



Douglas County Master Gardeners



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YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Well I think summer is finally here. Several days of 80 degree temperatures and things are beginning to look a whole lot better. Sorry many of you missed our meeting at Steve Renquist's house on Thursday. He has a lovely yard and gave us a great tour with lots of educational ideas along the way. Hope many of you can put July 22nd on your calendar to attend the next meeting at Yvonne Henderson's home.

One of the things to share with you this month is an email I received from our OMGA President Tamara Martin. At the June 5th OMGA Board Meeting a Long Range Strategic Planning Project was introduced. With all the changes that are going on at Oregon State University, it is felt that we need to be proactive. A committee, of at least five Master Gardeners and our Statewide OSU MG Program Coordinator, Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback, has been formed. Our own Jack Wright will be lending his expertise to this committee.

The overall plan is to first gather input from the OMGA membership. Then create a proposal for change that will be honed during the remainder of 2010. They wish to begin implementation in 2011. Their first organizational meeting was on June 21st. This is why I have felt the need to share this with the whole Douglas County membership and ask for your input.

OMGA has four main mission statements as part of the Oregon Master Gardener Program:

To enhance and supplement the Oregon State University Home Horticulture program.

To assume responsibility for performing special tasks

and engaging in continuous activities related to the program.

To promote a wide dissemination of information available as a result of university study and experimentation. Such information shall be in accordance with Oregon State University standards.

To work with other gardening organizations to enhance gardening in Oregon, when appropriate.

They are asking us to give feedback and comments on three questions.

1. What is OMGA doing at the present time to fulfill these mission statements?
2. What do you think OMGA should do differently in the future?
3. What barriers do you see that would need to be overcome to get us from where we are now to where we would like to be in the future?

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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

Treasurer's Report As of 6/24/2010

Account Balances

CD - Reserves - \$4,247.05
Checking - \$3,637.41
Money Market - \$15,621.00
Money Market Reserves - \$100.00
Reserves - \$300.00
Bulk Mail - \$250.00

Total \$24,155.46

Income for the month was \$230.00. \$200 came from compost tea sales and \$30.00 from soil testing. Expenses for the month were \$1,883.32 with Scholarships totaling \$912.00, Discovery Garden \$722.28, Victory Garden \$170.65 and Plant Sale \$770.63.

Karolyn Riecks,
Treasurer



President's Column

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The committee is going to meet at Mini College in July and would like feedback from us for their plans. If you have comments or feedback, on behalf of our chapter, please send them to Jack Wright or myself. Thanks for your time and effort on this important issue.

Judy Huntley
President DCMG



June General Meeting at Steve Renquist's home



NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

Summer has finally arrived but we are still seeing the results of a very long, cold, and wet spring. Lots of fungus problems.

We have identified some Spotted Wing Drosophila and have given out lots of information sheets.

There are still open slots to be filled for all of the clinics so come on people; step up and fill those empty spaces. Don't make me call you!!! We could also use some more alternates. Call during clinic hours and we will be glad to sign you up.

A few reminders: Until all of your volunteer hours are completed you need to sign up as a trainee. Also please include your phone # when you sign up. It saves us a lot of time when we are doing our reminder calls.

The Lost and Found box is getting pretty full. There are clothing items and kitchen items. If you have misplaced something come in and take a look. They will be going to Goodwill at the end of July.

Our alternates for the month of July are as follows:

Gayle Ward Leo Grass

Judy Mercer
Plant Clinic Manager

John Punches drops the KMX Pine



DCMG GENERAL MEETING

June 24, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President **Judy Huntley** at 10:20 AM at **Steve Renquist's** home/garden. Approximately 46 members were in attendance.

Judy Hunley introduced **Covie Quick** who was President of DCMG for four years starting in 1984.

Agent Report: **Steve Renquist** said he is sending forwarded emails to MGs containing diagnosis and pest websites. He thanked **Jack Wright** for leading the diagnosis class at his house. He said there have been a number of Spotted Winged Drosophila (SWD) captured in traps. He suggested that we, as backyard gardeners, set up traps and look at the drosophila under a magnifier to identify the SWD. SWD maggots are similar to the Cherry Fruit Fly maggots. He said if SWD are identified to spray spinosid on apples then blueberries, 7 days before harvesting. If present in blueberries there might be soft spots on the fruit or under a magnifier you might see the breathing tubes on the surface of the fruit.

Officer Reports

Membership: **Mik Carlson** said there are 288 current members.

OMGA Representative: **Carolyn Register** asked everyone to think about possible \$25 raffle and door prizes for Mini College. They are tax deductible. She reported on the June quarterly meeting in The Dalles. It covered the new OMGA Logo; the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning duties of the OMGA covering mini-college; the endowment fund; the budget acceptance; the new Strategic Planning Team and the appointment of **Jack Wright** to represent our chapter; and the support for the chapters by the OMGA.

Treasurer: **Karolyn Riecks** reported that the Overall Total funds are \$24,753.79.

Vice President: **Liz Zamba** thanked **Steve Renquist** for having the meeting at his home/garden. The July meeting will be at **Yvonne Henderson's**. The directions to her place will be in the Newsletter and emailed. A meeting place is still needed for August. **Susie Robbins** volunteered her place if no other is found. The summer meetings are potlucks so bring your chair, table setting and a potluck item. The meetings start at 10:00AM as there is no Continuing Education before the summer meetings. **Liz Zamba** requested help with the tables/chairs and audio equipment. Several people volunteered.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: **Leo Grass** said **Karolyn Riecks** did a fine job giving a presentation at the Oakland Second Sunday Presentation series. There was a discussion about the DC Fair in August and the need for booth themes. He said that the Extension units all will be located in the same area of the Exhibition Hall, but will be separate booths. He thought "Bugs in the Garden" would be a good theme. The signup sheet to work at the Fair will be in the Plant Clinic. The Fair is August 2-8 which includes a day before and after to set up and take down. The Extension main office will be closed during the Fair as the secretaries will be working at the Fair. There will be no Plant Clinic August 3-6.

Plant Clinic: **Judy Mercer** reported that the Plant Clinic is going well. She said the mentors have called the mentees to remind them to get their PC hours done and turn in their time sheets. More Alternates are needed. **Susie Robbins** said there have been 40+ contacts each week at the Farmers' Market. More veterans and trainees are needed to work at the Farmers' Market. **Carolyn Register** said Kruse Market needs MGs and Master Food Preservers and volunteers can be both MG and MFP.

Discovery Garden: **Julie Stanbery** said that everyone has been parking off the grass on Tuesday workdays and the grass is mowed and looks good. The diver has not been in the river to clean out the footpump since the pump is out in the deep part of the river where the current is swift. She expects him to out next week. She said there is need for a bricklayer. Please let her know if one is located from the MGs or friends. Watering times will be Tuesday afternoons and Fridays. She needs people to turn the water on and off. The garden looks good now and will be nice for Show n' Shine the first weekend in July. She found the new toilets unlocked. There

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DCMG General Meeting continued

was a lock discussion. She asked if the could be a new budget category, “diver”, next year rather than taking the funds from “irrigation” to pay the diver. In July the DG workday starts at 8:00AM, but come out when you can.

Hallmark: **Linda Thames** said it was a healthy month and she sent no cards

Victory Garden: **Mik Carlson** said more people were needed to help plant the last row of beans and pick. She said that 25 pounds of produce were turned in to U-Can this week and that makes a total of 46 pounds.

Compost tea: **Judy Huntley** said that reservations for compost tea are necessary.

Old Business

Mini College Report: **Judy Huntley** said that all of the scholarships are filled and that four people from our chapter are going to the Wednesday Leadership events and the eleven others are going to the full conference. The Chapter display will be done by **Teresa Saylor**. There is a need for door prizes and silent auction items. Contact **Carolyn Register** about these items before the end of the month and get them to her no later that July 27th.

New Business

The July Executive Board meeting is cancelled as all but two members will be out of town.

The Awards Banquet will be held September 25th. at the First Methodist church on Harvard Ave. There is a need for dinner menu ideas.

Judy Huntley asked **Betty Ison** if she is having a garden tour this summer. It will be later as all growing is slow. Anyone wanting to show their garden should contact Betty.

Tasha King suggested that the Oregon Gardens would be a fun trip for the group.

Show and Tell/Good of the Order:

There was no report on the BBQ Sauce Taste Off.

Announcements:

Newsletter Deadline Saturday June 26th. at 12:00 noon

No July Executive Meeting

Chapter Meeting* July 22nd. 10:00AM **Yvonne Henderson's** home ... bring chair, table service, potluck dish

Diagnosis Class July 21st. 10:00AM **Ted and Maureen Benice's** house

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20AM

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Benice – Secretary



Directions to General Meeting on July 22nd:

Take **I5** South to **Exit 102**

Turn left (East) on **Gasley Rd.** Go about 1.5 miles to **1575**. You are there!

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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:

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

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

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Articles for the August 2010
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