

Douglas County Master Gardeners



February 2010

Volume 25, Number 2

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We are several weeks into the new year and our new class of master gardeners are well on their way. You have had two weeks in the Discovery Garden doing some pruning and propagating as well as looking around our show case, The Discovery Garden. I sincerely hope you are excited about what you saw and will be willing to spend time with us there on Tuesdays after your class is finished in March. As with any organization, the more your involvement, the more your satisfaction, so please get ready to participate in any way you can.

As you are reading this newsletter I encourage you to put the Spring Into Gardening, February 27th, and Home Show, March 5 – 7, on your calendar. There will be opportunities to sign up to help at both events. Also be setting aside your used treasures for the Trash to Treasures sale on March 20th. I am taking this opportunity to do a little cleaning at my house and I am sure you all have something you can contribute.

After my article in November, I promised a little more mathematics. Now, take a look at this. **“Everyone I met was performing at 110%.”** This, was the headline of an article in the supplement of the News Review a couple of weeks ago. It was an article written by Lee Child a best-selling author of 13 books, his latest thriller is “Gone Tomorrow”. He was speaking of members of the military on bases he was visiting to promote his books. He wrote, “Literally every person I met on those bases this spring was performing at 110% of his or her capability, as a soldier, as a person, as a human.”

Since we just started the new year, I am sure many of you thought of making reso-

lutions. Sometimes we find people saying they will start giving 100% to something.

Now, take a look at this... 101%
From a strictly mathematical viewpoint:

What Equals 100%?

What does it mean to give MORE than 100%?

Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%?

We have all been in situations where someone wants you to GIVE OVER 100%...

How about ACHIEVING 101%?

What equals 100% in life?

Here's a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions:

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R
S T U V W X Y Z

Is represented as:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Then:

H-A-R-D-W-O- R- K
8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98%

And:

K-N-O-W-L-E- D-G-E
11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+ 5 = 96%

But:

A-T-T-I-T-U- D-E
1+20+20+9+20+ 21+4+5 = 100%

THEN, look how far the love of God will take you:

L-O-V-E-O-F- G-O-D
12+15+22+5+15+ 6+7+15+4 = 101%

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that:

While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, It's the Love of God that will put you over the top!

This is where my article ended, so I took it a step farther to see where we might be if we added our love of gardening.

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-A-R-D-E-N-I-N-G
12+15+22+5+15+6+7+1+18+4+5+14+9+1
4+7 = 154%

L-O-V-E-O-F-H-O-R-T-I-C-U-L-T-U-R-E
12+15+22+5+15+6+8+15+18+20+9+3+21
+12+20+21+18+5 = 170%

T-H-E-L-O-V-E-O-F-H-O-R-T-I-C-U-L-T
-U-R-E
20+8+5+12+15+22+5+15+6+8+15+18+20
+9+3+21+12+20+21+18+5 = 203%

Just a few ideas to mull over in your mind.

I am sorry I missed you at the January general meeting, but just could not pass up a cruise along the Western Mexican coast for 8 days.



See you all in February.

Inside this Issue

VP Message	page	2
From Philece		2
Swinger Bars		2
Discovery Garden		3
General Meeting Minutes		4
Treasurer Report		5
Plant Clinic		6
Master Gardener News		7,8,9

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

Vice-President's Message

Happy February,

In this last week of January I have seen changes in the landscaping around Roseburg. Many plants and trees are starting to bud, and I even saw some paperwhites blooming. I can almost feel the promise of spring. I know it is still months until the long sunny days, but I must continually remind myself that the short days and long nights won't last forever. Today was beautiful, I was able to walk Chloe in short sleeves!



January's Continuing Education at our Chapter Meeting was Lee Deveraux retired docent from the Huntington Gardens in Southern California. This month our speaker will be Mike McCarthy, personal trainer and fitness instructor at Downtown Fitness. Mike's presentation will be on keeping ourselves fit during the winter and reducing the likelihood of injury when working in our gardens.

From Philece



After six years as committee head of the Butterfly Garden, I would like to take a break and ask someone else to take over that position.



I will continue to work in the gardens as time permits and will be happy to help the new person all I can.

Philece Humphrey

Hour Swinger Bars for 2010

60-

Jon Jackson Charles Ledbetter Teri Stehlik

200-

Bob Agee Sam Bennett Jackie Carpenter
Rusdee Chastain Mary Lou Davidson John Denny
Noel Groshong Debbie Haynes Neal Meyer
Gale Robinson Robin Thompson Liz Zamba
Barbara Robinson

500-

Ted Benice Mik Carlson Jim Ivy
Judy Mercer Carolyn Register Jim Swegles

750-

Pam Barrows

1000-

Laverne Bailey Maureen Benice Marianne Major
Maggie Nichols Lorena Remington

1500-

Karolyn Riecks Linda Thames Sally Johnson

2000-

George McIntyre

3000-

Shirley Purcell Larry Sutton

4000-

Gloria Amorde

4500-

Philece Humphrey

5000-

Tasha King

7000-

Julie Stanbery

10,000-

Betty Ison

Discovery Garden News

Who's who in the Garden

Now that you have all been introduced to the 13+ garden areas we have in the Discovery Garden, it seems you might want to join us in the garden.

Please refer to this roster anytime you'd like to contact a garden chairperson. We are always happy to answer garden questions and would like to speak with any of you who would be interested in joining our garden groups.

Remember that some of us were absolute novices (I was going to say virgins!) regarding the garden topics that we are involved in today; so don't hesitate to join a group that would be of interest to you. We learn as we go!!

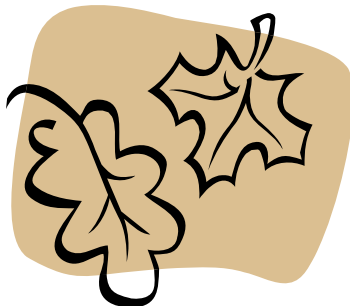
Xeriscape Garden
Lillies and Dahlias
Entry Rose Garden
Children's Garden
E-Z Access Garden
Pavilion Sun Garden
Pavilion Shade Garden
Compost Area
Butterfly Garden
Hedgerow Area
Worm Compost Tea
Ornamental Shrubs
Herb Garden
Orchard
Japanese Garden
Equipment Guru
Irrigation Project

Gloria Amorde
Eloise Aguirre
LaVerne Bailey
Judy Dake
Bill Decker
Dave Hopkins
Julie Stanbery
Ken Hays
need volunteer
Barbara Macpherson
Shirley Purcell
Steve Renquist
Lori Salars
Roger Sawyer
Julie Stanbery
Fred Muir
Noel Groshong

Julie Stanbery
Garden Co-Ordinator
5416727175

(Editor's note:)

Please refer to your MG Roster for contact information.



In The Garden

By now we have had all our trainees in the garden at least once and two of your classmates have even put in payback hours!!

It was great to have Jim and Debbie volunteer on our first workday. We really got a good start on mulching the orchard and got most of the ornamental grasses cut back.

We spent more than 4 hours just weeding out the bittercress and we have many more hours ahead. Anytime anyone wants to take their aggression out on this lovely little weed, just let me know.

I am publishing the guidelines for use of the pavilion and a copy is posted in the office.

GUIDELINES FOR USE OF DG PAVILION

1. Available for educational purposes at no charge to 3 groups:

DCMG, Extension staff, Douglas County Recycling Manager

2. One named person from above list will assume responsibility for each reservation. Duties include:

Responsible for unlocking/locking supply room

Responsible for put up and take down any chairs and tables

Responsible for cleaning floor and closing all gates

Responsible for removing any signs or posters

Responsible for IMMEDIATE removal of all garbage from site

3. No projects or classes of any sort that use chemicals, glue or paint may be done in the pavilion. All such activities should be set up outside the garden area.

4. Reservation calendar will be hung in the MG plant clinic. Place the name of group, time of use, name and phone number of responsible person on calendar.

5. Garden is open to the public at all times. Pavilion users may post a "reserved sign" for day of use.

6. Extension Staff may make their own reservations, groups may contact Julie Stanbery or Leo Grass for further info.

Master gardeners may use the pavilion for non-educational events such as family gathering or fraternal organization. The MG assumes all the above responsibilities and must attend said event. We would appreciate a donation for use of the pavilion under these circumstances.

Approved by Discover Garden Committee

March 24, 2006

Revised January 15, 2010

We'll have some extra workdays in February as we really do not have control of our little "popcorn" bittercress. Dates to be announced in class.

Thanks to all,

Julie Stanbery

DCMG GENERAL MEETING

January 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Vice President **Liz Zamba**, at 10:18 AM. Approximately 56 members were in attendance.

Vice President **Liz Zamba** asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. There were none.

Agent Report: Steve Renquist said there is a planned 15% reduction in this year's budget so he may be working three counties and will need to have the MGs help in some areas. He said the new class seems to like the activities. Next week will be the Concurrent Sessions for the new class members. The Diagnosis group will meet February 17th. There will be a pruning class for the new class January 29th at 1:00PM in the DG. The Spring Into Gardening conference is February 27th so a few people are needed to help out. See **Steve Renquist** to sign up to work.

Officer Reports

Membership: Mik Carlson reported that there were 218 paid members. The roster is being prepared so everyone needs to get dues turned in by next week.

OMGA Representative: Carolyn Register had no OMGA report.

Treasurer: Karolyn Riecks reported that the Overall Total funds are \$12,710.71. The \$3913.00 Expenses was payment on the Exhibit building for the Plant Sale. Income was \$1945.00 and that was mostly dues. The year 2009 was reviewed.

Vice President: Liz Zamba thanked Lee Devereaux for presenting information about Huntington Botanical Gardens in California. Presenting the February Continuing Education will be Mike McCarthy from Downtown Fitness. He will talk about getting fit for gardening and in general.

Newsletter Committee Report: Roger Sawyer read the committee report concerning the Newsletter online and hardcopy. Some questions were discussed. The whole report is attached to the January 2010 Executive Board minutes and are in the February 2010 Newsletter

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: Leo Grass said that there were a lot of outreach activities this last month. He said the Home Show is March 5-7 and he will be taking work signups this afternoon in the Plant Clinic. He said that this is a wonderful first opportunity for the new people to get out and work with the public. **Chuck Aiello** asked if there was going to be an Avista presentation by a MG. **Leo Grass** said he would look into it.

Plant Clinic/Farmers' Markets: Judy Mercer reported that the Plant Clinic will have changes to procedures and a new protocol list ready for the Concurrent Sessions at next Tuesday's class. She said **Yvonne Henderson** was doing research to find out what was being done right and wrong in the Plant Clinic. The file cabinet is being updated and alphabetized. All the February PC spots are filled and there are a few spots left for March. The new class will start their PC hours then.

Discovery Garden: Maureen Benice read the DG report from **Julie Stanbery** which said the first workday went well but overall response was pathetic. **Debbie Hesseltine** and **Jim Orsinger** were the two Associates who helped and **Susan Bundren**, **Bonnie Courter** and **Marianne Major** were the only veterans. The next DG work day is February 3rd, 11:00-2:00PM. Updated guidelines for the use of the pavilion will be posted in the PC office. Thanks to **Neal Meyer** and **Hank Krohn** for all the behind the scenes chores they always do for us. A new Butterfly Garden chairperson is needed. The Butterfly Garden could be handled by co-chairs, particularly if a couple of novices wish to jump in together. Many thanks to **Philece Humphrey** for her many hours working in the Butterfly Garden. The Childrens Garden needs some dedicated workers. The patio and benches in the Entry Garden are finished. These were donated by **Marianne Major** in memory of her husband. Thank you, Marianne!

Awards: Betty Ison read the list of people receiving new swingerbars. The complete list is in the Newsletter. She said the **Pam Barrows** is closing out the 2009 hours and needs all 2009 hours sheets turned in by February 26th. Please be sure your name, the month and total hours are on each sheet. The new 2010 sheets are lime green.

Continued on next page

Continued from previous page

Hallmark: Linda Thames has sent out many cards.

Publicity: Theresa Saylor reported that the PC hours are in the News Review each month as the hours change. She is working on the Plant Sale and Trash to Treasures advertising. Please contact her if anything else needs publicity and do it a few weeks in advance.

Old Business

Outreach Markets: Judy Mercer said the markets are not open until March or April. There was a question about having a booth at Mary’s Garden. The answer was that there are not enough volunteers to cover that garden.

Time Keeping System Online: Maureen Benice said that a committee has been chosen to translate our hour categories into OMGA OnLine hours. Contact Steve Renquist for the procedure to do Online Hours.

Chuck Aiello announced a Plant Sale meeting directly after this meeting. It will be in the kitchen.

New Business

Trash to Treasure sale: Bob Agee said the sale will be held in the Annex on March 20, 2010 with setup on March 19th. He said the signup clipboard was being passed around. The flyers will be passed out next month.

Victory Garden: Elaine Moriarty said the garden is 40’x85’ (3400 sq. ft.). Volunteers are needed to plant, weed and harvest so please sign up. All produce will go to UCAN. If MGs have seed and/or plants please let her know. UCAN does not want pumpkins. There will be meetings in the future to brainstorm.

Good of the Order: Cathy Chamberlin from the Sutherlin FFA announced their Alumni Association fifth annual dinner and auction. She asked for auction items. Anyone may attend and it’s free. See attached letter. She read the FFA Creed.

Announcements

- 21st Annual Insights into Gardening – February 6th La Sells Stewart Center OSU
- Executive Board Meeting – February 10th 9:30AM
- Spring Into Gardening – February 27th UCC
- Home Show – March 5-7 Fairgrounds
- Trash to Treasures – March 20th Annex

The meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Benice - Secretary



**Treasurer’s Report
As of 1/29/2010**

Account Balances

- CD - Reserves - \$4,247.05
- Checking - \$2,630.39
- Money Market - \$4,294.24
- Money Market Reserves - \$1,000.00
- Reserves - \$300.00
- Bulk Mail - \$54.66

Total \$12,526.34

Income for the month was \$1,945 with the majority of it coming from membership dues. Expenses for the month were \$4,097.41 with \$1,135 for Plant Sale Exhibit Building and \$2,000 for Endowment accounting for the largest portion.

Karolyn Riecks, Treasurer



February 2010

Plant Clinic Coordinator: Judy Mercer 672-4338
 Alternates: Jackie Carpenter 4648163
 Gale Ward 672-5815

OSU MG PLANT CLINIC SCHEDULE

KRUSES

FARMERS MKT

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sat
1 <i>Leo Grass Robyn Thompson</i>	2	3 <i>Judy Mercer Larry Sutton Tom Hall</i>	4	5	6	6
8 <i>Jack Wright Noal Meyer Diane Breeding Tom Hall</i>	9	10 <i>Judy Mercer Robyn Thompson Jim Ostlanger</i>	11	12	13	13
15 <i>President's Day</i>	16	17 <i>Jack Wright Larry Sutton</i>	18	19	20	20
22 <i>Leo Grass Deb Gaedecke Yvonne Henderson</i>	23	24 <i>Judy Mercer Laverne Bailey Patty Knotts Tracey Buell</i>	25	26	27	27
		<i>Neal Meyer</i>				

NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

Starting in February the Plant Clinic will be open Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. This is a very exciting time in the Clinic as the training of the new class begins. The curiosity and enthusiasm that they bring with them is contagious.

I would ask all Veterans that will be working in the Clinic to please pick up a copy of the Office Protocol and the Opening and Closing Checklist. They have been updated and copies are available now in the bottom left hand drawer of the office desk. Please use these tools in the training of your students.

It is very important that we get the students off to a good start and not give them any conflicting directions. Of particular importance is the recording of data in the Log Book. It must be complete and legible; with proper sources cited.

The Calendar is already filled for February but there are still a few slots in March. I would ask that the students from last years class who have not fulfilled their required hours to please hold off until this years class has had a chance to get in their required two training sessions. I will make an announcement when that has been accomplished.

See you in the clinic.

Judy Mercer
 Plant Clinic Manager

Master Gardener News

Community Outreach

One of the activities that first hooked me in the Master Gardener program, was working at our Douglas County Home Show booth. Meeting some of our neighbors under the Master Gardener banner, and sharing our knowledge of sustainable gardening practices, is a fulfilling way to spend a couple of hours .

Working with our 'booth partners' also gives us a chance to get to know one or two of our fellow MGs. This year I would like to make soils our theme. A display of soil amendments, and some basic soil testing techniques, along with some types of soil found in Douglas County, would give people a good starting point for developing their own garden. We are scheduled to do a basic soils management presentation on Friday 1:30-2:30.

This years Home Show is March 5th, 6th and 7th . You will find a signup sheet in the plant clinic. One veteran MG and one or two apprentices should be sufficient for each two hour shift. I'll set the booth up on Thursday March 4th, and would welcome assistance.

I also welcome ideas to make this years booth more interesting for our public. Please call, or e-mail.

Leo Grass 541 679-5971,
Leo_6419@msn.com



HALLMARK

I do have a report after all!

Our Historian, Marjorie Orr called me the day after our Membership Meeting to thank me for the card I'd sent her and gave me permission to include her in my report. She had hurt her arm in a fall in her home and although she's been seen by doctors more than once, the diagnosis is still undetermined. She does feel that she's getting better. It's not as painful now. However, she is not able to drive as she does not have full use of that arm. She welcomes phone calls from friends and sure missed not being able to attend out meeting.

If you know of an MG who might be cheered up to receive a card, please let me know. If you are a recipient of a card and feel OK about being included in my report to the membership, please let me know!

Linda Thames
541-673-3978



Dear Master Gardeners,

I'd like to remind everyone to turn in your 2009 timesheets before the cutoff date which, this year, is Friday, February 26. Timesheets received after that date will not be credited to you.

Please be sure to add the hours for each category and put the total in the far right column. Also, don't forget to include your name and the month at the top of the sheet. Don't laugh -- it's happened more than once. There's one currently languishing in the grey box with neither name nor month on it...

If you have any questions about filling out your timesheets, your hours, etc., you can call or email me and I'll try to help. If you're unable to drop them off at the MG office you can mail the completed sheets to me via USPS (not email) but please allow enough time for them to reach me by Feb. 27 (Saturday).

Thank you for all the good work you all do. I'm always astonished and impressed by the number of hours that some of you contribute every year to our MG Family. "Dedicated" doesn't begin to describe you.

Pamela Barrows (Timekeeper)
Faraway Farm 1275 Tenmile Valley Road Tenmile 97481-9765
541-784-2305
farawayfarm@dcwisp.net

You're Invited

Mini College Beyond Backyard Basics: The Science of Sustainability

Scientific advances are leading us to ever better practices in home horticulture, and Oregon State University is where this happening. These advances are taking us beyond the basics of backyard gardening. And, are increasing our knowledge and understanding of "best practices" in our backyards.

What are these scientific advances? How do they apply to my backyard? How do I know my garden is sustainable? How do I go beyond a basic backyard to a sustainable garden? Can sustainable practices enhance our environment? Improve our economy and ecology? Protect the food we grow and eat? Ensure future generations enjoy healthy, bountiful harvests?

Answers to these questions and more will be presented and explored at the **27th Annual Gardener's Mini College, July 28th through July 31st on the campus of OSU**. Come; join us in a quest for the answers. Meet others who share this quest. Sign up early for class selection, making sure you get your first choice. Understanding the science of sustainability will let us change the climate one backyard at a time.

The following report is included in the newsletter for all Master Gardeners. Ed.

On line newsletter Transition Committee Report

Committee members: Roger Sawyer, Elaine Moriarty, Larry Sutton & Ted Benice. Diane Aiello was invited but did not participate.

The committee was created to search for a way to smoothly transition the monthly mailing of our newsletter, providing this information by way of the internet and computers of those members with this media.

The committee recommends the following.

1. Continue mailing the newsletter for one year. This practice to terminate with the mailing of the December 2010 issue.
2. Ask all of those members who are willing to accept the newsletter on line to do so and opt off of our mailing list.
3. Maintain this committee for the purpose of helping to bring as many members as possible to accept the on line method of receiving the newsletter. This committee will deal with the problems that the individual members perceive on a personal basis. As more and more members accept this method of receiving the newsletter they are encouraged to add their name to the list of those not receiving a mailed copy. We recommend our membership custodian be responsible for maintaining and updating this list.
4. At the 2011 budget meeting we encourage changing our dues policy. Our suggestion is to set our dues to offset the OMGA dues and discontinue that portion of dues assessed for the newsletter. At the same time begin a newsletter subscription policy to cover the cost of mailing the newsletter to those who wish to have a printed copy. The subscription price to be set at this time.

Continued on next page

Master Gardener News continued

Report continued from previous page

This plan should accomplish the goal of the Executive Committee's decision, of several months ago, to move to on line publishing of our newsletter. It does not inconvenience any member who either cannot or does not want to participate in this technological update. By removing the \$5.00 portion of our dues allocated for the newsletter we make it possible for those still wishing to receive a printed copy to do so by using those savings to offset all or the majority of the subscription price of the newsletter.

The committee should be disbanded December 31, 2010

Respectfully submitted, January 13, 2010 by Roger Sawyer, Committee Chairman



A reminder:

THANK YOU to all members who have paid their dues. We are compiling our membership list. If you have not yet paid your dues, please either take your check to the plant clinic or send them to:

Mik Carlson, Membership Director,
1381 San Souci Drive, Roseburg, OR 97471.
Thanks, Mik



Cut Here

Check No. _____

Date _____

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.

**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 March 2010
Newsletter are due Noon
Saturday, February 27th
Please email articles to
Ted Benice
((tbenice@douglasfast.net)

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

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