



Douglas County Master Gardeners



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Greetings and Happy New Year. I am delighted to welcome all our new 2010 Master Gardener trainees. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you all throughout this coming year as you progress through your class sessions and integrate into our organization.

This newsletter is designed to give you a better insight to the Douglas County Master Gardener organization and its make-up. Please read over the articles and get to know our different committees and their chairpersons.

As the weeks of your program go on, you will learn more and more about the DCMG organization through your work in class, in the Plant Clinic, at the Discovery Garden, and in our many other activities. You will meet veterans with five, ten, fifteen, even 20 years of experience. We become a special family, with one goal, to educate our community about horticulture and the good practices of sustainable gardening. This is a great organization and there are many opportunities for you to volunteer time to give back to our Douglas County community.

I think one of the other important parts of the DCMG organization is our connection to each other through our planning and involvement with these opportunities. We meet each month, except December, on the last Thursday, at 10:00 am. In January through May and then again October and November we meet in the Annex Building where you are taking classes. During the summer months, we meet at Master Gardener homes throughout Douglas County, and we enjoy each other's company over lunch and get to view wonderful landscapes (which are always in progress). We also

have continuing education at 9:00 am during the winter months. You are all invited to come beginning with our meeting on January 28th.

We look forward to many of you bringing your own perspectives and qualities to our organization. If you are anything like I was when I began my classes in 2001, you already are an avid gardener. There was much I did not know and quickly learned of better practices for my flowers, trees, fruits and vegetables. Some things I already did well!!! We invite you to find your niche among all of the committees and opportunities, and hope you will join one or more of the communities.

Again welcome and feel free to ask any of us for help with your questions.

Judy Huntley
President, DCMG



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OMGA State Representative

Visit the land of Oregon as your chapters representative to the OMGA.

In this position you or your alternate or both, are required to attend 4 quarterly meetings to report Douglas County's activities and bring back news of other chapters and the goings on of the state board.

These meetings are generally scattered throughout Oregon with one of those meetings being held during Mini-College. Your other duties include attending both monthly board and chapter meetings here in Roseburg. During these meetings you may report any new information you may have gleaned from OMGA otherwise known as "giving your two minutes of fame".

The term of office is officially for one year, but most have found that they were just getting the hang of things at the end of the first year and so opt to stay on for a second term. Ideally the alternate will become involved in the process and will then step smoothly into the rep position at the end of the 2 years.

Naturally circumstances arise and for one reason or another one may find themselves unable or unwilling to continue, aside from having a truckload of gophers deposited in your garden, there is no penalty for stepping down from your position. So as you begin your training this first year consider becoming a state rep or alternate at some point in the coming years.

Carolyn Register
OMGA State
Rep for Douglas County.

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

Agents Welcome 2010

Welcome to the class of Master Gardeners™ 2010. Every year in January Oregon State University and the Douglas County Master Gardener Association have an opportunity to welcome a new group of gardeners from around Douglas County into our program. Our program has three major components, classroom education, hands-on education and outreach to the community.

The classroom education comes when you enter the winter training class. You will have experienced instructors share their gardening knowledge with you for eleven weeks. Then when you begin your volunteer time in the plant clinic you will be able to interact with veteran Master Gardeners solving problems for others in Douglas County. This time in the clinic will be where you really reinforce all that you learned in the classroom.

The hands-on education segment of our program begins during the winter training classes. Many of our lectures are supported by demonstration and lab work. You will also be asked to take several pruning classes during January and February. If you look at the class schedule you will notice we have two sessions planned for the greenhouses at our Horticultural Learning Center (HLC). These classes will teach you how to do vegetative propagation and seeding. On the same day you learn at the greenhouse you will be introduced to our Discovery Garden. The Discovery Garden is a teaching and demonstration garden for the public located at the HLC. You will be impressed with all the interesting theme gardens you can learn from and help develop. You will also have classes on raising tree fruit and weed control at the Discovery Garden. The class of 2010 will have a hands-on volunteer project that will require you to put in a minimum of 10 hours at the Discovery Garden or in the Victory Garden. The Victory Garden is a new project this year at the HLC which will produce vegetables for donation to UCAN.

The final component of our program is what we call our outreach to the community. This portion of the program consists of taking our sustainable gardening message to other groups in Douglas County. We give presentations and demonstrations wherever we can. Maybe you know a few groups we could reach.

We also have a Master Gardener booth at Garden Shows, the County Fair, Earth Day and other gatherings around the county that you will be recruited to join. This is a great way to tell our story to others and recruit new trainees.

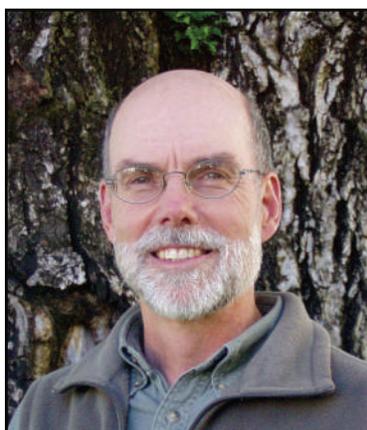
In 2008 we began offering to new Master Gardeners a chance to work with other community groups to teach gardening that helps reduce hunger in Douglas County. If you find helping others in your community rewarding we will allow you to use your non clinic volunteer payback hours with groups fighting hunger like UCAN.

I am really looking forward to our year ahead together. We have forty six people signed up to join us. When you come into our classroom you will be assigned a table and a mentor. Make sure that you ask your mentor to introduce you to all that our program has to offer, fun day activities, "Spring in to Gardening" seminars, organizational committees, and mini-college.

We challenge you to be open minded, to study hard, and to have fun learning. You will be representing Oregon State University when you volunteer as a Master Gardener™ so we ask you to accept our gardening ideas and philosophy of sustainability when you reach out to the public. You will soon see that the energy and enthusiasm of our veteran Master Gardeners is infectious and we look forward to you joining our organization.

Welcome,

Steve



Vice-President's Welcome

Happy New Year!!
Welcome new class of 2010

Howdy everyone,
While I'm writing this I'm sitting in my kitchen listening to Christmas carols and the rain fall outside. It's not yet actually 2010, but it will be by the time you read this, and with the winter solstice the days will be getting longer. I know it's hard to think of gardening when it is so cold, dark and wet, but before you know it will be spring, and then we will all be feeling a bit more motivated.

First I'd like to introduce myself to the new class. I'm your V.P. (not sure how that happened) and I arrange the Continuing Education before the Chapter Meetings. I hope to see all of you at the meetings; the Continuing Education can be fun and informative and the meetings are a great way to keep up with what is happening with the Master Gardeners and to meet new people. I'm always looking for ideas and resources for the Continuing Education so please let me know if you can help. I'll be at the trainings so stop me and say hi and let me know if you have some ideas. I can also be reached by phone or email, so don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

This month Lee Deveraux will be telling us all about the Huntington Gardens in Southern California and her time there as a docent. Huntington Gardens consists of more than a dozen specialty gardens covering 120 acres. The Chapter Meeting is January 28th with the Continuing Education starting at 9:00 AM and the Chapter Meeting at 10:00. Hope to see you at the meeting!

Liz Zamba
496-4736

elizabethjpayne@hotmail.com



Treasurer – Karolyn Riecks

The treasurer's job is to maintain the financial records of the chapter. This includes:



Paying bills and depositing money.

Reporting to the membership about chapter finances at monthly board and general meetings and in the newsletter.

Giving a year-end report of the chapter's finances to the state treasurer to be used in the OMGA federal income tax filing.

Any financial questions you may have should be directed to the treasurer at: kriecks@charter.net or at 643-7237.

Mik Carlson – Membership Director

The membership director collects annual dues. She notifies OMGA of the current status of each member. The membership director maintains and keeps current the database of addresses, e-mails, and telephone numbers. In the spring, she assists in publishing the membership roster. This officer attends all chapter and board meetings reporting on any pertinent information concerning Master Gardener membership.



Hi...I'm Maureen Benice, Secretary

of the Douglas County Master Gardeners.

SO, what is the job of Secretary? According to the Bylaws the Secretary takes minutes of the Executive Board and Chapter meetings, assists the President in correspondence preparation as necessary, and maintains a current Chapter policy and motion file.

That's not too tough!
The downside of this job is that you MUST stay alert (no snoozing) during the meetings. The upside is ... you DO NOT have to give a report !

Respectfully Submitted



Plant Sale

The Plant Sale Committee and the Greenhouse Crew would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Master Gardener Class of 2010. The Plant and Garden Expo, to be held May 1, 2010 at the Fairgrounds, is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our program and it takes a tremendous number of people, hard work and dedication to make the Expo the success it has become. We look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you, and having all who are interested come join us at the greenhouses as soon as you have completed your hands-on classes in a couple of weeks. This is a wonderful way to meet new people and make new friends, as so many of us have done in the past.

WELCOME!!!!

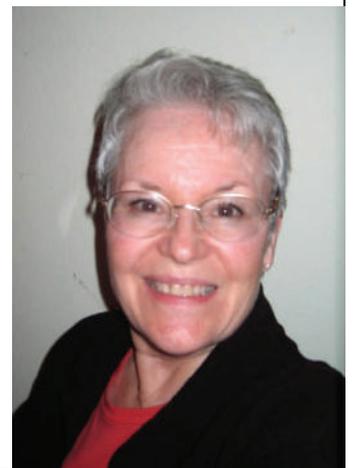
HALLMARK

The job of Hallmark is easily handled by just one person, currently me. It is the responsibility of the Hallmark person to send out cards to members who might be ill or have some situation or event in their lives where it would be appropriate for a card to be sent from the membership. I am happy to do so but I do ask our members to please notify me if they know of such a situation. It is also most helpful if I know whether or not that person would prefer to have it kept confidential or would it be OK to announce at our monthly membership meeting and print in the newsletter. Many times members appreciate receiving a card but do not want it announced nor published. I wish to respect all members' privacy.

My report at our last meeting was so non-existent, I ended up telling everyone the excellent report my doctor gave me following my last physical. He said that my lab results were the BEST he'd ever seen!
The credit goes to the bounty of nutritious vegetables grown in and consumed from my little veggy garden I grow every year in my backyard. (Just so you'll know, the good report was reward enough. I did not feel a need to send myself a card....)

If any of your fellow MGs do have a reason to be sent a card from the membership, please think to let me know

Linda Thames
linbill2@charter.net
673-3978



Insect Committee

Nearly 25% of the calls to the Master Gardeners Plant Clinic concern possible plant damage from or problems with insects and other arthropods.

With over 1 million identified species of insects worldwide and an estimated 15 million possible species total, this would seem an impossible task but an analysis of Plant Clinic data for Douglas County shows that 90% of the insect questions involve only about 50 insects and spiders.

While most Master Gardeners have no problem identifying the usual bugs brought into the clinic, the job of the insect committee is to supply aids and books to help with this task. The committee also identifies those uncommon insects that occasionally show up.

We are looking for additional people to help us produce material that would make insect identification and treatment recommendations even easier for Plant Clinic volunteers. Plus, we can always use help in identification.

We welcome new members; no experience required. The committee meets on the first and third Thursday of every month from 10 AM to 12 NOON. And for those of you who are new to the Master Gardeners program, you can use insect committee time to help fulfill your clinic hours obligation.

I would be happy to tell you more about the committee. Please contact me at 459-7897 or oregongeezzer@yahoo.com for more information.

Bob Brindley
Insect Committee Chairperson

Welcome class of 2010 from the Herb Garden.

Our name says it all: we grow herbs! The herb garden was one of the first gardens established at the Discovery Garden. Now we are working on getting it in order. Over the last couple of years we have been slowly getting the various beds organized into specific sections. We have a mints

bed, an aromatic bed and a bed dedicated to cooking herbs. This next gardening year we will be continuing in our organizing and introducing some new plants into the garden.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd WEDNESDAYS of every month starting in March/April and usually finishing up the end of October (depending on weather). We also have extra work days when there happens to be an extra Wednesday in a month or a special project. We usually meet from 1000 until noon. There will be email reminders sent out before each workday.

So, if you're into herbs or want to learn more about them, come and join us in the herb garden.

Lori Salars
Herb Garden Coordinator

Community Outreach

Greetings to new Master Gardeners. You will learn in the next few weeks just how many ways there are for you to participate in the mission of this organization. Our mission is; to provide accurate, research based horticultural information to the people of Douglas County. Community outreach team members accomplish this task by the most direct means possible, by teaching gardening skills to various community groups. Our curriculum is comprised of: Power Point programs, lecture demonstration, and hands on projects. Passing on your gardening know-how is a wonderful way to give back to your Douglas County neighbors. If you would like to be a part of the C/O team, see me:

Leo Grass



Xeriscape Garden

The Xeriscape Garden Committee would like to welcome the new Master Gardner Class of 2010. The Xeriscape Garden is a display garden designed to give the public an idea on how to landscape using different types of drought tolerant plants (very little water). In the spring when we start working in the gardens again (after the plant sale), if any of you would be interested in working on this type of landscaping and learning more about it, please come out and join us. We try to add new things each year and have new projects to work on within the garden, and we also have a lot of fun.

Xeriscape Garden Committee:

Gloria Amorde, Judi Danielson,
Irene Thomason &
Anne Waddington

NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

Welcome and Happy New Year to the Master Gardner Class of 2010. I am looking forward to meeting you all and working with you in our Plant Clinic.

The Plant clinic offers unique opportunities to both share the knowledge that you have acquired in class and to continue your education.

In the Plant clinic we answer a wide range of questions about home gardening; everything from insect identification to diagnosing plant disease. We have an excellent library and numerous online sources to help in our research.

During your training period you will always be paired with experienced Master Gardeners. You will find that every day brings something new and just when you think you have seen it all, something new will pop up. It is exciting and rewarding.

The Plant Clinic is open year round on weekdays but we also have opportunities to work in our outpost clinics at Kruse Farms, Farmers Market, and Brosi's Sugar Tree Farms. These are seasonal and held

Notes from the Plant Clinic..continued
 on Saturdays.
 The community came out in record numbers to support us with proposition 1086 and this is a major way that we are able to give back.

To all Master Gardners: Since we did not have a general meeting in December I was unable to pass around the Clinic Calendar. We have several open slots that need to be filled. We are open Mondays only in January. Please call or stop by the clinic and sign up. Thank you.

Judy Mercer
 Plant Clinic Manager

Plant Clinic January

The clinic during January will hopefully be staffed on Mondays. These days are the 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. Check your calendar and if you can, plan to volunteer for just one of these days. Call Judy Mercer and confirm with her that you are available. Thanks

Roger Sawyer

Greetings from your State Rep.

The results of the St. OMGA board meeting on the 7th of November were discussed in the Chapter meeting, but for those of you who might have missed my sintalating report, here is a brief synopsis of the events and outcomes.

Net worth of OMGA as of 10/31/2009 67,521.09

Membership as of 10/31/2009 3660

OSU Program leader, Gail Lagellotto Mini-College for 2010 location has not been decided due to construction at Bloss and Arnold Halls. Possible suggestions included Weatherford Hall and Market Place West. Please notify Gail or Dave Ruggs ASAP. When reviewing 2009 MC it was noted that it was a learning curve and over budget items were identified.

ECO Gardeners Pen project is moving along and the is already on line. The OMGA has stated that they will pay for the printing and distributions of the Gar-

deners Pen to any of the chapter members that do not have access to the internet.

STATEWIDE MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM ENDOWMENT

Much discussion on how to keep Gail funded in the future. OMGA will pledge 2,500.00 for the 1st half of 2010 with 20% of profits from Mini College payable 11/1/2010.

OMGA LOGO- Rod Bach stated that the committee decided that the logo should be decided by contest. the winner to receive either a full or partial scholarship to MC. Anyone is eligible to enter. Budget for 2010 approved. OMGA state officers elected

Theme for 2010 MC **BEYOND BACK-YARD BASICS** ????. Speakers for leadership day Wednesday, July 28,2009 are advised to hurry and get their name and topic locked in!

See me for available topics. Job descriptions for some openings for MC were distributed.

See me for those too.

Now, aren't you sorry you missed all that? Don't forget anyone is eligible to attend the board meetings, check with me for date, time and place.

Merry Christmas everyone and hope to see you next year.

Carolyn Register
 Douglas County OMGA St. Rep.



Do you have a favorite tomato? How about a favorite Salsa recipe? What about a sensational BBQ sauce?

Two years ago, at our September meeting, which occurs at the MG Display Gardens, we had a tomato taste-off where everyone got to taste the many different varieties grown by our fellow Master Gardeners. It was fun, so we repeated it again last year. And, once again, we will do it in September, 2010. Prizes are awarded to the winners.

Last year, we added a salsa taste-off in October. It will also be back, with maybe some additions, like relishes or sauces. In May we will have a taste-off of homemade and commercial BBQ sauces. We also might do a home-made jelly/jam/preserves tasting sometime during the year.

Got any other suggestions, please let me know!

Bob Brindley
 459-7897

Editing the Newsletter

By Ted Benice



I have been the editor of the Master Gardener newsletter since October 2008.

The newsletter is published monthly in the Douglas County OSU Extension office, both for mailing out and to appear on our website:

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

Articles of interest to master gardeners are emailed to me at tbenice@douglasfast.net. I then attempt to arrange them in a pleasing and more or less orderly fashion for publication. I actually do very little editing except to make things fit and be relatively uniform. I try to maintain the emphasis and subject grouping supplied by the author.

I encourage anyone to submit articles for the newsletter, being mindful of the next issue's deadline, which is printed on the last page of the current newsletter. Please sign your article or include a byline, to identify your authorship. Privacy guidelines ask that you don't include the phone number, mailing address or email address of anyone other than yourself, unless you have obtained their permission, and so state in the body of your article.

Because we are a non-profit organization, we do not accept commercial advertising, but do accept notices of fundraising events supporting our organization.

Finally, we like photos. If you have one of yourself to be published with your article, please include it.

Master Gardener News

DISCOVERY GARDEN NEWS

Welcome to the Discovery Garden at the Horticultural Learning Center! As new Master Gardeners you are invited to join us in a great adventure as we continue to develop our year round educational garden and teaching facility. MG volunteers participate in all areas of garden management including landscape design, planting, pruning and the ubiquitous weeding.

Working in the garden is a stimulating hands-on experience and lots of fun. **All trainees will be asked to schedule at least 10 hours of volunteer pay-back time in the garden.** These sessions will help familiarize you with all aspects of the garden and give you the opportunity to decide which area of the garden you would like to offer your volunteer time during the year.

Established in 1999, the entire garden has been built by thousands of Master Gardener volunteer hours and community groups such as Job Corp and inmate work crews. We have 14 gardens within the DG including Japanese, children's, hedgerow, orchard, scented entry, lilies and dahlias, shade and sun, compost, ornamental shrubs and grasses, butterfly, herb, xeriscape and easy access areas.

The goals and directions of the garden come from MG volunteers with guidance from OSU Extension and our Home Hort agent, Steve Renquist. We use the children's garden, worm bins, compost bins and pavilion as an outdoor classroom for school children and youth groups. Other gardens are used for public demonstrations including pruning and plant care.

Your winter program classes contain information in many aspects of the garden such as water wise gardens, dry garden (xeriscape), water collection and irrigation techniques, container and adaptive raised beds (easy access), herbs, Japanese, perennials, annuals, roses, lilies, and much more! All of our classes include ecological management practices that stress integrated methods (IPM) and low impact techniques.

My name is **Julie Stanbery** and as

coordinator of the Discovery garden, you will be hearing many garden updates from me. A number of your classes will take place in the garden, at the greenhouses and at Helleck Hall at the HLC. **Your first classes at the HLC will be Jan 12 & 19.** A tour of the garden will be part of these class sessions. You will be introduced to some of the veteran MGs who work in the individual gardens and learn the lay-out of the gardens. These classes are **OUT-OF DOORS** so dress in layers, wear long underwear, mud boots, rain slicker, gloves and hat!!

We have regularly scheduled Tuesday workdays that commence after graduation. Until then the workdays are a bit hit and miss. Our January project will be to finish construction of the patio around the tea house in the Japanese garden. The **first workday** will be Friday, Jan 20 from 11am to 2pm. Next scheduled days are February 3 & March 3, projects to be announced.

Come dressed for foul weather as we work rain or shine. You need not be a strapping physical specimen; I can find a task for anyone!! Always come to the garden with work gloves, hand pruners, a good weeding tool, kneeling pad and a shovel. I'll let you know if we need special tools for any particular project. Working in the garden is considered payback time; specifics will be explained in class.

Our big project for the spring is to finish the installation of the in-ground irrigation system. We have a year round pump and two reservoirs for water storage, so this is the next step to demonstrate water wise techniques and to get rid of the hoses!! Please look for our newest additions to the gardens (1) Spider gate at the south entrance, (2) moon gate at the entrance to the Japanese garden and (3) donor board and bench near the Butterfly garden.

We have a busy season ahead of us, but as all gardeners know, you meet the nicest people in the garden, we'll see you there!!

Julie Stanbery 672-7175.

Trash to Treasure

The annual Trash to Treasure sale is going to be Saturday, March 20th, upstairs in the annex. So, start collecting the items you plan to donate.

Be sure they are clean and in good working condition. Please, no clothes or magazines. We will set up on the 19th. Sign-up sheets and more details coming soon.

We hope you can help.

Bob and Julie Agee
Cindy Rich

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 will be starting up shortly to apply compost tea to the greenhouse plants for the upcoming sale in May.

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

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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 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.

Following the plant sale the tea is available on Tuesdays and will be ready for pick up at 9am, in the Discovery Gardens. Each gallon will cost \$2.00. You can purchase one gallon at a time, depending on what you need.

This fund raiser has been an ongoing project for the MGs for the last 3 years.

RESERVATIONS:

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

Shirley Purcell and Joanne Bohm



Correction

In our last newsletter, dated 11/30/2009, in the DCMG General Meeting minutes on page 7, there was an error that referred to finding a queen wasp that is new to the area. The correction is that a new stinging bee has been found. The correct information in its entirety follows:

Mary VanAssche shared with us her experience regarding ordering tropical/exotic plants from a nursery in Florida. Upon receiving the soil bound plants, she did not disturb the soil, and potted them directly and segregated them from other plants. A few months later, she noticed a dead wasp on the soil of one of the potted plants. Upon investigating further, she discovered that there were unfamiliar red ants crawling around the dead wasp. The Oregon Dept of Agriculture confiscated the plant and identified the stinging red ants along with their queen. These species of ant are an exotic species of ant in the genus Tetramorium and are new to this area. It is important to segregate new plants upon receiving them, and to wait for a couple of months or more to allow for any insect to go through their full cycle of growth in the event that they may emerge. She warned everyone to "dig deeper" when strange insects appear on or around new plants when ordering from nurseries.

From Mary VanAssche

DCMG Officers 2010

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Liz Zamba



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Maureen Benice



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Karolyn Riecks



Membership:
Mik Carlson



OMGA State Representative
Carolyn Regis-



Master Gardener News

New! Free! Easy! Sign up now!

The DCMG Interest Database: Unlocking the treasure-trove

by Joe Yetter

One huge benefit of being a Master Gardener is access to the expertise and experience of our fellow DCMG members, and quite often, free seeds, cuttings, bulbs, corms, and so on. Too often, though, these resources go untapped because we don't know who in our organization has them. Contacts are informal and serendipitous: who sat next to you at a meeting, who worked Plant Clinic with you. Serendipity is a wonderful thing, but unreliable.

We can improve our individual access to this wealth of information and material. I am creating a database of Douglas County Master Gardeners and their interests. This database will allow Master Gardeners to identify other Master Gardeners who have specific interests, expertise, and curiosities. Once the database is built, you can use this list to discover other members of DCMG who might have interests and expertise to share. If, for example, you are interested in improving pollination of your fruit trees by supporting native orchard mason bees (*Osmia lignaria*), you might find a DCMG who has created habitat for these pollinators. Or, if you want to grow bamboo, you might find a fellow Master Gardener who knows a lot about bamboo, and is even willing to give you some bamboo to plant for yourself.

The list will reside in the Plant Clinic in both paper and electronic (read-only) formats. The list will be maintained by me (Joe Yetter (joe@yetter.us)). The list will not appear on the website, nor will it be published, for your protection.

Please don't think you need to be an expert! Just list your interests, and you can get linked to the experts, or to people who might know even less than you do, and make you feel like the expert (this is one of my favorite kinds of experiences.)

If you want to add your name and interests, please e-mail me. I'll need your:

Last Name

First Name

Phone

e-mail

Area(s) of interest (Remember! You don't have to be an expert.)

Level of expertise (0-10, where 10 is expert)

Comments (for example, "I have cuttings to give away")

We will not share names or other information with non-members of DCMG. If a non-member wants information about bamboo (and calls into Plant Clinic, for example), the DCMG working the clinic might promise a callback "if an authority can be found" and then the DCMG may contact an individual on the list and, if that individual wishes, he/she may initiate the contact. Once again, though, your privacy is paramount.

Got all that? Want to share? Remember, you don't have to be an expert, just have an interest in a specific area (or areas!).

Email your information to joe@yetter.us. (Are you e-mail shy? A paper copy will be in plant clinic after mid-January; you can use one of those pencil-thingies to fill in your name and other information.)

Thanks!

Joe Yetter Azalea (360) 801-0723 joe@yetter.us

Here is the format for the database, in case you wondered what it might look like:

Last Name	First Name	Phone	e-mail	Area(s) of interest	Level of expertise (0-10, where 10 is expert)	Comments
Mendel	Gregor	(011) 420-1234	dead@czech.cz	Peas	10	I have smooth and wrinkled, reds, whites, and pinks available.
Burbank	Luther	(707) 123-4567	dead@sunnycal.us	Exotic/invasive blackberries	10	I can provide cuttings to <u>everyone</u>
Yetter	Joe	(360) 801-0723	joe@yetter.us	mushrooms	2	I grow shiitakes, and hunt wild mushrooms. <i>Pleurotus spp</i> rock!
You!	Yes, you!	(541) 555-1234	you@somewhere.us	Specific gardening interest	0-10	Down with serendipity! Up with cotyledons!

Big Events of 2009



Mr Koyama taught at the Spring into Gardening Conference in February. Here he prunes in the Japanese Garden.



Plant Sale at the Fairgrounds in May



Trash to Treasure sale in May



Mini-College at OSU in August



Awards Banquet in November



Bake Sale at Sherm's in November

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Check No. _____

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Douglas County Master Gardener 2010 Dues

(Due Before 01/01/2010)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL _____

PHONE _____

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

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Articles for the February 2010
Newsletter are due Noon
Saturday, January 30th
Please email articles to
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We will need help with planting, donations of plant and seeds, weeding, watering, installation of fencing, etc.

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