

Douglas County Master Gardeners



From Your President

Can you believe that we just had our last meeting in the extension building for this winter? Next month we move out to the homes of our members and those delicious pot lucks. Summer meetings are so much fun and with the people that

Barbara has lined up to host the meetings they should be an educational experience as well.

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Calendar of Events

June 4 Insect Committee – Plant Clinic – 10 a.m.

June 13 Executive Committee Meeting – Annex kitchen – 9 a.m.

June 18 Insect Committee – Plant Clinic – 10 a.m.

June 20 Diagnostics Meeting – Annex kitchen – 10 a.m.

June 28 Chapter Meeting – Paul Waldow’s lavender farm – 10 a.m.

July 11 Post Plant Sale Committee Meeting – Annex kitchen – following Exec. meeting



Butchart Gardens

ButchartGardens (pronounced butch-art) is located in Victoria British Columbia. Like our own Discovery Garden it contains a collection of many different gardens. Unlike our own garden it is privately owned and run by the Butchart family. For more information on the garden treasures visit www.butchartgardens.com. Approximately 1,000,000 people visit the garden annually so make you plans early and plan for a fun filled and exciting day in the gardens.

President's Column Continued

This past month my loving wife, Giuli, and I had the opportunity to do a little travel. As we usually do when we travel we tried to visit a few gardens along the way. I am always amazed at the things the people in Los Angeles do to make their properties look beautiful and often wonder if the Southern California Master Gardeners teach sustainable gardening. I am pleased to report that the gardeners at the Marina Del Ray Ritz-Carlton have taken a step in the right direction. We enjoyed the view from our room of a lush grotto filled with flowering annuals, waterfalls and lush green turf. I wondered how much of the scarce and precious LA water was used to keep it that green. When I went down to look at it I discovered a carpet of grass maintained at putting green perfection. It was very impressive. Finally I got down on my hands and knees (getting down in not a problem) to enjoy the feel and discovered that it was an AstroTurf material. LA is learning. The next to the last day of our trip was spent in Victoria British Columbia where we visited the world famous Butchart

Gardens.

The Butchart Gardens is the result of a wife not liking the ugly scar on the earth that was a result of her husband's mining operation. Jennie Butchart brought in tons of top soil and filled the floor of the quarry and over time the world famous sunken garden developed. We were there at tulip time and witnessed a sea of color and shapes provided by these delicate blooms. Put this garden on your must see list it is well worth the trip.

It is heartening to see that so many of our new members are progressing so well in their obligatory hours. While we still need and appreciate your work in the plant clinic, I would like to point out some other possibilities for plant clinic hours. Bob Brindley hosts the insect committee the first and third Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. He provides an opportunity to enhance your insect i.d. skills while enjoying yet another social experience. Kruse Farms and the Farmers Market

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are now open and you can sign up to work there on Saturdays. While these are listed as plant clinic the experience goes far beyond that. Here we wave the OSU Extension/Master Gardener flag and let a lot of people know who we are and what we do. For many of them it is the first time they have heard of us. Your contacts there open the doors for further use of our services. Many of our

dedicated Master Gardeners had their first contact with the program at one of these sites.

Orchids this month go out to Barbara Robinson, Sharon Hopkins, all the Plant Sale Committee chairs and every MG volunteer that turned out to assist with our very successful plant sale. Thanks to all of you.

Minutes

OSU Douglas County Master Gardeners

Chapter Meeting

May 31, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President, **Larry Sutton** at 10:15 a.m. There were approximately 46 people in attendance.

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda or the minutes from the May newsletter.

Agent Report: **Steve Renquist** reported two specific pest problems occurring at this time. Traps show the SWD population is very high and they are swarming cherry orchards. Coddling moth numbers are also very high. **Steve** suggested several solutions keep the population down.

Officer Reports

Membership: **Toni Rudolph** reported for **Cindy Rich**. We currently have 269 members. Rosters were mailed out. We have a new member that has transferred from Grants Pass, **Nancy Louise**. She will be doing her payback time on Tuesdays in the Plant Clinic.

OMGA Report: **Debbie Haynes** reminded the group that Mini College will be July 25 – 28th. **Maureen Benice** thanked members for auction items already received and she is still looking for more donations.

Treasurer: **Toni Rudolph** reported we have \$36,907.09 in our multiple accounts. Based on the fact our plant sale did so well, **Toni** recommended we move \$1,000 into

our reserve account. **Betty Ison** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vice President: Barb Robinson announced our meeting for June will be held at Paul Waldow's lavender farm near Sutherlin. Bring your chair, a potluck dish, plate and utensils.

Past President: Nothing to report.

President: Larry Sutton advised the general meeting for July has been changed to July 19th to accommodate the Mini College schedule. **Larry** also announced he has scholarship applications available for interested members.

Larry has appointed **Pam Sadler** to chair the hospitality committee.

2012 Class Representative: Nothing to report.

Community Outreach: Julie Stanbery reported for **Leo Grass**. The Saving Grace project has received great help from the community and wonderful donations including planters from Tom and **Eileen Kelly**. They are still looking for more donations to complete the project.

Plant Clinic: Judy Mercer needs veteran help for the month of June. Sign-ups for the Farmers Market look good for June, however, both clinics need help in July.

Judy also announced the possibility the DCMG Plant Clinic may do articles and a Q & A for the News Review. **Judy** will follow-up and report in June.

Maureen Benice said the sign-up calendar for Kruse Farms has slots available for both June and July.

Discovery Garden: Julie Stanbery announced the river irrigation system is operating and needs volunteers to monitor the water on Tuesday afternoons and Fridays. **Valerie Call** volunteered.

Julie thanked **Dave Hopkins, Sharon Hopkins,** and **Eileen Kelley** for completing the donor board at the entrance to the Discovery Garden. **Julie** also had an update by garden and many kudos for the individuals responsible for the excellent condition of the gardens. Koriama will be here on June 22nd to visit the Japanese Garden.

Victory Garden: Lorreen Robinson and her crew are picking peas and onions in the Victory Garden. They have delivered 17# of produce to UCAN.

Pictures wanted: We are looking for pictures of the Bake Sale. If you have any please contact Rosemary Brinkley.

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Awards: Nothing to report.

Publicity: Nothing to report.

Plant Sale: **Barb Robinson** thanked the members and was grateful to the 100+ members who helped with the sale. Income for the Plant Sale is over \$30,000 at this point and post sales are still occurring at the greenhouses. There was 577# of food collected for UCAN on the day of the Plant Sale.

Historian: **Rosemary Brinkley** is looking for any photos of the Bake Sale in November. The history book will be complete in the near future.

Newsletter: **Clay Morrow** thanked the membership for their patience during his learning curve with the newsletter.

Nominating Committee: **Toni Rudolph** reported she and her committee consisting of **Debbie Hesseltine, Eileen Kelley, and Maureen Benice** present the following slate of officers:

President

Larry Sutton

Vice President

Fred Alley

Secretary

Eileen Kelley

Treasurer

Toni Rudolph

Membership

Vicki McAllister

OMGA Rep.

Rosemary Brinkley

OMGA Alternate

Michelle Harding-Olson

Past President

Judy Huntley

Hallmark: **Linda Thames** was pleased to announce the North Umpqua Garden Club donated \$200 to the Children's Garden.

Old Business

None

New Business**None****Show and Tell**

Tia Nihart had some orphan cucumbers to give away.

Julie Stanbery had an article from the Oregonian on roses to share.

Toni Rudolph announced the colored T-shirts were available for pick up.

Maureen Benice had a slide show presentation on the Plant Sale.

Larry Sutton announced that his Master Gardener T-shirt, designed by **Sharon Hopkins**, received several compliments at a recent art show.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hesseltnie

MINI-College AUCTION ITEMS

Dear Master Gardener Friends,

The time is getting shorter and shorter between now and Mini College. Silent Auction items for Mini College need to be given to me soon. Some items are already either in my hands or promised. Usually we contribute 10, or more, items worth \$25 or more to Mini-College. Please put your thinking caps on and come up with something for the Silent Auction. These items need NOT be garden oriented. Contributed items have been bird houses, books, baskets of theme items ... like bread making, cookies, sewing, even gardening ... wine collections, wreaths, jewelry, art pieces, aprons, just to give you some ideas. Mini-College is in Salem at Willamette University on July 25-28. You hopefully have given your contributions to me at the General Chapter meeting, or at the HLC (Discovery Garden/ Greenhouses). Email or call me if you want to leave them in the Plant Clinic or hand them to me personally elsewhere. We can figure somewhere/something out.

Thank you so much,

Maureen Benice - OMGA Alternate Rep

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Treasurer's Report as of 05/30/12

Toni Rudolph

INCOME 04/25/12 - 05/30/12

Donation - Newcomers....	\$25.00
Dues - Membership	\$20.00
Interest - Umpqua Bank - MM	\$0.70
Soil Testing	\$100.00
Plant Sale - all categories	\$28,244.35
Compost Tea	\$150.00
Special Events - paid T-shirts -	\$445.00

TOTAL INCOME \$28,095.05

EXPENSES 04/25/12 - 05/30/12

Mgmt & Gen - Endowment	\$2,000.00
Mgmt & Gen - donation Hospitality	-\$8.03
PSP - Postage for rosters	\$52.65
CE - Greenhouse - Irrigation	\$6.37
DG - Children's Garden donation & sand	-\$184.48
DG - Irrigation/Rock G/Xeriscape	\$229.28
HLC - Greenhouse Supplies	\$149.20
HLC - Maintenance	\$253.36
HLC - Victory Garden	\$109.92
Plant Sale - 4-H & tip jar	\$199.31
Plant Sale - Supplies	\$521.56

TOTAL EXPENSES \$3,329.14

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$4,688.85
Money Market - Reserves	\$5,659.10
Money Market	\$26,559.14

Ending Balance 05/30/12 \$36,907.09

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee, consisting of Debbie Hesseltine, Maureen Benice, Eileen Kelly and Toni Rudolph, present to you our nominations for 2012-2013 Douglas County Master Gardeners Executive Board.

President Larry Sutton

Vice President Fred Alley

OMGA Representative Rosemary Brinkley

OMGA Alternate Representative Michelle Harding-Olson

Membership Vicki McAlister

Secretary Eileen Kelley

Treasurer Toni Rudolph

Past President Judy Huntley

At the July general meeting, we will be accepting nominations from the floor followed by the vote. New board members will be the voting body of the Executive board. Elected members will be installed at the August general meeting.

A Word From Your Editor

Growing up in New Mexico, I never really had much use for spring. It marked a time of soaring temperatures, incessant winds and the dust that those winds carried. By mid May, the thermostat has already broken 90 and usually 100 degrees. Lawns, which cannot be watered sufficiently because of water conservation laws, wither and die. Forest fires (such as the record breaker that just made the news) are commonplace and the air often reeks of smoke for hundreds of miles around the blaze. The sky, which is usually unbroken by clouds, is often a brownish tinge.

In short, springtime in New Mexico is usually dry, hot and generally ill suited to growing things.

Since moving to beautiful Douglas Co., however, spring has become my favorite time of year. Sure, the rains can be oppressive, but no more so, to me, than the never-ending sound of wind. The temperatures can be a bit colder than we like, but, again, I'll take that over my tomatoes wilting and scorching in the heat.

Best of all, however, when the sun does shine, I crave it and it calls me out, rather than being something that you brace for. Never in my life have I seen a season as beautiful as springtime here! P.S. Much thanks to our president, Larry Sutton, for making this month's newsletter shine!

Kruse Farms Satellite Plant Clinic June through September

Master Gardeners will set up the Satellite Plant Clinic for this season at Kruse Farms each Saturday beginning Saturday, June 2nd, from 9:00 AM until 12:30 PM. (At least 15 minutes for set-up at the start and pack-up and storage of the table and containers at the end should be planned.)

The single table space will accommodate two MGs: at least one veteran and one trainee, or two veterans. This is a good chance for new MGs to meet that segment of the public that shops at Kruse. It's very interesting and the time passes rapidly.

Because this location is on the edge of an open air market, you will need to dress according to the weather, have eyeshade or sun glasses and bring your own chair and water. Kruse has free coffee. The Doghouse snack cart has hot dogs, Frito Pies, other goodies and beverages for sale. Goodbye diet.

Sign up at the Plant Clinic office (walk in or phone).

Sign ups needed are:

June 2 ... 1 Trainee

June 9 ... 1 Veteran and Trainee

June 16 ... 1 Veteran and 1 Trainee

June 23 ... 1 Veteran and 1 Trainee

June 30 ... 1 or 2 Veterans and 1 Trainee



Your Vice President Reports

About 5 dozen Master Gardeners became “experts” on drip irrigation during our April chapter meeting. Curtis Young of Woodland Scenes Landscape Gardeners www.woodlandscenes.net talked to us about the benefits and methods of drip irrigation. He shared his expertise, citing some of his favorite materials, including my favorite, “funny” hose. Thanks to Curtis for the gentle nudge we all needed to get ready for the upcoming gardening season. By now we should all have our systems in place!

Now that we have our gardens planted and irrigation in place, we can sit back (if you can talk someone else into weeding) and enjoy the spoils of our labor. Busy little bees will be in abundance, pollinating all around us. They have already been hard at work flying amongst fruit trees and other early crops. Our continuing education segment for our May 31st meeting will be a presentation by Ed Jones, a local bee keeper who cares for and manages over 100 hives. Come join us at 9 a.m. to learn what the “bees” in the birds and the bees are really all about!

We are quickly approaching the summer months when our chapter meetings will be held in different locations across the county. On June 28th we will travel to *Double P Lavender Farm*, owned and operated by fellow Master Gardener Paul Waldow and his wife, Pam. The lavender will be in full bloom so this promises to be a spectacular assault on all of our senses!

Their home and farm are located at 1870 Platt I Rd. just out of Sutherlin. Bring a chair, eating utensils and a scrumptious potluck dish to be shared. Feel free to bring a guest(s) as well!

Directions to *Double P Lavender Farm*

www.doubleplavenderfarm.com :

- ❖ **Take the northern most Sutherlin exit off from I-5**
- ❖ **Travel east just under 3 miles on E. Central which turns into Nonpareil Road**
- ❖ **Turn right on Plat I Road (just past Provo Lane)**
- ❖ **Go approximately 1.7 miles. Lavender farm is on the left @ 1870 Plat I Rd.**

Barbara Robinson,

Vice President aka “The Queen Bee”



No one who achieves success does so without the help of others. The wise and confident acknowledge this help with gratitude. Alfred North Whitehead

And success we did achieve with the help of over 100 Master Gardeners for our 26th annual Plant and Garden Expo! Whether one was out at the greenhouses or at the fairgrounds, WE worked like a well-oiled machine. You all put your heart and soul into our biggest fund raiser of the year and the results were indicative of your extraordinary effort!

Special thanks go out to committee chairs and key organizers: Bob Brindley, Sharon Hopkins, Debbie Hesseltine, Bonnie Courter, Mik Carlson, Robyn Thompson, Anne Waddington, Yvonne Henderson, Betty Ison, Pam Sadler, Tasha King, Gloria Amorde, Karolyn Riecks, Maureen Benice, Richard Johnstone, Dave Hopkins, Toni Rudolph, Ken Hays, Leo Grass, and Debbie Haynes.

Close of plant sale day brought a “hint” of fatigue but also a feeling of contentment and gratitude. Speaking of gratitude, we collected 587 pounds of food for UCAN! This was almost 3 times as much as last year! UCAN was thrilled with our results and we were proud to have been able to give back to the community who so loyally supports us each year.

As a final note, don't forget to visit the greenhouses on our Tuesday morning workdays to make your post-sale purchases. It's always a delight to see what is coming into bloom throughout the summer months!

Thanks again to our entire Master Gardener village for making our 2012 sale a gigantic success. Next year promises to be just as great!

Barbara Robinson

Plant Sale Results Through The Years

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Raffle	\$668.00	\$894.00	\$706.00	\$717.00	\$680.00
Entry Fee	\$3,219.00	\$1,309.00	\$1,603.00	\$1,809.45	\$1,498.28
Plant Sales at Event	\$19,661.50	\$19,558.80	\$17,219.05	\$20,650.00	\$18,820.30
Plant Sales - Pre	\$3,487.00	\$2,512.00	\$1,029.65	\$3,518.40	\$3,721.75
Plant Sales - Post	\$405.25	\$859.00	\$308.75	\$1,462.00	\$2,882.25
Vendors	\$2,615.00	\$2,259.40	\$2,856.00	\$2,638.00	\$2,461.50
TOTAL	\$30,055.75	\$27,392.20	\$23,722.45	\$30,794.85	\$30,064.08

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Executive meetings: second 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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