

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Chapter Meeting
November 17, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:22. There were 43 in attendance, including President Julie Stanbery, Past President Nancy Fuller, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis, OMGA Rep. Barbie Hamby, Membership Kay Livermore, and Secretary Bonnie Courter.

Agenda Approval: The agenda stands as posted.

Minutes Approval: The minutes were approved as posted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Past President - Nancy Fuller: Nancy attended Jackson County's "Winter Dreams" program and says it was excellent.

Membership - Kay Livermore: We currently have 227 members. 55 have already signed their OSU DocuSign forms which went out to membership on Tuesday. She is receiving dues now.

OMGA - Barbie Hamby: The OMGA 4th Quarter meeting was held on November 4 by Zoom. Patrice Sipos attended it. Gail Langellotto proposed a new statewide MG Program award to be called the "Growing and Belonging Award", which will honor MG volunteers who demonstrate commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

The International Master Gardener Conference will be June 18-22, 2023, in Overland Park, Kansas. Early registration starts today. The cost is \$397 if paid by March 1, and \$459 after that date. For more information, go to <https://imgc2023.com>.

All new volunteers as well as veteran MG's who recertify need to take the DEI training.

Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis: Toni Rudolph got the necessary paperwork signed for the Waddington Fund to be invested with Charles Schwab.

Vice-President - Diana Woodward: Thanks to Ken Carloni this morning who gave an excellent presentation on "Oaks in the Umpqua". The next Continuing Ed will be by Logan Bennett and Alicia Christensen in January about invasive pests. Bruce Gravens will present on seeding peppers and tomatoes in February. Fred Alley will talk tools in March, and Ann Severson will possibly speak on succulents in April. May chapter meeting will be at the home of Dave Clark and Iva GreyWolf. Diana sent out the links for the different LevelUp Series classes we can take on the OSU website, which count toward CE recertification.

President - Julie Stanbery:

- Julie praised OMGA Secretary Sharon Bordeaux for her excellent OMGA minutes.
- Benton County is sponsoring an "Insights into Gardening" program February 11, 2023 at the OSU campus with many great classes to attend. Registration opens January 2, 2023.

- Central Oregon has a new trial fundraising opportunity for those who like to travel, offering exploration tours with Green Thumb Travelers and Collette Tours to Great Britain and Ireland for Fall 2023. For information, go to www.gocomga.com.
- Clatsop County offers a horticulture scholarship for a high school senior.

MG Program Coordinator - Logan Bennett:

- His small farms team has sponsored 10 programs for the public in 7 months.
- He will be looking into what kind of DEI class can be offered in order to make that program useful to our chapter.
- The second MG Trivia Night contest is tonight from 6-7 on invasive and wood-boring pests.
- Impact statements are being done. Logan will be surveying members soon to complete that.
- There have been questions on reporting hours. The online VRS system is going through an update, and when that is available, we will be slowly moving towards everyone posting their hours online through VRS. Logan can appoint certain MG's to act as administrators, who can upload info into the reporting system should some MG's not wish to post online themselves. So if you want to still hand in your hours by paper, the admins can enter your info for you. Logan will offer training on posting hours online once the new update is available in a month or so.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Social/Black Apparel - Ann Severson:

- Ann met with Phoenix School and we are signed up to hold our Awards Social from now on at their venue. The cost will be \$250. The Awards Social will be held March 4.
- Black Aprons: Ann spoke with Prince Charming and they will look into other options for aprons using a different material as the other ones are not coming. She will do another order in March before the Plant Sale.
- Trash to Treasure: Ann is loading up stuff to take to Lenore Drake's to store. She will now accept some holiday items since the sale is in June, but only quality items. The sale is the first Saturday in June at the Winston Community Center.

Community Outreach - Team: Not present. Julie got a lovely thank-you note from a Grants Pass school group that had a tour with Leo, signed by the children.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

The new class have really stepped up to take ownership of positions in the garden. Sue Waite and Andrea Collins are taking over the iris bed. Those taking on the butterfly garden are Janet Bitter, Terry Christensen, Fred Alley, Kathy & Steve Hart (picnic table), Laura Corder on the honeysuckle garden, and Julie Burchstead is taking over the milkweed garden. Doralee Hayden, Patrice Glasscock, and Bobbi Schneider also have plots in the butterfly garden. Mugsy Kolb and Rebecca Taylor have taken over the task of keeping the toilets clean.

The Festival of Lights is not using Helleck Hall this year for their Holiday House.

Facebook - Barbara Horst: Not present. Her report: 2,195 are following our FaceBook page. Anyone who wants to send any research-based articles to post on FaceBook, send them to Barbara.

Fundraising - Dawn Shumack: BlueBags will always be available at our meetings. Dawn also offers to pick up filled bags from any MG's.

Greenhouse West - Joy Keeling: The crew is working Tuesdays, 9-12, transplanting and getting perennials covered and outside.

Greenhouse East - Bonnie Durick: Her crew is working every Tuesday, 9-12, root pruning, weeding, and cutting back grasses.

Hallmark - Linda Thames:

- A celebration of life for Noel Groshong will be held at Dino's restaurant Saturday, November 19, from 11-2. Friends are encouraged to bring stories about Noel. Noel died unexpectedly from a complication from surgery. He was a Master Gardener since 2008.
- Kathy Shayler is recovering from surgery.
- On November 8, Gale and Barbara Robinson were rear-ended by a pickup truck pulling a boat near their home. They're both receiving physical therapy for a couple of months, and their SUV will need major repairs.

Insect Committee - Diana Woodward: No report.

Newsletter - Bonnie Courter: Contributions for the December Newsletter are due Monday, November 28. Contributions for the January Newsletter will be due Thursday, December 29.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch: First, I want to thank everyone who volunteered to work in the Plant Clinic this fall. The Plant Clinic had just under 50 visitors, phone calls and emails so far in November. Most of our questions are about fall gardening, weeds and orchard pruning. In November, our clinic is open 2 days a week. Coming in December and January, we will only be open on Mondays. Our training for the new class of 2022 will begin in February, 2023.

Plant Sale - Bonnie Durick: The sale is the first Saturday in May. She needs someone to help with junior volunteers - they would be the point person for kids and adults helping us during the sale. Boxes are still needed - bring them to Panches's Palace. Prices have gone up on everything - fertilizer is up \$30/bag now. There are also a shortage of gallon pots, and small ones are out of stock. We will be doing online signups only this time - Janet Bitter will put it together like last year.

Bonnie is "retiring" the end of May as Plant Sale Coordinator. We desperately need a team to take over and shadow Bonnie now in order to get trained.

Publicity - Cheryl Caplan: Cheryl was on Thursday's KQEN radio show with Kyle Bailey. She gave plugs to everyone working hard in the greenhouses and to Spring Into Gardening. Ann Severson might be able to do one on succulents. Anyone else that would like to be on the radio, let Cheryl know. Recordings of the show can go on our FaceBook page. She is still working on updating the photo of the Hiroshima ginkgo tree for our website.

Soils - Gloria Cettina: They are still getting a lot of soil samples. Lots of new students are involved in doing the testing. Soil tests are \$10 for MG's, \$20 for the public. Info on how to take samples is available on our website. We now have a soil pulverizer too that helps so much.

Spring Into Gardening - Chris Rusch: This is a terrific community education event where we can bring our OSU Extension program on sustainable gardening to our greater community. It is also an opportunity for MG's to get recertification hours by attending classes. We have set a date for March 11, 2023. So far we are working on scheduling speakers. If you are interested in participating please send me an email.

Swinger Bars - Kay Livermore:

Members who have swinger bar updates for September 2022:

2021 Trainee who has completed their 60 payback hours:

Sandi Anderson

2022 Transfer who has completed 60 hours:

Cynthia Moyer

100 hours: Teresa Grosenbach

200 hours: Christian Andino

300 hours: Becky Carlson, Patrice Glasscock

500 hours: Dawnetta Loomis

Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka: The garden was put to bed this past week. They had a great team this year. This last harvest was over 1000 pounds. All plants were pulled down in 2-1/2 hours! Crops for next year have been planned. The total was 10,847 pounds over the whole year. Soil testing showed high potassium which can be caused by manures. Logan advised not fertilizing with potassium right away in the spring, and avoid compost this year.

OLD BUSINESS - Budget Vote: Dawnetta presented a proposed balanced budget. **Kish Doyle moved we accept the budget as given. Toni Rudolph seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS - Compost Sales: We will receive income from selling our compost, but we won't make a separate item in the budget until 2024. Discussion regarding what to charge for our compost ensued. Bruce Gravens had said \$7 for a 5 gallon bucket. Many felt that was too high. Compost can be purchased on Tuesday mornings only - cash or check - and bring your own bucket. The compost will have to be sifted onsite or take it home as is. **Bonnie Courter proposed charging \$3, and Kay Livermore seconded the motion. Vote on the \$3 per 5 gallon bucket passed unanimously.**

SHOW AND TELL: Ann Severson brought air plants to show.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No meetings in December.

The next Executive Board meeting is January 11, 2023, 10:00 in the Annex.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting is adjourned at 11:37.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Courter, Secretary