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A big humongous hug and thanks to all our Master Gardeners who attended and participated in our kickoff rally on March 20th. What an enthusiastic and joyful crowd! We made a big splash with all the publicity we received, all the way north to Eugene and even making the front page of the News Review with a photo of the parade winding its way through downtown Roseburg.

Thanks also to our fellow Extension Service Master Food Preservers who brought and served a ton of food at the reception held at Jasmine's Restaurant. It was a great party!

I have two important announcements: (1) if you would like a lawn sign showing your support of the Ballot Measure, contact Steve or Bonnie Wuergler, 541-836-2601 or email them at wuergler@wvdh.org. Leave your name, address and phone number as they need tracking information on where the lawn signs are located; and (2) I'm looking for at least two (or more) Master Gardeners who would like to share their garden for a one-day only open house this summer, date unknown at this printing. Betty Ison always shares her beautiful annual garden with us each year and I would like to add two or more to the tour.

It does NOT need to be something out of "Garden Design" magazine, but we can all learn from each other, right?. All that is required is directions to your home (duh!!),

provide a light refreshment and answer a few questions. Please contact me if you are interested or need further information: emoriarty2@gmail.com or 957-9177

One more reminder (and I know you're probably getting tired of hearing me say this)...talk to your neighbors and friends about the importance...and low cost to them...of passing Ballot Measure 10-86. The Douglas County Extension Service depends on all of us working towards this goal.

Thanks to all of you for the many hours each of you spend in our Chapter's behalf.

And last...but certainly not least....congratulations to all you graduating new Master Gardeners on the completion of your classes. Please join us whenever you can and wherever you can. You will come to meet a whole new group of friends who love gardening as much as you do.

We welcome you into our Chapter family.

Sincerely,

Elaine Moriarty ĩ
President
OSU Master Gardeners
Douglas County Chapter



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OUR MISSION

- EDUCATE HOME GARDENERS IN THE DOUGLAS COUNTY AREA WITH THE MOST PRACTICAL AND SAFE HOME
- HORTICULTURAL PRACTICES BASED ON A PROGRAM OF KNOWLEDGE UPDATE AND REGENERATION, AND,
- CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF ENJOYMENT FOR ALL

MG News

Vice President-Bill Howitt

Thank you to **Gregory Flick** for his continuing education presentation on establishing historically accurate orchards as part of the restoration of Fort Umqua in Elkton. We learned so much more than just about the work at Fort Umpqua including a little history of the British in the Oregon Territories through the Hudson Bay Company and about the facilities and projects of the USDA at Corvallis. For those of you that wish to contact Gregory for additional information his email is gflick@cwmet.com and his home phone number in Elkton is 584-2757.

For our continuing education program in April we will be treated to a presentation by the "Four Chairs" on plants and gardening in poetry and song.



Merrill McFarland (class of 2007) has volunteered to host our June meeting in the garden at her home in Drain. Plan early to attend and maybe car pool. It will be worth the drive. I've seen pictures.

If you would like to share your garden by hosting our July or August summer meetings please give me a call at 459-4940 or email me at babooski1@msn.com.

Vice President, **Bill Howitt**

Plant Clinic News.....

Clinic Coordinator- Mildred Gum

April through September, the Plant Clinic is open five days a week. The sign ups have been good, however we can always use a few more. The *** indicate a place where help is needed. The training is nearly complete with almost all the Trainees and Mentors being in the Clinic at least once. I hope we will have a standard training procedure for all the trainees.

We will have an information table at Kruse Farms on Friday and Saturdays beginning April 19. The hours are different this year, 9:30 -2:00, the later time seems to work better with their schedule. We have been asked to be at Brosi's Sugar Tree stand, as well. Those who would like to serve at either place let me know. Also, the Farmer's Market booth opens 2nd Saturday in May on the 10th from 8:30-1:00. Dress warmly in layers at any of these outposts as it can be cold. Bring your own chair, beverage or snacks, some lunch selections are available.

The calendar shows a list of substitutes/alternates and their phone numbers, if you are unable to fill your assigned place, call one of them to fill in. Call me if needed **Mildred 673-3112**.

State Representative-Larry Sutton

For those of you who have never attended mini-college, it is not just all about classes: there are tours of surrounding gardens, hands-on workshops, and my personal favorite...food.

This year **Erin Shroll**, a horticulture graduate student will be leading a tour of the Oak Creek Center for Urban Horticulture on the OSU campus. Erin is a "Green Roof Researcher". Green roofs can help to mitigate storm water runoff and reduce the pressure on already stressed infrastructure. Roofs are planted with an array of succulents in an engineered growing medium that absorbs rainfall and slows the speed of storm water through wastewater treatment plants. For those of you that did the Oregon Garden tour two years ago, we saw green roofs there and there is one planned for our xeriscape garden. In addition, **Brandon Trelstad**, Sustainability Coordinator for OSU, will be leading a walking tour of the sustainable initiatives that are in place or underway on the OSU campus. Bring walking shoes.

Last year **Bob Brindley** and I enrolled in the insect collection workshop. As part of the tour we were allowed to spend some time viewing the OSU insect collection. No matter how you feel about "bugs", this was something to see. Our president attended a presentation on sketching in the garden. While the list of hands-on experiences has not been released yet, I am sure it will be exciting and have something for everyone on it.

Now, before you take my recommendation on the campus cuisine I should tell you that when I went away to college I considered dorm cooking an improvement over the farmhand fare I had had at home. A different chapter hosts opening ceremonies each year. Although they call it a barbeque I have yet to see a grill there. Never the less, it is good and the host chapter provides the entertainment. If you choose to eat your meals on the campus, you will get a fantastic breakfast served by cheerful and, in some cases, wide-awake students. The noon meals are served in the alumni center picnic style and have always contained much more than I needed before returning to afternoon classes. The highlight of the week is the banquet on Friday night. This is a catered affair and gives us all a chance to dress up a bit as we honor our own. The highlight of this event is when the Master Gardener of the year and the Behind the Scenes Gardener of the year are announced. Bring along some Sunday go to meetin' dress up clothes and help celebrate.

In short, come for the classes and be prepared to enjoy... everything.
Larry

HALLMARK- Linda Thames

We've been a healthy group of late. Haven't had many cards to send out unless people are forgetting to tell me...? I'm happy to think we're just doing great.

Lorena Remington had shoulder surgery but did so well, I heard she was immediately back, busy as ever.

Patti Langille injured her knee and is on crutches. Knowing Patti, that won't slow her down much but it must be difficult for her to get around. We're sorry to hear it, Patti.

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Please keep **Patti Kowalsky & her husband** in your thoughts and send cards. It was their best friends, the wife who was tragically murdered, the husband seriously injured up in Sutherlin recently. Patti and her husband have taken in many of that couples dogs to care for in this time of need in addition to all of their own pets. Letting them know that we're thinking of them with individual cards might help them through this sad time.

PLEASE, don't forget, if **YOU** don't tell me that someone you know in our group might benefit from receiving a card due to an illness or hospitalization or whatever, I won't know. Also, if they don't want it announced, pls. also let me know. Stay well and happy,

Linda Thames 541-673-3978
liabil2@charter.net
1620 N.W. Kline Street
Roseburg, OR 97470

Plant Sale

By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be about four weeks until our big Plant Expo.

The Plant Sale Committee and the Greenhouse Crew want to thank all the new class members who came out and gave of their time to help

prepare for the big event. Also, a big thanks go to all the veterans who were also out there doing their usual great work. It can be said that our greenhouse and patio area looks every bit as good, if not better, than many nurseries we have visited so far this year. Another BIG thank-you goes to two of our new members, **Dave Hopkins** and **Jim Ivy**, who were good enough to go out and help with fixing broken pipes at the greenhouse and helping to complete the two new greenhouses going up.....many, many thanks.

We will have 26 exhibitors and 38 booths this year at the Plant Sale and Expo. This second annual addition to our spring plant sale will be as exciting as it was last year with this added crowd pleaser.

Another crowd pleaser is our raffle. We will raffle off items with a value of at least \$20.00 to please and stimulate the crowd. Please contact Bob Brindley with your item or items. Bob's phone number is 459-7897.

Reminder of dates for the Master Gardener **pre-plant sale** are **Thursday, April 24** after the monthly meeting and **again on Sunday, April 27**. The times are from noon until 4:00 PM at the greenhouses.

For those of you who are signed up to work the Expo, the chairpersons you signed up with will be contacting you sometime around mid-April to touch base with you and answer any

questions you may have. Also, don't forget to start decorating your hats for the big hat contest and prize for the winner.

Time for everyone to be at the fairgrounds Exhibit Bldg., May 2 and May 3, is 8:00 AM.

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We ask that you park your vehicles across the street or away from the buildings as vendors will be pulling up in front and back to bring their materials in. It is permissible to park in front to drop-off your food if necessary, and then go park across the street. Also, it is recommend ladies not bring handbags into the bldg. as we have no secure place to store them during the day.....fanny-packs are recommended or pockets. Another reminder that everyone should remember:
wear badges.

This has been an exceptional year with all the great help we have received and we are looking forward to having a lot of fun and another very successful Plant Expo.

Thanks to you all!

We are still in need of several checkers to work on Saturday. Calculators will be available for those who don't have their own.

Gloria Amorde, Chuck Aiello and Bob Brindley
Plant Sale Committee



April 15th Deadline For Plant Expo Labels

If you are growing plants for the May 3rd Plant Expo, the information about those plants must be given to **Karolyn Riecks** by April 15 so that labels can be made for them. Anyone not meeting the deadline will need to make their own labels containing the information given below. All plants started at home must be brought to the greenhouse prior to the pre-plant sale on Thursday, April 24th.

The information needed is:

1. Scientific Name
2. Common Name
3. Type of Plant - example: perennial, annual, herb, etc.
4. Flower color (if any)
5. Light requirements - example: sun, shade, part shade, etc.
6. Height/width of mature plant

Please send this information to Karolyn Riecks. Karolyn's e-mail address is: kruecks@charter.net. If you don't have e-mail you can call her with the information at 643-7237 or give it to her at the next chapter meeting.

Grant Information

By Grant Writer-Nancy Southerland

I am please to announce that Meyers Memorial Foundation Grass Roots Program has awarded OSU Extension Services Douglas County Master Gardeners Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000) dollars for the Discovery Garden two-stall restroom kit. We also received funding from the AUTZEN Foundation in the amount of \$7,900. for this same project. The Ford Family Foundation is negotiating with us for another amount to cover engineering, plumbing, and grading of the restroom site. Steve Renquist is

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putting together bids and a budget for those final items to be submitted and approved. Master Gardeners has also committed funds towards this project. Having a restroom will benefit both Master Gardeners and visitors to the Discovery Garden. Another advantage of having the restroom is that Steve Renquist can establish a youth horticultural training garden that will increase the footprint of OSU Extension Services in Douglas County. I am continuing to write grants to fund the youth educational program, a grant to Fiskars Garden and Outdoor Living Project Orange Thumb was submitted this month, and we have already receive \$500. from AVISTA Foundation for this program.

I need Master Gardener's Volunteers to assist with "A Day of Caring" on Saturday May 31st. United Way has selected the UCAN gardening project in our low-income and senior housing that I submitted earlier this month as one of five projects that they will sponsor. Further explained in the flyer. They will supply a liaison, a volunteer work-crew for the heavy work, **but we will need Master Gardeners to advise and consult this special day.** May 31st work hours are from 9:00 AM until Noon. Sites will be determined as the planning continues. For further information or to volunteer your expertise, please call myself

Nancy Southerland,
Volunteer Coordinator at
Umpqua Community Action Network (UCAN)
541 492-3509 or email me at
nancy.southerland@ucanecap.org

or
Mike Mueller
541-498-2291

**PAYBACK HOURS OPTION FOR
MASTER GARDENERS & MASTER
FOOD PRESERVERS:
COMMUNITY GARDENS (RAISED
BEDS FOR VEGETABLES) FOR LOW-
INCOME AND SENIOR HOUSING:
ROSEBURG, WINSTON & SUTHERLIN**



GOALS OF PROJECT

Educate the tenants on basic garden skills to be successful with their crops;
Help tenants learn self-sufficiency through food storage and preservation.

ACTION STEPS

Educate tenants at each complex, through classes and handouts, on gardening techniques including planting, care, & disease and pest control (non-toxic);
Revisit each site at various times during harvest and teach

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courses on food storage, dehydration, and preparing simple meals using the harvested produce from their garden beds;
Teach fall crop planting and/or garden bed clean up practices, crop rotation, etc.

ORGANIZE VOLUNTEERS AND WORK PARTIES

Nancy Southerland at Umpqua Community Action Network will arrange. **Other volunteers** are being recruited for building more raised beds and manual labor.

SUSTAINABILITY

Continue educational programs (some of the housing complexes are transitional housing which means a rotation of new tenants) Have various Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers "adopt" sites so that they will manage the gardening program at each site and arrange for their predecessors to continue the program.

Contact: **Nancy Southerland,**
UCAN Volunteer Coordinator
541 492-3509
nancy.southerland@ucanecap.org
This is approved for pay-back
volunteer hours.



**Master Gardner Membership Update– By Diane Aiello
Final Notice; (Due Before 04/15/2008) Douglas County
Master Gardener 2008 Dues. The 2008 dues are \$ 10.00 for an
individual or \$15.00 for a couple.**

The final listing of Master Gardner's will be with the May Newsletter. Anyone that has not paid dues will be dropped from the listing. If any questions please contact Diane at 541-672-4759 or diane@douglasfast.net

Do not put this reminder aside thinking that you will get to it later. By making out your check now, you will be assuring yourself of an uninterrupted subscription to our monthly newsletter along with the association to a diverse and dynamic group of outstanding people. Please complete the application portions of the form provided below. Check No. _____

Date: _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Mail this completed form along with your check written to DCMG to:

**Diane Aiello, 560 White Oak Lane, Roseburg OR 97470
Or you can drop your payment in the
Master Gardener, Dues Box.**

DCMG GENERAL MEETING

March 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by **President Elaine Moriarty**. Approximately 54 members were in attendance.

Reports

Treasurer: **Debbie Fenzl** handed out and reviewed the Income Statement and Account Balances sheets as of 3/26/08. Total account balances are \$28,105.82. **Debbie** advised that we received a grant check of \$25,000 from the Meyer Memorial Fund for the Discovery Garden restroom project. **Nancy Southerland** has been working on getting grants for MGs.

Vice President: **Bill Howitt** thanked **Gregory Flick** for his talk on the Fort Umpqua Restoration Project. "Four Chairs Theatre" will be doing poetry and song related to plants and flowers in April. **Merrill McFarland** of Drain will be hosting our June meeting. **Bill** is looking for members to host the July and August meetings. **Elaine Moriarty** said that she is looking for members who are willing to have garden tours at their homes this summer.

State Representative: **Larry Sutton** reported that the Mini-College registration forms are not on the website yet. Look for them in early April. Lake County MGs dissolved because they were down to seven members and they were commuting approximately 100 miles one-way to attend functions. **Patty Driscoll** is our new State Wide Program Assistant. She is spearheading the move to bring the International Convention to Oregon. Linn County is also working on a tax district to generate funding for their extension office. They are asking for \$0.07/\$1000 assessed value. **Gail Langellotto** has set 2008 goals. They are: 1) Update "Sustainable Gardening" manual, 2) Conduct statewide assessment of MG Program, 3) Test the On-line MG training course in September with 25 participants. Some concern was expressed as to the assimilation of on-line graduates into the MG Program.

Membership: **Diane Aiello** said that she received \$1,375 in membership dues so far. Dues payment is due by April 1st.

Plant Clinic: **Mildred Gum** circulated the calendar. We will start working at Kruse Farms on April 19th. Hours have been changed to 9:30 – 2. Clinic will be five days a week starting in April. New class training is nearly complete. **Elaine Moriarty** said that we will be setting up a booth at the Art Festival on June 27 – 29. She will have a sign-up sheet in the clinic office.

Community Outreach: **Jack Wright** said that Arbor Day is April 12th and Earth Day, April 19th. **Steve Renquist** is handling both of these. He has new class members signing up to help. **Jack** gave a presentation at the Glide Garden Club in March. **Leo Grass** gave a presentation on Waterwise Gardening to the Myrtle Creek Garden Club. **Jack** will be giving a talk to them next week on Xeriscape Gardening. They are putting landscape in the Pioneer Cemetery in Myrtle Creek with no water source. The Conference on Aging will be in September. We will be presenting our two most popular presentations, Herbs and Container Gardening. The Master Food Preservers will be giving presentations there as well. Two new class members are helping the 5th grade class at the Looking Glass School maintain raised beds at the school. Outreach will have its last meeting before summer on Wednesday. The discussion will be about the summer programs. **Nancy Southerland** is organizing the "Day of Caring" through the United Way. If you have any questions about this, contact **Jack**.

Discovery Garden: **Philece Humphrey** said that there was a DG Meeting on March 12th. It was decided to make the first Tuesday of every month the day when they would work in the entire garden. Bulk orders will be coordinated between all the gardens to save trucking charges. **Jim Ivey** will be handling irrigation repairs in the garden. Contact **Julie** if work is needed in your garden. There is no DG meeting scheduled at this time. All Tuesday workdays start at 9 a.m. until summer when it will be changed to 8 a.m. The entire report will be in the newsletter.

Newsletter: **Elaine Moriarty** said that articles for the next newsletter are due at midnight this Friday, March 28th.

Awards: **Betty Ison** said that as more hours have been turned in, two more veterans have earned swinger bars. They are **Bob Brindley** and **Leslie Farrell**.

Publicity/Website: **Elaine Moriarty** reported that **Patti Langille** has the Trash to Treasure Sale covered with PSA's to TV, radio and online classified. A News Review classified ad will be in the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday paper. There will be a paid ad in the Currents on Thursday, as well as an article in Club News, What's Up? and Around Umpqua sections. She added a Trash to Treasure webpage to the MG website as well as handing out fliers. **Patti** sent in a "Vendors needed" article for the Plant Expo but it didn't get printed, so she will resubmit it. She also sent in the graduating class picture. If it doesn't get published, she will submit it to Snapshots. Plant Expo bookmarks and fliers are out for distribution.

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Hallmark: **Linda Thames** reported that everyone is healthy. But that someone was having a birthday today and that a cake was made for the occasion. **Linda** and **Maureen Benice** presented a "wine" birthday cake to **Elaine Moriarty**. **Judy Huntley** reported that **Patti Kowalski** has been very appreciative of all the cards she has been receiving since the murder of her best friend in Sutherlin.

Auction: **Bill Howitt** auctioned off the Fort Umpqua apple tree that **Gregory Flick** donated to the group at his presentation today. **Reed Abrahamson** won the auction, paying \$33.00 for the tree. The money will be donated to the Fort Umpqua Restoration.

Old Business

Trash to Treasure Sale: **Caroline Link** said that 40 people signed up to help at the sale. Helpers should come Friday at 8:30 a.m. to start receiving and setting up the donations as they come in. No clothing or magazines will be taken. Anyone that wants a tax receipt for their donation, should provide **Debbie Fenzl** with a list of the items donated.

Plant Sale Update: **Chuck Aiello** said that clipboards are at the back of the hall and everyone is encouraged to sign-up if they haven't already. Fliers and bookmarks were at the front of the stage for members to take to post in their communities. **Bob Brindley** said there will be a vendor supplied "Chinese" raffle which is a raffle where you bid on only the items you want. He needs more items for the raffle. He also asked that members bring in two pound coffee cans. Twenty-six vendors have signed up so far which is fewer than last year at this time. **Karolyn Riecks** said that she is printing the plant labels for the sale and needs to have that information by April 15th. **Philece Humphrey** said that she needs more checkers for the sale.

Proposed Bylaws Revisions: **Karolyn Riecks** said that the suggested bylaws revisions would be published in the newsletter again, but this time on a side-by-side basis, showing the current Articles to be changed next to the proposed changes. The membership will then vote on whether to approve the changes at the next general meeting.

PAC Report: **Chuck Aiello** said that the Kick-Off Rally was successful. The PAC has raised a lot of money to be able to use toward advertising. Five inputs are going in the Voter's Pamphlet. Anyone needing more signs can get those from **Steve Wuergler**. **Shirley Purcell** will send an e-mail giving his e-mail address so members can contact him. Members can discuss the ballot measure with patrons of the Trash to Treasure Sale as well as the Plant Expo. Extension staff members are restricted from talking, but MGs can discuss the measure.

Show and Tell/Good of the Order

Pear Tree: **Roger Sawyer** is giving away several pear trees with semi-dwarf root stock. One tree will be auctioned off at the Trash to Treasure Sale.

Mentor Recognition: **Larry Sutton** asked for all the mentors that were present to stand. Of the 52 students that started the class, 49 graduated. That is a 96% graduation rate. **Elaine Moriarty** asked that **Larry Sutton** be given a hand for all the work he did in supporting the mentors.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karolyn Riecks
Secretary

MG News & Events

Current By-Laws

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership Classes. There shall be three classes of membership: Active, Honorary, and Associate as defined below.

Section 4. Associate Membership.

Section 5. Trainee Membership. All new enrollees in the Master Gardener training program are automatically Associate Members without voting privileges. Trainees who have successfully completed Master Gardener formal training classes will be considered active Master Gardener members with voting privileges. Dues will be payable on January 1 the following year.

Section 6. Payback.

Section 7. Termination of Membership.

Article III: Organization

Section 3. Elected Officers. Members of the Douglas County Chapter, OMGA shall elect officers consisting of a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, State Representative and an alternate State Representative.

Section 4. Executive Board. The DCMG shall form an Executive Board consisting of all Chapter officers.

Article V: Officers and Duties.

Section 2. 1st Vice-President. The 1st VP will preside at Chapter meetings in the absence of the President, will act as the Continuing Education chairperson, and shall assist the President as the parliamentarian.

Proposed Changes to By-Laws (IN BOLD)

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Membership Classes. There shall be **four** classes of membership: Active, Honorary, **Emeritus** and Associate as defined below.

Section 4. **Emeritus Membership.** **Emeritus members are exempted from payment of dues and must meet the following criteria: 1) Making a substantial contribution to the Chapter; 2) Having participated greatly in activities of the Chapter; 3) Volunteered a significant quantity of hours; 4) Reached a point where continued active involvement is no longer feasible. The Membership Director will recommend nominations to the Executive Board and will present Board recommendations to the Chapter for a vote.**

Section 5. Associated Membership.

Section 6. Trainee Membership. All new enrollees in the Master Gardener training program are automatically Associate Members without voting privileges. Trainees who have successfully completed Master Gardener formal **classroom training** will be considered Apprentice Master Gardeners. **Apprentice Master Gardeners, upon completion of payback hours, will become Master Gardener members with voting privileges.** Dues will be payable on January 1 the following year.

Section 7. Payback

Section 8. Termination of Membership.

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Article V: Officers and Duties.

Section 2. **Past President.** **The Past President will act as mentor to the current president and, as a member of the executive board, has voting privileges.**

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Section 3. 2nd Vice-President. The 2nd VP shall Coordinate and advance all revenue producing activities excluding the plant sale.

Section 6. State Representative.

Section 7. Alternate State Representative.

Article VI: Dues and Finance

Section 1. Dues. Annual dues shall be decided at the October Chapter meeting. The membership year shall begin January of each year. The Chapter shall collect dues from members by December 1, and OMGA dues shall be remitted to the OMGA Treasurer by February 15.

Section 6. Budget. A proposed budget is prepared in the October Executive Board meeting for publication in the October newsletter (first week in November publication).

Article VII: Miscellaneous

Section 3. By-Laws. These By-laws may be amended or revised by submission at a DCMG business meeting. The approved changes will then be published in the next newsletter and voted on at the Following Chapter business meeting.

Section 3. Vice-President. The Vice President will preside at Chapter meetings in the absence of the President, will act as the Continuing Education chairperson, and shall assist the President as the parliamentarian.

Section 6. Membership Director. The Membership Director will collect all dues and keep an address, telephone and e-mail list current for all members. The Membership Director will publish the list by April 1.

Section 7. State Representative.

Section 8. Alternate State Representative.

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Plant Clinic & Kruse Farms Schedule

April 2008



Plant Clinic Coordinator: Mildred Gum 673-3112
 Clinic Hours: Mondays thru Friday, 12:30 to 4:00 pm
 April Through September

Su	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 *M. Gum* M. Mueller, G. Jutson, J. Leet	2 R. Thompson* L. Robinson, S. Medina, A. Williams	3 *D. Atchison S. Haacke, B. Van Steinburg R. Abrahamson	4 C. Gray* G. Waller, C. Reber, C. Link	5
6	7 L. Grass, M. Gum M. Curry, D. McWhirt, M. Hendricks	8 *R. Thompson, D. Smith P. McCarley, S. Medina	9 *T. Hash C. Gomes, L. Smith, R. Link	10 J & J Leet P. McCarley, T. Creswell	11 *C. Link G. Waller, T. Creswell	12
13	14 L. Grass, M. Gum B. Taylor, G. Johnson,	15 *P. Barrows L. Campbell, J. Yetter	16 B. Courter, B. Howitt B. Geyton, D. Hopkins	17 D. Atchison, F. Muir, J. Mercer, D. Haynes	18 *D. Atchison J. Cox, R. Mudrow	19
20	21 L. Grass, M. Gum R. Smith, K. Mahoney	22 *Leo Grass* *, P. McCarley, B. Agee	23 L. Bailey, M. Weber L. Oakes, T. Upton	24 C. Herbert, B. Courter C. Reber, B. Taylor	25 * N. Southerland H. May, M. Lenker	26
27	28 L. Grass, M. Gum D. Johnson,	29 *D. Gissel, M. Gum M. Mueller, R. May	30 S. Johnson, E. Moriarty W. McWhirt, T. Creswell	Alternates: Jim Ivy 496-0471 Judy Mercer 672-4338 Geri Johnson 679-0306 Liz Zamba		

April 2008 Kruse Farms-Time: 9:30AM-2:00PM	
Fri	Sat
4	5
11	12
18	19 M. Gum, S. Purcell D. Hopkins, M. Mueller
25 B. Straser, R. Thompson, G. Jutson, R. Chastain	26 M & T Benice M. Mueller, B. Guyton

Discovery Garden News

In the Garden-By Julie Stanbery

At the Discovery Garden meeting held after the MG Exec meeting on Wed March 12, the group agreed to have one work day each month designated to general upkeep and general chores. This means workers from all the individual gardens will join the work force that day to work on whatever chore or project needs attention.

The general work day will be the first Tuesday of every month. Tuesday April 1 will be our first general work day. We will be pruning the acacia shrubs into tree shapes, transplanting holly plants, digging up little volunteer trees for the plant sale and other misc. chores. Please bring all your pruning tools, spades and gloves.

Reminder to wear your badges at all times when working at the HLC.

It was also decided that we will try to bunch orders for materials to hold down costs. EX: if a garden needs material, we will send a memo to all garden chairs letting them know we will be ordering bark mulch or whatever is needed. If another garden is needing the same material, we can bundle the load and avoid duplicate delivery charges.

Ted Benice and Jim Ivey will be the irrigation trouble shooters this year. They will make sure everything is working properly and do adjustments as necessary. Contact Ted if you need help in your section.

Two new class members, Mike Mueller and Bill Van Steinburg have been checked out on the tractor. Any body else interested in running the equipment (of either gender!!) please contact Julie to arrange to be cleared for use of farm equipment.

The job corp has been contacted to set up at work day (10am -4pm) soon!! They will send 5 people to help us for the day. After they help us raise the plastic over the greenhouse frames, they will work on the container garden paths, then they will help move the fence and gate (NW corner) and time left over they will help us build the mother bed for the perennials. This should happen within the next few weeks. Julie will contact everyone when we get a date. Perhaps we will have some volunteers who will bring some soup or chili or something out to the farm that day for lunch for the work crew.

Please call Julie if you'd like to help with a lunch.

Both the north and south side class projects have broken ground!!! This is a new type of class project and it's very exciting to have such a great turn-out for the gardens. Veterans are encouraged to offer your expertise or just your 2cents worth of advice. Come see the progress!

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Tuesdays at 9am will be continue to be DG work days. Garden chairs such as herb and container gardens will announce alternate work days when scheduled.

Shirley has set up an email file just for DG garden chairpeople and Julie will contact Barbara M so we can communicate more easily if something come up that needs attention.

We decided not to schedule another DG meeting unless we have an urgent matter to discuss.

See you in the garden!!



TEA TIME

The COMPOST TEA BREWER (CT) has been perking along for the last month. The CT at this time is being applied to the greenhouse plants for the May Plant Sale.

Compost Tea (worm castings tea), is made from worms that eat vegetable scraps, paper and coconut bark. The worm castings are placed in a mesh container which is placed in 25 gallons of water with an organic starter and catalyst in a "Growing Solutions" brewer. This brews with the addition of oxygen for 24 hours, therefore is in an aerated state when downloaded.

Take a look at the brewer anytime you are out in the gardens, it is at the back of the green shed. The worm bins are in the compos area.

BENEFITS:

- CT can be used on the plants as a soil drench or as a foliar spray.
- CT provides nutrients for the plants via the plant's root system, enhances the soil when used as a soil drench.
- CT is comprised of microbial inoculants for both disease and insect suppression when used as a foliar application.
- CT is an essential of organic gardening.

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Following the plant sale the tea is available on Tuesdays and will be ready for pick up at 10am, in the Discovery Gardens. All 25 gallons will be available for sale for \$2.00 a gallon.

The money received goes into the Master Gardener Fund last year we made approximately \$1000.00. Thanks to all of you who supported our efforts.

RESERVATIONS:

Please notify me.....email..... hopyover7@gmail.com or phone 673-3818 to reserve your tea.

Thank you so much from the Tea Brewing Committee

Shirley Purcell



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