

**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER  
Chapter Meeting  
January 26, 2017**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch. There were 49 people in attendance. Chris thanked Jeffrey Stone from OSU for his great presentation.

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

**Horticulture Agent – Steve Renquist:** Master Gardeners should be aware of the many classes and garden sessions being offered the next few weeks. This afternoon Steve will be leading a fruit tree pruning class at the Discovery Garden from 1 to 4 p.m. The class is open to the public for a \$5 fee and to Master Gardeners for free. A large group of non-members have inquired about the class so Steve is expecting a rather large class. Pruning sessions and Discovery Garden workdays are listed in Announcements.

If there is enough interest, Steve will be purchasing lime sulfur to divide up and distribute. This can be done legally if the product shared is decanted into containers with a copy of the original label affixed to each container. Please contact Steve if you are interested. Optimal application of lime sulfur to fruit trees is 3 times a year during the dormant season, before bud break. (Steve has since found out lime sulfur is no longer legal to sell to the public.)

For information on safe disposal of outdated sprays and hazardous household waste go to: <http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/hhw/index.htm>. Although Douglas County does not accept hazardous waste, Lane County does accept it from Douglas County. Receipt of waste is done by appointment only so be sure and call to secure your appointment.

Weed Day at the Douglas County Fairgrounds is being presented on February 1<sup>st</sup>. The noon pollinator event is full but attendance is still open for the afternoon. Bring in a weed and admission is free!

We will host Spring into Gardening at UCC on February 25<sup>th</sup> along with DC Master Food Preservers. Help is still needed in various capacities. A signup sheet will be posted in the Plant Clinic mid-February or contact Maureen Benice for more information. Master Gardeners are welcome to sit in on classes for free if they sign up to help with the event or they can register and pay to attend all sessions.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Membership – Diana Circle:** Most recent statistics for the 2017 membership drive include: 85% renewed, 2 transferred in, 32 new class members, and 11 dropped. Julie Stanbery helped Diana call all members who had not paid dues. Any non pays will be dropped as of Monday, and a new roster will be distributed on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Hard copies of the roster will be available in the Plant Clinic. Diana distributed orange OMGA 2017 Membership cards. Some nurseries i.e., Territorial Seed (Cottage Grove) and Garland Nursery (Corvallis) give a 10% discount to Master Gardeners with proof of membership. Cards will be available in the Plant Clinic.

**OMGA – Nancy Fuller:** Early registration deadline for the International Master Gardener Conference

has been extended to February 28<sup>th</sup>. Registering by this date provides a \$50 discount. Registrations are up over 900 which could mean the event will sell out. If you are interested in attending, register soon at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/registration/>. Our chapter will be entering the Painted Bicycle contest. Patrice has donated a bicycle for our use. For details on the contest requirements refer to: <http://omga.org/painted-bicycle-chapter-display-2017-imgc/>. Contact Nancy if you are interested in participating on this fun project.

Kish Doyle announced there is a smartphone app for International Conference participants. The app allows you to keep track of classes, contact other participants, find local restaurants, shopping, etc.

OMGA's next quarterly meeting will be in Clackamas County on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The secretary position still needs to be filled. They are looking for information on mentor programs across the state, what works well and what doesn't work so well. If you have suggestions, send them to Nancy.

**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).

**Vice-President – Anne Bacon:** Upcoming continuing education speakers are:

- February: Andrea Molt of Territorial Seed
- March: DC Coop, Installing Drip Irrigation
- April: Jeff Giulietti of Eugene Physical Therapy, Preventing Injury in the Garden

The County will be remodeling the Extension auditorium beginning in March. As such, our March, April, and May meetings will be held at the First United Methodist Church on West Harvard. This is the same location our Awards Banquets are held. Master Gardener homes/gardens are needed for our summer meetings. Contact Anne if you are interested.

**President – Chris Rusch:**

- Shirley Purcell, our communications person, sent out 629 emails on our behalf in 2016! Please thank her when you see her!
- Concurrent sessions for Winter Training turned out well. Chris thanked all the veterans who made it possible.
- Chris addressed the remodeling to be done at Extension. This will require moving Chapter and Executive Board meetings. Chapter meetings have been taken care of but Board meeting location is still in limbo. Julie Stanbery will check on using Helleck Hall.
- Jackson County Extension is presenting the workshop “Protecting Pollinators: Benefits for Ecosystems & Food Security in Oregon” on February 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information go to <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/>.
- Chris once again asked those working the Plant Clinic, attending meetings, etc. downstairs to NOT use their cellphones in the hallway and to please keep visiting and talking to a minimum so as not to disrupt those who are working.
- Chris welcomed those from the 2017 Class in attendance.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Community Outreach – Jude Stensland:** The following outreach opportunities were fulfilled this past month:

- Leo Grass did a class on pest control for the Glide Garden Club
- Bruce Gravens and Jude met with two teachers at Camas Valley School to survey their needs. They have a large, old greenhouse needing rehabilitation. They also discussed a compost system and raised beds.
- Jude spoke with Master Gardener Abe Long of Glide, who is a special education teacher. Abe is interested in incorporating the gardening facility into a transitional program for special ed students. They have a greenhouse and active elementary education garden but the high school garden program is not yet off the ground. Abe will get back to me when he develops a more stable program and to see how we can help. I explained our outreach goals of teaching and guidance.

February will be very busy with classes at Sutherlin and Glide Garden Clubs, as well as a tour of the Discovery Garden for the Camas School.

**Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch:** Plant Clinic training for the new class will begin on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Trainers are Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Chris Rusch, Larry Sutton, and Karolyn Riecks.

Total contacts for 2016 were 953, 30 more than 2015. Steve Renquist mentioned he responded personally to 108 *Ask an Expert* questions in addition to others in our Chapter who work *Ask an Expert*. These figures do not include contacts made at Farmers Market.

**Westside Greenhouse – Barbara Robinson:** The Westside has been hosting Tuesday afternoon Winter Training classes presented by Betty Ison on Propagation and Seeding. Participants were encouraged to make cuttings to take home after the Propagation Workshop. Seeding involved actual planting for our May Plant Sale. Once trainees have participated in the Seeding Workshop, they are welcome to join our weekly seeding crews. We will meet on Mondays for the duration of Winter Training from 9 to noon. Once training is over we will revert back to our normal Tuesday work days. In addition to regular work days we will be working some additional days as well. Please watch your emails (sent on the weekend) for upcoming workdays.

**Eastside Greenhouse – Ann Severson:** Crews are currently working Thursdays through Winter Training weeks. They will go back to Tuesdays once Winter Training is complete. Grasses have been the center of their attention with propagation close behind.

**Awards – Betty Ison:** Hours for 2016 are due by the end of January. Any received after that date are not counted. Betty explained the process of how payback hours and swinger bars are figured for the year. Swinger bars for total hours are given out the first of each year, not at the Awards Banquet in October. The only exception is for trainees who earn their 60-hour payback swinger bar. These are given out as they are earned. Betty read off a long list of Master Gardeners who donated an enormous number of hours in 2017. Please contact Betty if you were on the list or think you have earned a replacement swinger bar.

**Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:** The Discovery Garden is a stop on one of the pre-tours for the International Master Gardeners Conference in July. This is a huge honor! (The tour is sold out!) We want our garden to be in top shape for the tour.

- The Herb Garden is part of this year's class project. Work started this last Saturday with 9 new students and 8 veterans showing up. An 80-foot handicapped accessible pathway was built in 2 ¼ hours!
- Repair to the bathrooms is done. The toilet is still an issue so, as in the past, do not leave the room until the toilet quits running.
- Renovation of beds in Easy Access: Jeannie Owens explained briefly they will be installing a SIP (sub irrigation planter garden) which is similar to an Earthbox. Supplies are being donated by Bob Brindley. Carrots and tomatoes will be planted in it. An email will be sent out when it is being constructed for those interested.

**Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford:** Ruth said to watch for emails announcing work crew dates. Initially crews will not be working every week.

**Newsletter – Bonnie Courter:** Bonnie explained to trainees present the newsletter comes out monthly at the end of each month or first of the month. Included is a monthly calendar, plus articles from the executive board, co-chairs, plus interesting articles and pictures.

**Bake Sale – Janet Parkerson:** Thank you to Janet and her co-chair, Barbara Zastrow, for their leadership on this important fund raiser. Our 2016 Bake Sale was a tremendous success, netting \$1,772! We accepted debit and credit cards for the first year using the "Square." Twenty five percent of our income, or \$437, came from its use. Janet thanked the 52 Master Gardeners who volunteered, many who baked AND worked at the sale. We had 83 pies, with all gone by 2 p.m. All baked goods were purchased by 2:30 which allowed us to close 30 minutes early! Janet's daughter is getting married in Arizona a few weeks after our 2017 Bake Sale so she desperately needs a co-chair or two! Please give her a call or email her if you can help.

**Trash to Treasure – Ann Severson:** This event is less than 8 weeks away. Mark your calendar for the following dates: **March 9** (table set up and emptying merchandise from trailer), **March 10** (receiving sale goods and pricing), **March 11** (sale date and tear down). Ann has configured signup sheets in 4 hour increments but will accept any time you are willing to work. Signup sheets are in the Plant Clinic.

Needed are clean, usable donations of crafts, books, kitchen items, jewelry, linens, collectibles, tools, garden items, toys, furniture, sporting goods, electronics and holiday items. We will not accept the following: dirty or tattered furniture, baby furniture or equipment, clothing, shoes, exercise equipment (large items), old style – bulky T.V.'s (flat screens okay), items which are obviously inoperable, broken, dirty.

Master Gardeners working 4 hours or more on Thursday and/or Friday will have the opportunity to purchase Friday prior to the sale. Payment must be by check or exact cash as there will not be a cash box until Saturday. On Saturday, we will be accepting debit, credit, check, or cash.

### **New Business**

**DCMG Monthly Volunteer Time Sheet – Vicki McAlister:** We have new time sheets for the new year.

The blue timesheets can be picked up in the Plant Clinic or in Westside Greenhouse #1. A new line for tracking recertification hours has been added to the bottom of the time sheet. Recertification is not required unless you are volunteering in a position where you will be teaching/advising the public i.e., Plant Clinic, Farmers Market, Community Outreach, Douglas County Fair, etc. An explanation, by Vicki, on how our time sheets, including recertification hours, should be completed can be found in our January 2017 Newsletter at [http://douglascountymg.org/mg\\_newsletter.html](http://douglascountymg.org/mg_newsletter.html). The 2017 class does not need to worry about tracking recertification hours for 2016.

**Chapter Support for Statewide MG Leader – Steve Renquist:** Sam Angima, a Dean with OSU, is asking Master Gardener Chapters to consider giving support to finance a position for an assistant to Gail Langelotto. Suggested is a cost sharing from MG Chapters statewide with \$20,000 being the goal from these state programs. OSU would share the cost of the position by contributing \$20,000. There is no requirement to participate. We will be discussing this at our Executive Board meeting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Insect Committee	First and Third Mondays 10 a.m.
Winter Program	Tuesdays, 9:00 – 4
Westside Greenhouse Crew	Mondays 9 – Noon
Eastside Greenhouse Crew	Thursdays 9 – Noon
DCMG Executive Board Meeting	Feb. 8, Extension Auditorium
DCMG Chapter Meeting	Feb. 23, 9a.m. Cont. Ed, 10a.m. Meeting, Ext. Auditorium
Discovery Garden Work Days:	
• Feb. 8	Hedgerow pruning 1-4 p.m.
• March 9	Ornamental shrub pruning 1-4 p.m.
• March 21	Japanese Garden pruning 9-noon
Pruning Workshops @ Discovery Garden:	
• Jan. 26	Pruning fruit trees workshop 1-4 p.m.
• Feb. 17	Pruning roses workshop 1-4 p.m.
• March 2	Pruning ornamentals workshop 1-4 p.m.

### **Show and Tell**

Julie Stanbery shared a newspaper article from Saturday's *The Oregonian* in their *Homes and Gardens* section. The article, written by Kym Pokorny, was titled 'Portland scores coup with conference' and was a great plug for the International Master Gardener Conference.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 by President, Chris Rusch.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Robinson  
DCMG Secretary

# Account Balances - As of 01/25/2017

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Account	01/25/2017 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Checking-Umpqua Bank	3,287.77
Money Market-Reserves-Umpqua Bank	8,659.10
Money Market-Umpqua Bank	41,645.16
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>53,592.03</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>53,592.03</b>

**Cash Flow**  
01/01/2017 through 01/25/2017

Category	01/01/2017- 01/25/2017
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
Dues-hardcopy newsletter	8.75
Dues-membership	1,830.00
Income for Newsletter	194.75
TOTAL Dues-membership	2,024.75
PSP Income	
Clinic & Office	
Soil Testing	20.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	20.00
TOTAL PSP Income	20.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>2,053.50</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
Management & General	
Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	
Officer Gifts	44.99
TOTAL Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	44.99
Hospitality	86.99
TOTAL Management & General	131.98
PSP Expense	
Discovery Garden	
Raised Beds (Dahlia-Lily)	141.57
TOTAL Discovery Garden	141.57
HLC	
Garbage Dump Fee	12.00
Victory Garden	23.21
TOTAL HLC	35.21
TOTAL PSP Expense	176.78
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>308.76</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,744.74</b>

## Budget - Current Year

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Category	01/01/2017 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2017 Difference
<b>INCOME</b>			
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	250.00	-250.00
TOTAL Donations	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Dues-membership	1,830.00	2,400.00	-570.00
Income for Newsletter	203.50	255.00	-51.50
TOTAL Dues-membership	2,033.50	2,655.00	-621.50
Interest Income - Bank	0.00	16.00	-16.00
PSP Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clinic & Office			
Soil Testing	20.00	800.00	-780.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	20.00	800.00	-780.00
TOTAL PSP Income	20.00	800.00	-780.00
Special Events			
Plant Sale Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plant Sales			
Drawings	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
Entrance Fees	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
Sales-event	0.00	21,500.00	-21,500.00
Sales-post	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Sales-pre	0.00	3,200.00	-3,200.00
Vendor Booth	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
TOTAL Plant Sales	0.00	32,400.00	-32,400.00
TOTAL Plant Sale Income	0.00	32,400.00	-32,400.00
Special Events-other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bake Sale	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
Compost Tea	0.00	950.00	-950.00
Trash-To-Treasure Sale	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
TOTAL Special Events-other	0.00	5,450.00	-5,450.00
TOTAL Special Events	0.00	37,850.00	-37,850.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,053.50</b>	<b>41,571.00</b>	<b>-39,517.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
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			
Chapter Meetings	0.00	200.00	200.00
OMGA International	0.00	250.00	250.00
OMGA Quarterly Meeting	0.00	0.00	0.00
OMGA Travel	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
TOTAL Conferences	0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Dues-OMGA	0.00	1,659.00	1,659.00
Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	0.00	0.00	0.00
4-H Donation	0.00	80.00	80.00
Gifts - Hallmark	0.00	50.00	50.00
Officer Gifts	44.99	80.00	35.01



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Category	01/01/2017 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2017 Difference
Scholarships	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
TOTAL Grants&Gifts&Scholarships	44.99	1,710.00	1,665.01
Historian	0.00	25.00	25.00
Hospitality	86.99	200.00	113.01
Liability Insurance	0.00	650.00	650.00
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	24.00	24.00
Supplies for Executive Board	0.00	40.00	40.00
TOTAL Management & General	131.98	7,288.00	7,156.02
PSP Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advanced Training	0.00	0.00	0.00
Continuing Education	0.00	550.00	550.00
Newsletter			
Postage	0.00	255.00	255.00
TOTAL Newsletter	0.00	255.00	255.00
TOTAL Advanced Training	0.00	805.00	805.00
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	0.00	50.00	50.00
Soil Testing	0.00	300.00	300.00
Website Development	0.00	120.00	120.00
TOTAL Clinic & Office	0.00	710.00	710.00
Community Outreach	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fair Booth	0.00	50.00	50.00
Speakers Bureau	0.00	25.00	25.00
TOTAL Community Outreach	0.00	75.00	75.00
Discovery Garden	0.00	0.00	0.00
Butterfly	0.00	315.00	315.00
Childrens	0.00	425.00	425.00
Compost & Biochar	0.00	50.00	50.00
Easy Access (Container Garden)	0.00	650.00	650.00
Electric - meter 23609842	0.00	600.00	600.00
Entry	0.00	50.00	50.00
Herb	0.00	300.00	300.00
Hummingbird	0.00	125.00	125.00
Iris	0.00	50.00	50.00
Irrigation	0.00	400.00	400.00
Japanese	0.00	200.00	200.00
Kiosk - donor board	0.00	50.00	50.00
Maintenance	0.00	600.00	600.00
Mulch	0.00	300.00	300.00
Orchard	0.00	100.00	100.00
Ornamental	0.00	100.00	100.00
Perennial Border	0.00	275.00	275.00
Raised Beds (Dahlia-Lily)	141.57	150.00	8.43
Rock Garden	0.00	520.00	520.00
Shade Garden	0.00	50.00	50.00
Signage	0.00	500.00	500.00

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Category	01/01/2017 Actual	- Budget	12/31/2017 Difference
Sun Garden	0.00	150.00	150.00
Water - River Forks meter	0.00	500.00	500.00
Xeriscape	0.00	400.00	400.00
<b>TOTAL Discovery Garden</b>	<b>141.57</b>	<b>6,860.00</b>	<b>6,718.43</b>
<b>HLC</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Annual Pumping Expense - diver in river	0.00	400.00	400.00
Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	0.00	2,460.00	2,460.00
Eastside Greenhouse Supplies	0.00	400.00	400.00
Garbage Dump Fee	12.00	50.00	38.00
HLC Fire Extinguishers	0.00	120.00	120.00
Maintenance	0.00	600.00	600.00
Toilet Repairs & Supplies	0.00	150.00	150.00
Tree Trimming Professional	0.00	0.00	0.00
Victory Garden	23.21	650.00	626.79
Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Westside Greenhouse Supplies	0.00	400.00	400.00
<b>TOTAL HLC</b>	<b>35.21</b>	<b>6,430.00</b>	<b>6,394.79</b>
<b>Winter Program</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
New Class - Supplies	0.00	20.00	20.00
Speakers	0.00	350.00	350.00
<b>TOTAL Winter Program</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>370.00</b>	<b>370.00</b>
<b>TOTAL PSP Expense</b>	<b>176.78</b>	<b>15,250.00</b>	<b>15,073.22</b>
<b>Special Events Expense</b>			
<b>Plant Sale Expense</b>			
Advertising	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Contributions - Plant Sale Volunteers	0.00	350.00	350.00
Electrical - meter 62314693	0.00	3,600.00	3,600.00
Exhibit Fees	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Next Year Seed	0.00	750.00	750.00
Next Year Supplies - McConkey	0.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
Plants	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Propane	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Supplies	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Vendor Costs	0.00	550.00	550.00
Water - Pitchford meter	0.00	950.00	950.00
<b>TOTAL Plant Sale Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,600.00</b>	<b>18,600.00</b>
<b>Special Events-other</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
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	0.00	100.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL Special Events-other</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>355.00</b>	<b>355.00</b>
<b>TOTAL Special Events Expense</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>18,955.00</b>	<b>18,955.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>308.76</b>	<b>41,493.00</b>	<b>41,184.24</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,744.74</b>	<b>78.00</b>	<b>1,666.74</b>