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Be patient, my fellow gardeners, the sun WILL come out and with it, we'll be so busy winter will be only a distant memory. I am as anxious as anyone to get my hands dirty and nourish my soul by working in my garden once again. I love that old poem which reads "one is nearer to God's heart in a garden than any place on earth". It must be that connection to those who have passed before us that fills our hearts whenever we plant something new.

Speaking of planting something new, I have already sent out an email, but to those who receive our news via this newsletter, I am requesting donations of vegetable plants or seeds (or both) for our Victory Garden 2009. With a virtual budget of \$0.00, we are reduced (with no apologies or embarrassment whatsoever) to begging. So....all those leftover seeds or plants that will go unused in your home gardens, please send (or contact) one of our committee members (me, Doug Holloway, Carolyn Register, Mary Lou Davidson, Liz Zamba, Philece Humphrey, Barbara MacPherson, or Karen Cooper) We are also welcoming new members as our plans proceed. The garden is to be located in the field east of the new greenhouses out at our HLC (Horticulture Learning Center, for those newcomers), which is everything else except the fenced Discovery Garden.

Another date to be added to your calendars is the last weekend in June, Friday, 6/26, Saturday, 6/27

and Sunday, 6/28. The Board agreed to set up a plant clinic booth at the Umpqua Valley Summer Arts Festival in the non—profit area. This is located on Harvard on the grounds surrounding the Art Center. This means we will NOT be setting up plant clinic booths at our regular weekend locations; ie, Kruse and Farmers Market. If anyone has already signed up for that weekend, please note. Contact Judy Mercer or myself for further explanation.

Let's all be prepared for very busy summer season.

See you in the garden,

Elaine



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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

OMGA Representative Report

Greetings from your State Chapter Rep.

I was able to tuck a little R&R in the quaint little town of McMinnville. The newest of aviation techniques are juxtaposed with very old...

Now for the news that was the good, the bad, and the ugly.

I chose to call the info from the IRS as the ugly. IRS guideline policies presented were: Whistleblowers Policy of OMGA Oregon, OMGA Retention Policy and for the Executive committee only, a Conflict of Interest Policy.

The bad had to do with the fact that the Lake County Chapter is disbanding. Their monetary assets will be disbursed as per policy, but there is some question as to the method of disbursement of material assets.

The good news is that Gail Langellotto is being supported by the on line classes and the Family Community Development Curriculum. She is working with the public schools. The Gardening Enhancement Nutrition Education (GENE) program is progressing and will have a 12-part nutritional curriculum.

Her goals and priorities are to produce a MG Handbook, a Sustainable Gardening Handbook with lots of color pictures and on-line availability.

Now for my pet project:

MINI-COLLEGE, MINI-COLLEGE, MINI-COLLEGE!

Please clear your calendars for August 5-8 or any part of those days, you won't regret it. On-line registration will be available so that part is truly painless. Be thinking of what you want to donate for our part of the silent auction and door prizes. It doesn't have to be garden related. Put your thinking caps on and bring it on!

Happy gardening trails,
Carolyn AKA Reggie
St Rep DCMG



MG NEWS

Successful 2009 Home Show

The 2009 DCMG Home Show booth saw more activity and results than ever. For instance: We had 37 sign-ups for next year's classes and 415 contacts. All the Journals taken to the Show were distributed to signees, garnering mountains of appreciation. Shirley Purcell's Vermiculture demo was very well attended and resulted in at least two MG class sign-ups and an application for the Master Food Preserver course. Overall Home Show attendance was 25% over last year, and we benefited.

A big hurrah and thanks to all who manned the booth and made this such a successful year.

2010 Umpqua Valley Home & Garden Show

Next year's Home and Garden Show will be held March 5-7, 2010 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Applications will be available online the beginning of May, 2009.

STEPPING STONE WORK SHOP

There will be a stepping stone workshop on June 12 and 13 at the Discovery Garden green house at 9:30 a.m.

Kathy McIntyre and Judy Dake will be demonstrating how to make a poured cement stone and a mosaic tiled pre-formed stone. They will let you what you will need to bring to make your own.

The poured cement stone is like the footprint stones used in the Human Sundial in the Children's Garden.

The mosaic tiled pre-formed stones are like all the other stones in the Children's Garden.

If you are interested in making a stepping stone please sign up in the plant clinic or notify Judy Dake, 459-1812.

HALLMARK

As you have probably heard by now, Mildred Gum lost her battle with lung cancer on March 7, 2009 at the age of 87. Right up to the end, she remained her bright, cheery, positive self, more interested in what good things others were accomplishing rather than dwelling on her condition. I had the privilege of visiting her over those last months of her life. Up until then, true to her hard working, productive nature, she didn't stay home much. During her illness her beloved son, Gary and grandson, David took such good care of her.

On Feb. 12, Steve held a pruning class at her house. Those of us who came were greeted by Mildred in her wheelchair and her son, Gary, thanking us all for our efforts and enjoying getting to see us.

She was always concerned about HOW to repay all the friends who would bring food or visit or send cards. "How?", I would say. "You already have. You've done so much for all of us over the years, it is we who want to repay you!"

I was proud to see so many MGs and MFPs at Mildred's Memorial Service that following Saturday. She was a person who elevated each person she touched. It will take the dedication of many to even attempt to fill those shoes. With just the original MG Cookbook alone, Mildred was responsible for selling a MAJOR percentage of those all by herself! She was loved and truly will be missed.

In late March, we lost a big supporter and former MG by the name of Elmer Hoppe. I sent a Sympathy card to his widow, Judith.

At the Membership meeting it was announced that Julie Stanbery is in the hospital. At the time of our meeting she had asked that no one try to visit and please do not phone her home. Our best wishes go to her and we hope she will be feeling great and back with us in the very near future. We're thinking of you, Julie!

On a different note, regarding the upcoming new MG/MFP COOK-BOOK PROJECT, please contact me and tell me what recipes are your very favorite in the old cookbook, the ones worth repeating in the new cookbook IF we have the space to include them. Pls. give me the name of the recipe and the pg. number &/or who submitted it, if possible.

Of course, we're hoping for a lot of new, wonderful recipes so please pick up forms in the MG office and turn those into us as soon as possible.

Linda Thames
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Plant Sale

To all the new Master Gardeners and veterans, we want to thank you for all the hard work and dedicated hours you have put in. As you can see, we couldn't have done it all without you and it should make you all feel proud that you are going to be a part of another successful Expo for the Master Gardeners.

Again a reminder of the dates for the pre-plant sale for Master Gardeners. They are Thursday, April 23 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and again on Sunday, April 26 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Also, a reminder to veterans, you must have your dues paid prior to the Expo or we cannot let you work. If you have not done so as yet, please get your money into Mik Carlson as soon as possible.

Don't forget to start working on those hats....Pam is looking for some competition this year. Please arrive at fairgrounds Exhibit Bldg. by 8:00 AM both Friday and Saturday (don't forget your food) and be sure to wear your badges. Wear comfortable shoes, as you will be on concrete all day. Ladies, remember we don't have places to secure handbags so please wear fanny packs or use pockets. Want to let you know that Master Gardeners are welcome to purchase raffle tickets to try and win some of the great prizes that are donated. We now have 53 vendor spaces filled for the Expo and another possible five or six. This is just remarkable and looks like it's going to be a great affair.

The State Board will be holding their monthly meeting in Roseburg on May 2 and will be attending our Expo so we want everything to look smashing for them and make a good impression. The Expo is a couple of days of work, but also a lot of fun. We hope you all enjoy yourselves and have a great time.

Plant Sale Chairs

Gloria Amorde, Chuck Aiello and Bob Brindley

VERMICOMPOSTING, WORM BINS, COMPOST TEA

The COMPOST TEA BREWER (CT) is situated in the back of the green shed in the HLC. Take a look at the brewer anytime you are out in the gardens. The worm bins are in the compost area.

The brewer has started making compost (worm castings) tea to apply to the greenhouse plants for the upcoming sale in May on May 2nd.

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, the tea is in an aerated state when downloaded.

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 part of organic gardening and is used for organic farming, golf courses, vineyards and the home owner's yard and garden.

AVAILABLE:

Compost tea is available for sale in a limited amount until the plant sale is over.

On May 5th, following the plant sale, compost tea will be available on Tuesdays and will be ready for pick up at 9am, in the Discovery Gardens. Each gallon costs \$2.00, is provided in a gallon jug. You can purchase one gallon or as many as you want, depending on what your garden needs.

This has been a constant fund raiser for the general fund of the Do. Co. MGs for the last 4 years.

RESERVATIONS:

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

Shirley Purcell & the CT makers.



Monthly Garden Calendar

April 2009

- Early April: fertilize lawn, let spring rains carry the fertilizer into the soil.
- If lawns are becoming thin and sickly, consider overseeding with a mixture of perennial ryegrass and fine fescue.
- Protect dogwood trees, as they begin growth, against anthracnose diseases. Apply a copper fungicide or Daconil. Rake and destroy fallen leaves spring through fall.
- Help youngsters start a garden this year with carrots, chard, lettuce, onions, and peas.
- Bait for slugs; iron phosphate baits are available that are safe for use around pets. Clean up hiding places for slugs, sowbugs, and millipedes.
- Allow foliage of spring-flowering bulbs to brown and die down before removing.
- Prune and shape or thin spring-blooming shrubs and trees after blossoms fade.
- Control rose diseases such as black spot and powdery mildew. Remove infected leaves. Spray as necessary with registered fungicide. Prune ornamentals for air circulation and to help prevent fungus diseases.
- Prepare garden soil for spring planting. Incorporate generous amounts of organic materials and other amendments as needs are shown by soil analysis.
- Use floating row covers to keep insects such as beet leaf miners, cabbage maggot adult flies, and carrot rust flies away from susceptible crops.
- Monitor strawberries for spittlebugs and aphids; control if present.
- Cut and remove weeds near the garden to remove sources of plant virus diseases.
- Spray for apple scab, cherry brown rot, and blossom blight. See EC 631, Controlling Diseases and Insects in Home Orchards.
- Apply commercial fertilizers, manure, or compost to cane, bush (gooseberries, currants, and blueberries), and trailing berries.
- Plant gladioli, hardy transplants of alyssum, phlox, and marigolds, if weather and soil conditions permit.
- Prepare raised beds in areas where cold soils and poor drainage are a continuing problem. Add generous amounts of organic materials.
- Place compost or well-decomposed manure around perennial vegetable plants.
- Watch for botrytis blight on peonies.
- Check started seeds for damping-off.
- Cover transplants to protect against late-spring frosts.
- • Plant these vegetables (dates vary locally; check with local gardeners):
broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard, chives, endive, leeks, lettuce, peas, radishes, rhubarb, rutabagas, spinach, turnips.

BEANS, PEAS, LENTILS !

Beans, peas and lentils will be featured at the April 23rd, "In the Kitchen" class put on by the OSU Master Food Preservers. Featured are a lentil-pasta casserole, lentil veggie burger, hummus and more. Uses of pinto, black and navy beans and slow cooker techniques will be discussed. The class will be held at the Sutherlin Community Center, 150 S Willamette St. from 10AM-2PM. To sign up, go to the OSU Extension office or go on line to extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/food. Information: 672-4461

Treasurer's Report
As of 3/26/2009

Account Balances

CD - Reserves - \$4,200.00
Checking - \$1,170.08
Money Market - \$6,290.64
Reserves - \$300.00
Bulk Mail - \$203.09

Total \$12,163.81



The profit made from the "Spring Into Gardening" seminar, after expenses, was \$882.38. Our biggest expenses for the month were \$1,128.50 to pay for the last half of the building rental at the fairgrounds for the Plant Expo and \$990.00 to OMGA to pay for the state portion of the annual dues collected from our members.

Karolyn Riecks, Treasurer

Endowment Fund

The Extension Service has set up a "holding" account where monies can be deposited for the Douglas County Extension Service Endowment Fund until enough funds have accumulated to start the endowment. Any interested parties can write a check to: Agricultural Research Foundation, ARF, and reference account #8100. Checks should then be given to Mary Hoffmann who will deposit the monies into the account.

Karolyn Riecks



**Master Gardener
Graduating Class
of 2009**

DCMG GENERAL MEETING

March 26, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by **Vice President, Roger Sawyer** Approximately 61 members were in attendance.

Reports

Treasurer: Karolyn Riecks reported overall total balances as of 3/25/09 of \$14,608.14. There was money collected from dues, the "Spring Into Gardening" conference (\$882 profit) and Plant Sale Vendor booths. \$2000 was paid toward the Endowment Holding Fund. If anyone wished to donate to the Douglas County Extension endowment fund write "Agricultural Research Fund" on the check or contact **Mary Hoffmann** in the office.

Vice President: Roger Sawyer thanked Extension Agent **Shelby Filley** for presenting a lecture on noxious weeds. Next month the presentation will be **Leo Grass** on Drip Irrigation and/or Water Conservation/Water Storage. **Roger Sawyer** cautioned everyone that spraying RoundUp around grape and blueberry plants must be done knowing that these plants are very sensitive to RoundUp.

State Representative: Carolyn Register said the quarterly OMGA meeting in McMinnville topics were: Mini-College, August 5-8 (Douglas County will have two presenters at Mini-College, **Steve Renquist** and **Larry Sutton**); raffle prizes are needed for the Silent Auction; Conflict of Interest and Term limits of OMGA officers; **Gail Longiletto** and the On Line MG program(s). **Carolyn Register** said the information on the Oregon Coast Seminar held June 26/27 in Newport will be posted on the board outside the Plant Clinic.

Membership: Mik Carlson said that there are 304 active members. That number includes the 44 new MGs. 199 are paid. There is the possibility of 61 who "should" pay. The new roster will be mailed out in April. Please check the roster in the back of the room to be sure your information is correct.

Committee Reports

Plant Clinic/Farmers Markets: Judy Mercer reported that alternates are needed to call upon in case a person who has signed up for Plant Clinic cannot attend; the Plant Clinic calendar is now hanging on the wall above the desk; there is a new table banner for use at the Brosi Farms booth; and a new canopy for use at the Farmers' Market has been purchased. **Debbie Haynes** reported there will be a training on how to use the new canopy on April 11, 2009 at 2PM in the Extension parking lot. When working at the Farmers' Market do not park in the Dutch Brothers parking lot. Call a substitute if you cannot work your shift at the Farmers' Market. Bring a chair, weather appropriate clothing, a snack as there are not many food vendors and do not bring your children, animals or pet project. Mike Hendricks has two backup people, per **Judy Mercer**. Gallon jugs of water are needed for anchors for the canopy.

Community Outreach: Leo Grass says that there will be a lot of help needed from MG since there are a number of community gardens starting up. **Melonie McKinnon**, Coordinator of Community Gardening will be speaking at the Extension office Tuesday, April 7, 2009, at 6PM. **Leo Grass** and **Ken Hays** will be giving a presentation at Phoenix School and **Bob Brindley** will be giving a presentation on bugs at the "Conference on Aging at UCC.

Discovery Garden: Shirley Purcell reported that **Julie Stanbery** was in the hospital but she wished to have

no calls or visits. Hallmark will send a card.

Awards: **Betty Ison** said the nominations for state awards were completed for this year. She would like to have suggestions for next years' nominations as the deadline for getting the nominations to the state has been moved up and that makes it difficult to receive input from members.

Publicity/Website: **Patti Langille** introduced the new Publicity Chairperson, **Kathy Bennett**. She has already sent the picture of the new class graduation to the paper. The Plant Clinic hours changes for April have been sent in for publication. The web page still needs input from some of the garden heads. **Kathy Bennett** said she will need volunteers for placing signs for events as she lives in Days Creek.

Hallmark: **Linda Thames** gave a description of the Hallmark job. She said there was a good representation of MGs at **Mildred Gum's** memorial. Cards have been sent out.

Agent Report: **Steve Renquist** was absent.

Old Business

Plant Sale: **Gloria Amorde** announced that the clipboards were in the back of the room so sign up for a Plant Sale job. To work at the Plant Sale you must be a dues-paying member, so pay your dues. There are 53 booths and maybe another 5 in the works. Pre-Plant Sale(s) for MGs are April 23rd. 11-3PM and April 26th. 11-3PM. MGs may buy raffle tickets and raffle prizes are being accepted now. Bookmarks and signs are in the Plant Clinic, so pick up some and pass them around town. The OMGA Executive Board meeting will be in Roseburg so they will be touring the Plant Sale.

New Business

Children's Garden: **Judy Dake** said she and **Kathy McIntyre** will be giving a workshop on stepping stones in June. There will two kinds of stepping stones: Mosaic, which will be for personal use and fresh cement in forms, probably a demo, to make for the sundial in the Childrens's Garden. A suggestion was made that stepping stones could be made for raffle prizes for Mini-College.

Good of the Order-Show and Tell: **Judy Mercer** said that the tar paper was catching slugs in her yard.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Benice
Secretary



New Grad Glenda Zalunardo Getting her Associate Badge from her Mentor, Bonnie Courter



Plant Clinic Calendar

APRIL 2009

Plant Clinic Coordinators: Judy Mercer 672-4338
 Leo Grass 679-5971
 Clinic Hours: Mon-Fri. 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Farmer's Market: Saturday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm
 (** = VACANT & VOLUNTEER NEEDED.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 J. Wright M. Henry K. Bennett H. Krohn	2 L. Sutton R. May K. Konecny N. Meyer	3 J. Moore J. Leet D. Lindsley T. Davidson G. Moreno	4
5	6 L. Grass J. Ivy J. Jackson P. Kaetrop	7 C. Link M. Hendricks K. Bennett H. Krohn	8 K. Riech I. Benice C. Herbert V. Perkins	9 L. Lanza R. Link B. Adams, **	10 J. Mercer J. Ivy J. Jackson P. Kaetrop	11
12	13 L. Grass J. Swegles J. Cuddy A. Berry	14 D. Hopkins R. Thompson S. Bennett R. Drew	15 J. Agee J. Wright V. Perkins S. Nicholas	16 D. Hopkins, ** S. Bennett R. Drew	17 J. Mercer, ** J. Jackson T. Stihlek B. Brown	18 D. Haynes L. Lanza C. Rich B. Brown
19	20 L. Grass R. Chaastain B. Robinson G. Robinson	21 B. Agee C. Link P. Carroll L. Saaber	22 J. Agee B. Courter G. Zalunardo D. Neavoll	23 Leet, ** G. Moreno P. Kaetrop	24 J. Mercer B. Agee P. Carroll R. Drew	25 D. Haynes L. Lanza J. Cuddy **
26	27 L. Grass R. Chaastain B. Robinson G. Robinson	28 P. Barrera, ** S. Robbins D. Gaedecke	29 R. Thompson M. Benice G. Zalunardo D. Neavoll	30 J. Jackson P. McClure V. Perkins T. Stihlik	UPDATED MARCH 27, 2009	

Protocol for Alternates in the Plant Clinic.

If you are signed up to work the Plant Clinic it is your responsibility to get an alternate if you are unable to be there. To expedite this process we will publish the list of Alternates in each month's newsletter. Preceding the name will be a V or T designating veteran or trainee. If the volunteer is only available on certain days that designation will follow their name.

April

- V Judy Mercer 672-4338
- V Jackie Carpenter 464-8168
- V Larry Sutton 459-7834
- T Deb Gaedecke Mon. or Tue. 874-3310
- T Beth Brown 673-5772
- T Valerie Perkins Mon. or Wed. 672-3639



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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)

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Important internet links:

Website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/mg>

Discovery Garden: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/discovery-garden>

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Steve Renquist Email: steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu

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