



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

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and people want to be a part of it. There is nothing really new in my vision. We have been doing some of it all along. But, we can be better at what we do. I was fortunate to chair the statewide Search for Excellence competition last year and in doing so got clear on one thing. We have many excellent programs here and throughout the state. The chapters that were in the competition just decided that they were excellent. I want us to decide to be excellent in all we do. Let us all strive for perfection and in doing so we will achieve excellence.

## YOUR NEW PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

—Larry Sutton

Hello Master Gardeners!

As most of you are aware, this is my first newsletter article as president, and, true to my Oklahoma heritage, I am doing it "Sooner." The installation won't be for another four days but I am not sure how long it takes to do one of these, so I want to be sure it is done before the deadline.

I am sure most of you will do this on your own, but please take the time to see or contact Judy Huntley and thank her for the job she has done for the past two years. Judy has been a busy woman and if I have my figures correct has been president of five organizations while our president. I should be so organized.

When it was suggested to me that it was time for me to run for the office I started to think about what I wanted our chapter to look like during my term as president. Leo Grass is so fond of quoting George Bush, the elder. In 1987, Vice President Bush had asked for help in determining the key issues facing the county. Instead of being given advice he was told to figure out where he wanted to take the county. George, not impressed, said, "oh, the vision thing." So here it goes. Here is my vision thing:

I see Douglas County Master Gardeners as the number one source of accurate and reliable home horticultural information in the county.

I see Douglas County Master Gardeners reaching out to the county to increase the awareness of who we are and what we do.

I see Douglas County Master Gardeners regaining the position of leadership in the Oregon Master Gardener Association. Not necessarily as office holders, but as the county to be emulated for inspiration and leadership.

I see Douglas County Master Gardeners as an organization that is serious about our mission yet is fun,

Years ago my dad wrote a column in which he ended by presenting rocks and orchids. I would like to continue that tradition. I want to give rocks to the people of Douglas County that stayed away from the fair in droves. I want to give rocks to those of us that routinely stay away from the Discovery Garden on Tuesday morning and those that have to be reminded to sign up for plant clinic, Farmer's Market, and Kruse Farms. Brosi Farms manages to do it on their own. I would like to give an orchid to all the officers that are stepping down from the board. They have all done a good job. I would like to give an orchid to Leo Grass and all the people that spent some of their time answering questions at the fair booth and a bouquet of orchids to those that gave presentations to the small crowds that gathered near our booth. Rosemary Brinkley gets an orchid for inviting us to her home for our August meeting.

Come play with us next month as we hold our end of summer meeting in the Discovery Garden. If the weather cooperates and the tomatoes ripen, Bob Brindley will be holding another tomato taste off.

Thanks for listening.

-----Larry

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## YOUR PAST-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

—*Judy Huntley*

Well, I believe summer is finally here. Our temperatures this last week should help out all of our gardens and give our agricultural businesses a boost. As Steve told us in his last informational pamphlet, we need every day of higher temperatures to have things like our grapes come to a good harvest.

I want to thank all of you for whatever part you had to make my two years as DCMG President a very enjoyable experience. I know Larry Sutton will be a great President and you will all find it easy to work with him. I will continue to work in the Handicapped Garden, Plant Clinic and be on the Executive Board for this next year.

While I was in Kansas, one of our speakers told us that our organization has many things in common with quilts. Of course I perked right up being a quilter myself. She continued to tell us that a quilt has many pieces and each piece is unique. If one of the pieces is missing, the quilt is not the same. Douglas County Master Gardeners is like a quilt. Every one is unique and if one of you is gone, our organization is not the same. It takes all of us to make this the great group we are. Please continue to give your best effort and we will become a great presence here in Douglas County, one that people can turn to for help.

I believe that each of us has the ability to change a life every, single day. We have the power to make someone smile just by how we greet that person. If we greet all the people we meet with a smile and a kind word, it sets off a spark in them that they pass along to others. Many of you have helped me through some very rough times, and your smiles and kind words have often made my day. I look forward to working with all of the Douglas County Master Gardeners for many years to come in many different capacities.

Thank you all.

Judy Huntley  
DCMG Past President

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## NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

—*Judy Mercer*

Things have been getting very interesting in the Plant Clinic this month. We've had some new insects that were a real challenge.

We received some digger wasps, which turn out to be a very beneficial. The adult eats sap, nectar and (wait for it) caterpillars. Their larva eats grubs. I hope they visit my garden.



We also received a large California prionus beetle (*Prionus californicus*). They are borer beetles. The major damage is done by the grubs, which eat the roots of a wide variety of trees and shrubs. The adult borer may be over 2 inches and the grub over 4 inches long. The adult is reddish brown to black. Pesticides are not effective but they may be controlled by parasitic wasps. They emerge from mid-summer to fall.

In the last couple of weeks we are receiving a lot of calls on the fall webworm. They seem to be out in force this year.

I want to thank all of the Clinic volunteers this month. You are doing a great job and we really appreciate it.

There are still a few slots open for this month so please call or stop by the Clinic and sign up.

Just a quick reminder; if you are unable to come in for your slot please call our alternates and try to get a replacement. Thank you.

Judy Mercer  
Plant Clinic Manager  
Alternates  
Plant Clinic  
Jim Leet & Liz Zamba

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## DCMG GENERAL MEETING

August 25, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by **President Judy Huntley**. Approximately 43 members were in attendance.

The meeting started with an introduction of visitors. **Shirley Purcell** introduced her two visitors, **Gwen Graham** from Washington State and **Jessica King**, **Gwen's** granddaughter.

### Officer Reports

**Membership:** **Barbara Robinson** handed out a revision to the membership list. With a couple of reinstatements, the membership now totals 288.

**OMGA Rep:** **Maureen Benice** said that members who have subscribed to the OMGA e-mail distribution list had received an e-mail notice survey about what they want to hear from OMGA. So far few members have responded. The survey only has five short questions. Please fill out

the survey. **Maureen** wrote an article for the OMGA newsletter.

**Treasurer: Toni Rudolph** reported that the total of all accounts is \$25,094.14. The reserve accounts for \$5,659.10 and the money market accounts for \$18,028.69. Instead of allocating interest earned between all of the accounts, interest is now in the money market account. **Toni** read the categories that made up the income and the expenses for the month. The 2012 Budget figures are due to her by September 26<sup>th</sup>. The executive board meeting about the budget will be on October 5<sup>th</sup> and the budget will be presented to the membership at the October general meeting. The board will be presenting a balanced budget to the membership. Be sure to give **Toni** a line item budget and be prepared to justify it to the board.

**Vice President: Leo Grass** is attending a wedding in California, so he could not be here. **Debbie Hesseltine** was also unable to be at the meeting today.

**President: Judy Huntley** thanked everyone for doing their jobs while she was president. She wished **Larry Sutton** good luck in his terms as president.

## Committee Reports

**Community Outreach: Maureen Benice** said that she will be giving a talk at the Conference for Extraordinary Living. **Toni Rudolph** will be giving a presentation for Medicare.

**Plant Clinic: Maureen Benice** said that there are a few blank slots on the September calendar, with September 1<sup>st</sup> being completely empty. The Farmer's Market is also completely empty on the Labor Day Holiday weekend. **Maureen** said that she needs one MG volunteer for Kruse Farms on September 24<sup>th</sup>. **Barbara Robinson** volunteered to work that day.

**Discovery Garden: Julie Stanbery** brought in a vase of tiger lilies that originally had been grown by **Emil Johnson**. She said that when it comes to the budget the Discovery Garden needs to tighten its belt. She is scheduling a DG garden meeting to discuss the budget for September 14<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the executive board meeting. The raised bed area looks great thanks to **Jamie Gentry, Jeannine O'Neil** and **Ann Sedlacek** who have taken over the area. The Children's Garden is looking great due to three new recruits, **Cindy Rich, Sharon Hopkins** and **Betty Bean**. The Japanese Garden is also looking good due to the work of **Marty Katz** and **Chris Rusch**. Those garden heads that have not submitted a description of their garden to **Marty** for the website, should bring that to the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. All the gardens in the DG look good with the exception of the shade garden. **Noel Groshong** will have the irrigation in the Japanese Garden done by December. The September General Meeting will be at the pavilion in the Discovery Garden.

**Awards: Betty Ison** has had no further updates in hours from **Pam Barrows**.

**Kruse Farms/Brosi: Maureen Benice** reported that everything is going well at Kruse Farms. Fort Umpqua Days will be in Elkton on Labor Day weekend. We usually have representatives that work that weekend. Saturday has enough volunteers, but she needs a volunteer for Sunday. **Merrill McFarland** volunteered to work that day. Everything is going well at Brosi Farm.

**Compost Tea: Shirley Purcell** said that everything has gone well this year. Next Tuesday will be the last day they will produce tea.

**Victory Garden: Mik Carlson** reported that everything is going great and that she has a great group of volunteers this year. She commented that they are growing "Fortex" beans this year and that they are large and good tasting. **Ruth Stafford** took Tuesday's produce to UCAN. There were 187 pounds from the Victory Garden and 15 pounds extra from MGs. The total donated to UCAN so far is 878 pounds. If any MGs have extra produce they have to donate, bring it to the garden on Tuesdays or give **Mik** a call and she will pick it up.

**Hallmark: Linda Thames** sent thank you cards to **Dottie Jordan** who donated manure for the Discovery Garden and **Fred Rhodes** who donated the use of his dump truck to transport the manure. **Linda** thanked **Barb** and **Gale Robinson** for picking up and delivering the manure. **Linda** sent a card to MG **Cindy Stevens**. She and her husband are owners of Gold Fantasy and are going out of business due to his poor health.

**Historian: Rosemary Brinkley** hosted the group at her house for this meeting. She described her yard and house for the group. She has volunteered to be our new historian. Get articles and pictures to her. She will be enlisting **Marge Orr's** help.

## Old Business

**Fair: Judy Huntley** thanked everyone that worked at the fair. We had 147 contacts and everyone liked the display. **Sharon Hopkins, Eileen Kelley** and **Karen Orr** created the display for Mini-College and **Leo Grass** was happy to use it for the fair.

## New Business

**Insurance: Judy Huntley** said that she, **Toni Rudolph, Larry Sutton** and **Debbie Hesseltine** have been working on the liability insurance. They are working on getting new bids as the insurance is costing us more. The insurance company had the number of members at a much lower amount than it actually is. So the premium increased to pay for the additional members.

**Awards Banquet: Judy Huntley** said that she is chairing the awards banquet committee. She has two

sign-up sheets, one sign-up for a head count of who will be coming and what food they will be bringing and a second sign-up for those members who are willing to volunteer to set-up before and clean-up afterwards.

**New Membership Fee:** **Judy Huntley** said that the bylaws require the executive board to determine membership fees annually. The board decided that members that get the newsletter online will be charged a fee of \$10/year. Those members that get a hard copy of the newsletter will be charged a fee of \$15/year. The additional \$5 will nearly cover the additional cost of postage.

**Mentor Sign-up:** **Maureen Benice** has a sign-up sheet for those members wanting to be mentors for the 2012 winter training class. She is going to try to get members of this year's class to be mentors. Members can sign-up to be substitutes if unable to mentor full-time. The orientation is November 15<sup>th</sup>. **Maureen** and **Debbie Haynes** will be in charge of winter training and mentors for 2012.

**Tomato Taste-Off:** **Bob Brindley** will be doing a tomato taste-off at the September general meeting.

**Compost Pile:** **Gale Robinson** said that he just turned the compost pile. Please don't scatter it. **Julie Stanbery** asked where the new set of chips behind the compost pile came from. No one knew.

**Installation of Officers:** **Jack Wright** administered the oath of office to the following new board members: **Larry Sutton** – President, **Barbara Robinson** - Vice President, **Toni Rudolph** – Treasurer, **Cindy Rich** - Membership Director and **Maureen Benice** – Alternate OMGA Representative. **Debbie Hesseltine** - Secretary and **Debbie Haynes** - OMGA Representative, will have the oath administered to them at a later date. Retiring or changing position officers, **Barbara Robinson**, **Leo Grass** and **Judy Huntley** were thanked and given gifts for their service on the board.

**SHOW AND TELL**

**OSU Flip Flops:** **Maureen Benice** presented a pair of OSU flip-flops to **Larry Sutton** for his birthday. In her best Marilyn Monroe impersonation, Larry's wife Giuli led the members in singing "Happy Birthday Mr. President" to him.

**Fair Awards:** **Barbara Robinson** submitted thirteen plants to the fair and won ten awards.

**Chocolate Soldier:** **Ken Hays** brought in a succulent called "Chocolate Soldier" to show to the group.

**Announcements:** **Larry Sutton** read the list of announcements at the bottom of the meeting agenda. He said that the next executive board meeting will be at 9:30 a.m., but that the board will be discussing whether to change the time for future meetings. He asked that each person call and invite a master gardener from their past to

the September Discovery Garden meeting. He said they will not be expected to pull weeds or serve on committees, but only share in our food and fellowship.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Karolyn Riecks**  
 Substituting for **Debbie Hesseltine**

**Treasurer's Report as of 8/24/11**

**Toni Rudolph**

**INCOME 7/27/11 - 8/24/11**

Interest - Umpqua Bank - MM	\$9.80
Soil Testing	\$30.00
Plant Sale - Sales-post	\$189.00
Compost Tea	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$478.80</b>

**EXPENSES 7/27/11 - 8/24/11**

OMGA-travel	\$114.92
Gifts & Scholarships	\$153.00
Liability Insurance	\$88.61
Postage - Newsletter & Treasurer	\$88.00
DG - Raised Beds	\$99.00
DG - Irrigation & Maintenance	\$222.53
HLC - Annual Pumping Expense	\$420.00
HLC - Electric 5/6/11- 8/3/11	\$303.87
Plant Sale - Volunteers check redo	\$150.00
Plant Sale - Plants	\$108.60
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,748.53</b>

**Breakdown of our accounts**

Checking	\$1,269.39
Money Market - Reserves	\$5,659.10
Money Market	\$18,028.69
Bulk Mail	\$136.96

**Ending Balance 8/24/2011** **\$25,094.14**

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## Awards Banquet

Who: All Master Gardeners

What: Annual Awards Celebration and Banquet

Why: Great Food, Fantastic Friendship, and Awesome Door Prizes

Where: First United Methodist Church  
1771 W. Harvard Avenue  
Roseburg, OR

When: October 8, 2011  
Social 5:30 pm  
Dinner 6:00 pm  
Awards 7:00 pm

We will be having Lasagna, salads, bread, and dessert. I will need help setting up the tables and decorations on Saturday morning and Then we will need a cleanup crew after the celebration is over.

Please Sign up by September 26th in the plant clinic, or call Judy Huntley 541-459-2550

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## Tomato taste-off 2011!

Got tomatoes? Bring them to the tomato taste-off that will occur after our general meeting at the Discovery Garden on Thursday, September 29th.

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.

We need more tomatoes to judge, so please participate. It is especially true this year because Jim Leet, our major supplier of tomatoes in past tastings, has retired from competition. If there are not enough varieties to judge this year, this may be our last year.

If you have any questions, please call me at 541-459-7897.

*Bob Brindley*

## KRUSE FARMS OUTREACH PLANT CLINIC

Kruse Farms Outreach Plant Clinic will run through September. The Master Gardener working schedule is:

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Diana Pierce and Ruth Frank  
Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>: Shirley Purcell and Diane Billings  
Sept 17<sup>th</sup>: Maureen Benice and Ted Benice  
Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>: Lisa Gosciejew and ??????

Yes, one more Master Gardener is need for the last Saturday in September. Please contact me if you can work at Kruse on that day. The hours are; setup at 8:45AM and shutdown at 12:30PM. Since the weather is hottish you might want to bring a hat and hydration liquid (oh, water will do). Also, bring your chair and your pleasant, happy personality.

Thanks for all the volunteering !!

Maureen Benice

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## Homecoming 2011

How often do you think of someone that was in your master gardener training class and wonder what they are doing now? Or how about the person that use to work across from you at the Discovery Garden? In the Master Gardeners we are privileged to share our garden paths with a large number of people. Many of them we really like and yet over the months and years they just slip away. Let's make our September Meeting in the Discovery Garden our "Homecoming Meeting." If every person reading this article would call one person from their past Master Gardener experience and invite them to the garden on September 22nd just think what a good time we would have. They are not being asked to pull weeds (although we won't stop anyone that wants to) or serve on a committee. All we ask is that they join us for one day as we enjoy the garden and each other. We will be having the big tomato taste off and yes they can bring an entry if so inclined. There will also be garden tours. Sorry, no pony rides.

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### 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. (See below.)

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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Because this is your publication, I need to know what you want in the way of articles. Do you want more topical material (e.g.: a article on grafted tomatoes and cucurbits in early spring), more personal-interest materials (e.g.: what's going on in other local gardens, or a garden in France), or more esoteric material ("broken tulips")? Do you want book and film reviews?

Name That Native and Name That Invasive are on hiatus; I'll bring them back if there is sufficient interest.

I'd like some input now. I'll be conducting a formal survey of our membership, but an early sample will shape the structure of the survey. My email, once again, is [joeleeyetter@yahoo.com](mailto:joeleeyetter@yahoo.com).

This newsletter is shorter than my target of ten pages. This month, we are short three of our usual substantial contributions. We need contributions for any sorts of material that you, the reader want to see—whether it's topical articles, book reviews, gardening stories, whatever. We all know that there is a ton of information that you have, that the rest of us need. Share it!

O.K.: this is a short issue; make the most of the extra time you'll save by weeding your garden now. Or plant your winter garden\*. Or leave some zucchini on your neighbor's doorstep, and *RUN...*

—Joe

\*Winter garden classic: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/pnw/pnw548.pdf>

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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 SEPTEMBER

Things to do in your garden this month.

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

### 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.



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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)

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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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