

**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER  
Chapter Meeting  
September 29, 2016**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch, at the Discovery Garden Pavilion. There were 54 people in attendance.

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

**Agent's Report – Steve Renquist:**

- The Winter Training class is full with 30 students and 5 on the waiting list. The training agenda is set. Mentors are needed. Registration and greeting for the new class will be on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in the Annex. Master Gardeners are asked to show up around 10:30 to help set up and meet the new students.
- A Statewide Master Gardener recertification program has been put into place. This is a VOLUNTARY program for those who want to do outreach work in the community or work in the Plant Clinic. To qualify for recertification, a minimum of 20 volunteer service hours plus 10 continuing education hours must be met. Certification is valid for one year. There are many opportunities within our chapter to achieve these hours. Starting in 2017, all Master Gardeners who have met recertification requirements in the preceding year will be given a sticker that signifies they are current in their certification. The sticker is to be worn over the flower logo, on their Master Gardener badge. These will be issued by Steve.
- Steve received a thank you note from Mike Mueller, on behalf of the Coos County Master Gardeners, for the tour Maureen Benice gave them of the HLC a few weeks back. They were very impressed with our operation and beautiful gardens.
- Steve shared the mammoth size vegetables he has been harvesting from his garden this season. He has been using soaker hoses to water once a week, for one hour, and has been amending his beds with compost and biochar for about the last five years. Seems to be working well for him!

**Chris Rusch – Introduction of Rocky Houston:** Chris introduced Rocky Houston who is the new Director of Douglas County Parks. Rocky gave a brief talk on his job and plans for the future. He has been in the position for 3 months and is working on learning the layout of the area, the parks system, etc. He was happy to learn he was working with a full staff. The system has to be self-sufficient since they do not get general funds which is the reason for parking fees. Mr. Houston is going to get the Parks Foundation started up again and will be looking for board members to serve on it. If interested contact him at [rlhousto@co.douglas.or.us](mailto:rlhousto@co.douglas.or.us).

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Membership – Diana Circle:** There are currently 264 members. The membership drive will start this next month. October's newsletter will include the form to fill out for dues payment. Payment made by personal check will not be cashed until after January 1st. Diana will issue an updated roster on a quarterly basis. Only rosters with her name on them are prepared by her.

### **OMGA – Nancy Fuller:**

- Nominations are open for the offices of President, President Elect, 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Secretary, and Treasurer for 2017. Nominations are due no later than October 15, 2016.
- Our Chapter will be participating in the Bicycle and Roses program with a bicycle donated by Patrice. A committee will get together early spring to formulate a plan.
- Registration for International will open on October 10<sup>th</sup>, including hotels. Information on the International Conference may be found at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc>.
- September's issue of *The Gardener's Pen* may be found at: <http://omga.org/september-gardeners-pen/>

**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 said she would not be willing to run for OMGA treasurer at this time.

Patrice thanked Steve Hart, Ray Warren, & Gale Robinson for putting the hemlock mulch down in the Entry Garden.

**Vice President – Anne Bacon:** Elva will be presenting a program on *Dahlias* in October and Leo will be giving a talk on *Putting Our Gardens to Bed* in November. She asked members to let her know if they had ideas or suggestions for continuing education programs. Her email and phone number have recently changed but are correct on the current roster.

**President – Chris Rusch:** Chris thanked everyone for all their hard work in the Discovery Garden and to Mark Schmoll for his work on the Japanese Tea House. She invited all to attend our annual Awards Banquet on Saturday.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Outreach – Leo Grass:** Leo and Jude Stensland attended UCC's *Conference on Extraordinary Living*. Leo gave his vertebrate lesson and Jude manned the table and made good contacts for the Master Gardener Program. Leo and Jude hosted a group of 20 four-year-olds and treated them to Leo singing

them the *Garden Song* with Jude accompanying on the harmonica. They will be teaching 3 classes to the Glide Garden Club in December, January, and February.

**Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch:** There have been 81 contacts this month. Next month the Clinic will go to 3 days per week. Special thanks go out to Leo, Bonnie, Anne, Gary, and Larry who have been in the clinic consistently to provide training to the new class.

**Farmers Market – Barbara Anderson:** The booth is finished for the season. The last Saturday there were at least 9 contacts with 2 of them put on the waiting list for the winter training class. Barbara said customers really appreciate us being there.

**Westside Greenhouse – Barbara Robinson:** The Westside is mostly caught up with their work. Tasha will be taking over running crews while Barbara is recuperating from surgery. Crews will be working on plant material from the Eastside to help them out for a few weeks. We will still be working on the Westside and can use lots of help to get all our Plant Sale inventory ready for the winter months. Whether it's Eastside or Westside, it's all a cooperative effort going to the same end result. ☑

**Eastside Greenhouse – Bruce Gravens:** Bruce thanked Westside Greenhouse for chipping in to help. Eastside will be going to Tuesday and Thursday workdays to be able to take off over the holidays. All hardscape projects are done. Bruce gave a report on the tomato trial he conducted. Results will be included in the newsletter.

**Awards – Betty Ison:** The following received their 60-hour swinger bars: Pamela Berman, Mert Brown, Ed Cole, Jude Stensland, Sherri Williams, Evelina Amparo, Harry Gandy, Allen Huffstutter. Congratulations!

**Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:** The following were added to the donor board: Umpqua Valley Audubon Society, Jon Thran, and Bob Brindley. Our thanks go out to these worthy recipients.

A new type of toilet will be installed in the women's restroom. Steve is getting a bid. Julie has been busy gathering bids for ADA acceptable paths which will circle the garden.

Work days are formally done. Irrigation is once a week for now. The gardens are thriving and the helpers have been marvelous. Janet Parkerson, Anne Bacon and Bonnie Durick have been doing the watering all summer long and have done a great job. Sandy Grindle has done all the weed eating for the entire complex. Jackie Carpenter has religiously read meters. Eastside and Victory Garden irrigation was troublesome to say the least and the workers in those areas were so very patient and easy to work with.

Gale Robinson, my honey do boy, is always there to do whatever needs done and now Mark Schmoll is as well. Mark purchased two new metal doors and installed them on the green shed and painted the Japanese Tea House. Steve and Kathy Hart came in on off days to do whatever, including rock work around the sprinklers to keep them from getting broken, and Ray Warren did as well.

Leo refinished Mildred Gum's picnic table. Ray and Steve mulched the area. Ron LaRose took it upon himself to keep the orchard clean and Elva Sellens kept our parking strip groomed. Allen James comes in with his backpack sprayer and sprays the perimeter. The beautiful Butterfly Garden has been put to bed by Jan and her crew, and Geoff has single handedly kept the Xeriscape Garden gorgeous. And kudos to Sarah and Hannah Bryan, granddaughters of the Robinsons, for coming out and volunteering in the garden.

Thanks to Kish for power washing the pavilion in time for our meeting today. Mary Lou Davidson injured herself so the Rock Garden crew (Tasha, Kish, Nancy) and Gale stepped up and cleaned up the gardens at Helleck Hall. The Rock Garden helped in the Shade Garden as well.

**Victory Garden – Beth Brown/Ruth Stafford:** Beth encouraged Master Gardeners to pick produce out of the demo garden. There is a larger variety of acorn squash which is fairly tasteless. She encouraged people to take it to feed to their chickens. Ruth shared numbers for the VG this week: 557 pound to UCAN, 4,915 total this year. Goal for this year is 5,000 pounds. Master Gardeners have donated over 1100 pounds. They need a lot of help for the month of October when they are pulling rows to ready them for compost and cover crops. They have a good system going with Tractor Man Gale, but need several people with wheelbarrows to make it work.

**Publicity/Facebook – Chris Rusch for Barbara Horst:** We have 747 likes and 1776 people were engaged by our posts in September. Barbara sent out a PSA announcing a change in Plant Clinic hours for October and November.

**Newsletter – Bonnie Courter:** Bonnie reminded people she stepped down as Publicity Chair but is still Newsletter Editor. Articles are due on Saturday.

**Awards Banquet – Judy Huntley:** Our Annual Awards Banquet will be this Saturday at the First United Methodist Church on Harvard. Room setup will be at noon, social at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 with awards and door prizes to follow.

**Winter Training – Denise Fennell:** We have a full class of 30 students which means we need 15 mentors with only 9 signed up so far. Mentors, please encourage your students to sign up to mentor. Also needed are substitute mentors. Mentors will meet on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup>. Both

meetings are at 10 a.m. upstairs at Extension. Call or email Denise to sign up or sign up in the Plant Clinic. Denise thanked Barbara Anderson for promoting the training and signing up several students.

**Bake Sale – Janet Parkerson:** Our annual Bake Sale will be on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Sherm’s Thunderbird Market in Roseburg. We will receive baked goods the day before from 1-4pm in the Extension kitchen and the morning of the sale. Monetary donations (for purchasing ingredients) and baking ingredients are appreciated from those who do not bake. Workers will be needed at the Extension on Friday and the day of the Bake Sale. More information will follow as the date gets closer. Janet is in need of a co-chair for this event. Barbara Zastrow volunteered to co-chair. Thank you Barbara!

**Hallmark – Linda Thames:** We lost two Master Gardeners this past month - Mike Hendricks and Robyn Thompson. Linda also sent get well cards to Mike Bunyard, Don Pearson, and Mary Lou Davidson.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Canyonville Farmer’s Market:** Ruth Stafford and Barbara Horst worked the Farmer’s Market in Canyonville. Ruth said they shared information and pamphlets. Steve Renquist explained the City of Canyonville is outside of the Extension Service District and as such we cannot share information with them as Master Gardeners. Our purpose is to make them aware of what benefits the ESD can bring to them if they were to vote it in.

### **Show and Tell**

**Not your typical thumbergia:** Betty Ison shared a thumbergia bloom which was not the typical color you see, but a pretty lavender.

**Medicare Open Enrollment:** Toni Rudolph shared Open Enrollment for Medicare is October 15 thru December 7. That is the only time of year Medicare recipients can change their Part D or Medicare Advantage Plans. It is important for everyone to do a health benefits checkup during this time of year. SHIBA is available to assist. Please call 541-492-2102 to make an appointment.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Insect Committee	First and Third Mondays 10 a.m.
Westside Crews	Tuesdays, 9 to noon
Eastside Crews	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9 to noon
Executive Board Meeting	October 12, Extension Kitchen
DCMG Chapter Meeting	October 27, 9 a.m.Cont. Ed; 10 a.m. Mtg. Ext. Auditorium

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Robinson  
DCMG Secretary

# Account Balances - As of 09/28/2016

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Account	09/28/2016 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Checking-Umpqua Bank	1,902.89
Money Market-Reserves-Umpqua Bank	8,659.10
Money Market-Umpqua Bank	49,635.86
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>60,197.85</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>60,197.85</b>

## Cash Flow

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Category	08/26/2016- 09/28/2016
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
Donations	
Contributions	40.00
TOTAL Donations	40.00
Interest Income - Bank	2.62
PSP Income	
Clinic & Office	
Soil Testing	35.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	35.00
TOTAL PSP Income	35.00
Special Events	
Special Events-other	
Compost Tea	36.00
TOTAL Special Events-other	36.00
TOTAL Special Events	36.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>113.62</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
Management & General	
Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	
Scholarships	400.00
TOTAL Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	400.00
TOTAL Management & General	400.00
PSP Expense	
Advanced Training	
Newsletter	
Postage	18.36
TOTAL Newsletter	18.36
TOTAL Advanced Training	18.36
Discovery Garden	
Childrens	19.00
Electric - meter 23609842	449.01
Irrigation	3.99
Kiosk - donor board	40.00
Maintenance	122.91
Raised Beds (Dahlia-Lily)	25.93
TOTAL Discovery Garden	660.84
HLC	
Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	288.87
Eastside Greenhouse Supplies	15.69
Garbage Dump Fee	12.00
Maintenance	36.56
Victory Garden	13.15
Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	533.98
TOTAL HLC	900.25
TOTAL PSP Expense	1,579.45
Special Events Expense	
Plant Sale Expense	
Electrical - meter 62314693	492.53
Next Year Supplies - McConkey	694.46

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Category	08/26/2016- 09/28/2016
Supplies	40.78
TOTAL Plant Sale Expense	1,227.77
Special Events-other	0.00
TOTAL Special Events Expense	1,227.77
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>3,207.22</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-3,093.60</b>

## Budget - Current Year

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Category	01/01/2016 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2016 Difference
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations	2.00	0.00	2.00
Contributions	940.25	250.00	690.25
TOTAL Donations	942.25	250.00	692.25
Dues-hardcopy newsletter	185.75	255.00	-69.25
Dues-membership	2,419.25	2,400.00	19.25
Interest Income - Bank	14.59	12.00	2.59
PSP Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clinic & Office			
Soil Testing	755.00	700.00	55.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	755.00	700.00	55.00
TOTAL PSP Income	755.00	700.00	55.00
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	1,057.00	900.00	157.00
Trash-To-Treasure Sale	3,060.29	2,500.00	560.29
TOTAL Special Events-other	4,117.29	4,400.00	-282.71
TOTAL Special Events	36,651.56	35,450.00	1,201.56
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>40,968.40</b>	<b>39,067.00</b>	<b>1,901.40</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	565.39	1,000.00	434.61
TOTAL Conferences	565.39	1,000.00	434.61
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	65.31	80.00	14.69

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Category	01/01/2016 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2016 Difference
Scholarships	786.00	1,000.00	214.00
TOTAL Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	921.31	1,210.00	288.69
Historian	0.00	25.00	25.00
Hospitality	158.85	200.00	41.15
Liability Insurance	636.00	670.00	34.00
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	4,225.76	6,099.00	1,873.24
PSP Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advanced Training			
Continuing Education	0.00	100.00	100.00
Newsletter			
Postage	91.87	255.00	163.13
TOTAL Newsletter	91.87	255.00	163.13
TOTAL Advanced Training	91.87	355.00	263.13
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	116.40	207.00	90.60
TOTAL Clinic & Office	358.07	747.00	388.93
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	110.39	350.00	239.61
Childrens	94.02	300.00	205.98
Compost & Biochar	0.00	50.00	50.00
Easy Access (Container Garden)	450.00	450.00	0.00
Electric - meter 23609842	542.20	400.00	-142.20
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	412.37	400.00	-12.37
Japanese	0.00	200.00	200.00
Kiosk - donor board	40.00	50.00	10.00
Maintenance	400.56	600.00	199.44
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

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Category	01/01/2016 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2016 Difference
Raised Beds (Dahlia-Lily)	25.93	100.00	74.07
Rock Garden	229.96	800.00	570.04
Shade Garden	20.00	50.00	30.00
Signage	147.84	250.00	102.16
Straw Bale Garden	220.00	220.00	0.00
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>3,287.76</b>	<b>6,170.00</b>	<b>2,882.24</b>
HLC	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	4,226.82	4,239.00	12.18
Eastside Greenhouse Supplies	15.69	500.00	484.31
Garbage Dump Fee	45.00	100.00	55.00
Maintenance	577.31	600.00	22.69
Toilet Repairs & Supplies	22.69	150.00	127.31
Tree Trimming Professional	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Victory Garden	1,066.17	1,071.00	4.83
Victory Garden Signage 2014 Grant et al	42.65	345.00	302.35
Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	806.01	1,200.00	393.99
Westside Greenhouse Supplies	129.52	400.00	270.48
<b>TOTAL HLC</b>	<b>7,931.86</b>	<b>9,605.00</b>	<b>1,673.14</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>11,969.56</b>	<b>17,497.00</b>	<b>5,527.44</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	3,426.01	3,600.00	173.99
Exhibit Fees	3,296.50	2,900.00	-396.50
Next Year Seed	674.06	750.00	75.94
Next Year Supplies - McConkey	785.42	2,500.00	1,714.58
Plants	121.72	1,100.00	978.28
Propane	705.37	1,500.00	794.63
Supplies	574.22	1,500.00	925.78
Vendor Costs	0.00	550.00	550.00
Water - Pitchford meter	493.34	900.00	406.66
<b>TOTAL Plant Sale Expense</b>	<b>12,443.50</b>	<b>19,450.00</b>	<b>7,006.50</b>
Special Events-other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bake Sale	0.00	75.00	75.00
Compost Tea	142.45	150.00	7.55
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>167.94</b>	<b>405.00</b>	<b>237.06</b>
<b>TOTAL Special Events Expense</b>	<b>12,611.44</b>	<b>19,855.00</b>	<b>7,243.56</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>28,806.76</b>	<b>43,451.00</b>	<b>14,644.24</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>12,161.64</b>	<b>-4,384.00</b>	<b>16,545.64</b>