



Douglas County Master Gardeners



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YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Wow!!! We are already two months into 2010. Time seems to fly by when you are having fun.

I would just like to say what a great organization this is to which we all belong. When our speaker did not show up at our General Meeting Thursday, five of our veteran master gardeners took over and filled the hour with great information. We heard about the Victory Garden, Vegetables, Plant Sale, Composting, and the Worms and compost tea. Thank you Elaine Moriarty, Jim Leet, Gloria Amorde, Ken Hays, and Shirley Purcell. Just shows how much knowledge many of you have to share with the rest of us.

The next two months look to be filled with lots of opportunity. We have our Spring into Gardening, February 27, at UCC, which will already be over when you read this article. Then we have the Home Show, March 5 -7, and finally the Trash to Treasures Sale, March 20th. We will also have our new class graduation on March 16th at 3:00 pm.

In between we will be working in the Discovery Garden where there is always some project to keep us busy. Each garden will need help and I hope many of you will find a niche to fill out there. If you are not sure, contact Julie Stanbery and she will be happy to hook you up with one of the garden heads.

We will also have lots of opportunity to work in the green houses getting ready for the Plant Sale on May 1st. Tasha will need lots of help with all the chores needed to get the plants ready for our major fundraiser. Many hands make the work that much easier.

We will also begin to fill the Plant Clinic hours as we move to five days a week in April, from three in March. It is very interesting to work in the clinic and hopefully if we all just put in one day a month the task will be made very easy. Judy Mercer has told us that March is all filled up so we are off to a great start. Let's keep that enthusiasm going through the year.

Grow a Seed - a bit of Wisdom from Jody Houghton

A New Year brings opportunities to plan for another twelve months of our lives. A new plan of action to bring to life a Seed of Desire that has been planted in our hearts. "It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan." (Eleanor Roosevelt) "Plan

your work for today and everyday, then work your plan." (Norman Vincent Peale) It takes action steps to bring the plan of your desire into reality. Just like the seeds we plant in our gardens. They need care and attention to grow into beautiful flowers and vegetables. Keep the weeds (distractions) out of your mind, till the soil (keep considering all options for growth) feed the soil (do your research and seek a working model), and finally know that you have done everything you can to succeed, so have a wonderful day.

Hope to see many of you at our upcoming activities throughout the next months.

Judith Huntley
DCMG President



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Victory Garden area at the Horticulture Learning Center

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

Plant Sale

Just a reminder to all, especially you veterans, the signup sheets for the Plant Expo are out and we need all the help we can get. The clipboards will be out on Tuesday's until the new classes are complete on March 16. They will also be out at the next general meeting on March 25th. OR, if you are in town on Monday or Wednesday's in the PM, swing by the annex and add your name to clipboard you like, which is in the plant clinic. If there is anyone who would like to signup and cannot get into town to do so, please feel free to either e-mail me at toma@mcsi.net or call 541-672-4869. Please give me your phone # and where it is you would like to have me put your name. Please do not forget about the potluck which will be soup/salad on setup day (Friday) and smorgasbord (anything goes) on sale day (Saturday). Please remember if you are planning to work the sale you must have your dues paid for the year. If you have not done so yet, please contact Mik Carlson (Membership Chair).

Gloria

Treasurer's Report

As of 2/26/2010

Account Balances

CD - Reserves - \$4,247.05
Checking - \$3,622.00
Money Market - \$1,294.44
Money Market Reserves - \$1,000.00
Reserves - \$300.00
Bulk Mail - \$254.66

Total \$10,718.15



Income for the month was \$440.00 with the majority of it coming from membership dues. Expenses for the month were \$2,216.43. Expenses were spread between Greenhouse, Clinic, Discovery Garden, HLC, Winter Program and Plant Sale.

Karolyn Riecks, Treasurer

DCMG GENERAL MEETING

February 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President **Judy Huntley** at 10:06 AM. Approximately 55 members were in attendance.

President **Judy Huntley** asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. There were two additions.

Agent Report: **Judy Huntley** said that the Spring Into Gardening registration was at 8:30AM on Saturday February 27th. The graduation of the new class is on Tuesday, March 16th. at approximately 3:00PM so please plan to arrive about 2:45PM.

Officer Reports

Membership: **Mik Carlson** reported that there were 240 paid members. If cash was paid for the dues she has the receipts so please pick them up. The roster is ready and should be sent out around March 15th.

OMGA Representative: **Carolyn Register** is going to the March 6th quarterly OMGA meeting. The OMGA Endowment was discussed. **Roger Sawyer** presented a history of the OMGA Endowment. A brief meeting of Executive Board members and interested parties is to be held directly after the General meeting to discuss the endowment and advise **Carolyn Register** of what the DCMG Chapter thinks on the subject of that endowment's continuation. The DCMG will not submit a Search for Excellence award nomination to OMGA. The DCMG has a budget fund for scholarships to Mini-College. A request was made for silent auction items and door prizes for Mini-College.

Treasurer: **Karolyn Riecks** reported that the Overall Total funds are \$11,329.75. The Income and Expenses were reported.

Vice President: **Judy Huntley** reported that Mike McCarthy did not show up for the Continuing Education presentation so a panel of DCMG "experts" answered questions. **Elaine Moriarty** said that next month's Continuing Education program will be presented by Joe Lawrence on the subject of Terra Preta. She gave a description of Terra Preta.

President: **Judy Huntley** said that **Carol Gray** sent a letter resigning the Librarian position. The description of the Librarian's job will be in the Newsletter. She said there were two thank-you letters.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: **Leo Grass** thanked everyone who signed up to work in the booth at the Home Show. The theme of the booth will be "Soils". **Patricia Gilbert** gave a presentation to the Umpqua Valley Garden Club.

Plant Clinic/Farmers' Markets: **Judy Mercer** reported that the Plant Clinic calendar is full for the month of March. If anyone wishes to be Librarian please contact her. She said **Yvonne Henderson** has done research to find out what was being done right and wrong in the Plant Clinic and there will be a report at next month's Chapter meeting. The Farmers' Market will open on April 17th.

Discovery Garden: **Julie Stanbery** said that the Donor Board was completed by Fred Sabin. It has three trees upon which donor's names will be attached. **Noel Groshong** will start the irrigation project in the Entry Garden as soon as the greenhouse heatbed and watering projects are finished. The next workday is March 3rd, 11:00- 2:00PM. The new class attendance has been good. The completion of the Tea House Patio will be the next project, after weeding. Regular Tuesday workdays will start on March 23rd, 9:00-12:00. The pavilion gutters have a problem. She will look into fixing the problem. She requested that anyone finding her pruners to please return them.

Awards: **Betty Ison** said there was a meeting after the Executive Board meeting earlier this month when the State awards were discussed.

Hallmark: **Linda Thames** has sent out "Happy" cards this last month.

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Publicity: **Theresa Saylor** reported that she has sent out PSAs concerning the Trash to Treasures sale. The flyers and bookmarks announcing the Plant Sale are finished and **Gloria Amorde** has them to distribute

Plant Sale: **Gloria Amorde** said the MG Pre-sales are April 22nd and 25th. She said the Plant Sale sign-ups look good. Many new class members are signed up so the veterans should sign-up now.

Victory Garden: **Elaine Moriarty** thanked **Mary VanAssche** since she contacted catalogue companies who have sent, or will send, free seeds for use in the Victory Garden. There was a meeting last week with **Noel Groshong** about watering the Victory Garden

Old Business

Time Keeping System Online: **Judy Huntley** said there were two emails from **Gail Langellotto**, State Master Gardener head, about the on-line Time Keeping System. There have been some changes and additions to the categories which show that she is listening to us. On-line Time Reporting is easy but we still should continue using our paper reporting system. The on-line system keeps track for mileage.

Trash to Treasure sale: **Bob Agee** passed the sign-up clipboard around. The flyers are on the back table. Please put them all over town(s). Set up is 9-5PM, March 19th and the sale is March 20th.

Historian: **Marge Orr** requested pictures and articles for the scrapbooks.

New Business

Mini-College: Mini College is in Corvallis at Oregon State University on July 28-31.

Email Information: **Judy Huntley** reported that she received an email from Doug Halloway asking about the possibility of MGs having a plant sale booth at the Arts' Festival.

Show and Tell/Good of the Order: **Roger Sawyer** had a pot with Mimosa tree starts to give away requesting they be prepared for the Plant Sale. He said starts from the Kiwi plants at the HLC should be done, but the plants need a male and a female. **Philece Humphrey** knows how to tell the sex of a kiwi plant and will work with whoever takes on this project. She said she has tried to propagate kiwi and had no success. **Roger Sawyer** had seeding trays and covers to give away. **Julie Stanbery** pointed out the curtains above the entrance to the Annex room. They are acoustic and help with temperature control. She said to be sure to thank **John Punches** for them. She read remarks/sayings about gardening from an Oregonian column. The Gossler Nursery in Springfield is having an open house on March 25-28th. They are a wholesale nursery and will be open at that time for retail sales. There was a question about the Butterfly Bush being on the State "Do Not Sell" list. The variety is "Davidii" and cannot be sold, nor should we have it to give away. If you have a butterfly Bush in your yard it must be deadheaded so it will not go to seed and be spread by animals.

Announcements

Spring Into Gardening – February 27th UCC

Home Show – March 5-7 Fairgrounds

Trash to Treasures – March 20th Annex

OMGA Quarterly Meeting – March 6th Medford

Executive Board Meeting – March 10th 9:30AM

DCMG Chapter Meeting – March 25th 9:00AM

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Benice - Secretary



Plant Clinic Calendar

March 2010

Plant Clinic Coordinator: Judy Mercer 672-4338
 Alternates: Yvonne Henderson 839-6330 - Gayle Ward 672-5815
 Jackie Carpenter 464-8163 - Barbara Leeb 679-2255

OSU MG PLANT CLINIC SCHEDULE					KRUSES	FARMERS MKT
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sat
1 <i>Leo Grass</i> <i>Sally Johnson</i> <i>Ann Sedlacek</i> <i>Jean Wall</i>	2	3 <i>Mary Van Assche</i> <i>Larry Sutton</i> <i>Stacey Buell</i> <i>Tom Hall</i>	4	5 <i>Judy Mercer</i> <i>Mary Van Assche</i> <i>Diane Brending</i> <i>Marilyn Klingbell</i>	6 <i>Home Show</i>	6 <i>Home Show</i>
8 <i>Jackie Carpenter</i> <i>Marcia Lenker</i> <i>Jim Orsingher</i> <i>Jamie Gentry</i>	9	10 <i>Karolyn Riecks</i> <i>Larry Sutton</i> <i>Debbie Hesseltine</i> <i>Billie Boerste</i>	11	12 <i>Judy Mercer</i> <i>Mary Van Assche</i> <i>Patty Knotte</i> <i>Yvonne Henderson</i>	13	13
15 <i>Jack Wright</i> <i>Glenda Zalunardo</i> <i>Kristin Chiesna</i> <i>Sherry Redd</i>	16	17 <i>Larry Sutton</i> <i>Pam Barrows</i> <i>Terry Streker</i> <i>Sam Noonkester</i>	18	19 <i>Judy Mercer</i> <i>Joe Yetter</i> <i>Ruth Stafford</i> <i>Chris Rusch</i>	20	20
22 <i>Marcie Lenker</i> <i>Susie Robins</i> <i>Jim Orsingher</i> <i>Jamie Gentry</i>	23	24 <i>Larry Sutton</i> <i>Deb Gaedecke</i> <i>Debbie Heseltine</i> <i>Billie Boerste</i>	25	26 <i>Judy Mercer</i> <i>John Denny</i> <i>Michael Garguilo</i> <i>Melissa Garguilo</i>	27	27
29 <i>Leo Grass</i> <i>Salley Johnson</i> <i>Ann Sedlacek</i> <i>Jean Wall</i>	30	31 <i>Larry Sutton</i> <i>John Denny</i> <i>Michael Garguilo</i> <i>Melissa Garguilo</i>				

NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

Spring has arrived a little early this year and it is showing in the Plant Clinic activity. The new students are really getting a workout in their training. We have been unusually busy for this time of year.

The Clinic will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the month of March so there will be more opportunities for the students to get in their two initial training times. I am glad to report that the slots are already filled for the Month of March.

I want to remind the trainers to be sure and record the training sessions on the form found in the front pocket of the Log Book.

Yvonne Henderson has compiled the statistics from the Plant Clinic log book. I will be making a report on the findings at the March General Meeting. This information will help us in our training and in improving our work in the Clinic.

Susie Robbins and Debbie Gaedecke have volunteered to go through last years Log Book and compile a list for each month of the most frequently asked questions and the source material where the answers can be found. This list will be placed in the front of each section and should make our job much easier and more efficient. The lists will be updated yearly.

Happy gardening and I look forward to seeing you in the Clinic.

Judy Mercer
 Plant Clinic Manager

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Executive meetings: second Wednesday, 9:30am, 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
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Important internet links:

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Articles for the April 2010
Newsletter are due Noon
Saturday, March 27th
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