



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

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## YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN —Judith Huntley

Last night I was watching a TV special where they were honoring George HW Bush for his 1000 Points of Light Foundation. This is the foundation he started to stress volunteerism. President Clinton continued the Foundation during his term. President Carter was there to talk about volunteering and his and Roslyn's involvement with Habitat for Humanity. As Randy Travis says in his song, Point of Light, "If you see what's wrong and you try to make it right, you will be a point of light." It made me take a minute to think of our Douglas County Master Gardener organization and all the work we do to make our county aware of sustainable gardening. We are all being a point of light to our fellow gardening partners. What a month we have had. To begin, a big **THANK YOU** to everyone that worked in any capacity this last month to make this a great organization and a Point of Light here in Douglas County.

It continued from January and February with all of you who have been mentoring the new class of master gardeners. I hope each of you will try to find your niche as you work in the Plant Clinic and out at the Discovery Garden. There are so many ways you can participate in the many activities we offer. If you have suggestions of new activities please find someone to share your ideas with and we will see what we can do.

Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Home Show. Leo Grass, you continue to come up with great set ups of our booth. We hope to see the rewards of our many contacts

as the number of people at our Plant Sale and Discovery Garden increase.

Our new class graduated on March 15<sup>th</sup> and we all enjoyed a beautiful afternoon with cake and fellowship. Thank you Lorena and Stacy for taking care of getting such a beautiful cake and making the new members' after-



**Judith Huntley**  
**DCMG President**

noon special. This class is really ready to go. Veterans, please take the time to introduce yourself to them and make them welcome at our events.

A big thank you to Bob and Julie Agee. Our Trash to Treasure Sale was a big success and we brought in \$1950. There were many Master Gardener helpers and as I always say, this is a great group to get out and help when needed.

We had our first official Tuesday at the Dis-

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covery Garden on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. It has been wet, but there is much to do, many hands are needed. Many are working in the green houses getting all the plants ready for the Plant Sale, but there is always room for more helping hands. Remember this is our big fund raiser for the year. Later our Victory Garden will need help and all the different gardens will be ready for spring cleaning and or planting.

Hope to see many of you at our activities this next month as we gear up for our Plant and Garden Expo on May 7. Many hands make the work easier. Please invite all your family, friends and everyone you meet to come. As Gary Bussey said on Celebrity Apprentice this week, “TEAM means Together Everyone Achieves More”.

Judy Huntley  
DCMG President

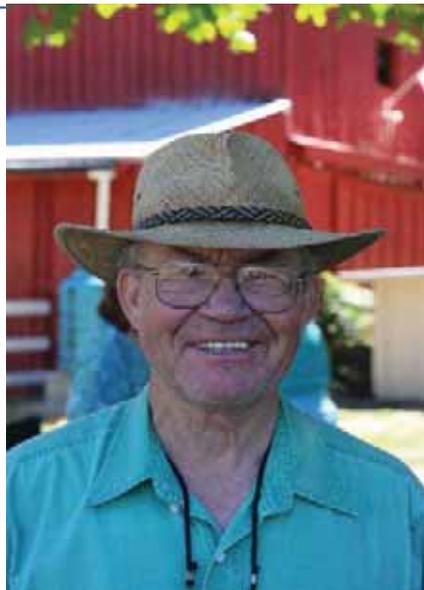
### Continuing Education

—Leo Grass

Thanks to all who attended March’s continuing ed presentation by Carl Riggs, from Wild Wood Nursery. We all learned a little about small fruits and berries from an expert that has been a staple in the Douglas county horticultural scene for many years.

April’s presentation will be by our own Steve Renquist. Steve has visited a demonstration garden in King County Washington, and was impressed with some of their techniques. He has volunteered to be this months C.E. presenter and tell us all about it.

Remember, continuing ed is at 9:00AM on the last Thursday of every winter month, just before



**Leo Grass**  
DCMG Vice-President

the business meeting. In summer we substitute potluck dinners for continuing education... Yummmm.

### Community Outreach

—Leo Grass

March has been rich in MG contacts. We began with a great showing at the Douglas County Home and Garden Show. A big thanks to all who helped work the booth, your presence helped to enhance our great reputation in Douglas County. We also taught gardening methods to two of our local garden clubs, and made contacts in some of our county schools. Our audiences range from seniors, to head start preschoolers.

If you are a member of this year’s class, or a long time member who would like to show off your particular gardening interest, I invite you to become involved in the Community Outreach program. We have an excellent library of ready to teach garden subjects, or people that can help you develop your own.

Remember: teaching the members of our community good sustainable gardening practices is our most important job.

—Leo



**Judy Mercer**  
DCMG Plant Clinic Manager

### NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

Well, spring has finally sprung; the daffodils are in full bloom and things are picking up in the Clinic.

The student training is going well. From the reports that I am getting the new class is doing a great job and I know they are going to be a real asset to our group and the community.

We have now opened up the Calendar to all comers. The Teaching Core will be in place until the end of May and I would encourage all of you Veterans that plan on working in the Clinic to sign up with them and get a little refresher course.

### See you in the Clinic!

———— Judy

## Agent's Report

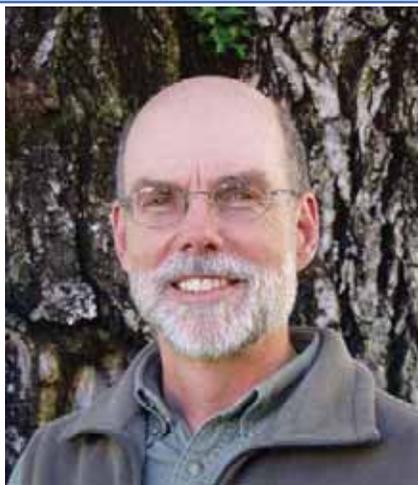
### Recent Weather Trend Similar to 2010

—by Steve Renquist

Weather patterns this winter and early spring have been amazingly like 2010. Remember how nice the weather was in January and February, only to see several months of rain in March, April, May, and early June. Meteorologists are calling for the same pattern for the spring of 2011. Despite the fact that most of us would prefer to see a little less rain, there is something nice about dealing with a familiar weather pattern. We can think back about last year and what we might have done right or wrong in our landscapes and food gardens and adjust our practices.

One of the things that I did wrong last year was to assume one or two fungicide sprays for my fruit trees and ornamental trees would be enough to keep away the anthracnose, apple scab, brown rot, and powdery mildew. This year I will be applying a fungicide every 2-3 weeks on susceptible apple and pear varieties if we stay wet. My Gala, and Fuji apple trees and my crab apple are susceptible to apple scab so I will use Bravo™, Immunox™, or lime sulfur as a preventative.

In the landscape I will watch my dogwood and willow trees a little closer to see if anthracnose leaf spot hits them hard again. And I will prepare for black spot of rose since it is always present. If either of these diseases hits again, I will use a fungicide spray to keep the new



**Steve Renquist  
OSU Extension Agent**

leaves later in spring nice and clean. I have already cleaned up old leaves from around those plants that had disease problems last year, and I have pruned the trees and rose bushes to have a more open form that improves air and light penetration to reduce the incidence of disease.

One thing I did right last year was to be patient when planting my vegetable garden. The only early planting I did was with peas, onions, and garlic. Normally you can plant these cool weather crops in February or March and have good results. With so much rain I decided to delay planting into April and planted the early crops with my broccoli, lettuce, and potatoes. All of the plants I planted in April did beautifully but some sat in the cool wet soil for a few weeks until we warmed a little in May. In most years peas, broccoli, and lettuce start to wear out with the heat in June but not last year. They all did very well until July. I think 2011 will be another good year to seed late and expect some rain and cooler weather into June. Last year I

did not plant a single warm season crop seed until the first week of June and they did very well.

If your vegetable garden has wet heavy clay soil it just doesn't make sense to rush your plants into that cold anaerobic environment. Be patient and wait for the soil to dry out some and warm up. If your vegetable garden is in raised beds or is a lighter sandy soil you may be able to plant a couple weeks earlier. If you are using hoops with plastic covers that you can place over part of your vegetable garden you can also get a start in April or May. Another thing I have learned from years of being active in my landscape during a wet winter is to rent a coring or plugging machine when the soil dries out in May or June to help counteract the compaction that takes place in many areas of the yard. Coring allows easy infiltration of water and better incorporation of lime, fertilizer, or compost when top dressing your landscape.

—Steve

#### Editor's note:

This newsletter is your publication. Your editor solicits articles, essays, and photographs. I'd love to have reviews of books and other arts related to gardening, alerts to new techniques and developments, and any feedback you can offer to improve this publication. And, if you have gardening websites that you find valuable, I'd be happy to include them in "Links to Other Sites" so you can share with the rest of this community.  
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## LINKS TO OTHER SITES:

### **OSU-recommended vegetables provide best yields in local gardens**

[http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S\\_No=1181&storyType=garden](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1181&storyType=garden)

### **Herbs to the rescue: fend off deer with aromatic plants**

[http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S\\_No=1182&storyType=garden](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1182&storyType=garden)

### **Eat fresh out of the garden all year round**

[http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S\\_No=1183&storyType=garden](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1183&storyType=garden)

### **Stumped over which succulent to grow? Go native**

[http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S\\_No=1184&storyType=garden](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1184&storyType=garden)

### **Tips for first-time gardeners**

[http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S\\_No=1133&storyType=garden](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1133&storyType=garden)

### **Gardening tips that save money**

[http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S\\_No=1131&storyType=garden](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1131&storyType=garden)

### **Something for everyone in two new OSU potato varieties**

Two new potato varieties just released by Oregon State University:

<http://bit.ly/OSUESnews765>

### **OSU to study farming methods in bid to curb, adapt to climate change**

OSU is part of a \$20 million grant to ensure the viability of farming in the inland Pacific Northwest amid a changing climate: <http://bit.ly/OSUESnews762>

### **Pheromone increases foraging honey bees, leads to healthier hives**

<http://bit.ly/OSUESnews761>

## **OSU GARDEN CALENDAR FOR APRIL**

Things to do in your garden this month.

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/calendar/#april>

### **More Links:**

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/> Welcome to the Mother Ship! Browse, read, repeat.

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/horticulture> The Horticulture link, with further valuable links

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/enews/> Northwest Gardeners' e-News.

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/calendar/> What you should be doing in your garden this month.

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/metro/newsletter> The Metro Master Gardener Newsletter.

<http://hort.oregonstate.edu/> OSU Horticulture.

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/gardening/mga> Jackson County MGs' *Garden Beet*

<http://oregonmastergardeners.org/GardenersPen.htm> The Gardener's Pen! Don't forget to sign up by e-mail.

### **Advanced Diagnostics Class on Wednesday, April 20**

Raini Rippey has invited Dave Shaw, a forest health specialist from OSU, to put on a program called "Pest scene Investigator workshop". The workshop coincides with our Advanced Diagnostics Class on Wednesday, April 20. There are a number of MG's who would like to attend the pest scene workshop. I checked with Raini and she would love to have our class join them. So we will officially have our advanced diagnostics class together with the pest scene workshop.

All MG's from the advanced diagnostics group must register at the Extension office by April 15 to attend. The group will be meeting at the library parking lot off Fowler St. at 9am, Wednesday, April 20. Raini will advise us where we will be touring.

If you are an MG and do not attend our advanced diagnostics group meetings you are still welcome to join this workshop. Remember to register at the Extension office by April 15.

—Steve Renquist

## A little garden story from France

—by Christine Gohier

I thought I would relay to you something that happened to us in our community gardens.

I have rented one that is 400 square meters, so you see, I will not be in front of the computer much, aside from my job, in the heat of the summer...Work is at hand..

So, last weekend, my husband and myself went to the garden for the second day in a row. It was a lovely Saturday, the sun was shining, and in the north of France, it can be a real breakthrough, let me tell you..

Our neighbors watch. We are new, we speak in “tongues”, let say. We both have accents of different lands, and, man, we sure have brought up a certain curiosity in people.

So, we have some Spanish neighbors in the back, and some second generation Spaniards on the side, and plenty of curious French people around.

We spent several minutes raking the soil to start. The old man of 85 who decided to take a smaller garden, left us with a plot of gold. Loamy? I wouldn't go that far, but all you do is lightly rake and the weeds practically pile themselves. Then, a hoe and 2 fingers and you have a furrow to plant potatoes or onions. The worms are right there, I saw plenty. I believe, as you do, that tilling is a tiring job, and that worms

do a much better job of it. And since I tend to be a lazy gardener, I let them do the work.

But our neighbors obviously believe in the soil turning, returning, and folding method...so for 2 hours, our neighbor tilled, and tilled, and tilled an area the size of the one we were working on..His soil is the same as ours, mind you. No need to get into a sweat over it! So, for the 2 hours that he tilled, we planted potatoes, transplanted strawberries, and decided to be brave and put a few onions in the ground too. His wife watched us from afar and talked to other gardeners (imagine their garden in also 40 meters long, so you are looking at 80 or so meters between us..

As we were working, I was teaching some tricks to my husband on how to even out rows, measuring them, planting techniques and such. He is not as much as a pro as some of you MGs. I would never call myself a pro, just someone with a badge that allows me to go learn some more..

My husband started chuckling at the end of our 2 hours of relaxed fun, and I



asked him why.

So he says: “You know, when we got here, our soil looked the same as theirs. Now, he is just done tilling, and we just raked and planted, we have potatoes, and strawberries and onions, and now I am watering them! He hasn't started doing anything! He must really be wondering if us new people know how to garden!”

..  
I just smiled....

...that is, until the neighbor up the row came over and mentioned he had won the overall trophy 3 out of the last 12 years...

***OK, buddy! You're on!***

For additional information, or just to gab, you can reach Christine at:  
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## FARMERS' MARKET

—Debbie Haynes

Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> is opening day for Farmers Market!

We are located on Diamond Lake Blvd. by Dixon Steel and Dutch Brothers Coffee.

If you are working at the MG booth please arrive by 8 am.

We are required to be set up before 8:30 am.

You will need to bring a chair, warm clothes/ layers, and a snack and beverage if you require such.

Dutch Brothers has wonderful coffee drinks and as the Market gets going, there is usually some kind of food available, but don't count on this to begin with!

Since we will be working with the public sharing information, it is not a good idea to bring a book to read or sewing project. If our booth isn't busy, we will be looking through our resources and learning about pests, weeds, ways to encourage healthy gardening!

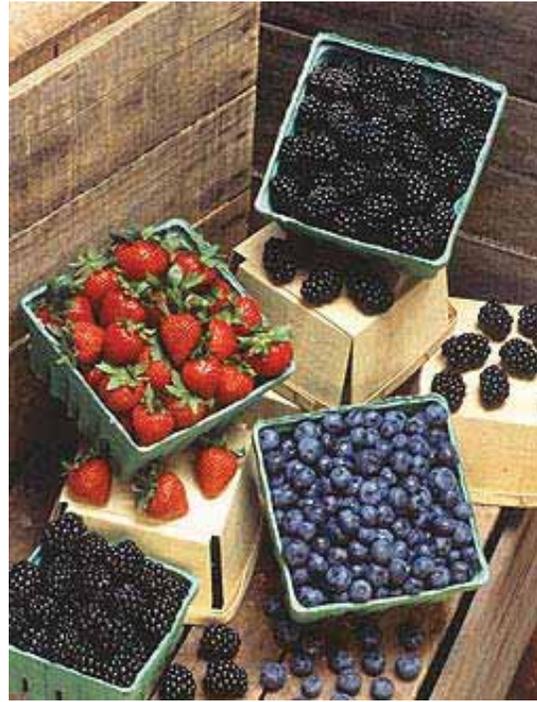
Master Gardeners working in the booth at Market earn 5 hours of credit. Each volunteer is called on Friday prior to Market as a reminder to work. It is YOUR responsibility to call an alternate if you cannot work the booth. The list is in the plant clinic.

Please do not bring your pets to the MG booth while you are working!

As it is still pretty chilly outside and windy, you might want to add some gloves, a hat or beanie, and a lap blanket to your list of personal gear to bring!

We still need volunteers to sign up to work, and for someone to haul gear.

See you at Market! Thanks a million!  
Debbie Haynes



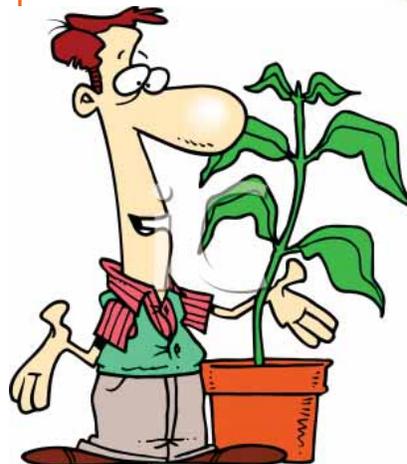
Plant Sale Raffle has need of more plastic containers (24 oz. and larger) with lids!

We have several collected, but since we use about 70, we are a bit short of our goal!

Bring your collection to the monthly meeting or put them in a bag and leave them in the plant clinic with my name on them!

Thanks so much for helping recycle!

Debbie Haynes



## Is it time to plant vegetables? Ask your soil thermometer!

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CORVALLIS, Ore. — A soil thermometer is a gardener's best friend as spring approaches and it's time to plant cool-season vegetables such as peas, kale, fava beans and radishes.

"With a thermometer, no guess work is needed. Soil temperature is the best indicator of when to plant each type of vegetable, no matter what climate zone you live in," said Annie Chozinski, Oregon State University vegetable researcher.

Crops that germinate in the coolest soils (down to 40 degrees F) include arugula, fava beans, kale, lettuce, pak choi, parsnips, peas, radicchio, radishes and spinach seed. When the soil temperature reaches above 50 degrees, Chinese cabbage, leeks, onions, Swiss chard, and turnips can join them in the garden.

At 60 degrees you can sow warm-season vegetables such as beans, beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots and cauliflower. But watch weather forecasts — beans will not tolerate frost and may have to be planted twice if the temperature goes below freezing.

Wait until the soil warms to above 70 degrees to plant warm-season vegetables such as tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, cucumbers, squash, corn and melons. It can take several weeks for tomatoes, eggplant and peppers to germinate in the garden. You can get a jump on the season, however, if you buy them already started from your local garden center. On the other hand, squash, cucumbers and corn grow quickly and are easy to start from seed.

To ensure success with early-season vegetable

gardening, Chozinski advises buying cold-tolerant or short-season varieties. OSU vegetable breeders have developed many varieties well suited to Oregon gardens. If you just can't wait to plant, warm the soil with plastic mulch and use a cloche, fabric row cover or cold frame.

Be prepared to carefully cover your plants with burlap, plastic or an old blanket or sheet if a hard freeze is forecast. Even a crop that's germinated and starting to grow can be ruined by a late frost.

**About Garden News from OSU Extension Service:** *The Extension Service's "Gardening Encyclopedia" web page, <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/>, links to a broad spectrum of information on Oregon gardening, such as news, calendars, how-to publications, audio programs, the Master Gardener program and "Northwest Gardeners e-News."*

### Did you know those degrees "accumulate" over time?

Well, not really. But the effect of temperature is cumulative over the growing season.

Horticulturalists, entomologists, and others use [growing degree days](#) to predict when plants will flower, or ripen, and when insects, or fungi, or other organisms will emerge.

It's a really useful tool. And you don't need to measure and record and add, and so on: just go to the [link](#) below, and enter your zip code:

<http://www.weather.com/outdoors/agriculture/growing-degree-days/>

—Joe Yetter



## Plant Sale is Just Around the Corner!

The MG Plant Expo is getting very close and we do have a lot of work left to be done, so this last month the big push will be on looking for all the help we can get to help with cleaning, labeling, and pricing plants.

I just want to give one last reminder that the pre-plant sale for Master Gardeners ONLY will be Thursday, April 28 (following the monthly general meeting) from 12 noon to 3:00 and Sunday, May 1 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm at the greenhouses. Remember, everyone is expected to be at the fairgrounds Exhibit Bldg. at 8:00 am on both Friday, May 6 for setup and Sat., May 7. Please remember to bring your potluck food for both days and Friday you may park in front of the building to take food to kitchen, but we ask you to please move your vehicle away from the building to allow room for vendors to park and start unloading. It is suggested ladies that you leave purses in trunks of vehicles or wear fanny packs, since there is no place in bldg. to store them for safety. Chairpersons for areas you signed up to work will be contacting you within a couple weeks prior to sale to say hello and give you any info or reminders necessary. If you have not signed up as yet for a place to work during sale, please just show up and we will assign you to an area. We hope that this will be an enjoyable experience for all you new members. This is what we work very hard for all year and now you get the opportunity to help us make it another successful year. Please remember to wear your badges and

veterans must have their dues paid to work. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact your committee head or contact me at [toma@mcsi.net](mailto:toma@mcsi.net) or call 541-672-4869.

————Gloria Amorde

### Get your can(s) to the Plant Sale!!!

This year the Master Gardeners will be working with UCAN to help gather food for the people in need in Douglas County. There will be a bin in front of the Exhibit Building at the Plant and Garden Expo.

We encourage all the Master Gardeners to support this worthy cause when arriving for the Expo on Saturday, May 7. Please ask your friends and family who will be coming to bring an item or two or three or as much as they can spare to help support.

Canned goods, dried foods such as beans, rice, spaghetti, and so on are needed.

So: come in carrying gobs of food for the hungry; stagger out, carrying gobs of new plants, and feel good about both trips.



## OMGA Report – March 2011

The OMGA Newsletter, “The Gardeners Pen”, is on the web for all to view. Go to [www.oregonmastergardeners.org](http://www.oregonmastergardeners.org) and look at the list on the left. Find *Gardeners Pen* and click on that. When that page comes up there will be a list of months. Choose *March 2011* to read the newsletter. It’s in color and looks much better on the web than on the printed copies that are in the Plant Clinic for members who can’t download the Gardeners Pen or don’t have email access. Pictures of the Douglas County Winter Training are in the newsletter, though the Reps report and the ad for our Plant Expo did not make it. I will try to find out why they were not included in the newsletter.

The first quarterly OMGA meeting for 2011 was held in McMinnville on March 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a very busy meeting. The Statewide Program Leader, Gail Langellatto, gave her report: on State finances and how they relate to Master Gardener (MG) Chapters, the distribution of MG volunteer hours by activity; and that she will devote several months this summer to working on the new 2012 Handbook for MG Training. If you want to read her report, please email me and I will send it to you.

The OMGA Strategic Plan – a plan to guide the OMGA through the next three years – was “narrowed down” to 4 Strategies and several “actions” to achieve the strategies. This Plan was started because OMGA is now taking responsibility for Mini College and definitions needed to be made.

The Mini College report included a layout of the Middle School in Newport showing the facilities Mini College will use. There will be 4 additional classes each day so instead of 12 classes to think about taking there will be 16. The OMGA website [www.oregonmastergardeners.org](http://www.oregonmastergardeners.org) (list on the left of website = Mini College) will have information about Mini College. So far there has been information about lodging and a replica of the bookmark “flyer” on it. As soon as I’m notified about classes and signup on the website, I’ll send an email out. That should be about May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Silent Auction at Mini College is a big fundraiser and we are asked to donate some items worth about \$25 or more. Debbie Haynes is the leader for Douglas County MG, so let her know if you have an auction item for Mini College.

The Marje Luce Search for Excellence Award is handed out to some OMGA Chapters each year at Mini College. This award offers recognition for chapter programs that are different and in which they have excelled. Douglas County is going to submit an application for the award. Larry Sutton and Steve Renquist have the details.

You can put your name on a list the OMGA has set up on the internet. This is an “open” list and any member may subscribe, or un-subscribe. It’s intended as a mailing list for broad-scope information to be distributed to all members of the OMGA such as Newsletter notices, Mini College information, etc. Instructions to subscribe to and unsubscribe from this mailing list are given below. EACH person who wishes to be a member of this list must follow the instructions.

To subscribe or add yourself to this list, send an email message to:

[omgamembers-subscribe@oregonmastergardeners.org](mailto:omgamembers-subscribe@oregonmastergardeners.org)

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The lunch provided at the meeting by Yamhill County Chapter was homemade soups and bread...of course desserts. Yummm.

And that’s the Rep Report for this month...phew!

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**DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
March 31, 2011**

**PRESENT:**

**BOARD :** Judy Huntley, Maureen Benice, Barb Robinson, Leo Grass, Debbie Haynes, Elaine Moriarty, Steve Renquist

40-50 members in the audience

**CALL TO ORDER:** by Judy Huntley @ 10:03 am

**ADDITIONS TO / APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**AGENT'S REPORT:** Steve Renquist

MGs will have a booth at EARTH DAY at the fairgrounds, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 am to 4 pm. Volunteer sign-up sheet is available in the Plant Clinic.

New trainees were asked to fill out the post-class surveys.

Discussed the Bio-Char research project that will be conducted in specific sites in the victory garden, with follow-up and comparison data to be compiled.

**OFFICER REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** With new class, 284 members. New roster is nearly complete.

**OMGA:** The GARDENER'S PEN is downloadable on the OMGA website, and a hard copy is available in the clinic.

Gail Langellatto led the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter OMGA meeting, reporting on state finance in relation to MG Chapters, distribution of MG volunteers hours by activity and her summer work plan for the 2012 Handbook.

The Mini College report was detailed. Check the OMGA website for more info on Mini College.

Registration will be open as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in helping with the Chapter Display for Mini College, please contact Maureen.

**TREASURER:** In Toni's absence, Judy read her report.

**VICE PRESIDENT:** April – Discovery Garden in King County, Washington by Steve Renquist

May – Beth Brown has arranged with Fish & Game Dept. to present on how to keep wildlife out of the garden

June, July & August – Looking for MGs willing to host a potluck/business meeting combo. Contact Leo if you are interested.

**PRESIDENT:** Debbie Hesseltine is volunteering today with Ford Family Foundation Scholarship business. Thank you Jaime Gentry for stepping in.

MG Jim Leet was featured in THE RURALITE magazine, with an article and cover photo.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community Outreach** Leo thanked those who worked at the Home & Garden Show, Jack Wright for presenting at the Sutherlin Garden Club, and Lori Saylor for her upcoming presentation.

Invitation went out to any new MGs interested in presenting. . .contact Leo.

Request for help from Julie Stanbery. . .she needs someone to provide activity ideas for the April 7<sup>th</sup> Discovery Garden tour for nineteen 3 to 5-year-olds. Contact Leo if interested.

**Plant Clinic** Larry passed around the Clinic calendar for sign-ups.

The Advanced Diagnostics group will be doing a tour with Raini Rippy. . .sign up in the office. Meet at 9 am on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> in the Library parking lot to carpool.

The Bug group will meet on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

**Discovery Garden** from Julie: "It's wet. Weeds grow when it's wet. See you next week in the garden"

**Awards** No report

**Publicity** Bonnie Courter was introduced as the MG Publicity Chairperson.

**Farmers Market** Debbie Haynes asked for volunteers to transport and store equipment for the MG booth. Steve has offered volunteer hours for this task.

We still need ticket containers for the Plant Sale Raffles. Leave them in the Plant Clinic.

**Plant Sale** Gloria reminded everyone about the sign-up sheets for the Sale.

UCAN will be collecting canned food at the door. . .this is a partner effort with UCAN.

Please take flyers to post in public areas.

MG Pre-Sale: Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>, from 1-3.

Plant Sale work hours on 5/6 and 5/7 will be 8 until 5 (or when we are done). Ladies, don't bring purses in, as we have no secure area for them.

Bring your food items on both days. . .Breakfast and lunch.

**Hallmark** Linda asked MGs to contact her with info about any MGs who are ill, hospitalized, or have family in these circumstances. She reported Tasha received a card after her surgery.

**Compost Tea** will be available on Tuesday mornings, \$2 per gallon. Please contact Shirley Purcell to reserve yours.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Cookbooks** we still have 42 to sell.

**Newsletter** The cost of mailing is going up. In an effort to save money, we will have a copy in the Clinic for those without email. Please let Barbara know if you have email or will be viewing the hard copy, and can be removed from the mailing list. Reminder: articles are due by noon on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Fiberglass Panels** These will be kept at the Discovery Garden.

**Trash to Treasures Sale.** We made a profit of \$1950. Thank you Julie and Bob. Julie Agee thanked everyone for their help, asked for input /comments as a means of improving next year's sale.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Search for Excellence** Judy asked for volunteers for Committee Chairman. The deadline is nearly here.

**Master Gardeners' T-Shirts** Larry discussed the project and introduced Stephanie LaFleur, designer and owner of the production company. 4 designs were displayed, and members voted for the one they most preferred. Once the design is chosen, the production process will start, and shirts could be available by the Plant Sale. Larry will distribute ordering information to the membership.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Executive Meeting:** April 13<sup>th</sup> . . .9:30 am Annex

**Diagnostic Meeting/Pest Scene Investigator:** April 20<sup>th</sup>, Library Parking Lot

**Chapter Meeting:** April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 am: Continuing Education 10 am: Chapter Meeting

**Plant Sale:** May 6<sup>th</sup> Set-up 8 am – Finish Fairgrounds & Greenhouses

May 7<sup>th</sup> Fairgrounds 9 am to 4 pm for Customers

8:30 am – clean-up for Master Gardeners

**Awards Banquet** October 8 2011 First Methodist Church, Harvard Avenue

Respectfully submitted,  
**Jamie Gentry**

Trash to Treasurer's outcome  
submitted by Toni Rudolph, Treasurer

We want to THANK Julie and Bob Agee and all of the folks that contributed all of their unneeded treasures, those that worked to set everything up and do the sales, and put everything back as it needed to be. Also let's not forget all those that took home one of those treasures. THANKS to all of you for making this a success.

Here is a summary of the monies we took in. We did GREAT!

**UPDATED Trash to Treasurer's Sale Profits**

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Gross Income	\$2,296.70	\$2,286.96	\$2,510.20
Change provided	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Advertising cost	\$125.35	\$134.74	\$297.96
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$1,971.35</b>	<b>\$1,952.22</b>	<b>\$2,012.24</b>

Treasurer's Report as of 3/28/11

Toni Rudolph



**Toni Rudolph  
DCMG Treasurer**

**INCOME 2/26/11 - 3/28/11**

Dues	\$380.00
Interest - Umpqua Bank	\$0.96
Soil Testing	\$250.00
Plant Sale - Presales	\$10.00
Cookbook	\$324.00
Trash to Treasurers	\$2,096.70
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>3,061.66</b>

**EXPENSES 2/26/11 - 3/28/11**

Dues - OMGA	\$1,680.00
Management & General (4H, Hospitality, Postage)	\$78.79
HLC - demo farm	\$31.00
Electricity (Invoice 7/10-12/10)	\$1,417.15
Water - Umpqua Basin (Invoice 6/10-3/11)	\$94.34
Plant Sale (AD & Fairground fees)	\$1,759.50
Trash to Treasurers - AD	\$125.35
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,186.13</b>

**Breakdown of our accounts**

Checking	\$3,507.44
Money Market - Reserves	\$4,655.54
Bulk Mail	\$168.72
<b>Ending Balance 3/28/2011</b>	<b>\$8,331.70</b>

**\*\* NOTE \*\***

<b>RESERVE DOLLARS are set aside - cannot be used for normal expenses</b>	<b>\$4,655.54</b>
Bulk Mail	\$168.72

**DOLLARS available 3/29/11 - 5/7/11** **\$3,507.44**

<b>Necessary Costs before May 1</b>	
Dues to OMGA (\$7*(3))	\$21.00
Plant Sale - Advertising	\$1,331.82
Plant Sale - Supplies	\$500.00

**ESTIMATE OF COSTS until 5/7/11** **\$1,852.82**

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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: members' gardens, 10am; Sept: Pavilion, Discovery Garden, 10am; Oct, Nov: 10am, annex auditorium; (no December meetings)

Douglas County Master Gardeners of  
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