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YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

August was filled with county fairs, garden tours and productive meetings.

For those of you who spent time working the fair booth, both Master Gardener and Extension Service, it was a great opportunity to reach out and educate the community on the services provided by our organization.

I especially was impressed by the creative use of joining the Master Food Preserver and the Master Gardener booths and believe it made an important impact of the two groups. My appreciation to all who participated, including those who donated time to setting up and dismantling the booth.

Thanks also to those hosts and hostesses of our second phase of the summer garden tours. These tours give us a deeper insight into our host members and we appreciate them allowing us to tour their gardens. Those who took the time, on what was one of the hottest days of summer, were not disappointed. I had some terrific feedback.

Our August chapter meeting was held on the beautiful grounds of Pat and TJ Vaughn's home in Melrose. Pat served on our Executive Board several years back and she and TJ have been active Master Gardener members for many years. They generously hosted tours of their five acres after the meeting which many of us enjoyed. Thank you, Pat and TJ, for your hospitality.

In our August meeting, our chapter took an important and significant step in ensuring the future of Douglas County Extension Service for generations to come. Not without some healthy controversy, the

members voted to begin a \$2,000/year contribution, for a period of five years, toward an endowment ensuring the future of Extension Service long after many of us leave this good earth. More details are outlined with the minutes within this newsletter.

Although not all agreed with the conclusion, the majority of members in attendance agreed with the Endowment Committee in going forward. Thank you ALL for your participation.

Our September meeting will be held in the Pavilion in our Discovery Garden. There will be a Continuing Education at 9:00 am, with the meeting beginning at 10:00. Directly after the meeting, we will hold a brief memorial devoted to our dear friend, Lillian Lockwood. Following the memorial, we have lots of activities planned; a scavenger hunt, a potluck, a tomato taste-off, live music....you don't want to miss this meeting!!

I am taking this opportunity to thank the board members who served with me in 2008. I will miss Bill Howitt, Barbara MacPherson, Debbie Fenzl, Diane Aiello and Larry Sutton (although Larry is still a member of the board, just stepping down from OMGA Rep to OMGA Rep, Alternate). My appreciation for their service, time, humor and devotion to Master Gardeners needed to be noted.

I am looking forward to working with the new board and another banner year.

Sincerely,

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

Advanced Training Classes in the Fall

Over the past year I have had a number of veteran Master Gardeners tell me they would like to have additional training for the plant clinic and other outreach classes so they felt more confident to deal with questions from the public. As part of an effort to improve Master Gardener preparation for the clinic I will be offering a few courses during the fall. I don't have dates for the classes yet, but most of them will be in October. I will send emails when dates have been established.



The first class will be an advanced diagnostics class that builds on the diagnostics you got in the winter training plant disease class. The class will take a little more detailed look into some topics you are already familiar with, while reviewing terms and concepts. We will discuss techniques being used by the OSU diagnostics lab and how their process can be copied using a less technical routing. We will also review IPM strategies and practices so you can be prepared to make good recommendations to clients using the most current control strategies.

In a second class I will organize a field trip to various landscapes and or farms to give you a better idea of what real life situations are most common. This way you will be able to visualize the problem areas better when clients describe their garden problems. We will also have a class to review our library materials more thoroughly. I will spend time showing you how to draw out more information from the resources we already have. Part of this class will also access very good support information from on-line sources, including OSU sites you may not know about.

I am also working with OSU Extension agents at the North Willamette Research Extension Center in Aurora to share a series of classes with us this fall. The NWREC class series is called October Pest. The classes are held every Thursday in October from 9am-3pm. Topics covered this year will be Phytophthora management, pesticides and water quality, biological controls, and invasive species. We are hoping the presenters at NWREC can broadcast live via the polycom so we can receive the signal in our kitchen meeting room. If the group cannot broadcast live we will see if they can record their presentations for later use.

Another series of classes we are planning to hold this fall will be at the Discovery Garden on our Tuesday workdays. We are planning to take one theme garden of the Discovery Garden each week to discuss how the garden was developed, what we are trying to teach with the garden, what is sustainable or not sustainable about the garden, and what could we do in the garden in the future to enhance our outreach. This could be a very valuable process for the current class of trainees trying to learn more in general about gardening or landscaping, and it will introduce new MG's to our outreach garden goals and teams. This could also be a great class for the existing crews in the garden to get analysis and feedback about their work. Periodic evaluation of our outreach work is critical to know we are staying on track with our theme of sustainable gardening. **Steve**

MG News

Tomato Taste-off

What's your favorite tomato? How does it taste compared to other tomatoes? What should you plant next year?

Come to the 1st annual Tomato Taste-off following our general meeting on September 25 at the Discovery Garden. Master Gardeners will be bringing their favorites. How will yours stack up? You can taste as many tomatoes as you dare and vote for your favorites.

We are still setting up the rules, but we will be judging 4 categories--red slicing, non red slicing, cherry (including pear and grape), and paste tomatoes. In order to have enough for everyone, we will need several of your precious beauties but don't know exactly how many until we get a handle on how many people will be coming. Normally the meeting attracts around 50 people. Right now we think that would mean we might need 4 large (bigger than a tennis ball) slicing, 7 medium slicing, 20 cherry, or 10 paste tomatoes. This is only an initial estimate; we will let you know ASAP before the meeting.

Prizes will be given to the three favorites in each category and you will be hailed far and wide.

To make this all come together I need your help.

Will you be there?

Do you have tomatoes you want to bring?

Please supply the names and category (see above) of each variety.

You can e-mail me at oregoncreeper@yahoo.com or call me at 459-7897. If you have already contacted me in response to the e-mail I sent out, thank you, I already have your information. **Bob Brindley**

Plant Sale

Just to let you all know, there will be a fall plant sale at the greenhouse after the September general meeting at the Discovery Garden. There are still many plants in bloom and fall is a great time to do your planting. Also, a reminder that you can still purchase plants at the greenhouse on Tuesday's from 9:00 to noon. If any of you are so inclined to come play in the dirt with us at the greenhouse, we have work parties on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 9:00 to noon. We have a tremendous amount of work to do to get things cleaned and ready for the fall sale and for next year's plant sale. Thanks to all for your support. **Gloria**

Plant Clinic News:

Through September, the Clinic will be open five days a week, Monday through Friday, and the Farmer's Market on Saturdays till the end of October.

Pam sent me a copy of the hours for the new class. Many of you have over the 60 required hours, but have reported only a few for the Clinic. It is important to have your 36 Clinic hours before giving up the "trainee" label. Only nine people have reported 36 or more hours in the Clinic. I know that many of you have put in more hours than show on our records. It is important to turn hours in early in the following month. Also, there have been a number of "no shows". If you have signed up and can't make it, try to find a substitute or leave a message that you will not be there.

Clinic hours can be earned in the Clinic, soil testing (talk to Leo), insect committee (see Bob Brindley), Farmer's Market, Kruse's or Brosi's booth.

Steve has to report our contacts and hours to OSU at year end, so it is important that we justify our existence. Also, I need someone who would like to compile statistics of all the contacts and the type of questions received so far this year and till the end of the year.

The Farmer's Market will move to Stewart Park on September 13 for a (one day only) day long harvest festival 9:00-4:00. This is a fun time, Extension and 4-H will also have a booth. We move back to Stewart Parkway, the next week.

There is a rumor going around that you do not need to log the questions at our outpost booth, Farmers, etc. **This is not true; we log all contacts** as well as count. We also take names for the new Class. If a question can't be answered there, refer them to the Clinic on Monday or bring in the information to be answered.

Thank you to all of you who are working in the Clinic and elsewhere, this is a very important and valuable part of being a Master Gardener.

Mildred Gum, lerogamid@msn.com

A HUGE THANK YOU

Thank those of you whom supported me, gave me advice and took your time with me as your News Letter Editor. I believe that my time volunteering as Newsletter Editor helped the organization continue the Monthly New Letter for these past months.

I would personally like to congratulate Ted to the position of the News Letter Editor. Your volunteer time will be appreciated.

Thank you all from my heart
Volunteers do make a difference.

Sincerely, **Rebecca**

MG News Continue

Budget Requests Due to Treasurer October 1, 2008

All committee heads need to submit their budgets for fiscal year 2009 to treasurer, Karolyn Riecks, by October 1, 2008. The 2009 budget will be discussed at the October 8th Executive Board Meeting where each committee head should be prepared to advise the board what the request entails. After approval of a budget at that meeting, the treasurer will submit the budget to the membership at the October General Meeting and have it published in the November newsletter. Approval of the budget will then be voted on by the membership at the November General Meeting. Budget figures can be submitted to Karolyn Riecks by e-mail at kriecks@charter.net, by phone at 643-7237, or placed in the treasurer's mail slot in the Plant Clinic. If there are any questions, contact **Karolyn**.

Hallmark

Around the end of July Pam McCarley's sister passed away. I sent her a Sympathy card.

Gloria Hieden fell and injured her knee in early August but she was up and about, helping the MFP a few weeks later.

At the time of the MG home tours Tricia Creswell's mother became ill and Tricia went to be with her. The tour of her gorgeous home gardens still took place thanks to her husband filling in for her. By the way, I do hope someone submits a report on the wonderful home tours. All four locations were well worth the trip to see!

I also sent a Thank You card to the kind folks at Brossi for providing the produce for our MG Fair Booth.

Sorry if I missed anyone. I've been gone to visit my Grandson and family out of state. If anyone wants a card sent, pls. contact me either at home or on my e-mail.

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E-mail is linbill2@charter.net**

DCMG GENERAL MEETING August 28, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by **President Elaine Moriarty**. Approximately 46 members were in attendance.

Reports

Treasurer: Debbie Fenzl reported account balances as of 8/27/08 of \$74,843.90. She explained that she opened a money market account and deposited \$50,000 in the account that included grant monies and reserves. She explained that each year we put back \$1000 in reserves – emergency monies. **Karolyn Riecks** advised that the 2009 budget figures need to be forwarded to her by October 1, 2008.

Vice President: Bill Howitt thanked **Pat** and **T.J. Vaughn** for hosting today's meeting. The September meeting will be at the Discovery Garden with Continuing Education at 9 a.m. and the business meeting at 10 a.m. **Pat Vaughn** gave a short description of her five acres and invited everyone to tour her gardens after the potluck.

State Representative: Larry Sutton reported that the website for registration to the 2009 International Master Gardeners Conference is www.unce.unr.edu/imgc. The conference is to be held in Las Vegas March 22 – 26, close on the heels of our winter training. **Larry** thanked everyone for the opportunity to represent them.

Endowment: Larry Sutton, chair of the Endowment committee gave his report of the feasibility of an endowment fund (see attached). The committee recommended that Master Gardener's pledge \$2000 a year for five years towards the establishment of an Extension Endowment Fund for Stability. The monies would become a line item in our budget beginning with the 2009 budget and will be transferred to **John Punches** annually in January. Prior to the transfer of any funds, a Memorandum of Understanding will be agreed to with the Extension Chair as to the disposition and use of the funds. A long discussion ensued. **Julie Stanbery** made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation as worded. **Rusdee Chastain** seconded the motion. After further discussion, it was recommended that the motion be amended to insert "Douglas County" before the word "Extension". **Julie** amended her motion and **Rusdee** seconded. A vote was taken and approval was given to amend the original motion. Continue to Page 5

MG News & Events

Then a vote was taken on the amended motion. The vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion passed with 28 ayes and 10 nays. After the vote was taken, **Julie** gave **Larry** a thank you gift for having been an officer for two years.

Membership: **Diane Aiello** said that there are 253 active members. She will be working on her last newsletter Tuesday.

Newsletter: **Elaine Moriarty** said that newsletter articles are due August 29th to **Rebecca Richardson**. She advised that this will be **Rebecca's** last newsletter and that **Ted Benice** will be taking over the editor duties after that. His e-mail address is: tbenice@douglasfast.net.

Plant Clinic: **Leo Grass** said that there are a few blank veteran slots on the September calendar. He said **Mildred Gum** has been working at the clinic the last two weeks. The Farmer's Market will join in the city-wide Harvest Fest on September 13th and will have a separate Fest on October 4th. **Geri Johnson** said that at Brosi Farms they have been having a small number of contacts, but this should improve as more people know that MG's are there.

Outreach: **Elaine Moriarty** reminded everyone that no one has volunteered to replace **Jack Wright** as chair of Outreach. She said that two people could co-chair Outreach. She asked that someone step up and take the position.

Discovery Garden: **Julie Stanbery** reported that since MFP training classes will be conflicting with DG meetings this fall, it was decided to return to meetings on the second Friday of the month at 9 a.m. The last regular workday will be October 14th. After that work will only be done on special projects. In an attempt to get the next new class members into the garden, there will be "Learning Days" for veterans so that they can serve as DG mentors to the new class. Veterans are needed for the Ornamental Garden, Hedge Row Garden and Children's Garden. There will be a "Learning Day" in the Japanese Garden in either November or March. Before the next general meeting on September 25th, there will be special activities, including a scavenger hunt in the DG. The activities begin at 9 a.m. During winter training, when half day classes are held in the greenhouse, the other half of the day will be held in Helleck Hall. Wooden frames are needed for garbage cans to secure them. People have been staying overnight in the garden and using the electricity in the pavilion. The electricity has been turned off at the pavilion and the pavilion door locked. Survey stakes are up for the new bathroom. **Judy Danielson** questioned the change in the date of the DG meeting. After a short exchange, the DG meeting was rescheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. but **Julie Stanbery** will not be able to attend as she will be at the MFP training classes.

Awards: **Betty Ison** gave out 60 hour swinger bars to **Rusdee Chastain**, **Mary Ann Gray** and **Judith Mercer**.

Hallmark: **Elaine Moriarty** reported that **Gloria Hayden** had a knee injury, **Tasha King's** mother is hospitalized, **Sylvia Mallory** is ill and would appreciate cards and the son of former MG **Al Pakros** perished in the Tye Road fire.

Agent's Report: **Steve Renquist** said that he is interested in several advanced training classes for MGs. Those include advanced training in IPM, diagnostics, pruning as well a class on using the MG library. Mentor training will begin in either September or October. The 2009 class registration will be November 11th at 11:30 a.m. The toilet in the DG should be built between September and October. The site has been surveyed and okay received by the Planning Commission. A grant for \$9999 was received from the Ford Foundation to cover additional costs. **Jim Dowd** recommended that MGs keep the restroom locked. Parks will not maintain the restroom unless they use it for an event. The HLC tractor wheel collapsed and needs replaced but a new wheel has been difficult to find for the old tractor.

Old Business

Audit Results: **Roger Sawyer** and **Judy Huntley** completed their audit of the books. They requested an audit trail for all of the different reserve monies, but **Debbie Fenzl** had already done this. Everything was in order.

Awards Banquet: **Philece Humphrey** said that the banquet will be November 1st at 5 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Roseburg.

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New Business

Greenhouse Expense: **Philece Humphrey** had requested \$2200 to complete the greenhouses, but **Gloria Amorde** has been able to come up with \$2600 in funds. \$1600 is available from the Xeriscape Garden and \$1000 from the Plant Sale advertising budget.

Tomato Taste-Off: **Bob Brindley** would like to have a tomato taste-off at the September general meeting. He asked for help to organize it. **Liz Zambo** and **Jim Leet** volunteered to help.

Installation of Officers: **Jack Wright** administered the oath of office to the following new board members: **Elaine Moriarty** – President, **Roger Sawyer** - Vice President, **Maureen Benice** – Secretary, **Karolyn Riecks** – Treasurer, **Carolyn Register** - State Representative, and **Mik Carlson** - Membership Director. **Larry Sutton**, Alternate State Representative, will have the oath administered at a later date since he had to leave the meeting early. **Elaine Moriarty** thanked **Jack Wright** for his many years of service as chair of Outreach. Retiring officers, **Debbie Fenzl**, **Diane Aiello** and **Bill Howitt** were thanked and given a gift for their service on the board.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Agapanthus: **Bud Cruger** brought an Agapanthus 'Mood Indigo' to the meeting for everyone to see.

Wine Festivals: **Leo Grass's** band, Slo Poke, will be playing at the wine festival at UCC. **Elaine Moriarty** advised that she and **Debbie Fenzl** will be having a booth at the wine festival being held September 6th in Oakland.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karolyn Riecks

Secretary

September 2008

Plant Clinic Coordinates: 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.)

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September 2008 Brosi's Farms

Time: 10am-2pm

Sat
6 **, **, **, **
13 **, ** L. Terry, J. Hancock
20 **, **, L. Terry, **
27 **, **, L. Terry, **
** = Vacant, Needs a volunteer

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Executive meetings: second Wednesday, 9am, kitchen conference room; Chapter meetings: last Thursday, Jan thru May: 10am, annex auditorium; June, July, August: member's gardens, 10am; Sept: Pavilion, Discovery Garden, 10am; Oct, Nov: 10am, annex auditorium; (no December meetings)

Articles for the next Newsletter are **due** Friday, September 26, 2008 Send to Ted Benice, thenice@douglasfast.net or mail to 1210 Arcadia Drive, Roseburg, OR 97471

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