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YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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One of the nicest parts of belonging to Master Gardeners is to associate with people who love gardening as much as you do.

That thought kept occurring to me as I toured the gardens of Tedie Hash, Bill Hayes, Roger Sawyer and Bud Cruger recently.

How diversified they all were! I learned something from the owners of each of their gardens, felt the pride they had in their accomplishments and that they were willing to share their knowledge with others. Thanks to you all.

A big thank you to Merrill McFarland and her husband for hosting our first "Summer Garden Meeting" of the year. Although it was quite a distance, we had a good turnout, thanks to carpooling, and I imagine everyone who came were glad they did. It is a true working farm with lots of animals and another one of those breath-taking views that Douglas County is famous for.

I hope to see more of the new class at next month's meeting as it is closer to town. I'll take this time to remind everyone that they are welcome to invite their spouses, guests, friends to our summer meetings. They are casual

and more social and a good place to become more acquainted with the rest of us. They are always held on the last Thursday of each month, so mark your calendars now.

We have some special events planned for the rest of the summer...fun stuff... We want you to know we don't always expect you to work in this busy volunteer organization.

Come out and join us!

Elaine Moriarty, President



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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

Agent's Report by Steve Renquist

Remembering the Objectives of the Master Gardener Program

After our recent success with proposition 10-86 in the May election, it feels like we have been reborn. With this new lease on life for OSU Extension and the horticulture program it is a good time to review the primary objectives of our Master Gardener program.



Despite the fact that we are from Douglas County our local Master Gardener program has the same primary objectives as all other chapters in the state. Our first objective is to answer gardening questions, and provide home horticulture information to anyone who needs or wants it. So how do we achieve this objective? We have a Master Gardener plant clinic at the OSU office that the community knows is open most weekday afternoons from April to October. The plant clinic has over the past twenty years built a reputation for providing scientifically tested non biased information that the public can count on. You volunteers should be proud of being a part of this process.

During the past few months I have noticed however a lot of empty slots on the plant clinic calendar. Whether this is a result of proposition 10-86 fatigue or a gradual loss of interest in helping with the clinic I can't say. I would like to ask veteran Master Gardeners to remember serving in the clinic is probably our most important activity since it achieves our primary objective and our secondary objective which is multiplying the educational efforts of the local Extension agent. If I need to stay in my office each day to be close by the trainee Master Gardeners and the clinic to help with the public's questions it defeats the purpose of our program. I like to help volunteers in the clinic when I am in my office, I love diagnostics, but I do need to keep active with commercial horticulture too. Please try to sign up for one day in the clinic over the next few months to resolve our current shortage of veterans, otherwise I might have to tell Mildred you are not behaving well.

Two other outreach issues we need to discuss. The first is to thank Jack Wright for coordinating our outreach program for the entire time I have been in Douglas County. Jack has done a wonderful job keeping activities flowing and bringing the outreach program into the computer age. We have a very substantial set of gardening programs in power point on DVD. Make sure you thank Jack for all his help the next time you see him. Jack is stepping down from the committee chair and we need a replacement. If you have an interest in coordinating contacts in the community with our speakers please let me know. This position is important to our success in maintaining a high profile for OSU Master Gardeners in the community. The other outreach activity we need to focus on now is setting up time slots for volunteers to hold down our booths at the county fair. We have a sign up sheet in the plant clinic for the Master Gardener booth and for the Extension booth. Signing up for a booth time slot will get you a pass to the fair so take advantage of the small perks that come along once in awhile. Remember when the fair begins you can park at the Extension office and ride the bus from the courthouse to the fairgrounds with ease so don't worry about parking. Thanks for all you do in our program but don't forget our primary objectives of plant clinic and outreach.

Steve

MG News

State Representative –Larry Sutton

Most of you that are going to register for Mini-college this year have already done so. If you included your email address in your application your confirmation should be sent to you by email. If you didn't include an email address yours will be mailed. We can look forward to more and more activities being conducted via the internet with the rising gas prices and postage rates.

If you held off registering because of a concern for funds, our president announced at the meeting last Thursday that there are still some scholarships available. Scholarships are available up to \$125.00. If you are interested please contact me or Debbie before the next Executive Board Meeting on July 9.

Larry Sutton

REMINDER—

Sustainable Landscape Checklist

people to go to our DC Extension website to print a Sustainable Landscape checklist fill it out and drop it off or send it back to our office. The link is here:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/sites/default/files/documents/hort/lscleanup.pdf>

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS*****

Pamela Barrows

Questions you may have about your volunteer hours... or just to contact her.

E-mail
→ Me ←

Plant Sale

Would like to let everyone know that there is a great selection of perennial plants in bloom at the greenhouse, which are still for sale. There is also a wonderful selection of grasses, trees and shrubs behind the green shed. We have sales every Tuesday from 9:00 AM to noon. So, if you still have some holes in your landscape that need a little something, come on out and see us.

Plant Sale Committee

Master Gardeners from the class of 2008

Over the last few years new Master Gardeners would join our Discovery Garden group only to feel a little left out. They would visit with me about how they would join a theme garden group (Japanese Garden, Children's Garden, Orchard Garden etc.) and all they would get to do is weed. So this year a few of us met and developed the class project concept. We felt that if we let each new class do a project you would have a greater feeling of ownership with the new area and with the Discovery Garden. Your group could also bond a little more working together on the project. I have noticed that the turnout for the two pavilion gardens has been pretty light. It may be because we put off developing the gardens until after the plant expo and many people disconnected. Whatever the reason I would encourage many of you from the class of 2008 to rejoin the few who have designed and planted the gardens. Both gardens look very nice and are comprised of drought tolerant plants. However, these gardens will need regular watering and care during this summer. As the garden gets into the cooler fall your group can discuss which plants seem to be adapting well and which may need to be replaced. There is still plenty to do with these projects to become a full partner in the pavilion gardens.

p.s. If some of you have an interest in learning more about one of the other theme gardens the best way is to join the group. We need leadership or partnerships in several of the gardens. The Japanese Garden, Orchard Garden, and the Children's Garden are in need of more partners. Working in the Discovery Garden can be a very rewarding learning environment but you need to ask a lot of questions of the veterans. At Cal Poly where I studied and the Master Gardeners our motto is "Learn by doing". **Steve**

Wanted:

Awards Banquet Chairman

Job Description: To plan the 2008 Banquet usually held the first week of October. Very good notes are available from the previous two chairmen. As the most recent chairman I can be available to work with you if you so desire. If interested, please contact Carol Gray at cgray@rosenet.net.

MG News Continue

Braille Trail Kudos

I would like to personally say *Thank You* to all the people who have worked on the Braille Trail @ the Easy Access Garden of Discovery Gardens. Special Thanks to all the Master Gardeners who voted to approve the Budget Request for the Braille Signage Signs.

Special Thanks to:

Steve Renquist, Bill Decker, Bill Howitt, Philece Humphrey, George Mc Intryre, Aaron Williams, Judith Huntley, Douglas Gissel, Doug Holloway, Betty Ison, Julie Stanbery, Linda Thames, Larry Sutton, Jack Wright, Fred Muir, Tasha King, Pam Barrows, Carolyn Register, Debbie Fenzl, Mary Hoffman, Lori Miller, Rebecca Richardson, & many others that have contributed time to the Easy Access Garden.

Special Thanks to:

Department of Public Works, Engineering & Construction Division, Vic Cangie, & Mike Chastine & his sign makers, Gary Coelyn's Cabinet Shop, Douglas Education Service District, Jane Johnson & Braillest Daphne helping with Braille Signs ordering from Tactile Signage, Inc. Braille signs should arrive mid-July.

Special Thanks to:

Sutherlin Lions Club—Bruce Boone and members & the Myrtle Creek Lions Club—Robert Chaney/Chuck Johnson and members, for their donations to the project.

Special Thanks to:

The vendors who supplied the products for the projects. Their special pricing and *A Wealth of information* was really appreciated: Gerretson Building Supply Co., Handyman Hardware, & Budget Lumber. I have learned so much from the people I have worked with this last month—everything from core peelers post to type of bolts, types of woods like cedar vs. all other varieties, etc.

By the way the Braille Trail is not finished - -

there are 31 more core peelers posts to be cut & put in holes, along with 600 feet of yellow rope to be tied along the trail, plus an arbor/gazebo to be built. Please see Bill Decker @ garden if you have any free time & would like to help.

Thanks to the Master Gardeners for all their help. The full amount awarded was used for the Braille Trail along with the donation from the Lions Clubs.

Always, **Maggie Nichols**

THE PLANT CLINIC...

Our Mission Statement says "...to educate home gardeners in the D.C. 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".

This is what we do when we fill our hours in the Plant Clinic. We are here to help educate the public in answering nearly 2,000 inquiries a year. I learn something every time I enter the door; I come with anticipation and joy in being able to help others. I may know the answer, but I know that we have to give research based answers - and it is so easy to find the answers. The PNW and student handbooks are invaluable and that's where we find the most information. The source needs to be entered in the log book to help the next person answering a similar question.

I am concerned that more veterans don't share my enthusiasm for dealing with the public. Also, it is a very good way to get personally acquainted with new and older members and such a great way for continuing education. The phone shouldn't be a problem, when there are always others to help with the speaker phone or answering the phone. Until the first of June, two veterans one of whom could be their mentor, and two trainees are needed to help the new members to payback their hours. By the first of June one veteran and two trainees can fill the bill.

I know that it is more fun and showy to work in the greenhouse and gardens, or on a fund raiser, this is all part of what Master Gardeners do, but we need to be available and trained to help those who call or come to our door asking for information.

I am taking a brief leave of absence from the Clinic, my treatments are going well and I hope to be back to work in late July. I sincerely appreciate all the cards, the calls, the thoughts and prayers, I know they are helping and I am truly blessed.

We do need more veterans to guide the trainees through their first year of continuing education, please step up fill the calendar. The new trainees are sharp, but need guidance to keep on track. Thanks for listening,

Mildred Gum lerogamid@gmail.com

MG News & Events

Hallmark

June has either been a relatively healthy month for us or perhaps everyone chose not to contact me for cards considering the fact that my daughter was getting married. I haven't had to send out cards at all this month. (The wedding went beautifully w/unending thanks to Shirley Purcell for the use of her home for the reception. If you're interested, I have LOTS of pictures I'm more than happy to show, upon request.... or not....)

Mildred Gum says she is doing fine. She's still undergoing treatments which make her a little tired but she looks and sounds well. Mildred has always been nothing short of amazing.

I had sent out a card to Paula Yingst earlier and she wanted the MG's to all know how much she misses us and the Disc. Gardens. She had a very bad reaction to a change in medication, primarily for headaches, which led to unexpected complications that have lasted a long time. She is still healing and longing to get back to work with the MG's and especially the greenhouse crew. She'll be back as soon as she can. She can only handle very brief phone calls so far. Cards might be best.

We all keep those members in our hearts who have been away, for whatever reason, from their usual active participation. You are missed and NOT forgotten.

Linda Thames 541-673-3978

On a totally unrelated subject, if anyone is interesting in obtaining "horse manure", a very nice person named Bobbi Tomon has a continuing source. Please call her and identify yourself as a Master Gardener interested in coming to get some to transport in your own vehicle. Her number is 677-8798. My neighbor, Kevin Lott gave me her name. She does not deliver.
Linda



Hello Class of 2008

I recently sent out an email requesting help on the student garden projects at the Discovery Garden, but, I thought I would follow up with a plea in the newsletter also. I want to thank all those who have helped with both the north and south side gardens, they are looking great. However, our need for participation does not end here, we still have further work to be done and the gardens to be maintained.

There have been only a handful of people working on the gardens, and it would be wonderful to see more people get involved. I want to thank the veterans for all of their help, both the knowledge they have imparted and the physical help in the gardens.

Give me a call or email me if you need more information on how you can help.

Happy Gardening !!

Liz Zamba

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MASTER GARDNER TOUR ON JULY 12th TO SUTHERLIN.

By Barbara Leeb, MG Trip Coordinator

The MG tour to Sutherlin will begin on Saturday, July 12th at 9:30 a.m. In the previous newsletter I stated the locations we would be visiting. We will be going to a new lavender farm in Sutherlin, Tim's Treehouse Nursery and Garden Gate Nursery. After our first stop, we will be having lunch at The White Horse Restaurant in Sutherlin.

For those who have not contacted me yet and are interested in going on this tour from 9:30 to 3:30, please email me at barbee789@yahoo.com or call me at 679-2255.

I plan to email or call all those MG's who have already contacted or emailed me regarding this tour in the next few weeks. Thank you for sending your emails and reservations to me. Some have said they would carpool from Roseburg and other towns to Sutherlin. If you need to carpool, please let me know.

The plan is for all of us to meet at the parking lot of the White Horse Restaurant by 8:45am on that day. From there we will go to the Lavender Farm, which will be the first stop of the day (the owner will be serving lavender cookies). All those people who are carpooling from various areas also need to be there by 8:45-9am.

Please respond quickly if you have not done so as we need to make reservations for the restaurant. More information will be sent out soon. Thank you, **Barbara Leeb**
barbee789@yahoo.com

MG News & Events Continue

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Planting Hopes

United Way, UCAN and Master Gardeners Partner for a Day of Caring

The Umpqua Community Action Network (UCAN) was selected by the Greater Douglas County United Way to participate in the annual "Day of Caring" celebration to be held on Saturday, May 31, 2008.

The UCAN project designed for the event incorporates the talents and volunteer time of members of the Master Gardeners organization. They will be sharing their knowledge and expertise with the residents of UCAN's Mariposa Villa and New Vista Village housing developments, demonstrating how to plant and grow vegetables for the residents' individual raised garden beds.

The raised beds placed at Mariposa Villa and New Vista Village will be the first of twenty-eight such gardens UCAN plans to cultivate in several of their twenty-three affordable housing developments.

Nancy Southerland, UCAN's Volunteer Coordinator, states "We're really excited about this project. It provides people a means to grow their own fresh produce. Not only are we creating family centered activities, and offering them a chance to develop new interests and hobbies, we are giving them a tool to enhance their lives. This project allows participating residents to supplement their nutritional needs by putting food directly on their tables."

UCAN received tremendous support from the community to bring this project to realization. All materials, including wood, soil, plants and seeds were either purchased with grant funds from the AVISTA and Catholic Charities foundations, or donated by other community entities. Tomato plants were donated by the City of Roseburg and Douglas High School contributed a variety of vegetable plants. Eight Master Gardeners from Douglas County's Oregon State University Extension volunteered not only time, but seed starts, and demonstrated to the tenants in two complexes how to plant and grow vegetables. Approximately \$1,000 worth of seeds were donated from the Territorial Seeds company. Labor was also donated. Wolf Creek Job Corps built the beds and "local landscape expert" Bob Craft, of Smotis, Inc., mentored a group of teens who did a majority of the "dirty work" – moving the dirt and filling the beds with soil. They are also designing a drip irrigation system that they will install in all the beds once they are planted. According to Tim Smith, the Executive Director of the Greater Douglas United Way, "The committee for the Day of Caring chose UCAN's project because of its positive collaboration with other community groups and its sustainability factor. This is not just a 'one day and it's done' project. The community will see residual benefits from this project for years to come."

The UCAN project will take place on Saturday from 9:00 am to noon at both locations. Mariposa Villa and New Vista Village are located off Gregory Avenue in Winston.

Started in 1969, Umpqua Community Action Network (UCAN) is a Southern Oregon community action program, helping families and individuals to meet their basic needs and providing them with the opportunity to learn the necessary skills to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. UCAN... Working together to improve the lives of people in our communities! Creating solutions to poverty.

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Plant Clinic Calendars

July 2008

Plant Clinic Coordinator: Mildred Gum 673-3112 OR
Leo Grass 679-5971

Clinic Hours: 1:00 to 4:00 pm .

Saturday's Farmer's Mkt. 8:30-1:00

(** = VACANT & VOLUNTEER NEEDED.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 R.Link, **, S.Medina, G.Jutson	2 R.Thompson, **, G.Jutson, T.Creswell	3 L.Sutton, **, B.Guyton, D.Holkins	4 OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	5 K.Riecks M.McFarlan M.Mueller M.Milroy
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13	14 L.Grass, **, D.Hopkins J.Ivy	15 C.Aiello, **, S.Medina G.Johnson	16 E.Moriarity, **, L.Zamba J.Ivy	17 B.Leeb, **, N.Groshong S.Haacke	18 L.Sutton, **, J.Mercer J.Ivy	19 **, ** L.Lanza M.Mueller
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27	28 L.Grass, **, M.Milroy S.Medina	29 R.Link, **, R.May H.May	30 **, **, M.Raney G.Jutson	31 C.Aiello, **, B.Guyton D.Hopkins	Each date should have 2 veteran MG names followed by 2 new Master Gardener names. Veterans, please sign-up to fill vacancies!	

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July 2008 Kruse Farms Time: 9:30am-2pm	
Fri	Sat
4 Holiday	5 M.Nichols, **, L.Terry, B.Guyton
11 M.Nichols, **, J.Hancock, P.Kowalski	12 C.Link, M.Miles, M.Milroy, B.Guyton
18 **, **, **, **	19 M.Nichols, **, S.Haacke, B.VanSteinburg
25 F.Radmacher, C.Radmacher, **, **	26 **, **, **, J Hancock
** = VACANT POSITION NEEDS A VOLUNTEER!	

DCMG GENERAL MEETING

June 26, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by **President Elaine Moriarty**. Approximately 36 members were in attendance.

Reports

Treasurer: Elaine Moriarty said that **Debbie Fenzl** was on vacation and did not have a report. **Elaine** said that she has the checkbook if anyone has receipts that need to be paid.

Vice President: Bill Howitt thanked **Merrill McFarland** for hosting today's meeting. **Rusdee Chastain** will be hosting the July meeting. Directions will be published in the newsletter.

State Representative: Larry Sutton reported that he went to the OMGA Board meeting in Portland on June 7th. The opening dinner theme for Mini-College will be "Foods and Flowers of Oregon". **Larry** reported that Douglas County is known for wine and ice cream. Registration confirmation for Mini-College will be made by e-mail if you included an e-mail address. Otherwise confirmation will be sent by regular mail. If you wanted to stay in one of the blocked rooms at the Hilton, it is too late to register. There was an error in the registration form. Mentoring was not listed by speaker but was listed as a class during the leadership forum and **Larry** will teach it. **Gail Langellotto** made a formal apology to all concerning the awards forms packages that were available only on the internet and not by mail this year. She advised that next year they will only be available online. **Patty Driscoll** announced that the International Convention will be held next year in Las Vegas on March 22 – 26. She would like to give up the OMGA Database Manager position. Contact her if you are interested in the position. More items are needed for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate, please contact **Larry** by June 30th.

Membership: Diane Aiello said that there are 253 active members. **Diane** provided a membership listing with the addresses of all of the Roseburg members. Some of the Roseburg residents are getting a new zip code. She asked that members look over the list and circle their name if their zip code is changing.

Plant Clinic: Maggie Nichols said that there are blank slots for veterans at Kruse Farms in July. There are many empty veteran spots on the plant clinic calendar for July as well.

Discovery Garden: Linda Thames gave the report for **Julie Stanbery**. For the rest of the summer, DG meetings will be at 11 a.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the pavilion. This condenses travel costs and allows 2-3 hours for work before the meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 8th at 11 a.m. The meetings are open to all MGs and all ideas and input are welcome. **Philece Humphrey** will turn on irrigation Tuesday after the work day and sometime on Friday. **Philece** will only turn the

system on and off. Individual gardens must adjust their own sprinklers. **Bud Cruger** is out of town and needs someone to water the raised beds on Friday. He waters from the storage tanks. Perhaps the person who waters the south side garden would be willing to water for **Bud**. Tuesday, July 1st will be a big work day. This is a general work day when complete garden tasks are worked on instead of individual garden tasks. This Tuesday the perennial bed will be finished. Operators are needed for the tractor, mowers and weed-eaters to clean up around the grapes and compost pile. The dandelions need mowing. Many members start work at 8 a.m. in the summer to avoid the heat of the day. Come whenever you wish. The following projects were approved at the last meeting: 1) authorized cost of larger pipe to fill reservoirs, 2) authorized cost of pressure release mechanism for the pump, 3) asked **Noel Groshong** to review the water bill from last year for actual usage amounts before recommending lump sum payment to the Parks Department, 4) after **Noel** reviews usage, will probably continue to use UBW to water greenhouses as it is probably the most cost effective. It was decided not to rent the pavilion to the public this year. **Steve Renquist** will look into the liability waiver to be signed by MGs who wish to use the pavilion for a private party. Rules for use are posted in the plant clinic next to the reservation calendar.

Newsletter: Elaine Moriarty said that articles for the next newsletter are due at midnight this Friday, June 27th.

Publicity/Website: Elaine Moriarty reported for **Patti Langille**. She submitted an article to the newspaper about the relationship between the "Show and Shine" and the Discovery Garden. **Patti** needs Discovery Garden pictures for the webpage. A photo was in the newspaper last Thursday at "Snapshots" of the Butterfly Garden.

Hallmark: Linda Thames said that there were no cards sent this month.

Agent's Report: Steve Renquist brought sign-up sheets for MG and Extension booths at the Douglas County Fair. The MG booth will be in the 4-H Building and the Extension booth will be in the air-conditioned first building. He brought the Landscape Sustainability Check-up sheets to the meeting. He explained that he is doing a talk on it at Mini-College and would like to get feedback from MGs. **Steve** said that there are lots of blanks veteran spots on the Plant Clinic calendar. Since our future is secure now after the service district vote, we need to maintain our presence in the community. He received an e-mail from a visiting California woman that was impressed with the Discovery Garden. She advised that the Discovery Garden should be listed as one of the places to see when in Douglas County. **Elaine Moriarty** advised that the Discovery Garden is listed on the Visitors and Convention website.

Minutes Continued.

Old Business

Nominating Committee: Irene Thomason reported that all the nominees for office were listed in the last newsletter, except for the position of Vice President that had not been filled. She announced that Roger Sawyer has agreed to be the Vice President nominee.

Art Festival: Elaine Moriarty said that members have signed up for the booth at the festival. The MG booth is "K" and Mike Hendricks will bring the information and tent before the festival opens at noon on Friday.

New Business

Field Trips: Elaine Moriarty said that the first trip this year will be on Saturday, July 12th. Barb Leeb will be e-mailing more information on this.

Mini-College Scholarships: Elaine Moriarty said that Mini-College is July 23rd through July 26th. A few \$125 scholarships are available to Mini-College. Anyone interested should contact either Elaine or Debbie Fenzl.

Garden Tours, Phase II: Elaine Moriarty advised that there will be garden tours on Thursday, August 14th at the homes of Betty Ison, Lori and Mark Salars and Billy Russo. Directions will be in the August newsletter.

Outreach: Elaine Moriarty reminded everyone that Jack Wright is resigning as chair of the Outreach committee and so far, no one has stepped up to volunteer for the position. She advised that it might be better for two people to co-chair the committee. It is an important committee and needs to be maintained.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Flickers in Helleck Hall: Mary Lou Davidson said that Flickers are taking over Helleck Hall. Jim Dowd of Parks needs to be contacted about this.

Discovery Garden Irrigation Valves: Steve Renquist said that he observed that the water valves were not open in the Japanese Garden and the Children's Garden so the plants were not being watered when the main valve was being turned on. He advised that each garden is responsible for the water in their garden. A watering class is needed again for the system. Steve said that he will talk to Julie Stanbery about doing this on Tuesday.

Horse Manure: Linda Thames has a phone number for anyone interested in horse manure.

Student Garden Projects: Liz Zamba advised that only two new class members each have been working at the north and south side gardens. More help is needed. Steve Renquist suggested that she write a letter for the newsletter. He said that he would also write an article.

Drive Time Payback Hours: Doug and Geri Johnson said that with the high gas prices, members should be getting payback hours for drive time. Steve Renquist said that he will change the policy to allow for getting payback hours for drive time. A lively discussion ensued about the hour's policy, timesheets and "trainee" swinger bars.

Old Garden Valley Sign: Irene Thomason said that the sign at Old Garden Valley road still directs to the Pitchford Ranch instead of the Discovery Garden. Elaine Moriarty will call the county planning department to see if the sign can be changed.

General Meeting Notice: Sandy Allen requested that from now on the newsletter should publish the date of the next general meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karolyn Riecks Secretary

Discovery Garden News

Discovery Garden Report

* Many volunteers choose to work 8-11 during the summer heat. You are welcome to come early or continue a 9am start time. It's much nicer early in the day.

* For the rest of the summer, DG Meetings will be at 11am the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the pavilion. This condenses travel costs, gives us 2-3 hours to work before the meeting. Next meeting is Tuesday July 8 11am; these meetings are open to all mgs and we welcome all ideas and input.

* Philece will turn on irrigation Tuesday after work day and sometime on Fridays. Philece will only turn the system on and off; if an individual wants less water they must adjust their own sprinklers.

* Show and Shine is July 12 which gives us 2 more workdays to spiff up the garden for company. We will have a group of Mgs at the garden that day to meet and greet the public.

* Projects approved at last meeting:

1. Authorized cost of larger pipe to fill reservoirs
2. Authorized cost of pressure release mechanism for pump.
3. Asked Noel Groshong to review the water bill from last year for actual usage amounts before we recommend lump sum payment to Parks Dept.
4. After Noel reviews usage, will probably continue to use UBW to water greenhouses as is probably is most cost effective.

* Old Business

1. Renewed our decision not to rent pavilion to public this year. Steve will look into liability waiver to be signed by MG's who wish to use the pavilion for a private party. Please review rules for use posted in plant clinic next to the reservation calendar.
2. Reaffirmed need to fix lock on pavilion door. Also need to paint the door.
3. Ted Bernice has plotted the sprinkler system and has posted map in the shed. Please refer to map if you need assistance with your sprinklers.
4. Thanks to Richard Johnstone for framing and posting garden signs at both entrances.

* * SPECIAL THANKS to Sylvia Mallory for her donation to the entry garden for purchase of new and replacement roses and to Marianne Major and family for the memorial fund in Don Major's name.

*** Kudos to the new trainees who have dedicated so much time and effort to the 2008 class projects. Both gardens are looking great and are fine examples of shade and sun gardens. Thanks too, to all the mentors who turned out to help. Good job all!!

See ya in the garden, **Julie**



COMPOST TEA

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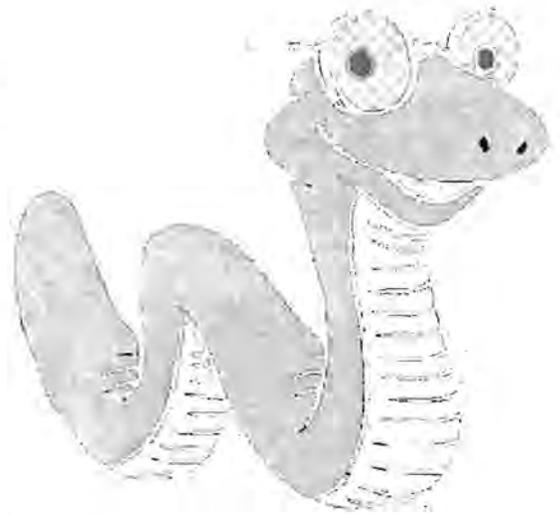
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We thank you Marianne Major, for all your devoted hours making tea over the years. Your dedication was so greatly appreciated, Marianne.

Joanne Bohm from the class of 2007 has stepped forward and is a most welcome addition in the process of making the tea.

Shirley



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