

# Douglas County Master Gardeners



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## YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Well, I just finished my second Douglas County Master Gardener meeting and am making a wish for more attendance. We had a good group, but so many faces were not present and were missed. Please put November 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendar and make plans to come on down to the November chapter meeting.

So sorry that many of you missed our 1<sup>st</sup> Salsa Taste Off. We had about 10 different salsas: red, green and fruit. They were very good, but not hot enough for some people. They were great to my taste buds, which are very bland. Thank you very much Bob for setting this up and good job Joni Leet, Jim Leet and Lori Salars for the continuing ed on salsas, peppers and their preparation . It was very informative and gave lots to think about.

Spent a wonderful day yesterday outside getting some needed chores done. Steve Renquist and two boys, one his son, came to help me, and we worked two hours racking, picking up limbs and cleaning gutters. My granddaughter discovered mushrooms. Seems we have an abundance in my two yards, small and large ones. She also took advantage of the one mud puddle in the driveway. Oh to be young again. Was nice to have the young help and contribute to a good cause. Then I was able to get out and use my blower and do some mowing. What a great day. Has been hard this last month as we have had over the average amount of rain and I always seem to be busy with meetings on the nice days.

I have been hearing on the news that if you

contribute 8 hours of volunteer time to a 501 c3 organization that you can get a free night pass to sponsoring hotels between November 1, 2009 and March 1, 2010 I believe. Need to get more info because I think we all can qualify for this because the Master Gardener association is a 501 c3 organization and I know that many of you put in way more than 8 hours. We will have to find out how this works and take advantage of this perk if possible. When I hear President Obama urging Americans to volunteer in their community, I just want to send him a copy of our yearly hours sheet and say SEE we are already ahead of you.

On that note I sincerely hope some of you that have not signed up for the end of the year annual harvest banquet on November 7<sup>th</sup> will do so. Contact Philece Humphrey. This is the time of year we pat ourselves on the back and say good job. We clean up a bit and come together to enjoy each others company for an evening of good food, awards & honors and at times some questionable entertainment. Please join us at the Methodist Church on Harvard Avenue at 5 pm. See you all there.

Judy Huntley  
DCMG 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

### An Annual Evaluation of Your Landscape



The fall is often a lovely time of the year to just wander around in your yard to enjoy the colors and changes occurring as we head toward winter. But instead of just focusing on the beauty of nature, take a little more time to look analytically at each plant and the landscape as a whole. The fall is a great time to ponder how well your plants grew, did you have more disease or less disease than normal, did your watering system work well, was your vegetable garden productive, and did my fruit trees produce well? If you evaluate how well you did as a gardener at this time of the year you will remember the details better than when you are starting up again next spring.

So let me give you a few examples of how I am analyzing my yard in this fall. I have noticed the past two years that my vegetable garden is pretty slow getting started in the spring. I have come to the conclusion that as my yard has matured the trees are getting larger and the site I am using is too shady and cool until late June. Therefore I have chosen a new site that is farther away from big trees and should warm up much faster in the spring. With the new vegetable site I have killed the tough perennial grass, spread compost, and seeded an annual ryegrass-hairy vetch cover crop to protect it over winter.

Another evaluation I do every year is to walk around looking at shrubs and trees as leaves come off to see how much growth they have made. I want plants that make enough growth to produce good flower buds for next year, but not so much growth that I have a big pruning job to do annually. This is true whether you have a fruit tree or a flowering shrub like a viburnum. If you have to chop a plant back hard every year it is probably in the wrong place. If your fruit tree is making more than 18 inches of growth a year you are probably over watering or over fertilizing. Or you pruned it so hard last year that it stimulated a big response. Try to balance growth and pruning so you get a moderate response from the plant.

Think about your watering habits. Was I applying enough water to get healthy growth while minimizing waste, or did I apply too much? Most of us tend to over water our turf grass areas. I allow my cool season turf grasses to slow down during the heat of summer, and then come back strong in the fall with plugging, lime, and a little fertilizer if needed. Forcing cool season grasses to stay deep green in our summer often leads to excess use of fertilizer, and water. And excess water and fertilizer is what leads to thatch buildup. I walk around in the fall looking to see if I over stressed my turf. If it is not greening up and looking thicker or if it died out in patches I want to know what I may have done wrong. It looks nice this fall so watering about once a week with one inch of water is working well on my soils.

Another thing to monitor annually is the quality of your soil. Has it been a number of years since you made a soil test? Remember we can do soil tests at the Extension office for homeowners. Keeping your pH is a 5.5-6.5 range is generally ok for most plants. By monitoring the growth of your shrubs and perennials to their norm over the years allows you to know if it is time to renovate and add lime or composts to your gardens. I noticed my plants on the uphill part of my yard didn't do as well as other areas. The soil there is rockier so I decided to add more compost to those gardens this fall. Remember before you lime everything to know which plants like acidic soils. Those up hill areas will need to get a little more water and mulch next summer too, since rockier soil types don't retain water as well as loam or clay.

And you will all appreciate knowing that my trusty garden journal (the one that no one likes) is my best friend when I am making my fall garden evaluation. By looking at what I did when during the growing season with fertilization, pesticides, planting, harvesting, etc. helps me know how to adjust my plans for next year. If you are so lucky to be the owner of a journal, keep using it. Information is critical when doing analysis or diagnostics.

Stay healthy, keep gardening. Steve



## Garden Calendar

### November 2009

- *Western Oregon:* Bait garden, flower beds for slugs during rainy periods. Use traps or iron phosphate baits, which are pet-safe.
- Rake and destroy leaves from fruit trees that were diseased this year. Remove mummified fruit.
- Tie red raspberry canes to wires; prune to 1 foot above the top wire or wrap the canes around the top wire. Check for holes made by crown borers at base of plant, treat with registered insecticides if seen.
- Good time to transplant landscape trees and shrubs.
- Prune roses to “knee-high” to prevent winter wind damage.
- Renew mulch around perennial flower beds after removing weeds.
- Take cuttings of rhododendrons and camellias for propagation; propagate begonias from leaf cuttings.
- Place mulch of manure over dormant vegetable garden area. A 3- to 4-inch layer of leaves spread over the garden plot prevents soil compaction by rain.
- Cover rhubarb and asparagus beds with composted manure and straw.
- Use mulches to prevent erosion and compaction from rain.
- Watch for wet soil and drainage problems in yard during heavy rains. Tiling, ditching, and French drains are possible solutions.
- Protect built-in sprinkler systems: drain the system, insulate the valve mechanisms.
- Apply lime to lawns if needed.
- Rake and compost leaves that are free of diseases and insects.
- Place mulch around berries for winter protection.
- Plant window garden of lettuce, chives, parsley.
- Check potatoes in storage and remove any going bad.
- Plant garlic for harvest next summer.
- Force spring bulbs for indoor blooms in December.
- Good time to plant trees and shrubs.



Do you have recipes for our cookbook????

Please get them on a form and into the box marked “RECIPES” in the  
Plant Clinic before February 1, 2010.

**BE PUBLISHED !**

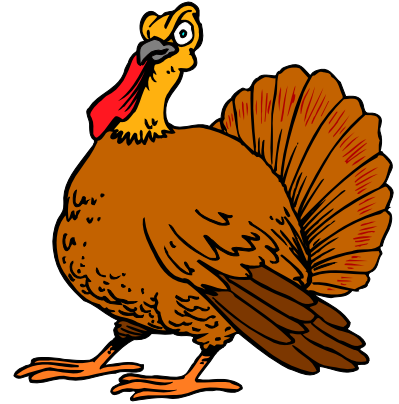


### From DC/OSU Extension Office . . Going, Going, Almost Gone

November 2, 2009. As of today, there are only 6 openings available in the next MG Training Class that starts on January 5, 2010. The final enrollment/ orientation day is November 17, 2009 and there is a possibility the class will fill, forcing us to turn people away.

If you know someone who is serious about taking the class, ask them to bring in their paid registration now (do not wait until Nov. 17th). The registration form is available at the office or online at:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/sites/default/files/mg2010.pdf>



### Great Salsa Taste-off

Members brought a total of ten salsas to taste to the October general meeting. They were grouped into three categories--fruit, red, and non-red (green, yellow, green/red combo).

The favorites were:

Fruit--Tie with 11 votes each Jim Leet and Maggie Nichols

Jim's salsa had a combination of peaches, Bing cherries, and dried apples while Maggie's had cranberries.

Red 1st with 13 votes--Lori Salars 2nd--tie with 7 votes each Lori Salars and Elaine Moriarty

Non-red--Tie with 11 votes each Jim Leet and Toni Rudolph

Thank you to all who participated. Does anyone have any suggestions about what else we could taste?

## MG News

### EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

Just a reminder:

1. Please let me know via email ([hopover@gmail.com](mailto:hopover@gmail.com)) if you do not receive an MG email at least weekly. Occasionally a glitch happens when sending emails to a large group and a name is misplaced in the atmosphere....or so a pc guru told me.
2. When you send an email to me to send out to the group, you should also receive a copy, when I send out to the group.
3. Please send me a change in your email address.
4. Thank you for all your help and assistance in spreading the MG news to all.



Shirley [hopover@gmail.com](mailto:hopover@gmail.com) 673-3818

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OSU Extension and the Douglas County Master Food Preservers will hold  
their next *In the Kitchen* cooking class

***Homemade for the Holidays: Gifts from Your Kitchen***

Saturday, November 7, 2009

10:00 to noon

Sutherlin Community Center

150 S. Willamette St.

**Master Food Preservers Jennifer Coalwell, Clara Langton, and Kathey Linn will share ideas, samples, demos, and recipes for a variety of easy and economical gifts you can make ahead, including microwave peanut brittle, flavored vinegars, soup mixes, cookie mixes, master mixes, homemade caramels, flavored teas and cocoas, and more.**

**Cost for the class is \$15.00. You must preregister with payment by noon on Thursday, November 5.**

Stop by the Extension office at 1134 SE Douglas in Roseburg to pick up a registration form or go to the webpage at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/food> then click on menu item 2a. Mail the completed form with your check to:

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

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

**2010 DCMG PROPOSED BUDGET**

**INCOME**

|   |             |  |               |
|---|-------------|--|---------------|
| <b>Dues:</b> Dues                         | \$2,200.00  | Farmers Market                             | \$50.00       |
| <b>Interest:</b> Interest                 | \$100.00    | Insects                                    | \$200.00      |
| <b>Program Service Project Income:</b>    |             | Library                                    | \$400.00      |
| Soil Testing                              | \$850.00    | Soil Testing                               | \$300.00      |
| <b>Total PSP Income</b>                   | \$850.00    | Website                                    | \$100.00      |
| <b>Special Events:</b>                    |             | <b>Total Clinic and Office</b>             | \$1,225.00    |
| <b>Plant Sale:</b>                        |             | <b>Community Outreach:</b>                 |               |
| Drawings                                  | \$600.00    | Fair Booth                                 | \$50.00       |
| Entry Fees                                | \$1,500.00  | Home Show                                  | \$50.00       |
| Plant Sales                               |             | Speakers Bureau                            | \$500.00      |
| Sales - Event                             | \$20,000.00 | <b>Total Community Outreach</b>            | \$600.00      |
| Sales - Pre                               | \$1,500.00  | <b>Discovery Garden:</b>                   |               |
| Sales - Post                              | \$1,000.00  | Brochures                                  | \$400.00      |
| Vendor Booth                              | \$2,400.00  | Butterfly                                  | \$1,200.00    |
| <b>Total Plant Sale</b>                   | \$27,000.00 | Childrens                                  | \$300.00      |
| <b>Special Events Other:</b>              |             | Compost                                    | \$200.00      |
| Bake Sale                                 | \$400.00    | Dahlia                                     | \$75.00       |
| Compost Tea                               | \$1,000.00  | Daylily                                    | \$25.00       |
| Trash-to-Treasure Sale                    | \$2,500.00  | Entry                                      | \$200.00      |
| <b>Total Special Events Other</b>         | \$3,900.00  | EZ Access                                  | \$950.00      |
| <b>Total Special Events</b>               | \$30,900.00 | Herb                                       | \$400.00      |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME</b>                       | \$34,050.00 | Irrigation                                 | \$2,500.00    |
| <b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>                    |             | Japanese                                   | \$300.00      |
| <b>Management &amp; General Expenses:</b> |             | Kiosk                                      | \$500.00      |
| <b>Awards &amp; Banquet:</b>              |             | Lily Bed                                   | \$75.00       |
| Awards                                    | \$350.00    | Maintenance                                | \$500.00      |
| Banquet                                   | \$1,000.00  | Orchard                                    | \$100.00      |
| <b>Total Awards &amp; Banquet</b>         | \$1,350.00  | Ornamental                                 | \$200.00      |
| <b>Conferences:</b>                       |             | Signage                                    | \$800.00      |
| Chapter Meetings                          | \$50.00     | Xeriscape                                  | \$1,470.00    |
| OMGA Travel                               | \$550.00    | <b>Total Discovery Garden</b>              | \$10,195.00   |
| <b>Total Conferences</b>                  | \$600.00    | <b>Horticultural Learning Center:</b>      |               |
| Dues-OMGA                                 | \$1,600.00  | Demo-Farm                                  | \$1,200.00    |
| <b>Grants/Gifts/Scholarships:</b>         |             | Electric                                   | \$2,700.00    |
| 4-H Donation                              | \$80.00     | Greenhouse Supplies                        | \$500.00      |
| Contributions/Plant Sale Volunteers       | \$500.00    | Propane                                    | \$2,500.00    |
| Endowment                                 | \$2,000.00  | Toilet Supplies and Repairs                | \$600.00      |
| Gifts - Hallmark                          | \$50.00     | Victory Garden                             | \$925.00      |
| Memorials                                 | \$200.00    | Water/UBWA                                 | \$2,000.00    |
| Officer Gifts                             | \$75.00     | <b>Total Horticultural Learning Center</b> | \$10,425.00   |
| Scholarships                              | \$2,000.00  | <b>Winter Program:</b>                     |               |
| <b>Total Grants/Gifts/Scholarships</b>    | \$4,905.00  | New Class                                  | \$200.00      |
| Hospitality                               | \$200.00    | Speakers                                   | \$550.00      |
| Liability Insurance                       | \$600.00    | <b>Total Winter Program</b>                | \$750.00      |
| Postage                                   | \$50.00     | <b>Total PSP Expense</b>                   | \$29,095.00   |
| <b>Printing:</b>                          |             | <b>Special Events Expense:</b>             |               |
| Historian                                 | \$25.00     | <b>Plant Sale:</b>                         |               |
| <b>Total Printing</b>                     | \$25.00     | Advertising                                | \$2,000.00    |
| Supplies                                  | \$100.00    | Exhibit Fees                               | \$2,347.00    |
| <b>Total Management &amp; General</b>     | \$9,430.00  | Next Year Seed                             | \$750.00      |
| <b>Program Service Project Expenses:</b>  |             | Next Year Supplies                         | \$1,800.00    |
| <b>Advanced Training:</b>                 |             | Plants                                     | \$1,000.00    |
| Continuing Education                      | \$250.00    | Supplies                                   | \$2,700.00    |
| <b>Newsletter:</b>                        |             | Vendor Costs                               | \$800.00      |
| Postage                                   | \$450.00    | <b>Total Plant Sale</b>                    | \$11,397.00   |
| <b>Total Newsletter</b>                   | \$450.00    | <b>Special Events Other:</b>               |               |
| Tuition                                   | \$200.00    | Bake Sale                                  | \$25.00       |
| <b>Total Advanced Training</b>            | \$900.00    | Compost Tea                                | \$100.00      |
| <b>Capital Expenditures:</b>              |             | Tomato and Salsa Taste-Off                 | \$20.00       |
| Greenhouse                                | \$4,000.00  | Trash-to-Treasure Sale                     | \$175.00      |
| Greenhouse Plumbing                       | \$1,000.00  | <b>Total Special Events Other</b>          | \$320.00      |
| <b>Total Capital Expenditures</b>         | \$5,000.00  | <b>Total Special Events</b>                | \$11,717.00   |
| <b>Clinic and Office:</b>                 |             | Reserves:                                  | \$1,000.00    |
| Clinic and Office                         | \$100.00    | <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                      | \$51,242.00   |
| Computer                                  | \$75.00     | <b>NET INCOME</b>                          | (\$17,192.00) |

## DCMG GENERAL MEETING

October 29, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by **President Judy Huntley**. Approximately 47 members were in attendance.

### Communications

**Judy Huntley** reported actions taken or discussed at the last Executive Board meeting.

**Spring Seminar:** The Board turned the venue over to the Extension Service. The Board was advised that **Mary Hoffmann** would no longer be helping Master Gardeners with registration and paperwork. After discussing all the options the Board decided to let Extension handle the seminar, thus incurring both the income and the expenses.

**Hours On-Line:** The Board decided that members still need to continue to turn in their hours on the paper timesheets, but can report them online as well.

**Diagnostics Group:** **Steve Renquist** is having classes for those members that work in the clinic with the emphasis on diagnostics. The class met for the first time this month and will meet next on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the kitchen for two hours.

**Dues:** OMGA dues have increased from \$5/year to \$7/year. Our chapter dues are \$10/year. The Board decided not to change the amount of the Chapter dues since the chapter portion was to cover newsletter costs and the newsletter will now be online. A committee was set up to work on the newsletter and postage issues. The Board decided that income earned was sufficient so that dues do not need to be increased.

**Due Date of Dues:** The Chapter dues are due January 1<sup>st</sup>. Though OMGA does not require their portion of the dues to be paid until April 1<sup>st</sup>, the Board decided Chapter dues needed to be collected sooner so that there would be no lag time in getting the Chapter roster out to the membership. The dues form will appear in the newsletter and can be turned in to **Mik Carlson**.

### Agent's Report

**Online Reporting System:** **Steve Renquist** passed out handouts on the details of reporting hours online. **Gail Langellotto** will not force members to use the online system. **Steve** advised that thirteen other counties have already signed up to use the system. He enumerated the advantages of using the system. They are: 1) Members can report at home, 2) It puts all chapters across the state in a consistent format, 3) The report asks for the mileage a member has driven so that the member can keep track of mileage for tax purposes.

### Officer Reports

**Membership:** **Judy Huntley** advised that there are 276 members, per the last report.

**OMGA State Representative:** **Carolyn Register** said that the OMGA "Gardener's Pen" will be put online. OMGA wants input from the Chapter about how non-computer users can get a copy. Members should give **Carolyn Register** their ideas. The "buddy" system and using the plant clinic office computer were suggestions. It was determined that there needs to be a system for notifying members when the newsletter is available. **Judy Huntley** posted the URL for the website on the bulletin board.

It is: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/omga-newsletter>

**Carolyn** reported that copies of the OMGA budget were available with today's Agenda. The OSU Foundation Grant is a line item on the budget. This is the \$5000/year contribution that **Gail Langellotto** asked for at the last OMGA board meeting. The interest from the foundation can be used to cover her salary. **Carolyn** advised that there are three openings on the 2010 state board. Those positions are secretary, webmaster and database manager. Nominations are due at the November 7<sup>th</sup> OMGA meeting. Anyone interested should contact **Carolyn**. **Judy Huntley** advised that our Chapter was asked to host an OMGA board meeting and that she told them May 1<sup>st</sup>, the same date as our plant sale.

**Treasurer:** **Karolyn Riecks** reported account balances of \$25,374.55. Income for the month is \$55.00 and expenses are \$1,737.82. She advised that the Board discussed the 2010 budget at the last board meeting. The proposed budget will be printed in the next newsletter and voted on at the next general meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice President:** **Judy Huntley** advised that **Liz Zamba** has scheduled **Dale Doeding** of the Rock Yard, to discuss hardscaping for

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the November continuing education. **Liz** is asking that any continuing education ideas be passed on to her.

**President: Judy Huntley** announced committee openings. They are fun trip coordinator and photographer. Contact **Judy** if you are interested in chairing one of the committees.

### Committee Reports

**Community Outreach: Leo Grass** reported that Outreach has been slow this month. The North Umpqua Garden Club requested a talk on fertilization. **Patricia Gilbert** volunteered to give that talk. **Elaine Moriarty** advised that the Beta Sigma Phi sorority has asked for a short talk on poinsettias for their November 14<sup>th</sup> Fun Fair. **Elaine** and **Karolyn Riecks** will be presenting that talk.

**Plant Clinic/Markets: Judy Mercer** said that the clinic is winding down although it has been busy with questions about fungus. She reported that she moved all the reference icons on the computer on one line at the bottom. The icon for MG e-mail is on the lower left corner. Members working in the Clinic need to check on e-mails. The e-mail address is on top of the computer.

**Hallmark: Linda Thames** reported that **Maureen Benice** had knee surgery. **Gale Robinson** fell and was severely injured. He is returning home Friday. **Marjorie Milroy** has been taking part in a cancer research study. Her cancer is now in remission. **Ann Waddington** lost her husband. **Rose Estrada** has not been well. **Bud** and **Carol Cruger** have moved to Washington State. **Linda** has their new address for anyone that is interested in contacting them. **Betty Ison** said that **Bill Town** who lost his wife earlier this year would appreciate hearing from members.

**Discovery Garden: Julie Stanbery** said that a crew is working to finish irrigation for the year in the entry garden, around the pavilion and on the east end of the garden. They would love to have more help. If garden heads have any special projects, let **Julie** know. She advised that **Clint Atherton** fell and is in the hospital and that **Roberta Amott** passed away. **Roberta** gave several gardening books to the library.

**Awards: Betty Ison** gave out 60 hour swinger bars to **Beth Brown, Karen Cooper, Charles Ledbetter, Della Neavoll** and **Glenda Zalunardo**.

**Publicity: Teresa Saylor** said that she is getting acquainted with the newspaper and radio people. She advised that if members want items to be in the paper, she needs plenty of notice. The paper allows very little space for notices, so she needs to get information in early as everything is on a first-come, first-serve basis. She is working to get information in "What's Up" and she is going to go to the Chamber of Commerce to see what they have to offer. She is making a calendar of events.

**New Class Registration: Judy Huntley** introduced **Charlotte Herbert** who is the new mentor leader. The new class registration is November 17<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers need to come at 10:30 a.m. to help set up. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. **Charlotte** has enough mentors but will still take names of anyone that would like to help. **Steve Renquist** advised there are only 9 to 10 slots left for the new class.

### Old Business

**Newsletter: Elaine Moriarty** reported that the newsletter committee is still meeting to work on how to do the change over. **Judy Huntley** advised that the newsletter will be sent to members through November and December. In January the newsletter will be handed out at the first class as it will include articles by all the committee chairs. She reminded that committee chairs need to get articles to **Ted Benice** by December 15<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded the membership about the potluck for the new class. **Judy** advised that **Ted** would like to have a newsletter editor in training so that he can resign the position whenever he is ready. At this time **Judy** introduced **Toni Rudolph** who is the treasurer in training.

**Awards Banquet: Philece Humphrey** said that 100 people have signed up for the banquet. Plans are in order. The dress code is business casual. The banquet is November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. Set up will be at 10 a.m. with final preparations at 3 p.m.

**Victory Garden: Elaine Moriarty** passed around sign-up sheets for anyone wanting to volunteer to work in the Victory Garden and for anyone willing to donate seeds, plants, etc. to the garden.

### New Business

**Bake Sale: Yvonne Henderson** said that the bake sale is scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup> at Sherm's. She passed out sign-up sheets for members wanting to help. She also handed out fliers for members to post in their communities. Set up will be from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The sale will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Linda Thames** will take bakery

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items at her home for those members that can't bring them the day of the sale. **Yvonne** said that she is looking for donations of pies, bread, cakes, cookies and muffins. Labels for ingredients will be needed. **Linda Thames** asked for donations of extra fruit so she could make pies.

**Show and Tell**

**Naked Ladies:** **Betty Ison** brought in bulbs for members to take, free.

**Announcements**

**Dates to Remember:** **Judy Huntley** advised that there will be no meetings in December. She reminded members that the regular November meeting will be earlier in the month, November 19<sup>th</sup>, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Also the Executive Board meeting is November 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The new class potluck will be January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. And **Julie Stanbery** advised members that Master Food Preserver's are having a class on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Sutherlin Senior Center on "Gifts from the Harvest" for \$15/person.

**Salsa Taste-Off:** **Bob Brindley** explained that there were ten entries in three categories in the contest, three for red salsa, five for green salsa and two for fruit salsa.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Karolyn Riecks**  
Subbing for **Maureen Benice**



**Treasurer's Report**  
**As of 10/29/2009**

**Account Balances**

- CD - Reserves - \$4,234.59
- Checking - \$5,475.49
- Money Market - \$15,292.66
- Reserves - \$300.00
- Bulk Mail - \$71.81

**Total \$25,374.55**

Income for the month was \$55 coming from Soil Testing and a donation for use of the pavilion. Expenses for the month were \$1,737.82 split between the Greenhouse, Discovery Garden, HLC Propane and Plant Sale.

Karolyn Riecks, Treasurer

# Plant Clinic Calendar

| OSU MG PLANT CLINIC SCHEDULE   |     |  |     |     | KRUSES | FARMERS MKT |
|--|-----|--|-----|-----|--------|-------------|
| Mon  | Tue | Wed  | Thu | Fri | Sat    | Sat         |
| 2 <i>Judy Mercer</i><br><i>Susie Robbins</i><br><i>Della Neavoll</i>   | 3   | 4 <i>Roger Sawyer</i>                        | 5   | 6   | 7      | 7           |
| 9 <i>Judy Mercer</i><br><i>Susie Robbins</i><br><i>Della Neavoll</i>   | 10  | 11 <i>Robyn Thompson</i>                     | 12  | 13  | 14     | 14          |
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## NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

Fall has arrived in the Pacific Northwest bringing with it a lot of changes. The outpost clinics will all be closed by the end of October. The Plant Clinic will be open two days a week; Mondays and Wednesdays.

Things are slowing down but we have had some surprisingly busy days. The majority of clients have had fungus and mushroom questions.

Steve Renquist has launched the clinic workers training program with our first meeting which was held on October 21st. I would encourage all of you who are interested in working in the Plant Clinic, or the outpost clinics to attend. The primary focus of the group will be diagnostics. We will also be covering insect and plant identification.

We will be meeting in the Annex kitchen the third Wednesday of every month at 10 Am.

The meetings will last approximately 2 hrs and will count as continuing education. As soon as the weather improves we will be having some meetings in the field.

No meeting will be held in November. The next meeting will be December 16<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there.

Alternates for the month of November are as follows:

V Jackie Carpenter

Larry Sutton available Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. – 20<sup>th</sup>.

Kathy Mitchell

Teresa Saylor

Yvonne Henderson

## 2009 Master Gardener Awards Banquet

Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 5:00 pm

First United Methodist Church  
1771 Harvard Ave., Roseburg

All Master Gardeners are invited to attend our 12<sup>th</sup> annual awards banquet. This is when we celebrate the achievements of all Master Gardeners and recognize all of the hard work performed throughout the year.

The menu will be teriyaki chicken and baked potato, provided, and salads, bread and dessert brought by Master Gardeners. Look for the sign-up sheet is in the Plant Clinic. Please let us know how many will be in your party and whether you would like to bring a salad or dessert. If you have questions or can't make it to the office, call Philece Humphrey at 957-5526.

Awards and great door prizes throughout the evening.

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The 2010 dues are \$10.00 for an individual or \$15.00 for a couple.

Checks should be written to DCMG. Mail this completed form along with your check to:

Mik Carlson, 1381 San Souci Drive, Roseburg, Oregon 97471 or drop your payment in the plant clinic's dues box.

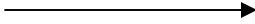
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**Note Change:**



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)

*This month: Executive Meeting Nov 4. at 9:30, Chapter meeting Nov.19*

Articles for the December 2009  
Newsletter are due Noon  
Saturday, November 28  
Please email articles to  
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