



# Douglas County Master Gardeners



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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Howdy again!! Just when you thought you'd heard the last from me, here I am again. In an agreement between Judy Huntley and I, I'm writing this column one more time.

Thanks go out to Suzie Robbins for hosting our last Summer Garden Party at her home outside of Winston. A bunch of people made the drive and it really makes a difference to those who so generously offer us their homes for our meetings. The Hobo Stew was a great success and delicious.

You now have a new slate of officers and I offer my congratulations and wishes to them for a successful year. They will be leading a great team of dedicated and hard working individuals.

If everything goes well, you are now reading this newsletter electronically. Congratulations to us on joining the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Hope all goes well with this experiment. It will save time, money and paper. Once all the glitches are worked out, I'm sure everything will run smoothly. There will always be extra copies in the Plant Clinic office for those of you who do not own computers. Please stop by and pick up a copy.

Thank you all for the beautiful gift at my last meeting. I will cherish this lovely bowl made by one of our own, Pam Barrows.



I would like to take a few minutes to pay homage to Chuck Aiello, who has just finished his fifth year as a member of our Board of Directors. Two as President and three as Past President. Prior to my accepting my third term in the President's chair, I called him to ask if he would mind setting on the Board one more year as Past President. He graciously, as he does most eve-

rything, accepted. Add to that, he served two years as our Treasurer. This is a dedicated man and, Chuck, these few words do not begin to thank you for your years as a leader in our Master Gardener chapter.

Make a mark now on your calendar for our September meeting which will be held September 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am, in the Pavilion at our Discovery Garden. Bring your potluck contribution and enjoy the meeting and our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Tomato Taste-off Contest. Bob Brindley has hit on an idea which was such a success last year, everyone wanted to continue the fun. Bring your best tomatoes from your garden and win a prize!!

I am now signing off, one more time, with a grateful heart to all the friendships I have made since becoming a Master Gardener. Best of luck to the new Board.

Sincerely,  
Elaine Moriarty  
Past 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

Agents Report for September 2009

Last month I talked about starting a new training program for veterans who are interested in working in the plant clinic. The program will bring a group of Master Gardeners together to advance our diagnostic skills, guide our new students better, and better serve our clientele. Our first meeting date has been set for Wednesday, October 21 at 10am in the Extension kitchen. We will discuss our schedule into the future, roles for people in our meetings, training tools for our group, and we will view a power point on diagnostics from a meeting I recently attended. This will be a very valuable group of volunteers for our organization so come have fun and learn with us.

We have set a date for our first winter training mentor meeting. We will be meeting Wednesday, September 30 at 10am in the Extension upstairs auditorium. The mentor meeting will last 1-2 hours. The purpose of our meeting is to get all mentors for the 2010 winter program together to review responsibilities and answer your questions. Veteran Master Gardeners are of course welcome to enroll as mentors, but we have found that mentoring is a great idea for the class just finishing their training. If you are from the class of 2009, mentoring will allow you to go over material a second time that you may not have fully understood from last winter. Being a mentor will also allow you to get the balance of your volunteer hours in if you have not yet finished.

Master Gardener 2010 Registration has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 11:30am until 12:30pm. The first half hour will be registering people and handing out books. The second half hour will be giving the new apprentices a more detailed look at what our program entails and allowing their questions. Please mark this date on your calendar and come by about 10:30am at the Extension auditorium upstairs to help set up. We like to have enough people helping to guide people in lines, sign in at tables, hand out books, and visit with the new students while they wait for the presentation period. I will have a sign up sheet in the plant clinic for helpers.

In our August executive meeting the officers present and the agent agreed it was time to start producing an electronic newsletter. During our trial and transitional period we will have the newsletter posted on the Douglas County Extension website and print copies for those without an email address. The posted newsletter will be cleansed of all addresses, phone numbers, and financial information. When you go to get the newsletter at the website just click on Master Gardeners, then go to the bottom of the page to click on Master Gardeners only. You will need to use a login to give us a little more security. The login is: **ext\_domg** and the password is: **mgDoug01** If the trial goes well we expect this to speed up the delivery of our newsletters and save a lot of paper.

Have a good month,

Steve



**Master Gardeners,  
Mary Hoffmann is compiling a list of people who do not have internet access for email or our newsletter. If for some other reason you are not able to access or download the posted pdf file with our newsletter, please give Mary your name to add to our mailing list.  
Thanks,  
Steve**

## MG News

### Welcome . . . MG 2010 Training Applicants.

By Mary Hoffman, OSU Extension Secretary

The enrollment information/application packets for the next class of Master Gardeners were mailed on August 28, 2009 to everyone who requested this information. This information is also available on the Douglas County Master Gardener webpage: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/mg> (See menu item #6.) This is a pdf of the information letter and enrollment application.

If you know someone who is interested in taking the next training program, please make sure they have a copy of this packet. Copies are also available in the OSU Extension Service Office, in the Master

Gardener's Plant Clinic, and at the 3 MG information tables at the markets. Anyone who is serious about taking the program should enroll early with payment attached to their application. In most years the class fills and some must be turned away. Class size is limited to 50 seats.

If anyone would prefer to take this class via the Master Gardener Online option, the link is: <http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/workforce/master-gardener-online/>. This program is open to enrollments as of August 12, 2009, limited to 75 seats and fills almost immediately.

We all look forward to another class and another year!

## Plant Sale

Just want to let everyone know that we will be having our fall plant sale, for Master Gardener's only, at the greenhouses after the September 24<sup>th</sup> general meeting held at the pavilion. Fall is a great time to plant so please come see if we have something to fill an empty space in your garden.

We would like to thank everyone who went out of their way to help support us with the many new pallets for our area behind the new greenhouses. We now have a great supply to last us for sometime. As we put our plants in greenhouses for the winter, we will be replacing many of the pallets in the patio area. We could not have done this without all your help. Also would like to thank Jon Thran so very much for all the time he has spent repairing older pallets that still have some life left to them. Thank you again to all.

Gloria

OSU Extension Service & Jackson County Master Gardener Association's

# 11th Annual Gardening Symposium

Saturday November 7, 2009  
RCC/SOU Higher Education Center, Medford



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Come to the 2nd annual Tomato Taste-Off following our general meeting on September 24 at the Discovery Garden. 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. We need 4 large (bigger than a tennis ball) slicing, 7 medium slicing, 20 cherry, or 10 paste tomatoes. This estimate is based on our usual sized audience of 50 people. Bring your tomatoes in a paper or plastic bag with your name and the tomato's name written on the bag. If you bring more than one variety, please keep them separate from each other. Drop them off at the tomato tasting site before the meeting.

The top three tomatoes in each category will receive coupons to spend at our plant sale following the meeting if the winners are obvious at that time. If not, you will receive the coupons to use on any Tuesday morning that there is someone at the greenhouse. If you plan to bring tomatoes, I would appreciate you letting me know what varieties you are planning to bring. Please e-mail me or call me. I will be out of the state from September 11 to September 22; at this point I do not know if I will have access to e-mail but I would appreciate you sending me your names so that I will be up and running when I return. If you are not sure you will have tomatoes available on the 24th, please still send me the list; I would rather over prepare than be overwhelmed.

Bob Brindley

(See the roster for email address and phone number)

We will have our first salsa taste-off after the general meeting back at the annex in October.

So far (I'm still open for suggestions), we will have three categories--red, green, and fruit. Depending on the number of entries we may break those down into mild, medium, and hot.

Prizes will be given at least to the top salsa in each category. To help me organize this taste-off, could you please email me or call me with your entree(s) categories. I will be out of town from September 11 till September 22 so I may not be able to respond back to you until I return.

Bob Brindley ( See the roster for email address and phone number)

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**WHERE ARE THOSE COOKBOOK RECIPES?**

Please pick up forms in the Plant Clinic, put your favorite recipes on them and put them in the Blue Box marked "RECIPES". The cookbook needs them !!!

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**DCMG Roster Update**

*Please notify Mik Carlson of any roster changes that need to be made.*

*Roster updates will not be posted in the newsletter after the September issue, due to on-line security concerns. Updates may be obtained at the extension office or the Plant Clinic.*

## DCMG GENERAL MEETING

August 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President **Elaine Moriarty** at 10:06 AM at **Suzie Ann Robbins** home. Approximately 35 members were in attendance.

### Reports

**Treasurer: Karolyn Riecks** reported overall total balances as of 8/26/09.

**Vice President: Roger Sawyer** thanked **Suzie Robbins** for allowing us to have the August meeting at her house. Next month's General meeting will be in the Discovery Garden Pavilion. The Tomato Taste-off will be after the meeting.

**State Representative: Elaine Moriarty** reported that **Carolyn Register** said that OMGA activity was slow. The next OMGA quarterly meeting is on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership: Mik Carlson** reported that there are 275 paid members. Any changes of address or email address should be sent to **Shirley Purcell** or **Mik Carlson**.

### Committee Chair Reports

**Plant Clinic/Farmers Markets: Judy Mercer** reported that the Plant Clinic was very busy this month, 106 contacts through yesterday, and the volunteer slots were filled up. **John Panches** donated a replacement computer monitor that is now in the Plant Clinic. The printer was taken out as printing is done on the office printer. She said she would be gone from September 15-24<sup>th</sup>, so contact **Leo Grass** with Plant Clinic business.

**Community Outreach: Leo Grass** thanked the volunteers who worked the DC Fair. **Sam Bennett** will be giving a talk on vegetables at a local garden club. The Tenmile Garden Club requested a workshop on pruning to be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> in the Discovery Garden and the Lookingglass Garden Club requested a tour of the Discovery Garden on September 24<sup>th</sup>. As that is the date of our General Meeting in the Pavilion some arrangement will be made.

**Discovery Garden: Elaine Moriarty** reported for **Julie Stanbery** that September 22<sup>nd</sup> will be a major workday to spruce up the Discovery Garden for our September General meeting. She requested that everyone to come out and work.

**Awards: Betty Ison** said there have been several associates who earned their 60 hour swinger bars: **Jon Denny, Joni Jackson, Tom Davidson, Yvonne Henderson, Neal Meyer, Valerie Perkins and Suzie Ann Robbins**. She said that **Larry Sutton** is Master Gardener of the Year. It was announced at Mini-College. The Behind-the-scenes Master Gardener of the Year is still a secret and will be announced at the Awards Banquet.

**Hallmark: Linda Thames** said there was no report.

**Agent Report: Steve Renquist** said he has set up two meeting dates. September 30, 2009, in the Extension Office kitchen at 10:00AM is to discuss Mentoring the Winter Training class of 2010. October 21, 2009, at the Extension Office, either in the kitchen or upstairs for the first meeting of the Diagnostics/Plant Clinic group. This group will meet each month on the third Wednesday at various locations. More information about these meetings will be in the next Newsletter. The OMGA Time recording system will be available in October. It is requested that everyone keep handing in paper time

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## General Meeting continued

sheets until notified as a transition time is needed. The reporting system is easy to use and members can check their hours. The chair people who need member hour information will have access. Our Newsletter will be posted on the Douglas County MG website experimentally. Access to the Newsletter is through a password and ID. There were discussions of privacy, budget information and access. A preliminary Winter Training class schedule has been made.

### Old Business

**Awards Banquet:** Elaine Moriarty reported that the Awards Banquet is to be held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00PM, at the First United Methodist church on Harvard where it was held last year. There will be more information later.

### New Business

**Tomato Taste-off:** Bob Brindley said there is to be four categories of tomatoes. He needs three "tomato cutters" and he got volunteers. More information will be in the Newsletter.

**September Executive Board Meeting:** Elaine Moriarty said the meeting is to be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> in the Extension Office kitchen at 9:00AM

**Good of the Order-Show and Tell:** Suzie Robbins made crocheted dishrags for the taking. Karolyn Riecks had squash to give away.

**Installation of Officers:** Jack Wright installed the 2010 officers. Everyone gave the outgoing officers a round of applause and gave the officers who would not be back a gift. He presented Elaine Moriarty with a special gift from the chapter. She was President for three years.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 AM

Respectfully submitted: Maureen Benice - Secretary

### OFFICERS 2010



President  
Judy Huntley



OMGA Rep.  
Carolyn Register



Vice-President  
Liz Zamba



Secretary  
Maureen Benice



Membership  
Mik Carlson



Past President  
Elaine Moriarty



Treasurer  
Karolyn Riecks

## **Treasurer's Report As of 8/27/2009**

Income for the month was \$322.25 spread between Soil Testing, Plant Sales and Compost Tea. Expenses for the month were \$5,238.93 with the majority of the expenses coming from \$875.00 for Mini-College scholarships, \$528.98 for the new PA system and \$2,125.41 for nine months of HLC electricity.

Karolyn Riecks, Treasurer

## **Budget Requests Due to Treasurer October 1, 2009**

All committee heads need to submit their budgets for fiscal year 2009 to treasurer, Karolyn Riecks, by October 1, 2009.

The 2010 budget will be discussed at the October 14<sup>th</sup> 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 or by phone, or placed in the treasurer's mail slot in the Plant Clinic.

If there are any questions, contact Karolyn.

## **Getting the Master Gardener and Master Food Preservers Fair Booths Ready**





## Memories of Mini-College



Maureen, Betty, Jack, Carolyn, Elaine, Larry, Guili, Karolyn, Tasha

## Summer Garden Party and General Meeting at Susie Robbins'



Getting Started



Larry Sutton, Master Gardener of the Year (having just received his award at Mini-College)



After Lunch



Douglas County Master Gardener's Display



Just Relaxin'?



# Plant Clinic Calendar

September 2009					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 L Sutton D Haynes Y Henderson P Mueller	2 D Fenzl	3 R Sawyer	4 J Mercer  G Zalunardo D Neavoll	5  B Brown
7 CLOSED	8 L Sutton M Lenker	9 J Huntley  Y Henderson	10 L Grass	11 J Mercer S Bennett	12 L Herlan L Smith
14 L Grass S Johnson A Berry Y Henderson	15 L Sutton M Lendker	16 J Leet	17 L Grass S Bennett	18 D Haynes	19 D Haynes G Zalunardo D Neavoll
21 L Grass  P Kastrop	22 R Drew M Lenker	23 R Thompson	24 J Wright	25 J Mercer  K Cooper G Zalunardo	26 D Haynes  G Zalunardo D Neavoll
28 R Thompson  A Berry Y Henderson	29 R Drew  G Ward	30 L Grass  S Robbins			

## NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

We are wrapping up the last month of summer and it has been a busy one. To date we have well over one hundred contacts in the Plant Clinic alone.

Our new class is doing a great job and many have already fulfilled their 36 hours. (Don't think you're off the hook. I still want to see you in the Clinic.)

We want to send a **BIG THANK YOU** out to John PUNCHES for our beautiful new computer monitor. The old printer has been removed, freeing up some much needed space. All of our printing will go directly to the printer in the office. This gives us the capability of double-sided printing.

We still have lots of empty slots for the month of September. Please call or stop by the office and sign up. Just one day a month would be a big help. Don't forget our outpost clinics, especially if your weekdays are filled.

Steve Renquist is planning some truly exciting learning experiences for the Clinic volunteers. Starting in October we will be having monthly meetings. We will be reviewing the previous month's contacts, seeing where we can make improvements and looking forward to the next month and

what kind of problems we may be seeing. Steve will also be providing a number of opportunities to improve our diagnostic skills.

I will be gone from the 15<sup>th</sup> of September until the 24<sup>th</sup>. Leo Grass has kindly offered to fill in for me.

Have a great month and I will see you in the Clinic.

Alternates for the Month of September  
Clinic  
V Judy Mercer  
V Janet Bitter  
V Bill Howitt  
T Karen Cooper

Farmers Market  
V Liz Zamba

Kruse Farms  
V Rusdee Chastain  
V Maureen Benice

Brosi's  
No alternates

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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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Douglas County Master Gardeners of  
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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](mailto:steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu)

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Articles for the October 2009  
Newsletter are due Noon  
Saturday, September 26  
Please email articles to  
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