100.00	79.00
Maintenance	525.87	600.00	74.13
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	272.03	1,200.00	927.97
Westside Greenhouse Supplies	129.52	400.00	270.48
<b>TOTAL HLC</b>	<b>5,292.13</b>	<b>9,605.00</b>	<b>4,312.87</b>
Winter Program	0.00	0.00	0.00
New Class - Supplies	0.00	20.00	20.00
Speakers	300.00	400.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL Winter Program</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>420.00</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PSP Expense</b>	<b>8,343.33</b>	<b>17,497.00</b>	<b>9,153.67</b>
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	2,933.48	3,600.00	666.52
Exhibit Fees	3,296.50	2,900.00	-396.50
Next Year Seed	674.06	750.00	75.94
Next Year Supplies - McConkey	90.96	2,500.00	2,409.04
Plants	121.72	1,100.00	978.28
Propane	705.37	1,500.00	794.63
Supplies	521.54	1,500.00	978.46
Vendor Costs	0.00	550.00	550.00
Water - Pitchford meter	493.34	900.00	406.66
<b>TOTAL Plant Sale Expense</b>	<b>11,203.83</b>	<b>19,450.00</b>	<b>8,246.17</b>
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
<b>TOTAL Special Events-other</b>	<b>25.49</b>	<b>405.00</b>	<b>379.51</b>
<b>TOTAL Special Events Expense</b>	<b>11,229.32</b>	<b>19,855.00</b>	<b>8,625.68</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>22,082.87</b>	<b>43,451.00</b>	<b>21,368.13</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>17,781.20</b>	<b>-4,384.00</b>	<b>22,165.20</b>