



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Oregon State UNIVERSITY **OSU** Extension Service Douglas County

May 2009

Volume 24, Number 5

YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

JUNE 2009

By the time this newsletter goes to the editor on Saturday, our 23rd Plant Sale will be well underway. Twenty-three years, WOW!!! What began in 1986 with a few Master Gardeners exchanging plants, then selling them to the public has grown into a Plant Expo that gardeners throughout the region eagerly anticipate every Spring. They count on us to offer quality plants at the lowest possible cost, and we do not disappoint them. How do I know that? Because we have so many repeat customers that started out buying plants at the annex, then on to the Armory, and now come out to see us at the Fairgrounds.

I'll throw in a little trivia here, our annex building is also referred to as the "church annex" by old timers who remember when it used to be a church. It is called an "annex" because it is a county-owned building...an addition to the courthouse. There!!...don't you feel smarter?

Back to the plant sale...I remember "back in the day" waiting in a long line, sometimes in pouring rain, for the annex doors to open to buy my first Spring flowers and talking to all those knowledgeable Master Gardeners, thinking "when I retire, I'm going to become a Master Gardener....well, the rest is history.

Our chapter would not be where it is today without all you wonderful volunteers who work so hard to make Douglas County the BEST chapter in the state of Oregon! Thank you all for your diligence, your willingness, your sunny dispositions (well, most of the time), your friendship to me and to each other,

and your eagerness to make our events and fundraisers outstanding and successful. I am so proud to be associated with you.

We will be breaking ground and planting our Victory Garden in the next few weeks, so all of you that have worked so hard on the plant sale can now turn your efforts into helping out in our next community project. This will not make us any money, but is a project that will help feed our local population that are not as fortunate as we are and is an endeavor near and dear to my heart. Let's all pitch in and make this a fun project.

Election is just around the corner. If you are interested in serving on the Executive Board as an officer, please share your thoughts with either Leo Grass, Judy Mercer or Pam Barrow, our 2009 Nominating Committee.

See you in the garden,

Elaine



Inside this Issue

	Page
Agent's Report	2
State Rep Report	3
Treasurer Report	3
Trash-to-Treasures	3
Monthly Garden	4
MG News	5-6-7
General Meeting	9-10
Plant Clinic	11

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

Food Crops Should be our Focus in 2009

Dedicating 2009 as a year to help the people of Douglas County with food security issues, would be very timely for our Master Gardener Chapter. With unemployment near 20% locally, and a quick rebound in job hiring unlikely, there is a great need for us to share our food production skills and knowledge with local people wanting to grow food crops. At the International Master Gardener Conference last month the head of Ball Seed Company said many industry surveys showed that, of the present 110 million households in the U.S., they are expecting a 19% increase in food gardening. Of all people growing food crops they are expecting 21% will be new gardeners. These numbers are astounding. Not since World War II has there been such a resurgent interest in having a food garden. The demand grew so great in the early 1940's that there was a great seed shortage in 1943. Seed companies are telling me this year they are selling out of many varieties and that is after pushing their seed production effort very hard last summer.

These two food gardening scenarios are being driven by two separate factors. The first factor is a need to grow food to help during tough economic times. The second factor is a desire to grow food locally for freshness, and to know how the food was grown and with what products. Both of these factors fall under the heading of food security. For those of you who would like to focus on more training with food production issues, the Master Gardener Mini-College theme this year in Corvallis will be "Backyard Food Solutions, Local, Sustainable, Secure." Mini-College will run from August 4-7 with dozens of great classes planned.

With such demand likely for our services we need to be prepared for a big increase in gardening questions in our plant clinic, farmers market table, and Kruse and Brosi Farm locations. We should make sure we have up to date food crop references along with our PNW guides. References can be brochures or handouts of suggested vegetable varieties that will grow well in our county, how to prevent disease in a vegetable garden, designing and laying out a vegetable garden, how to grow berries and tree fruit. IPM pest control methods would be another good handout. We already have these types of handouts so just make sure to get them together for the early season.

Our outreach group should also gear up to make the normal program requests, and we should be proactive and get out on location at as many community garden type locations as possible. We should call some of the UCAN folks

who work with gardens for low income and offer to set up some early season refresher classes on growing veggies. I will be visiting one of the new community gardens out on Rifle Range Road to deliver short classes. We have the infrastructure in place to help a larger number of new gardeners than other groups.

You have probably heard of the phrase, "Carpe Diem" (seize the day). Well a number of our veteran Master Gardeners would like you to "Carpe Rutila", (seize the spade). Those veterans would like to raise a victory garden out at the Hort Learning Center, across the parking area from the Discovery Garden. We have an excellent location with lots of sun, water, and good soil. What we don't have yet is a fence and lots of hands. Our intent with the garden is to produce a lot of veggies to donate to UCAN, who has the cold storage and contacts with folks who need some help. If you are interested in helping on the Victory Garden project, please sign up on the clipboard in the plant clinic. This project will require a lot of volunteer time, (May through August several days a week), so we need commitments from people before we will begin. This potential project would be a good one for the new class. You folks need to put in 24 hours each of volunteer time outside the plant clinic. Give this some serious thought. The Victory Garden can also be a good venue for holding "how to grow veggies" classes. We certainly can leverage it into a very worthy education program with other community benefits. If you do not have time for the Victory Garden project at least consider growing extra veggies at your home garden to donate to local kitchens or UCAN.

Steve



State Representative's Report

Greetings from your St. Rep,

As I write this I know most of you are still busy getting ready for the plant sale.

So, now that it is over for this year, jump right in and start again for next year! Once you are able to relax a bit, please check your calendars for August 5-8 Mini-College at OSU campus in Corvallis.

If you check on line at:

"<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/mimi-college>"

you can download the featured speakers and try to decide the ones you will have to miss because you have to attend another class at the same time!

There are a few partial scholarships available, first come first served. I will be collecting items for door prizes and silent auction and need you all to help DCMG out by being generous with your donations. Gardening, cooking, art, wine, gift baskets, plants, you name it, we can use it for our share of items needed for mini-college activities.

I am also looking for a St. Rep. Alternate. If you are the least bit interested, please contact the nominating committee.

Happy gardening trails,

Carolyn AKA Reggie
OSU St. Rep. DC
Master Gardener



Treasurer's Report As of 4/30/2009

Account Balances

CD - Reserves - \$4,200.00
Checking - \$3,508.47
Money Market - \$6,290.96
Reserves - \$300.00
Bulk Mail - \$157.96

Total \$14,457.39

The money received from the Plant Expo pre-sale was \$3,488.90. The major expenses for the month were for Plant Expo advertising and supplies.

Karolyn Riecks, Treasurer



Trash to Treasures Sale

The Trash to Treasures Sale is coming up soon. Please deliver your "Treasures" on Friday May 29th to the annex between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Please no clothes or magazines). We will be setting up and pricing that day, so everything will be ready for the sale on Saturday May 30th - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. There is a sign up sheet in the plant clinic if you are available either day (or both) we sure can use all the help we can get.

Thanks,
Caroline

Monthly Garden Calendars

May 2009

- Leafrolling worms will affect apples and blueberries. Prune off affected leaves and place pheromone traps or spray with approved pesticides.
- Control cabbage worms in cabbage and cauliflower, 12-spotted cucumber beetle in beans and lettuce, maggot in radishes. Control can involve hand removal, placing barrier screen over newly planted rows, or spraying or dusting with appropriate materials.
- Trap moles and gophers as new mounds appear.
- Control spittlebugs and aphids in strawberries and ornamentals, if present; wash off or use insecticidal soap as a contact spray. Follow label directions.
- Fertilize rhododendrons and azaleas; remove spent blossoms.
- Plant chrysanthemums for fall color.
- Plant dahlias, gladioli, and tuberous begonias in mid-May.
- Spray cherries, plums, peaches, and apricots for brown rot blossom blight, if necessary.
- Control aphids with insecticidal soap, a hard spray of water, or hand removal; by promoting natural predators; or by using approved insecticides labeled for the problem plant.
- Tiny holes in foliage and shiny, black beetles on tomatoes, beets, radishes, and potatoes indicate flea beetles. Treat with Neem, rotenone, Bt, or use nematodes for larvae. Follow label directions.
- Fertilize roses and control rose diseases such as mildew with a registered fungicide. When selecting new roses, choose plants labeled for resistance to diseases.
- Prevent root maggots when planting cabbage family, onions, and carrots by covering with row covers or screens, or by applying appropriate pesticides.
- Control slugs with bait or traps and by removing or mowing vegetation near garden plots.
- Place pheromone traps in apple trees to detect presence of codling moth. Plan a control program of sprays, baits, or predators when moths are found.
- Monitor broadleaf evergreens for root weevils. Look for notches chewed on new leaves. Mark plants to treat with parasitic nematodes in autumn when soil temperatures are still at least 55°F.
- Plant these vegetables (dates vary locally; check with local gardeners):

Western Oregon: mid-May, transplant tomato and pepper seedlings.

Western valleys, Portland, Roseburg, Medford: snap and lima beans, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, cucumbers, dill, eggplant, kale, peppers, pumpkins, onions, summer/winter squash, potatoes, tomatoes, watermelon.

Friday, moving plants to the sale



All Gone



Pre-sale inventory



MG News

MG's/MFP's are getting together to create a cookbook.

We are asking you to please send us your favorite recipes, including cooking and gardening tips. We want our cookbook to be the best one possible.

The Recipe Sheet and Publication Information forms are available at the OSU Extension Office in the Plant Clinic or from anyone on the cookbook committee listed below.

You may leave the recipes at the Plant Clinic in the box available or give them to any member of the committee. If you are emailing the recipes to a committee member PLEASE provide all the information on each recipe that is on the forms. Please also put one recipe per page.

Thank You,

Lorenna (committee chair)

Cookbook Committee:

Maureen Benice	mbenice@douglasfast.net	673-4671
Pam Carroll	nahikupam@tymewyse.com	839-6533r
Rusdee Chastain	2umpquanuts@dcwisp.net	299-1313
Leslie Farrell	grlecats@earthlink.net	673-7256
Joan Fedder	tojo@rosenet.net	492-8489
Deb Haynes	thedebhay@gmail.com	677-0900
Dave Helsley	wapi@charter.net	
Philece Humphrey	ssw41@douglasfast.net	957-5526
Doug & Geri Johnson	tigerslady0306@msn.com	679-0306
Len Lanza	fenris@centurytel.net	784-6603
Lorenna Remington	lorsrem@cmspan.net	863-4860
Cindy Rich	csneal2@yahoo.com	677-1882
Linda Thames	linbill2@charter.net	673-3978

DCMG Rosters

All members were sent a new DCMG roster. Please notify Mik Carlson if yours has not arrived. Changes and additions will be posted in the monthly newsletter. Members can use that information to keep their rosters updated.

Ken Hays kchays@clearwire.net
Maggie Nichols 818-207-8399 (cell)
Mike Hendricks hndricks@msn.com
Malinda Curry 1401 Veterans Way #244
Barb Cassidy jcassbar@mesonet.net
Sam Bennett sam@feralfibre.com



Mik Carlson



One of many vendors



4H Helpers

MG News

Our next OSU Extension/Master Food Preserver **What's for Dinner?** Class will be held Wednesday, May 13, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Sutherlin Community Building, 150 S. Willamette St. (off Central Avenue), Sutherlin, Oregon.

Pat Vaughn will demonstrate and serve a Mediterranean menu featuring dishes from Morocco, Persia, Israel, Greece, Italy and Turkey:

Country	Dish	Description
Morocco	Tagine	Lamb Stew over couscous
Persia	Yogurt Salad	Similar to the greek tzasiki
Israel	Falafel	Chickpea croquettes
Greece	Dolmah	Stuffed grape leaves
Italy	Pignoli cookies	Almond paste and pine nut cookies
Turkey	Oranges	Oranges steeped in syrup and rosewater.

A full lunch is included with the \$15 registration fee. Deadline for registration is Monday, May 11 at noon.

To register stop by the Extension office at 1134 SE Douglas in Roseburg or mail your form and check to:

Douglas Co/OSU Extension
Attn: MFP-CL
PO Box 1165
Roseburg, OR 97470

Pre-registration is required. Class is limited to 24 participants.

Questions? Call the OSU Extension office at 672-4461.

HALLMARK

With all of the excitement and activity of preparing and setting up for our Annual MG Plant Expo on Friday, there was a mishap out at the Discovery Gardens when Yvonne Henderson fell and suffered what turned out to be a broken wrist. She pleasantly surprised us by making a brief appearance at Saturday's Plant Expo, easing everyone's concerns. Our best wishes go out to her for a speedy and Complete recovery.

I also want to make a brief mention of an honor that has been earned by Patti Langille. In April we learned that she's a FINALIST in a creative writing competition. Good luck, Patti. We're proud of you!

Linda Thames
673-3978



All Gardeners are encouraged to attend the next Discovery Garden meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 9am in the pavilion.

We need and appreciate your input. Please come prepared to discuss summer irrigation plans, garden maintenance and future projects.

See you in the garden,

Julie

TEA TIME - TUESDAY by 9:30

Methods of brewing compost teas date back to the early Roman, Greek and Egyptian times.

Compost Tea.....improves soil structure and water-holding capacity while providing plants with a natural source of slow release nutrients.

Compost Tea.....is home to an abundance of beneficial microbes-organisms that can fend off plant disease and help to promote overall plant health.

Coating your plants' leaves with compost tea, gives them a suspension of beneficial microbes can be an effective means of (naturally) keeping foliar disease at bay. This is accomplished by foliar spraying.

Order your time now.....\$2.00 a gallon by calling 673-3818 or email.....
hopover@gmail.com



Shirley



The Winning Hat

Saturday.....9 to 4



Lined up for the opening



Hi, there



Raffle Prizes



Sale in progress



After the sale



Sweep up

DCMG GENERAL MEETING

April 30, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:10AM. by **President, Elaine Moriarty**. Approximately 65 members were in attendance.

Reports

Treasurer: Karolyn Riecks reported overall total balances as of 4/30/09 of \$15,688.11. There was money collected this month from dues, the Presale, vendors and soil testing. All the totals but the Presale were bigger than last year.

Vice President: Roger Sawyer thanked **Leo Grass** for his presentation on the state of water on Earth. And he also thanked **Mark Salars** and **Jack Wright** for sharing their water conservation techniques. Next month will be about the Plant Clinic and he requested that the members think about humorous anecdotes about working in the Plant Clinic. He needs one more location for the Summer meetings.

State Representative: Carolyn Register said information on Mini-College is downloadable. She asked for a person to volunteer to be Alternate OMGA Representative. Please contact the Nominating committee.

Membership: Mik Carlson said that there are 268 members. The new roster is in the mail. It was held up by broken copy machine. There are Master Gardener cards available in the Plant Clinic

Committee Reports

Discovery Garden: Julie Stanbery said the Discovery Garden meeting will be May 12, 2009 at 9:00AM in the pavilion. Irrigation and summer watering will be discussed. She thanked everyone for their concern and cards while she was ill.

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, Kruse Farms, or Farmers' Market cannot attend. She said the office requests that when an informational piece needs to be mailed that we look in the office files and if it needs to be copied for mailing we use the office copying machine, not the printer in the Plant Clinic. Also, the client may have internet access and then he can download the information himself. **Debbie Haynes** reported that Farmers' Market was going well. The first week the weather was beautiful and there were 137 contacts. Please remember to dress in layers, bring your chair, etc. They have had 10-12 2010 Class signups.

Community Outreach: Leo Grass says that there had been a presentation in Myrtle Creek by **Sam Lee** and a tour of the Discovery Garden by **Larry Sutton**. **Bob Brindley** will be giving a class at the Extraordinary Living Conference. He said the Discovery Garden PowerPoint presentation looks good. He may show the slides at the Plant Sale.

Nominating Comminttee: Leo Grass reported that the regular term of office is one year with the traditional two years expected. The committee is looking for Alternate OMGA Representative and First Vice-President. The slate of nominated officers will be presented at the May General meeting and in the June Newsletter, elected at the July meeting and installed at the August General meeting. **Jack Wright** will do the installation.

Awards: Betty Ison said there were no awards.

Publicity/Website: No report.

Hallmark: Mik Carlson said a letter from Marj Milroy is available to read.

Agent Report: Steve Renquist was absent.

Old Business

Plant Sale: Gloria Amorde announced that the plants are looking good and Saturday is close! Be sure to wear your badge, bring food and park in the right place. The Pre-sale was better than she expected and she thanked all involved in the Plant Sale. Richard Johnstone reminded everyone about the "fire brigade" after the meeting to load supplies from the attic for the Plant Sale. We need volunteers to bring things back Saturday evening. Elaine Moriarty has the keys. Bob Brindley said there are 60 booths, 3 more than last year and 40 Vendors, 4 more than last year, even though the Medford sale is the same day. Gloria Amorde said some Jackson County people were at the greenhouses and were very impressed. They want to meet with our greenhouse leaders later this year.

Victory Garden: Elaine Moriarty reported that Julie Stanbery will spray Roundup on the grass in the area for the garden and after the Plant Sale we will start on the Victory Garden. She thanked all the people who donated plants, seeds and money.

New Business

Art Festival: Elaine Moriarty said the Art Festival is the last Friday-Sunday in June and volunteers for MG booth are needed Friday 4-8PM.

Compost Tea: Shirley Purcell will have compost tea at the HLC starting next Tuesday. Please email her with your orders. Gale Robinson has been helping with the turning of the compost while Ken Hays has been absent recovering from shoulder surgeries.

Good of the Order-Show and Tell: Chuck Aiello was heard on radio, KQEN, talking about the Plant Sale. It was also discussed on "The Hatch Patch" last Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Benice
Secretary



Editor's Note:

A few of the Plant Sale photos were taken by your editor. Most were taken by his better half, Maureen.

We had a bit of extra space, so after lengthy deliberations, those you see were included. (We left out the really blurry ones.)



The Wise Men

Plant Clinic Calendar

Unfortunately, there will not be a Plant Clinic Calendar in this issue. Susan Haake, who kindly provides a copy for the newsletter was involved in an auto accident and has been advised by her doctor to remain at home for a few days rest. We wish her a speedy recovery and are thankful that the accident was not more severe.

Perhaps those scheduled for May can refer to the Calendar in the plant Clinic Office if you need to update your own calendars. Ed.

Notes from the Plant Clinic by Judy Mercer

I have a request from Mary in the office. When making copies of publications for mailing to the public ALWAYS make them 2 sided. In a recent incident a publication was made on the copier in the clinic office. Because it was one sided it was going to cost an additional 42 cents to mail. Mary caught it and made an additional 2 sided copy of the publication. This is a waste of paper and Mary's time.

Always ask a client if they have internet access. If so, you can give them the appropriate site and they can download the information themselves.

I want to complement the new apprentices for their work in the clinic. They are taking to it like ducks to water.

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.

May Clinic Alternates

V Judy Mercer 672-4338
T Deb Gaedecke (Mon-Tue) 874-3301
T Valerie Perkins (Mon - Wed.)
T Beth Brown 673-5172

Farmers Market Alternates

T Liz Zamba 496-4736
V Maureen Benice 673-4671
V Carolyn Register 673-1505
V Rusdee Chastain 229-1313
T Glenda Zalunardo 673-6076



Susie Robbins

**Douglas County
Master Gardeners
Newsletter**

1134 SE Douglas Ave.
Roseburg OR 97470
541 672 4461
1 800 883 7568

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE

Oregon State University Extension Service offers educational programs, activities, and materials without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, disability, and disabled veterans or Viet Nam Era veteran status as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1973, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Oregon State University Extension Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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)

Douglas County Master Gardeners of
OSU Extension Service

Important internet links:

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

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

MG Plant Clinic Email: douglasmg@oregonstate.edu

Steve Renquist Email: steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu

Articles for the June 2009
Newsletter are due Noon
Saturday, May 30 Please
email articles to
Ted Benice
(tbenice@douglasfast.net)

ROGER SAWYER
170 E. 4TH AVENUE
SUTHERLIN OR 97479

DCMG2009-05-00235

NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE
PAID
ROSEBURG, OR
PERMIT 57

Douglas County Master Gardeners
PO BOX 1165
Roseburg OR 97470
PH: 672 4461