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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

YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Going back over the last six years newsletters about the Plant Sale, now known as the Plant Expo, each year our presidents reported that the income was better than the last. I have not heard yet, but I am not worried, because even if it is not, I know our Expo was a success. Though we did not have as much plant material, when all was put forth, the tables were covered and the hall was full. Many repeat customers were there to support us again and I am sure we had a few new faces also. Success cannot always be measured in dollars and cents. It was so good to see the support that all of the master gardeners gave to every area of the Plant Expo. I will not begin to give individual thank yous for fear of leaving someone out, but each and everyone who worked in any capacity should pat yourself on the back and say thank you. I know that there are many who worked all year long to make this day a success and you should get extra pats. I will be anxiously awaiting our financial results.

Now we can all begin to put more of our efforts toward our other activities. The plant clinic calendar has a few blank spaces. Remember if we each just do one day a month there will not be a burden on anyone. Sounds like preaching, but some need to step up. Also consider one day sometime during the summer at one of our Saturday venues: Saturday Market, Brosi's, or Kruse Market.

The Victory Garden is up and running and will need lots of work. Planting of new seeds and plants will be necessary in the next few weeks. After, we will need to tend to weeds, watering and later harvesting the produce. There are already peas, carrots, beets, and onions planted. This will be a great venture to help those in need.

As always our showcase, the Discovery Garden, will continue to need work all summer. As the rain lets up I am sure Julie will be setting up a watering schedule and this might be right up your alley to help. We will continue to work each Tuesday from 9 to noon and when it gets hot from 8 to 11 or whenever. We will hear more as the summer goes on.

Please put your thinking hats on and come up with some good ideas for fun trips. Caroline Link is our coordinator and she will be looking into a some trips the next few months. We need to take a day off and just have some FUN enjoying each others company and seeing something new possibly. Give her a call if you have an idea.

I still have money for scholarships to Mini College at Corvallis on July 28 – 31. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and bringing back some great information for the rest of the Douglas County Master Gardeners.

Hope for a few more sunny days like last Sunday and Tuesday. Happy planting.

Judy Huntley
DCMG President



Vice-President's Message

Howdy all,

If you didn't make Joe Yettters' talk before the last chapter meeting you missed a great presentation. His lecture was on Mycology for the Gardener and he did an excellent job. We hope he will be able to do another presentation, or rather a continuation another time.

This month Steve Renquist will be speaking on crop forecasting. Crop forecasting is the art of predicting crop yields and production before the harvest actually takes place, typically a couple of months in advance. Steve has worked in both Brazil and Russia as a crop forecaster and will share his experiences.

Don't forget the Chapter meeting is Thursday May 27th. Maureen Benice will start the morning with a short slide show of the Plant Sale promptly at 9:00AM followed by Steve. The monthly Chapter meeting follows at 10:00 and Bob Brindley will supervise a salsa taste off after the meeting.

Next month, June, we begin having our chapter meetings in members gardens. These are always great fun, getting to visit other members gardens and of course our always delicious potlucks.

Have fun gardening,
Liz Zamba



MG News—Thank you all

Community Outreach: A great big thanks, and well done to Lorena Remington and Marva Jones, for their work with the Douglas County Juvenile detention center green house program. They received a great write-up in the News Review last Sunday.

Since I missed the deadline for last months news letter; Deepest thanks to all of you that took a turn at the Home Show. We had four hundred and fifty five counted contacts, and nine potential new students for next years class. It is always rewarding to be associated with an organization that has the respect of so many of our neighbors here in Douglas County. Your presence at events like the Home Show, and your ability to answer peoples gardening questions, have built, and maintain, that good reputation. Thank You.



The clean-up committee is so appreciative for all those members who helped us at the Plant Expo, especially with the final clean up. Many worked clear up until 6 p.m., even helping vendors carry their things out of the building so it could be cleaned. We couldn't have done it without you. THANK YOU!



PLANT SALE

Well, we have come to the end of another successful Plant and Garden Expo. Considering the huge loss in plant material this winter, we did far better than anyone expected...at least enough for the new riding mower. There are many people I wish to thank and acknowledge for their hard work and efforts this year to make our sale the success it was, because if not for them and their volunteers, it would have never happened.

To all my committee heads: Philece Humphrey (checkers/cashiers), Judi Danielson (holding area), Richard Johnstone (transportation), Marianne Major (clean-up), Ken Hayes (boxes), Leo Grass (reference table), Ray Link (pickup area), Larry Sutton (security), Debbie Haynes (raffle), Teresa Sayler (publicity), Lorena Remington (kitchen), and big kudos to Anne Waddington who did double duty this year (setup and floor coordinator), Betty Ison (setup) and to Tasha King (greenhouse coordinator). Also would like to acknowledge all the veterans and new class members who so faithfully worked at the greenhouses, rain or shine, to make our plants look wonderful; to the all the gentlemen who worked so hard to have our greenhouses up and working for us, and to Karolyn Riecks for the terrific job she did making all the labels for our plants and being our treasurer. Last, but not least, I wish to thank my Co-Chairs Bob Brindley (vendors) and Chuck Aiello (signage and my right-hand man) for the great jobs they did and for their support when I needed it. Now, in case the word has not gotten around, the money we raised this year with everything from pre-sales, vendors, raffle, entry fees and sale was \$23,413.70. We should all be very proud and to everyone who participated a huge thank you again and look forward to another great year in 2011.

Gloria – Plant Sale Co-Chair



Master Gardener News

HALLMARK

A week and a half before the Plant Expo, Caroline Link had an emergency appendectomy and is home recovering. Otherwise she most certainly would have been there. Caroline, you were missed! One of her beautiful gourd bowls was a sought after prize at the Plant Sale Raffle. (I bought raffle tickets but I wasn't the lucky one who won it.) We all wish Caroline a speedy recovery...

Another member who was missed was Barbara Leeb who injured her arm in mid-April. She is also wished a speedy recovery.

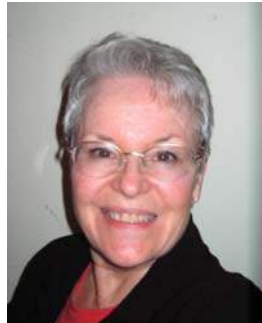
Speaking of which, modern medicine is amazing sometimes, or is it Debbie Haynes who is amazing? She had hip replacement surgery only about a month ago and there she was looking fine and working the Raffle table at the Plant Sale.

About the Plant Expo, Marianne Major and I are so very, very appreciative of all the help given to the Clean-Up Committee by so many of the members. It was 6 p.m. before we got out of there but I do believe we left the Exhibit Building cleaner than it was when we got it!

I sent a sympathy card to the family of Cliff J. Hein, a former MG and friend of Extension who died this past week.

If you know of any situation where sending a card from the MGs would be appropriate, please let me know.

Linda Thames
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Vermicomposting

Instead of tossing your fruit and veggie scraps in the garbage can, you can compost them in a worm bin. Composting with worms is easy and fun! You can turn your table scraps into "gold" or worm castings, which is as premium a soil as you can purchase.

Red worms do not normally live in dirt, therefore you need to provide them with a shelter. You can buy or create your own worm shelter.

The MGs have worms for sale at \$1.00 a handful, samples of bins you can make or containers you can adapt.

If you are interested and want to talk about the subject....just call or email: Shirley 541-673-3818 hopover@gmail.com

TEA TIME:

The Compost Tea Brewer (CT) has been perking along since March, the tea went on the plants that we sold at the Plant Sale.

NOW it is time for you to do the same.

Beginning May 4, compost tea will be **available** every Tuesday at 9:00 am by the green shed in the Discovery Gardens.

A couple of folks have been added to the CT team: Barbara and Gale Robinson have been working with the worms and making tea this spring, JoAnn Bohm has rejoined us on Tuesday to help with the downloading and selling.

Benefits and application of COMPOST TEA: (made from Worm Castings)

can be used as a soil drench or foliar spray

as a soil drench CT provides nutrients for the plant via the root system as well as enhancing the soil

- as a foliar spray CT provides microbial inoculants for both disease and insect suppression.

Price:

- **\$2.00 a gallon.** CT has been a consistent money maker for the MG's general fund, because **YOU** have been such great supporters of this project.

The tea is provided in gallon jugs and should be applied within 8 – 12 hours while the inoculants are still living.

Reservations:

Email
hopover@gmail.com.....or
phone 541- 673-3818 to reserve your CT, the amt and which dates.

Thank you,

Shirley



DCMG GENERAL MEETING

April 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President **Judy Huntley** at 10:15 AM. Approximately 65 members were in attendance.

Agent Report: **Steve Renquist** said that Clifford Hein, DMD passed away. He was active in apple propagation. Pruning of fruit trees was done at his place for years by MGs. His memorial will be held at the Sutherlin Seventh-day Adventist church on April 30th at 1:00PM. **Steve Renquist** told us that people need to be reminded about DC-OSU Endowment so they can contribute. The balance of the endowment is about \$15,000. In the future proceeds from the endowment may be needed to provide positions at the OSU Extension. He announced a class on the Spotted Winged Drosophila on May 14th. at the Extension Annex at 1:00PM. The class will be lead by Amy Dreves, an OSU Crop Entomologist and Rick Hilton from SOREC. He asked that MGs sit near the back as the class is aimed at the crop producers. MGs may sign up in the office. There will be an online class lead by Gail Langolotto on May 11th. He said the Earth Day celebration booth was successful but only one of the new class was there. He reported that cuts be made at the State level, so the AG college at OSU has been asked to rework their budget. He thinks that all of the DC agents are safe from the cuts.

Officer Reports

Membership: **Mik Carlson** said corrections to the roster were emailed and an up to date roster is always in the Plant Clinic. There are 288 members. There are extra rosters in the Plant Clinic and on the table along with the OMGA MG cards.

OMGA Representative. There was no OMGA report.

Treasurer: **Karolyn Riecks** reported that the Overall Total funds are \$10,046.58. The April Income and Expenses were reported. The Pre-Sale made \$912.05. She will send in OMGA dues April 1st.

Vice President: **Liz Zamba** thanked **Joe Yetter** for his presentation on "Micology for Gardeners". The May presentation will be given by **Steve Renquist** on "Crop Forcasting".

President: **Judy Huntley** talked about the recent Plant Sale ads in the NewsReview. She discussed and passed around petitions from Sherrie Seng concerning the possible cuts in funds to OSU.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: **Leo Grass** talked about a recent article in the NewsReview about the Detention Center's greenhouse program. He said he gave a "Basic Gardening" presentation to the Boys and Girls Club. There were 40 First Graders.

Plant Clinic/Farmers' Markets: **Judy Mercer** reported that 17 of the new class have completed their Plant Clinic(PC) 2-days training. There are 16 who have not and will receive a call. There are new handouts from OSU and Davis on the Spotted Winged Drosophila (SWD). Some of the handouts are being misfiled. Please return the handouts to their original location in the PC file. When working in the PC we need to talk with callers/clients about the SWD and make sure they get handouts. She said all of the new class are "really good" in the PC. **John Panches** has obtained some new PC books on tree ID, etc, for the PC and Farmers' Market locations.

Discovery Garden: **Judy Huntley** said the regular Tuesday garden workdays will begin next Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

Plant Sale: **Richard Johnstone** reviewed the general plan for workers; times and locations for the Plant Sale. It was requested that some MGs stay and help load the tables, etc. today after the meeting. **Chuck Allieo** asked for a volunteer to place the signs from the freeway off-ramp to the Fairgrounds. **Steve Renquist** said he would do that.

Awards: **Betty Ison** had nothing to report.

Hallmark: **Linda Thames** announced the 50th wedding anniversary of **Ken Hays** and his wife. She also said **Debbie Haynes** had had a hip replacement. She was at the meeting. **Barbara Leeb** hurt her arm and hopes to be at the Plant Sale to work.

Victory Garden: **Elaine Moriarty** reported that work at the Victory Garden (VG) is idle until after the Plant Sale. There are veggies growing in the greenhouse to be planted. Beets, carrots and peas are planted.

Saturday Market: **Judy Huntley** said the market has been running for two weeks and needs worker signups.

Compost tea: **Barbara Robinson** said that tea has been made and poured on the Plant Sale plants. Tuesday compost tea may be purchased for \$2.00/gallon. Please reserve through **Shirley Purcell**. Tell her the amounts you want each week. They make 26 gallons per brewing and can make a second batch if needed, so make reservations.

Old Business

Plant Sale: **Judy Huntley** reminded everyone to help load after the meeting. She said an email from **Doug Holloway** was received to the effect that **Tasha King** at the greenhouse does not need plant pots right now. The pots may be taken to Heartwood or to recycling.

New Business

Mini-College: Mini College is in Corvallis at Oregon State University on July 28-31. The General Meeting for July is changed to July 22nd.

Fun Day Trip: **Caroline Link** is asking for suggestions so she can plan a fun trip after the Plant Sale.

Umpqua Valley Arts Assn. Photo Artists: **Larry Sutton** said the artists will be in the Discovery Garden. He has asked them for copies of their pictures for the DCMG display at Mini-College.

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Show and Tell/Good of the Order:

Elaine Moriarty said that she went to the play, "Leading Ladies" and it was hilarious. **Myra Weaver** is one of the "stars". **Margaret Miles** asked if hats should be worn even though they were not going to be judged. The hats help with identification of MGs when talking with customers. It was mentioned that purses should be left in cars or at home as there is no storage place for them at the Plant Sale.

The "UV Hort News" was handed out. **Steve Renquist** writes this newsletter every other month.

Bob Brindley talked about booths needing the name of the vendor displayed on the booth. He said 60 of the 64 booths at the Plant Sale are taken. When MGs may purchase plants in the afternoon they should store them in the "Plant Storage" area not "Will Call". He said to bring money for the raffle as there are lots of items. After the next meeting there will be a barbecue sauce taste-off. He mentioned the new farmers' market in Oakland starts May first.

Announcements:

- Newsletter Deadline Tuesday, May 4th at 12:00 midnight
- Executive Meeting: May 12th 9:30 AM Annex kitchen
- Online Training for the SWD May 11th.
- SWD Class May 14th 1:00 PM OSU Annex
- Chapter Meeting May 27th 10:00AM Annex
- Continuing Education May 27th 9:00AM Annex
- Diagnosis Class May 19th 10:00AM Steve's house

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM

Respectfully submitted:
Maureen Benice - Secretary

Treasurer's Report
As of 5/3/2010

Account Balances

- CD - Reserves - \$4,247.05
- Checking - \$8,582.93
- Money Market - \$14,720.52
- Money Market Reserves - \$1,000.00
- Reserves - \$300.00
- Bulk Mail - \$129.65

Total \$28,980.15



Plant Expo Results:

- Drawings - \$706.00
- Entry Fees - \$1,603.00
- Sales Event - \$17,219.05
- Vendors - \$2,856.00
- Pre-Sale - \$1,029.65

Total \$23,413.70

Karolyn Riecks, Treasurer



BBQ Sauce Taste-off

After the general meeting on Thursday, May 27, we will have a taste-off of homemade and commercially bottled barbecue sauces. What's your favorite? How does it match up against the competition? Bring it to the meeting and you may win discount certificates for plants of your choice at our greenhouse! First prize is worth \$15, second prize \$10, and third prize \$5.

There will be two categories--homemade and commercial. In order for me to have enough bowls, chips, supplies, etc., please let me know what you will be bringing before the meeting.

So far, I have the following commercial sauces to taste:

- Woody's Cook-in' Sauce
- Stubb's Original
- Natural Directions Chipotle
- Natural Directions Zesty
- Pendleton Mesquite
- Roadhouse Original
- Smokin' True South Carolina/Georgia Style

I will keep you updated by e-mail as the month progresses but if you have a favorite, contact me ASAP so you have a chance at the prizes; I will only be accepting one entry of a particular sauce but also feel free to enter more than one sauce. I estimate I will only need about 4oz but please bring more; you will be able to take the remaining home.

Oh, and by the way this is a blind tasting so final results may not be known until the newsletter if there is no clear winner.

Also, don't forget we will have our annual tomato taste-off after the September meeting and maybe another salsa taste-off or some other kind of taste-off in October. I'm open for suggestions on the October meeting.

Bob Brindley
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May 2010

Plant Clinic Coordinator: Judy Mercer 672-4338
 Alternates: Susie Robbins 957-8962, Paulette Helsley 679-9143

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sat
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3 Leo Grass Charlotte Herbert Jamie Gentry Stacey Buell	4 Chris Rusch Ruth Stafford	5 Larry Sutton Marcia Lenker Judy Geockner Don Geockner	6 Leo Grass Debbie Hesseltine	7 Judy Mercer Susie Robbins Jamie Gentry Stacey Buell	8	8 Susie Robbins Rebecca Drew Debbie Hesseltine
10 Leo Grass Patricia Kastrop Jamie Gentry Stacy Buell	11 Bonnie Courter Paulette Helsley	12 Barbara Leeb Anne Nicholas Sam Noonkester	13 Jack Wright Terry Allen Debbie Hesseltine Kristin Chiesna	14 Lauren Campbell Susie Robbins Chris Rusch Ruth Stafford	15	15 Susie Robbins Margaret Miles Melissa Garguilo Michael Garguilo
17 Jack Wright Kristin Chiesna Jean Wall	18 Pat McClure Dan Bruns Meredith Romo	19 Larry Sutton Marcia Lenker Judy Geockner Don Geochner	20 Bonnie Courter Terrie Allan Debbie Helleltine	21 Judy Mercer Susie Robbins Chris Rusch Ruth Stafford	22	22 Susie Robbins Rebecca Drew Debbie Hesseltine Anne Nicholas
24 Patricia Kastrop Kristin Chiesna Jean Wall	25 Pat McClure Robin Thompson Gary Dever Meredith Romo	26 Larry Sutton Karolyn Riecks Meredith Romo	27 Neal Meyer Stacy Buell	28 Judy Mercer Susie Robbins Chris Rusch Ruth Stafford	29	29 Susie Robbins Robyn Thompson Greg Oehring Sydney Shapiro
31 CLOSED						

NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

I am happy to announce that 17 of our apprentices have completed their two training sessions in the Plant Clinic. I see from the May calendar that several more will have them done by the end of the month. If you are having difficulty getting scheduled please contact me and we'll see what we can work out. I'm in the clinic every Friday.

We could use more alternates for the month of May so if you can help out please stop by and sign up or give us a call and we will put you down.

We have some new handouts on the Spotted Winged Drosophila. Look in the insect section under Cherry spotted winged drosophila. For trap, bait and spray suggestions look in the F section under Fruit fly trap and bait. Please make your own copy rather than taking one from the file. There are copies in the Master's notebook.

When you are working in the Clinic ask all clients, regardless of the question, if they have fruit crops. If they do be sure and tell them about our new fruit fly. Suggest that they stop by and pick up the handouts or offer to mail them. We really need to stay on top of this.

I would like to thank John Punches for donating a tree Id. Book for our outpost clinics.

The alternates for May are as follows:

Susie Robbins V.

Paulette Helsley T.

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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)

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Important internet links:

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

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

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