

Douglas County Master Gardeners



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YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

As you are reading this article I will be in Ireland. I am writing this before the General Meeting and I want to thank everyone who made sure that things went on while I am gone. I can hardly wait to see the flora and fauna of Ireland.

What a busy month it has been.

First of all we were off to Mini College the end of July. Fifteen of us represented Douglas County and I think we did a very good job. Our chapter display was the only one that you could say was different. Teresa Saylor made a quilt with pictures representing all the activities taking place this last year. It was truly wonderful. I hope she displays it at our meeting for you all to see. I think half of us won door prizes, we were very lucky. The food was great and the speakers gave us lots to think about. You will be hearing more from us in October when the Mini College participants present a continuing education of ideas from their speakers. Please check out the new Oregon Master Gardener website. Larry Byrum has been working very hard to make it informative and useful. He has added some new parts: www.oregonmastergardeners.org

Then came the fair. Those of you who did not attend really missed a great display. Thanks to John Panches' idea of putting the whole Douglas County Extension together, we had a great presence in Community Building. The trees with all the pictures for each extension position were terrific. The 4-H presentations, Master Food and Master Gardener presentations all added to the experience. Thanks to Leo and Bob for the great booth display and all the bugs. We really did present a united effort. Ask Larry Sutton about his ham and cheese costumes.

Next we had a great garden open house put together by Betty Ison. Again if you did not attend you truly missed four great displays of Master Gardener work. A big thank you to Betty, Tricia Creswell, Gayle Ward and Jim and Joni Leet. The drive out to Jim and Joni's was a nice experience, and what ideas we got from each open house. Thank you all for opening your gardens for sharing.

As we start this year with our new slate of officers I want to thank those who have given of their time this last year. I am looking for those of you who might step up and take a committee position for this next year. If you have an interest and would like to help please give be a call and we will discuss your ideas.

This is also the time of year we reflect on our achievements and come together to celebrate. Please put September 25th on your calendar so you will reserve that date for attending the Annual Fall Banquet. This is when we pat ourselves on the back and enjoy a great evening of food, fun and awards.

See you all next month
Judy Huntley
DCMG President



The Best Job in the Whole Outfit

If something is worth doing, it's probably worth doing again. If a movie is any good at all, I'll watch it more than once. Songs that I like go around in my head for years. I have always thought that the Vice Presidents job is the best one in the whole outfit. It was the first position that I filled after my course completion in 'ought two' so I'm pleased to 'play it again'. For me, the best part of being a Master Gardener is; learning new ways to garden better, and then giving that information to others. That's probably the reason I have always enjoyed working in the Plant Clinic. Being Vice President gives me the opportunity to accomplish that goal for all of us.

I have a few ideas of topics for continuing education, and I would love to hear your ideas about subjects that you are interested in. Our membership has a broad scope of different gardening interests. If you would like to present your particular perspective on a topic, please contact me. Thank You for your vote of confidence...

Leo



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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

Agents Report

Reporting Your Volunteer Time

Every year I remind Master Gardener Volunteers of the importance of tracking and reporting your volunteer time with our program. These reported hours get shared with legislators in Salem, who in turn are responsible for deciding what resources OSU Extension and Oregon State University will get. If legislators can see the value of each dollar spent on OSU Extension and how we leverage those dollars with volunteer time, they are much more likely to keep funding our organization. So please keep putting your hours down in a timely fashion. And because those hours we share with legislators should be accurate, we have decided to make a change with our volunteer time policy.

When you are recording your hours please be advised that we are changing one of our guidelines. We are no longer allowing you to record your travel time with our volunteer hours. There was too much variability in how people were recording those hours. We discussed this issue at our Executive Board Meeting in August. After hearing a number of situations and the confusion this issue was raising, I decided to go back to our earlier rule of not allowing any travel time hours to be recorded. I do appreciate the fact that many of you live in areas of Douglas County well away from our Extension office and Discovery Garden. The time and cost of travel is significant and I thank you for it for our program. But for the sake of consistency and program accuracy let's go back to recording program time only on our time cards.

Thanks,
Steve



A great big thanks to all who helped with our fair booth. Special thanks to Suzie Robbins, and Ted Benice, for their artistic endeavors in the set up of the display. We all learned a lot about making 'stuff 'stick to other stuff. Also thanks to 'Bring em Back Alive' Betty Ison, her live insects were a hit with old, and young.

Our insect theme seemed to strike a chord with lots of folks, especially youngsters. I haven't tallied all the hash marks on our contact sheet, but I believe it's safe to say that we did much better than last year. John's 'tree scheme' hit a homerun, and our up front location was great for business.

I hope that all of you enjoyed your time spent in the booth as much as I did. I do believe that the part of being a MG that I like best is; to present the different facets of our Master Gardener jewel to our friends and neighbors. Thank You again for a job well done...Leo

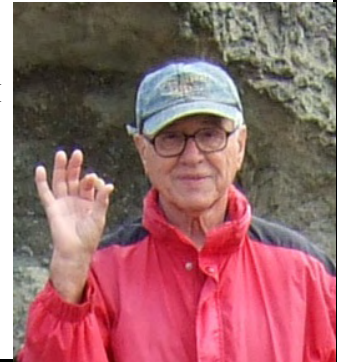


Editorial

This is my last issue as editor. Beginning with the October issue, Joe Yetter is taking over. Joe has a lot of great ideas for the newsletter and I'm very happy that he has chosen to be the new editor.

It's been a fun two years, and I want to thank all of you who have contributed articles. You have made this job easy.

I want to thank Chuck Aiello, who helped me sweat through my first issue, Mary Hoffman, who gave me lots of much needed guidance and corrected errors for me when I goofed up and especially Maureen, who always proof reads the copy before I send it off. You all have saved me from some dumb mistakes.



Ted



Jack Wright swearing in the new officers at the Aug 26 Meeting

- Left to right:
- Maureen Benice - OMGA Rep.
- Toni Rudolph - Treasurer
- Debbie Hesseltine - Secretary
- Leo Grass - Vice President

The remaining officers will be sworn in when they return

Master Gardener News

Please join us for the
Douglas County Master Gardeners'

13th Annual Awards Banquet

All Master Gardeners are welcome to bring
a guest

Saturday, September 25th

Socializing at 5:00 PM

Dinner at 6:00 PM

at

First United Methodist Church

1771 West Harvard Ave

Roseburg

There will be awards, great door prizes and
fine food

Beef and Vegetarian Enchilada Casserole
will be provided

Salads and Desserts
will be potluck

Please sign up in the Plant Clinic by
Sept. 10th

or call Philece Humphrey at 541-957-5526
and let us know what food item you are
bringing

It is very important to sign up so we will
know how many people will be attending

Did you see that?
Great Door Prizes



The Cookbook committee would like to thank everyone for their patience while we were gathering and compiling our cookbook. The Cookbook is now available to buy. They are \$18 each with 500 recipes and many good gardening and cooking tips and ideas. If you would like to purchase a cookbook, please contact a member of the cookbook committee.

Also if you would like to help sell our books or know someone that would, please contact one of us, ASAP. We would like to get these sold as soon as we can.

Thank you

Lorena Remington 541-863-4860

Cookbook Committee:

Maureen Benice

Pam Carroll

Rusdee Chastain

Leslie Farrell

Joan Fedder

Dave Helsley

Philece Humphrey

Geri & Doug Johnson

Len Lanza

Cindy Rich

Linda Thames



DCMG Display at Mini-College
made by Teresa Saylor

What's your favorite tomato?

How does it taste compared to other tomatoes? What should you plant next year?

Come to the 3rd annual Tomato Taste-Off following our general meeting on September 30 at the Discovery Garden. Master Gardeners will be bringing their favorites. How will yours stack up? You can taste as many tomatoes as you dare and vote for your favorites.

We will be judging 4 categories--red slicing, non-red slicing, cherry (including pear and grape), and paste tomatoes. In order to have enough for everyone, we will need several of your precious beauties. We need 3 large (bigger than a tennis ball) slicing, 5 medium slicing, 12 cherry, or 7 paste tomatoes. This estimate is based on our usual sized audience of 40 people. If you bring more tomatoes than we need, we will donate them along with our victory garden produce to the food bank.

Prizes will be given to the three favorites in each category and you will be hailed far and wide. First prize is \$15 gift certificate for plants in our greenhouse; second prize \$10 gift certificate and 3rd prize is \$5 gift certificate.

If you have any suggestions, you can e-mail me at oregongeezer@yahoo.com or call me at 459-7897.

Bob Brindley

NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

We are seeing the typical slow down in the Clinic at this time of year but it will be picking up again with fall chores approaching. We will be seeing questions about spraying and pruning in the home orchards. The spray schedule in our files and the pruning section in our Sustainable Gardening will be most helpful in answering these questions.

I was originally going to list the dates we need filled in the Clinic but it was a bit long. We need volunteers for 16 of our clinic days. We need both veterans and trainees. For the trainees this is a good time to sign up as we are still open 5 days a week. In October we will go to three, in November will be two and December it will be one day a week so your opportunities will narrow. Please call or stop by the Clinic to sign up.

In reviewing the Log Book I am still finding incomplete entries. It is very important that the question and the answer be clearly stated. We also need the code entry and your sources. The sources must be from accepted organization. Look for the edu in the website address.

Thanks to all of you who have worked so tirelessly in the Clinic this season. We have helped a lot of clients and disseminated good science based advice.

Happy gardening,

Judy Mercer
Plant Clinic Manager



Elaine and Bob say "I DO" at the Discovery Garden Pavilion



Extension Service display at the Douglas County Fair

Treasurer's Report As of 8/26/2010



Account Balances

Checking - \$3,493.32
Money Market - \$10,621.56
Money Market Reserves - \$4,353.41
Reserves - \$300.00
Bulk Mail - \$155.72

Total \$18,924.01

Income for the month was \$3,947.36 with the majority of it coming from cookbook sales (\$3,234.00). The remainder came from compost tea sales (\$310.00), pavilion donations (\$208.00), soil testing (\$90.00) plant sales (\$99.00) and interest (\$6.36).

Expenses for the month were \$6,806.76 with \$4,000.00 for the cost of printing the cookbook, \$1,020.41 for Discovery Garden, \$178.61 for HLC, \$839.57 for plant sale, \$275 for awards banquet hall rental and the remaining \$493.17 for insurance, postage and supplies.

Karolyn Riecks, Treasurer



Budget Requests Due to Treasurer September 27, 2010

All committee heads need to submit their budgets for fiscal year 2011 to treasurer, Toni Rudolph, by September 27, 2010.

The 2011 budget will be discussed at the October 13th Executive Board Meeting where each committee head should be prepared to advise the board what the request covers. After approval of a budget at that meeting, the treasurer will submit the budget to the membership at the October 28th General Meeting and have it published in the November newsletter.

Approval of the budget will then be voted on by the membership at the November 18th General Meeting. Budget figures can be submitted via email to toni@rosenet.net or placed in the treasurer's mail slot in the Plant Clinic.

If there are any questions, contact Toni Rudolph.



DCMG GENERAL MEETING

August 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Vice President **Liz Zamba** at 10:20AM at **Pat Klatsop's** home and gardens. Approximately 38 members were in attendance.

Officer Reports

Membership: **Mik Carlson** said there are 288 current members. There are printed roster changes and the changes will also be emailed.

OMGA Representative: **Maureen Benice** said she sent an article to be included in the next OMGA Gardeners' Pen newsletter. This newsletter will be online from now on and our Chapter is requested to make copies for the people who don't have email.

Treasurer: **Karolyn Riecks** reported that the Overall Total funds are \$21,354.01. There was \$1694.00 income from cookbook sales

Vice President: **Liz Zamba** said the September General meeting will be held at the pavilion in the Discovery Garden. There will be a tomato taste-off. She said to tour the Discovery Garden and the Victory Garden. The Mini-college Display quilt will be shown.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: **Leo Grass** said a group toured the Discovery Garden and was lead by **Betty Ison**.

Bob Brindley spoke about insects at the Second Saturday Speakers in Oakland.

Plant Clinic: **Judy Mercer** said the Plant Clinic calendars were here for signups and could use a few more volunteers. She said that in October the Plant Clinic will be open three days a week; November, two day a week; December, one day a week. She asked that when writing the questions and answers in the Plant Clinic book, write in clear language so others can understand the questions and answers.

Discovery Garden: **Julie Stanbery** reported that the pump switch is being replaced. The garden has been watered yesterday, but if more watering is needed please use Umpqua Basin water. The next Discovery Garden meeting will be held in the garden at 9:00AM on September 7th. There will be a discussion of last year's accomplishments, next year to-do list and the budget. The Garden Heads need to get their budget requests in to **Julie Stanbery** by September 15th. **Neal Meyer and Hank Krohn** have organized the tools in the green shed. Please put the tools back in the correct locations. She also said that timesheets need to be up to date by the end of August for the Awards committee. Mentors need to contact their students in this regard. Timesheets are on the table.

Awards: **Betty Ison** said 60 hours swingers bars were handed out to: **Jaime Gentry, Debbie Hesseltine and Chris Rusch**.

Victory Garden **Mik Carlson** said that if you have extra produce from your garden please bring it to the Victory Garden on Tuesday and she will take it to UCAN. Last Tuesday **Lorreen Robinson** took 118 pounds of produce from the Victory Garden to UCAN. Our produce contribution to UCAN this year is 504 Pounds. She said that UCAN gives food to pantries and kitchens in Douglas County so they can feed low income families.

Saturday Market/Kruse Farms/Brosi: **Susie Robbins** reported that Farmers' Market needs volunteers. She thanked those volunteers who have signed up. The Farmers' Market closes the last Saturday in October. There are at least 20 contacts every week. **Maureen Benice** said that Kruse Market has a Master Gardner (MG)/ Master Food Preserver (MFP) and a MFP trainee working each week and there is a need for a MG, to, so please sign up to help.

Compost tea: **Shirley Purcell** said that next Tuesday is the last day for compost tea. It has been a good year for compost tea sales.

Old Business

Mini College Reports: **Liz Zamba** said that the Mini-College reports will be the Continuing Education for the October General meeting.

MG Garden Open House: **Betty Ison** said the open houses went well.

DC Fair: **Leo Grass** explained the format of the Extension booths and said that they looked really well. He

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General Meeting continued

had some problems with making items stick to the trees. He thanked **Ted Benice and Susie Robbins** for helping with booth setup. The live insects and the insect collections drew many people to the booth as there were over 800 contacts for Fair Week and 28 strong prospects for training.

Audit: **Roger Sawyer** read the audit report. It will be filed and posted with these minutes.

New Business

Awards Banquet: **Philece Humphrey** said the banquet is on September 25th with social hour at 5:00PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00PM. It will be held at the First United Methodist church on Harvard Ave. There will be door prizes, awards, food and fun. You may bring a guest. Please sign up to bring a salad or dessert. The main course is enchiladas, both meat and vegetarian. Cut-off for signing up is September 10th. There will be an article in the Newsletter.

Cookbook: **Liz Zamba** reported that the Executive Committee recommended that the Members approve the payment to the publisher of the cookbook in the amount of \$4000 by the MGs. There has been \$1694.00 deposited so far and \$1540.00 yet to be deposited in to the MG account making a total of \$3234.00. **Julie Stanbery** made a motion to accept the recommendation. It was seconded by **Ted Benice** and passed by a hand vote. **Karolyn Riecks** said cookbooks may be sold at the Extension Office when there is a safe box in the Plant Clinic and the Executive Committee has discussed it further. Until then MFP/MGs are selling the books.

Installation of Officers for 2010-2011: **Jack Wright** led the installation.

Those present and installed were:

Vice President: **Leo Grass**

Secretary: **Debbie Hesseltine**

Treasurer: **Toni Rudolph**

OMGA Representative: **Maureen Benice**

The other officers will be sworn in at the next General Meeting.

There was a recognition of outgoing officers by **Julie Stanbery**.

Show and Tell: **Julie Stanbery** showed her Tiger Lily and had some budlettes to give away.

Ted Benice announced that **Joe Yetter** will be the new Newsletter Editor starting with the October Newsletter. There were serving utensils left at the last meeting location. They are in the Plant Clinic.

The Dahlia Show is this weekend

Fort Umpqua Days is September 4th and 5th. **Loren Campbell** volunteered to work with **Rusdee Chastain** on the 4th and **Maureen Benice** will work with **Rusdee Chastain** on the 5th.

Bob Brindley announced the winners of the BBQ Sauce taste-off. Results will be in the Newsletter. Extra tomatoes from the Tomato Taste-off will be given to UCAN.

Mik Carlson said UCAN wants to get in contact with gleaners.

Announcements:

Newsletter Deadline Saturday August 28th at 12:00 noon

Executive Meeting September 15th 9:30AM NOTE: date change

Awards Banquet September 25th

Chapter Meeting September 30th 10:00AM Pavilion in the Discovery Garden ...

bring chair, table service, potluck dish

Diagnosis Class September 15th Time and location to be emailed

*** Budget Items due to Toni Rudolph by September 27th

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25AM

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Benice –No Longer Secretary—Have fun, Debbie!



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Executive meetings: second Wednesday, 9:30am, kitchen conference room; (Sept. 2010 only: third Wed.) 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 October 2010
Newsletter are due Noon
Saturday, October 2nd.

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