



Douglas County Master Gardeners



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YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello all Master Gardeners

I am back from my trip to Ireland and I had a wonderful experience. I drove and only had a few incidents. Got honked at twice and ended up in the wrong lane twice, but I survived and had some fun days of travel. One of the pointers in my travel book said if you were driving to get use to the sound of brush on the side of your car, but not to worry it would not leave marks. I now know why. I was on what I would call several 1.5 lane roads, no center line, and lots of brush on both sides. I was very thankful to have been driving a VW Golf. The country is very green, lots of flowers in bloom while I was there. Most of all the flowers we have blooming here in Oregon right now. I was on the southern shore of Ireland and only saw a small part of the nation. My atlas tells me Ireland is 1/4 the size of Oregon and between 51 and 56 degrees latitude. One thing that I was perplexed about was not seeing vegetable gardens at the farms and houses as I drove around the country. I only saw three counties, but still no gardens, immaculate yards with wonderful shrubs and flowers. Not sure why, but I am going to see what I can discover about this.

We are again beginning a new year with many first time executive board members. I am looking forward to working with these exceptional people during the upcoming year. At the General Meeting on September 30th, I passed around the list of committee chairman and asked everyone to review the positions and let me know if there need to be any changes. If you were not there, please let me know if you are still interested in continuing in your positions. Also if any of you wish to serve on a committee please speak up and let me know. More hands always make less work.

That brings up the thought that we had many, many hands who helped with our annual awards banquet. A tremendous thank you to Philece Humphries, the room was so tastefully decorated and the door prizes were terrific. I know you had many helpers. Also the awards were nicely down and a big thank you to Betty Ison for the many hours she takes getting those awards ready. Kathy Shayler and her helpers did a great job on the main dish. As always we all provide delicious salads and desserts. The whole evening was a fun end to our work year. Many helped with clean up and it went fast. Sorry many of you had to miss this great time of fellowship.

As Steve pointed out, our total hours were again over the roof. The number of hours we volunteer equate to 8 plus full time employees (I think that is what I remember him saying) and I know if everyone were more prudent in turning in their hours we would find that number probably doubled. We could really impress OSU if you all just took the time to keep track of your time volunteered. Let's see if we can do it this coming year. Start with this month, yes!!!!

Our next executive meeting will be dedicated to preparing the budget for next year. If you have not already sent your budget to Toni Rudolph please do so ASAP. We need to have as accurate a picture as possible to plan for our upcoming projects. Please plan on attending the meeting if you have input into the monies for DCMG.

As we wind down in the Discovery Garden, we still have chores to put the garden to bed for winter. Also the Victory Garden is still producing and they could use help the next few weeks preparing the garden for winter. Our plant clinic will continue with fewer days the next few months so please find a day you could come in and cover the phones.



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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

Editor's Note

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your new editor.

Special thanks to Ted Benice, who served the Douglas County Master Gardeners as editor of this newsletter, and who has helped me immensely in this transition. Thanks also to Mary Hoffman, who endured delays as I climbed the steep learning curve of this new job.

You will all continue to receive the dead-tree version of your newsletter in the mail through the end of this year, but in 2011, you will have the option of going paperless. See your 2011 membership and dues form in this newsletter; you will need to opt in/opt out of receiving paper. I encourage you to go paperless! This will reduce costs to your organization, and will improve the kind of sustainability we want to model. In addition, the electronic version is in color, with pretty pictures, and hotlinks to other websites (e.g., the note regarding Mini-College 2011). Going paperless helps you, helps your organization, and helps the planet. Don't *waste* this opportunity.

When you send files to me, please have text in Word format (and don't use unusual fonts, please). I will appreciate getting articles with as many links and pictures as possible. Send them to me at the address below:

joeleeyetter@yahoo.com

—and please send them to me by noon on Saturday following the monthly membership meeting. I allowed that deadline to slide during this, my inaugural month, to my sorrow, and to the distress of someone who advised me better. Mary: next time, I'll listen.

Joe Yetter

Diagnostic Clinic

You can learn more about plant disease!

The third Wednesday of (nearly) every month, we meet, either at the garden of a DCMG member, or at the annex. Steve Renquist leads the group, as we study plant diseases on the hoof (or, more properly, on the stem or petiole), and better equip ourselves to serve in Plant Clinic.

You are invited! Steve asked me to emphasize that this session is intended for Plant Clinic volunteers; but, if you are not volunteering because you have insufficient confidence in your diagnostic acumen, this is the class for you. Judy Mercer wants you there too, so mark your calendars for Wednesday, 27 October, 10:00 a.m. (tentatively at the annex); Shirley will send out reminders.

Joe Yetter

Mini-College 2011

Mini College will be held July 13-15 2011 in Newport, Oregon ... the beach, hooray! The OMGA has asked to know how many of us might go to Mini College and want to camp at the State Park. Please let me know ASAP if you might like to do that so I can tell OMGA then reservations may be made.

The OMGA newsletter, "The Gardener's Pen", is now online only. It looks really good and there's an article about our Douglas County Master Gardeners in it. The newsletter has lots of pictures, in color. And pictures from Mini College, too. The link which takes you directly to the newsletter is: <http://www.oregonmastergardeners.org/docs/GardenersPen/GardenersPenSept10.pdf>

You may read it online, save or print it to read later. Those of you who do not have internet access may pick up a black and white copy in the Plant Clinic starting Monday, October 4th.

Your new, ole OMGA Rep ... Maureen Benice

Changes in our Douglas County CO-OP Account

We have closed all but one account for Douglas County Master Gardeners (DCMG) at the Douglas County CO-OP. The remaining account number is **196400** under the **Discovery Garden** name. Authorized individuals include: Gloria Amorde, Mik Carlson, Noel Groshong, Philece Humphrey, Richard Johnstone, Karolyn Riecks, Lorreen Robinson and Julie Stanbery. No other individuals shall have the authority to sign for Master Gardeners using this account.

These two accounts were closed on 9/30/2010:
201506 cash only account - DC Master Gardener and
271139 prepaid account - Greenhouse M.G. Project

If you are purchasing for DCMG and are paying cash please use the **196400/Discovery Garden** account to get the best price. To be reimbursed submit your receipt and expense form with appropriate signature to Toni Rudolph, Treasurer.

LOOK! BUGS!!!! ———>
(Steve asked you to go to this link:
<http://acwm.lacounty.gov/scripts/pestpdf.htm>)

—Joe

NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

Well, fall has finally arrived with the accompanying chores and challenges. The Clinic will be open three days a week (Mon., Wed. & Fri.) for the Month of October.

We have openings for both veterans and apprentices. If you can't stop by the office to sign up just give us a call during office hours and we will be happy to give you the open dates.

Our Librarian, Mary VanAsche, has been busy assessing our book collection and we will be doing a bit of pruning and possibly acquiring some updated material.

Roger Sawyer is installing a locked drawer with a slot so that we can take in checks and cash in a secure manner. Once it is complete we will no longer be take cash up to Mary in the office. Further instructions will follow.

Happy harvest to you all,

Judy Mercer
Plant Clinic Manager



Treasurer's Report
As of 9/30/2010



Balance as of 8/25/2010: **\$21,354.01**

INCOME:

Cook Book	\$2,638.00
Compost Tea	\$ 240.00
Donation – pavilion	\$ 10.00
Returned Check # 1182	\$ 125.00
Soil Testing	<u>\$ 65.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	3078.00

EXPENSES:

Awards & Banquet	\$ 782.84
Cook Book printing	\$4,000.00
Discovery Garden	\$ 856.72
Greenhouse	\$ 710.05
HLC	\$ 661.00
Plant Sale Expense	\$ 169.01
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 7,179.62

Account Balance as of 9/30/2010 **\$17,252.39**

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking 1	\$ 1,821.70
Checking 2-4	\$ 300.00
Money Market	\$10,321.56
Reserves – Money Market	\$ 4,653.41
Bulk Mail	<u>\$ 155.72</u>

Total: **\$17,252.39**

DCMG GENERAL MEETING

September 30, 2010

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

Those present and installed were:

President: **Judy Huntley**

Membership: **Barbara Robinson**

The meeting was called to order by President **Judy Huntley** at 10:10 a.m. in the Pavilion at the Discovery Garden. There were approximately 55 members in attendance.

Agent Report: Steve Renquist said he really enjoyed the Awards Banquet last week. He mentioned Certificates of Completion were not given this year and suggests giving them later this year. Steve wants mentors to encourage trainees to get in their payback hours. Steve just returned from a Western Ag meeting held in Montana encompassing the 9 western states. He won "best presentation" for his advanced training discussion on the diagnostic classes he holds at members homes providing added benefit for our plant clinic.

Officer Reports

Membership: Barbara Robinson - 288 members.

OMGA: Maureen Benice reported next year's Mini College will be held July 13 - 15, 2011 in Newport. We had 6 members express an interest in camping at the State Park close by. Maureen has tax forms for contributions from this past Mini College. The Gardener's Pen will be available for pick up in the plant clinic for those people without internet.

Treasurer: Toni Rudolph reported \$18,765 in our accounts with \$4,653 held in reserve. The Douglas County Coop had 3 different accounts for DCMG. This has now been consolidated to 1 account in the name of Discovery Garden and signors for the account have been updated. A budget list was passed around to make sure department heads were on the list.

Vice President: Leo Grass thanked several members who helped him set up this morning before the meeting. CE for October will be Loren Russell on rock garden design. The CE for November will be Mini College highlights from some of the members that attended. Please contact Leo with any ideas for future programs.

President: Judy Huntley passed around a DCMG Committee Chair list and asked for any changes. Judy also reminded members to be sure and wear their badge to all MG functions.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: Leo Grass thanked Jim Leet for conducting a Deer Proofing in Your Garden class held during the most recent Extraordinary Living seminar held at UCC. Good job Jim! Leo set up a table on Master Gardeners at the Riddle Celebration and had 27 contacts. As a note for people taking in soil samples in the Plant Clinic, MFP has taken over the area at the annex used for soil testing. Leo will have a facility available around mid October, so soil results will not be available until after that time.

Plant Clinic: Judy Mercer mentioned Mary Van Assche and Yvonne Henderson are continuing assessment on which resources we use the most. As a reminder, October plant clinic will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Discovery Garden: Julie Stanbery gave a special thank you to for the donation from Dorothy Roberts estate for providing the money to have lights installed in the Pavilion. Watering in the gardens will continue to be reduced as the weather changes. Thank you to Ken Hays for the opportunity to purchase his used chipper and cut down on our waste. The chipper will accommodate branches up to 2". Dave Hopkins will be working on the roof of the yellow shop. The greenhouses do not need any more pots at this time. Barbara MacPherson reported Wintergreen Nursery is recycling plastic pots. Twin Rivers Park has advised they will donate their supply of leaves this fall to the Victory Garden. They also advised they have numerous campers throughout the year that really enjoy the Discovery Garden and would like to make donations. Julie Stanbery will set up a system for their donations. Tasha King and her crew will be constructing a rock garden during this next year in the DG. Thank you to Dave Hopkins for maintaining the sun garden. Julie also pointed out the shade garden. Gates are still being left open and we had major deer damage to the roses. Bats are in the green shed and enjoying themselves. Julie has explored several options for removal and has decided to just clean up after them. All packages, containers, etc., must be contained in the storage sheds. A special thank you, for our ongoing irrigation project, to Noel Groshong, Dave Hopkins, and Jim Ivey for their countless hours of work. Another huge thank you to another group of behind the scenes workers, Hank Krohn and Neal Meyer, for your endless clean up and special projects making the rest of our jobs easier. Julie advised regular DG work days are done for the year, however, the crews for the individual gardens will continue to work in their gardens and prepare for winter.

Awards: Betty Ison has 60 hour swinger bars for Tia Nihart, Meredith Romo, Nan Sieck, and Ruth Stafford. They have completed their payback hours in all the correct categories and can contact Betty for pick up.

Hallmark: Jim Leet advised Gene Morano passed away. Gene was in our 2009 class. (According to the MG Member List)

Publicity: Judy Huntley showed the quilt made by Teresa Saylor that was used for the DCMG display at Mini College. Teresa used photos from our MG activities and quilted them together. What a beautiful way to tell our story! Thank you so much Teresa!!!

Victory Garden: Mik Carlson expects 2 more production weeks. There have been 1,524 pounds delivered to UCAN. The crew would really like to hit the one ton mark. Bring extra produce from your garden to the DG the next 2 Tuesdays to help make their goal. After production time, the VG team will be adding compost and planting a cover crop for next year's produce.

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General Meeting

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Kruse Farms: **Maureen Benice** let everyone know they need help the last 2 Saturdays in October from 9:15 - 12:30. Be sure to sign up in the plant clinic for Kruse Farms.

Old Business

Mini College Reports: **Judy Huntley** reminded us a report will be given by members who attended Mini College for the November 18th CE meeting.

Awards Banquet: **Judy Huntley** gave a special thank you to **Philece Humphrey and Betty Ison** for doing such a great job with the banquet. **Philece**, who handled the banquet itself, thanked her committees and helpers. Special thanks to go **Kathy Shayler, Chris Rusch, and Cindy Rich**. (I also saw **Shirley Purcell and Julie Stanbery** back in that warm kitchen.) **Philece** was also very appreciative of the people who helped with clean up. Things were done in record time. Thank you to all who had door prizes donated - they were great! **Betty** did an outstanding job with the awards that night and handed out additional awards at the meeting today. At the Awards Banquet, **Karolyn Riecks** was awarded DCMG Master Gardener of the Year. **Debbie Hesseltine** was awarded Outstanding New Master Gardener Apprentice. **Steve Renquist** handed out his Agent of the Year Award to **Karolyn Riecks** for her outstanding job in making his job easier! **Ken Hays and Ann Waddington** shared the "Behind the Scenes" MG award.

Cookbook: **Maureen Benice** has cookbooks available for sale.

Lockbox for Plant Clinic: **Roger Sawyer** has a drawer just about completed in the Plant Clinic. Any and all monies collected for DCMG and cook books for MFP will be deposited through the slot in a locked drawer in the clinic with all cash and checks inserted into an envelope completed with your name and description of where monies should be deposited.

New Business

Dues for 2011: **Judy Huntley** advised OMGA raised dues to \$7 per person. The Executive Board is recommending we raise DCMG dues to \$10 per person with no discount for couples to cover OMGA increase. After discussion, motion carried.

Strategic Planning: **Jack Wright** is on a special PAC committee for the OMGA along with one other member. He will be asking several of our veteran members for input as he works with this group over the next several months.

Foundation Fundraiser: **Julie Stanbery** announced the MFP will be holding a Breadmaking Fundraiser on November 06, 2010. They are asking for \$80 to cover the advertising costs for the event from the DCMG. After much discussion, motion carried.

Tomato Taste Off: **Bob Brindley** hosted a picnic table in the DG today for the annual Tomato Taste Off. We will hear the results later.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

SHOW & TELL

There were bulbs, bulbettes, apples, etc., that MG's were willing to share this month with other members.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hesseltine

Announcements:

Executive Board Meeting October 13th Annex 9:30 a.m.

Diagnostic Meeting October 20th???

Chapter Meeting October 28th 9 a.m. CE 10 a.m. General Meeting

November 6th Jackson County Winter Dreams/Summer Gardens

Date: _____

Check No. _____

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2011 DUES

(Due **BEFORE** 01/01/2011)

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ADDRESS: _____

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You will be receiving the Master Gardener Newsletter online. If you cannot receive it online, place an "X" here _____ and it will be mailed to you.

The 2011 dues are **\$10.00 PER PERSON or \$20.00 PER COUPLE**. Checks should be written to DCMG. Drop your payment and completed form in the plant clinic's dues box OR mail to:

Barbara Robinson, 544 Quail Lane, Roseburg, OR 97471

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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)

Articles for the November Newsletter are due Noon Saturday, October 30th
Please email articles to Joe Yetter
(joeleeyetter@yahoo.com)
and include "November Newsletter" in your subject line

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OSU Extension Service

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

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