



Douglas County Master Gardeners



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program was so successful that it went nationwide the next year. It took five years for the program to produce its first million pounds of food. It only took two years to produce the second million and now the program operates on an international level and is producing over a million pounds annually.

YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Growing up in Kansas and Oklahoma, spring was one of the fun times of the year. My mom could be counted on to always quote from one of her favorite poems, "Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the flowers is?" We were poor but cultured. After visiting with various Master Gardeners at the winter training lunch break last week there is no doubt in my mind that we know where the flowers is. There were seed catalogues everywhere as people discussed what was best and what they wanted to do in their gardens. Everyone seemed to be busy planning for the big spring planting.

When you plan your gardens this year, why not plan to plant some to share? Often we tell ourselves that we will take our excess into town to share with the less fortunate. But why not plan from the beginning to do that? Pick a plant or a collection (row) of plants and dedicate that (those) to helping someone else.

In 1995 the Garden Writers Association and the Garden Writers Association Foundation launched a program to encourage gardeners everywhere to share their bounty. They called this program "Plant A Row for the Hungry." The program started with the pen of Jeff Lowenfels when he asked fellow Anchorage, Alaska gardeners to plant an extra row to support Bean's Cafe, an Anchorage soup kitchen. The

On our own Master Gardener local level we have devoted one complete garden to feeding the hungry. Last year our Victory Garden produced 2733 pounds of vegetables for Douglas County hungry. 506 pounds of vegetables were donated from the EZ access garden and individual

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

March 3	OMGA Quarterly Meeting
March 5	Insect Committee Meeting - 9 a.m., Plant Clinic
March 7	Executive Board Meeting, 9 a.m., Extension Kitchen
March 8	OSU Presentation Meeting, 10 a.m., Extension Kitchen
March 9	Pruning ornamental gardens, 1 – 4 p.m., Discovery Garden
March 13	Trainee Graduation, approx. 2 p.m., Extension Annex
March 14	Executive Board Meeting, 9 a.m., Extension Kitchen
March 17	Great Gardener Series, 10 - noon, Extension Annex
March 19	Insect Committee Meeting, 9 a.m., Plant Clinic
March 21	Advanced Diagnostics, 10 a.m., Extension Kitchen
March 23	Set up: Trash to Treasure Sale, 9a.m.—4 p.m. Extension Annex
March 24	Trash to Treasure Sale, 9a.m.—4 p.m., Extension Annex
March 29	Continuing Education, 9 a.m. Ext. Annex Chapter Meeting, 10 a.m., Extension Annex
April 4	Grafting Class

Master Gardener home gardens. Hunger is a problem globally, nationally, statewide and in Douglas County. Over eleven percent of U.S. households cannot afford to put good food on their tables and are at risk of hunger. With the chronic underemployment in Douglas County we can expect at least that percentage here. The food pantries throughout the county are busy every week.

This year, when you start to wonder, “where the flowers is” and plan your own gardens, why not plant a row for the hungry? Feel free to use the Victory Garden as a drop off point on Tuesday mornings for your contributions. The crew there will be glad to carry them to UCAN. By using a central drop off point it will save you gas and the Master Gardeners will get credit for the donations. Mik has conservatively set a 2012 goal of 700 pounds from non-Victory Garden sources. Knowing the generosity and good hearts of our DCMGs I feel we can far exceed her goal.

Orchids this month go to Cindy Rich for all the work she is doing in getting our insurance documentation up to date. Orchids also go to the crew that braved the dark and the cold to set up, teach and host our annual Spring into Gardening Seminar. —*Larry Sutton*

Vice-President's Column

Thanks to all our fellow MG's for their great mini college presentations at our monthly meeting. Hopefully those of you in attendance came away with a burning desire to join us at this year's college to be held at Willamette University in Salem. Stay tuned for more details as the date draws near. This month's continuing education program will feature a rather unique presentation by Carolyn Dwyer of Roseburg. She will be sharing information on the history of mouse and rat trips, complete with props. Feeling a bit squeamish at this tidbit of information? Suffice to say your chairs will not emit bursts of air, nor will there appear to be any little critters scampering about your feet!



Vice-President

—*Barbara Robinson*

Community Outreach

What a great time of year for reaching out to our neighbors in Douglas County! Spring into Gardening happens tomorrow. Our spring-like weather has everyone anxious to begin this year's garden project. The Umpqua Valley Home Show happens next weekend, what a great event to show off our well-respected organization. Betty Ison has put together a beautiful display of seed starting information, and equipment. Ken Hayes is presenting his program on Composting on Saturday. Thanks to all of you that have volunteered to staff our booth. March 17 is the first of our first 'Great Gardener' series. Chris Rush has stepped up to teach the first class; peas, potatoes, and cole crops. Thanks Chris. The 'Great Gardener' series is a team effort with our friends in Master Food Preservers. It promises to be one of our best efforts to demonstrate good gardening information. What a great time to be a Master Gardener.

—*Leo Grass*

NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

The Class of 2012 is just about done with their class work and well on their way with the Clinic training. Four students have completed both of their initial training sessions and 18 have completed one. We should be done by the end of March. At this time the Clinic hours will be open to all veterans.

The teaching core will continue to work the Clinic until the end of May to give the students the best possible start. After the end of May the Clinic hours will be open to all.

We have a few empty slots in April and several in May. Let's get those filled up. Also we could use a few more alternates in April and May. It is best if we have at least 4 alternates as they usually get the call to service at the last minute and may not be able to come. If you are scheduled to work the Clinic and cannot make it is your responsibility to find a sub. If all else fails give me a call (672-4338)

Our alternates for the month of March are as follows:

V Jim Leet
T Jim Muno

Thanks, guys!

See you all at Trash to Treasure and in the Clinic of course!!

*Judy Mercer
Plant Clinic Manager*

OSU Douglas County Master Gardeners Chapter Meeting February 23, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:24 a.m. by President, **Larry Sutton**. There were approximately 55 members present.

Agent Report: **Steve Renquist** reminded the membership of upcoming events. Spring Into Gardening will be at UCC Saturday, February 25th at 8 a.m. There are 60 people signed up to date. The Greatest of the Grape will be March 3rd. The monthly Great Gardener Series will begin March 17th. **Steve** also discussed signage for our annual events using banners, etc.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes were approved as presented in the February newsletter.

Officer Reports

Membership: **Cindy Rich** had several announcements. The cut-off date for the membership roster was February 20th. We have 238 paid members. **Cindy** will keep a list of members requesting replacement name tags and submit that information to Mary on April 26th. Members can pick up and pay Mary for the nametags when they arrive. After that time, all nametags (replacements included) will be handled every January 1st.

OMGA Report: **Debbie Haynes** thanked all members who signed up to bring food and have

donated door prizes for the OMGA meeting March 3rd. **Gayle Ward** is in charge of the food and still needs several people to bring additional items.

Treasurer: **Larry Sutton** gave a report on behalf of **Toni Rudolph**. There is \$14,129.74 in our multiple accounts.

2012 Class Representative: **Michelle Harding** asked about an updated roster and availability.

Vice President: **Barb Robinson** announced our program for March would be from the President of the Rainbow Garden Club on the History of Mouse and Rat Traps. **Barb** and several other members have been working on a club apron. **Barb** presented the chosen design and handed out order forms, which are due back to her by March 13th, which will enable delivery prior to the Plant Sale.

President: **Larry Sutton** is still looking for a Web Master volunteer. After the meeting, **Vicki McAlister** volunteered for the job. **Larry** announced the Nominating Committee will be comprised of **Toni Rudolph, Maureen Benice, Debbie Hesseltine, and Eileen Kelly**. Please contact them if you have any interest in becoming an Executive Board member. **Larry** also announced there will be approximately 70 people attending the OMGA meeting here in Roseburg on March 3rd. Any member can attend the meeting.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: **Leo Grass** thanked **Ken Hayes** who will be doing a presentation on Composting at the Umpqua Valley Home Show on March 3rd and 4th. He also thanked **Betty Ison** who put together a display on Encouraging Seeds to Sprout and Grow. There are still some sign-up slots available to help with the booth. **Leo** is also looking for a volunteer to demo Apple Pruning for the Lookingglass Grange Garden Club. The League of Women Voters will have a Garden Tour on June 16th and plan on including the Discovery Garden as part of their tour.

Plant Clinic: **Judy Mercer** announced that 8 students have completed the two mandatory training sessions in the Clinic. The calendar is now available for veteran sign-ups. After the tally of all questions by category for 2011 in the clinic, it was very apparent we need more training in Insects. Advanced Diagnostics classes will focus more on Entomology.

Discovery Garden: **Larry Sutton**, in **Julie Stanberry's** absence, announced there will be an Ornamental Pruning Class on March 9th, 1 - 4 p.m. at the Discovery Garden.

Victory Garden: In **Mik Carlson's** absence, **Larry** reported seedlings have been planted for the Victory Garden.

Awards: None.

Publicity: **Bonnie Courter** has PSA's set up for the Trash to Treasure Sale. She has also submitted an ad in the News Review for the Plant Sale.

Plant Sale: **Barb Robinson** had bookmarks and flyers to hand out for the Plant Sale. These will be made available at Spring Into Gardening and Earth Day. In preparation for the sale, **Tasha King** announced the greenhouses need help three days a week.

Winter Training: **Maureen Benice** reported classes are going very well and the final exam was handed out this week.

Hallmark: **Linda Thames** sent a card to **Ted Benice** who cut his hand and required surgery. **Linda** sent a thank you note to the Lane County Master Food Preservers for their donation of supplies for the Trash to Treasure sale. Linda also sent a card to **Geri Johnson**. Her mother passed away. **Larry Sutton** announced that **Patty Driscoll**, OSU State (Master Gardener) Program Assistant was released from the hospital in Eugene yesterday and encouraged everyone that knows her to send cards.

Trash to Treasure Sale: **Julie Agee** reminded members set up for the sale will be March 23rd and the sale will be the 24th. The time will be 9

a.m. - 4 p.m. each day.

Newsletter: **Larry Sutton** introduced **Clay Morrow** as the new Editor In Training. **Clay** will work with current editor **Joe Yetter** to make a smooth transition.

Old Business

OSU Presentation Meeting: **Steve Renquist** will be conducting a class on how to make effective presentations using the OSU format. This will provide some consistency between the MG and MFP presentations during the Great Gardener Series. This class will be March 8th at 10 a.m. in the Annex Kitchen.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hesseltine
Secretary February 23, 2012

REPLACEMENT NAME TAGS

As membership director, I will be collecting the names of those that want a replacement nametag. Will need to know the name you want on the name tag, the year you completed the program, and how you want to be contacted when your name tag comes in, such as by phone or email. **Mary Hoffmann** will still be ordering them and will contact you when they arrive. She will collect the money at that time. The cost will be about \$5.00, depending on how many were ordered and the cost of postage. I need to have this information by April 26th, so I have time to give it to **Mary**. After this time, there will be information on how to get a replacement nametag on the membership dues form. However, you will need to have it filled out and turned in by January 1st. This will allow **Mary** time to add these to her order with the new class of trainees and will be ordered once a year. If you want a replacement nametag now, you can contact me by phone at 541-677-1882 or email csneal2@yahoo.com

—Cindy Rich
Membership Director

Treasurer's Report as of 02/13/12

Toni Rudolph

INCOME 01/01/12 - 02/13/12

Contributions	\$40.00
Dues - Hardcopy Newsletter	\$165.00
Dues - Membership	\$1,530.00
Interest - Umpqua Bank - MM	\$1.25
Soil Testing	\$50.00
Plant Sale - Pre Sales	\$65.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$1,851.25**

EXPENSES 01/01/12 - 02/13/12

Management & General - Hospitality etc	\$93.49
Postage for Newsletter	\$113.75
Discovery Garden - Rock Garden etc	\$124.95
HLC - Greenhouse	\$59.97
Winter Program - speakers	\$260.00
Plant Sale - Advertising	\$222.18
Plant Sale - Exhibit Fees	\$1,091.00
Plant Sale - Supplies	\$131.92

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$2,097.26**

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$776.97
Money Market - Reserves	\$5,659.10
Money Market	\$7,556.71
Bulk Mail	\$136.96

Ending Balance 02/13/12 **\$14,129.74**

Note from your Treasurer, Toni Rudolph

As many of you remember, I had concerns about our budgeting process as we entered 2011. I am so pleased to announce that we ended the year in the BLACK. Congratulations to all of you.

A balanced budget for 2012 was approved by the membership at our November meeting. To maintain this balanced budget all Chairpersons must continue to monitor their expenditures and stay within their approved budgets.

Our financial solvency is a big success for all of us and will allow us to continue to do the work we all feel important. THANKS again!!

Oregon Master Gardener Association

As this newsletter goes to press we will be hosting the Oregon Master Gardener Association's Board meeting. Approximately seventy representatives from throughout Oregon will be hosted by Douglas County. I am looking forward to another successful event in our history! And, Whew!

My heartfelt thanks go out to many, many of you. To those who donated and brought food and drinks, gave door prizes and decorations, helped set up, served, greeted and cleaned up after the meeting – you are very appreciated!

To all of those who went above and beyond, my special thanks goes out to you guys – and I know those who attended the meeting also appreciate the hospitality shown to them.

Moving on: Many of you may not be aware of the Karl Carlson Memorial Fund. This fund offers either a grant of \$250 or a zero percent loan up to \$500 for the chapter fulfilling the application requirements. One purpose of this fund is to lend aide in the implementation of new programs or projects related to community horticulture, when financial assistance is needed. How many of you know who Karl Carlson is and his relationship to our chapter? Check out the history scrapbooks in the plant clinic for brief discussion of his contributions to Master Gardening.

If you have an outreach project in mind, please speak with Larry Sutton so you can be added to our agenda at the next Board meeting. In the meanwhile, look up the OMGA website at: <http://www.oregonmastergardeners.org/index.htm> and see what is available to us if we are creative!

Search for Excellence is another area we are hoping to investigate further. We'd love your participation on this committee, too.

And, don't forget Mini-College this summer! At the February monthly meeting, we had a great presentation by several of our own Master Gardeners who attended mini-college this past

summer.

Mini-College is a three-day seminar with garden classes offered each day. This year it will be held in Salem, at the Willamette University. More information later on this spring!

Hope to see you at the meetings and all of the events we have on our calendar. Until then, happy gardening!

—Deb Haynes



Our Own Aprons at Last!

If you are one of the many members who have been asking about our own Douglas Country Master Gardener specific aprons, here is your chance to purchase one! These are similar to the aprons sold at mini-college, but will have our DCMG logo printed on them. Three large pockets allow for me to stash my cell phone, keys, gardening tools and even my coffee for workdays in the greenhouse or at home! The adjustable neck strap and lengthy back ties will accommodate all shapes and sizes.

The aprons are a steal at \$15 (our cost). We will be taking orders through Tuesday, March 13. Mail me your payment, payable to DCMG, or drop it off at the Plant Clinic in the locked payment drawer. We expect the aprons to be ready mid-April and anticipate many of you will want to wear them while working our Plant & Garden Expo on May 5th!

—Barbara Robinson

Trash to Treasure Sale is coming!

The annual Trash to Treasure Sale is coming March 23rd and 24th. Set up for the sale is Friday, March 23rd from 9 AM to 4 PM. Bring all of your stuff, we need lots of your "trash" to turn into someone else's treasure. Please no clothes or magazines. Please only clean, unbroken items. The Sale will be Saturday, March 24th from 9 AM to 4 PM. We will have half-price at 2PM and a bag sale at 3 PM. The sign up to help sheets will be in the Plant Clinic after the Feb. Chapter meeting.

Editor's Note

Your editor will be turning over the keyboard of power to a new editor during the coming months. Clay Morrow, one of our newest Master Gardeners, comes to us with a background in education and in English, and will do a phenomenal job. He and I will work closely over the next few months to assure a seamless transition. (Please email your articles to both of us during this transition. Email addresses are on last page of this newsletter.)

It has been a pleasure to serve as your editor. I extend my thanks to our officers (past and present), and to our extension agent for all that they have done to make this job a pleasure. I wish especially to Mary Hoffman, who wears multiple hats in the Extension office: secretary, web editor, and bookkeeper—and supportive psychotherapist to your present editor. Thanks, as well, to Ted Benice for his support when I took over this job, and to all those who have contributed articles to our publication.

I wish to emphasize, as I have done, that this is your publication. Please consider writing articles, book reviews, movie reviews, and so on related to gardening. I'd also like submissions of links to other sites and publications. Here, for example is a truly fine new OSU publication on vermiculture:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/sites/default/files/documents/pub/em9034.pdf>

Go on. Click it. You know you want to....



Links to Other Sites (annotated)

(suggestions for additional links are solicited)

<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.

—Joe Yetter

Great Gardener Series!

Starting on March 17 we will begin teaching a monthly class for the general public that will focus on vegetable and some berry production. MG's will have an hour of the two hour class that we will share with MFP's. Outreach leader Leo Grass has already sent an email to you asking for interested instructors to lead our gardening segment. I have attached a copy of the Great Gardener Series so you can see which class you might like to lead.

I would like to encourage anyone who is thinking about helping us teach the public about vegetable production to join me on March 8, from 10am to noon, at the Extension kitchen conference room. The purpose of the meeting is for us to create a template for all presenters to work from when teaching classes. I would like to show you an OSU online source to get your background or core information when preparing your material. After drawing on the core information you will then be able to add your own local details and touches to your presentation. I think if we work initially on our presentations together it will make the curriculum development easier for this course.

This gardening/preserving series has the potential to be an excellent venue for the public. I would love to work with many of you to develop the format. I value your inputs so bring your ideas to the meeting on March 8. Hope to see you there.

—Steve Renquist

(Flyer is on pages 8 and 9, so that if you have a paper copy of this newsletter, you can share the flyer.)

—The editor)

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DO Present the OR
Great Gardener Series
Once a month on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
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ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

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Circle your class ID selection(s): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Pay \$10.00 for each of the classes selected. Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to: **OSU Extension Service**
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PC users: Word for Windows

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Font: Arial 12pt

Include "Newsletter" (one word) in
subject line. Include permission if you
want your telephone, email, etc., pub-
lished. Include hyperlinks.

Executive meetings: first Wednesday, 9:00am, kitchen conference room; Chapter meetings: last Thursday, Jan thru May: 10am, annex auditorium (following the continuing education at 9:00 a.m.); 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>

MG Plant Clinic Email: douglasmg@oregonstate.edu

Steve Renquist Email: steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu