

Douglas County Master Gardeners



How Well Do You Know The Garden?

Bench A



Bench B



Bench C



The Discovery Garden is a wonderful place to rest and enjoy the beauty around you. Now which garden contains these resting places?

Answers on page 9

Bench D



Calendar of Events

- July 2 and 16 Insect Committee – 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month @ 10 am (Plant Clinic)
- July 11 Executive Committee -- 7/11 @ 9am (Extension Kitchen)
- July 11 Plant Sale Wrap-up Meeting 7/11 (followed by Plant Sale Meeting) (Extension Kitchen)
- July 18 Diagnostic Clinic – 7/18 @ 10am (Extension Kitchen)
- July 18 The Art of Wine Tasting Pavilion – 7/18 @ 5:30 Wine Tasting (Discovery Garden Pavillion)
- July 19 General Meeting – 7/19 @ 10am at Loreen Robinson's home
- July 25-28 MG Mini College – 7/25, 7/26, 7/27 & 7/28 @ Willamette University, Salem

President's Column

I find myself thinking more and more about Willy Loman in **Death of a Salesman**. The closing scenes of the play finds Willie standing on his fire escape, talking to his departed brother Ben and saying, "Ben, Ben, who am I." It is not so much that I question who I am. I am fairly comfortable with that. If I were in Willy's place my questions would be more like, "Ben, Ben, why did I come into this room;" or "Ben, Ben, where did I leave my glasses;" or more importantly today it would be "Ben, Ben, didn't I just write about that?" Now before you jump to conclusions and tell me that I did already write about the Victory Garden and Plant a Row for the Hungry, I will tell you that I realize that is true. I do feel it is appropriate to revisit that article now that the gardens are starting to produce. Our Victory Garden continues to flourish with all its tender loving care from our volunteers. We are already taking produce to UCAN. For all of us that suffer from CRS (can't remember stuff) I will once again repeat my plea. In March we talked about Plant a Row for the Hungry and encouraged everyone to set aside part of their garden for others. You can bring your produce in to the Victory Garden on Tuesday mornings and we will be glad to deliver it to UCAN for you. They never get enough fresh produce and there are still shelters in the county that do not get any fresh food for their guests. Please take the time to help out and share your bounty with others

On the 16th Leo and I had the pleasure of acting as tour guides for the League of Women Voters garden tour. Our Discovery Garden was picked as one of the local gardens to be visited. Not only did we have the visitors from the tour but we also had many others who just dropped by for a day in the garden. Many of the local tour people were visiting the garden for the first time and were delighted that this resource was available to them. We also had visitors from Washington, California, and Nevada. If you have not done so take your family and friends out for a tour. It is well worth the trip and they will appreciate you for it. .

Finally, I am excited to report that the Douglas County submission for the Oregon Master Gardener Association was selected for presentation at this year's Mini-College. In addition to being presented at Mini-College we have been invited to submit our entry to the international competition. The winners of the international competition will make their presentations onboard a luxurious Holland American cruise ship during the 2013 International Master Gardener's Conference. It is not too late to make your reservations for either Mini-College or the International event. For Mini-College registrations go to <http://www.oregonmastergardeners.org/MiniCollege2012.htm>. For the International Master Gardener Conference, the web site is <http://www.uaex.edu/imgc2013/default.htm>. This project demonstrates the hard work put in by our chapter to improve the quality of the education we provide to the public. It pays tribute to Steve, Judy Mercer, the plant clinic training team, the diagnostic group and everyone that takes part in our plant clinics throughout the county.

Orchids this month go to all the people that involved in this month's outreach; plant clinic, the satellite clinics, Butterflies and Blooms, League of Women Voters Garden Tour, Senior Health and Well Being Fair and the various community presentations. We are definitely out there making a difference. Orchids also go to the people that brought our Search for Excellence to a reality.

Vice President's Column

I am definitely looking forward to visiting the residence of Lorreen Robinson, co-chair of our Master Gardener Victory Garden! Judging from the extraordinary effort we have observed from Lorreen and Mik Carlson's VG crew, not to mention their amazing results, this is sure to be a meeting to remember! Since the chickens in residence provide Gale and I with our supply of eggs, a poultry bonding experience is sure to be on my agenda as well.

We will be gathering at Lorreen's on Thursday, July 19th at 10 a.m. (This meeting is scheduled a week earlier than normal since Mini-College is the following week.) Bring a chair, your own plates, cups, eating utensils, and drinks if you would like something other than water. And MOST important bring a favorite potluck dish to share with the rest of the group!

Lorreen has provided the following directions to her home: *Old Melrose, either direction turn onto San Souci road, barring right as you go up San Souci. At top of hill turn left onto La Vista Rd. (Mik's house and mailboxes on the right). Go to the end of La Vista 7/10th of a mile, red gate (which will be open) follow road up past mobile home, past guest house, turning right, big circle drive and lots of parking space and you're at 825 La Vista!*

WANTED: Master Gardener to step up and offer their residence for our August 30 meeting. Unforeseen circumstances have arisen which make our previous site unavailable. If you have a burning desire (or even a smoldering desire) to share your abode with us, please email barbararob@gmail.com or give me a call.

Nominating Committee Report

submitted by Toni Rudolph

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.

Saving Grace Landscape Project

Last summer, my lovely bride Barbara, decided that she had too much free time on her hands. She declared that she was going to volunteer at the Saving Grace animal shelter. We have three spoiled dogs, and one tabby cat that truly believes she manages the entire household. Knowing Barbara's sympathy streak, about as wide as the North Umpqua at flood stage, I suggested that she volunteer at the Saving Grace Thrift Shop, instead of the shelter. During Barbara's induction into the ranks of SG helpers, she mentioned that she was married to a guy who at least pretended to know something about gardening. After a some communication, with Wendy Kang, Director of S. G. I told her that I would try to gather some MGs to help design the landscape around the new shelter.

Just as I have always suspected, most people who love gardening, are also suckers for animals, well maybe not deer, and in no time at all we had a crew of anxious helpers. Our band of animal enthusiasts began visiting the shelter site, gathering information on pet friendly plants, and figuring ways to make the new shelter look a lot nicer than it did. We soon discovered that the ground surrounding the building was very similar to solid rock, My first attempt to dig a tree planting hole actually had sparks flying from my miners pick. We briefly considered turning the whole project over to a sculptor, but decided that since we didn't know any sculptors who would be willing to work for free, we would garden up, instead of down, and do raised beds.



MG Eileen Kelley as it turns out has influence with, Jan Kelley and his Son Kevin of Kelleygreen Nursery and persuaded them to build seven large cedar planters for our scheme. Eileen and her husband, Tom then donated the planters to the project. Dave and Sharon Hopkins used their flat bed trailer to haul the planters from Yoncalla to the shelter. John Blodgett, from Douglas County Forest Products, next door, played a huge roll in the unfolding saga by contributing tons of twenty five year old bark mulch, and the machinery and man power to move it around. Our own Julie Standbery used her powers of persuasion to elicit ten yards of garden compost from Douglas County Co-Op. We filled the containers with a mixture of compost and old bark.

Now most people who know me, know that I'm not prone to believing in miracles, but what happened next just might change that.. While working the Plant Clinic one Monday, I received a call from Gene Walker, grounds keeper for Linus Oaks Retirement center. He explained that one of their residents, Mrs. Louise Worster, was no longer able to tend her garden, and would be willing to donate her plants to the Master Gardeners, if we had a place for them, talk about perfect timing. We moved the plants from their home at Linus Oaks, to their new home at Saving Grace, and like the 'loaves and fishes, they fit perfectly into our seven containers. Who would've thunkit? Stay tuned for the next exciting episode...

Saving Grace Crew:

Agent's Report

Be Vigilant about Advising Others to Monitor for Pests

Even though the summer is still pretty young I have been called a number of times to look at orchards and berry crops completely ruined by Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD), stink bugs, spider mites, and bud mites. Many of these small growers surprised me by saying they have not heard about SWD despite the widespread media attention this pest has had. At times I don't discuss this pest with growers or homeowners because I don't want to bore people with repetitious sermons. It is becoming clear that we cannot warn small growers enough and that is true with home gardeners too. So let me bore you a little more with my preaching and don't hesitate to share this information with all your neighbors, family, gardening friends, and the general public when you are representing the Master Gardeners.

The SWD does have favorite food crops. Soft fruit like strawberries, cherries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, figs, plums, and peaches are all good hosts, but the favorites are cherries and raspberries.

The SWD are not difficult to control.

If you want to control these pests you must monitor these crops with vinegar traps to know when they are getting full sized and starting to color. It is at this stage that you should apply a control spray. The best homeowner sprays are Spinosad, Malathion, and Sevin.

When we have a mild winter prepare for higher pest populations early in the season.

If you fail to control the SWD with the early crops, their population will build up and be potentially very destructive with the later crops. Later crops will also have to deal with SWD populations moving from wild blackberry so don't get complacent late in the growing season. Keep trapping and control when necessary.

To date apples, pears, Asian pears, and grapes have not been infested by SWD. Grapes potentially are vulnerable because of their thinner skins.

For those opposed to spraying any product to control the SWD, be prepared to pick your soft fruit slightly before the fruit reaches full maturity. And be prepared to have some infested fruit. When you are picking fruit, look for the small egg laying holes made by the SWD ovipositor, if you find any fruit with holes discard them.

SWD larvae or eggs will not harm anyone who eats them. The main concern when controlling the pest is to prevent damage to the fruit to reduce the incidence of mold that follows the insect damage.

I have noticed a number of insect pests having a banner year in 2012. This appears to be tied to the mild winter in 2012 that allowed a large number of adults to overwinter. Breeding populations have had a good start, especially where people apply no controls.

Keep an eye out for the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug. There has been a recent catch near Medford after previous traps found them in the Portland and Salem areas. This pest will be much more destructive than the SWD if it gets established in our area.

Steve

Notes from the Clinic

Well summer is here; now all we have to do is convince the weather. Business has really been picking up in the Plant Clinic. As of June 22 we had helped 125 clients. Our thanks go out to all of you who are providing this service to our community.

We have been having a little trouble filling all of the Clinic volunteer slots this month and have been short staffed on several occasions. I would ask you all to try and give one day a month. With the client volume we really need to be fully staffed. Let's fill up that July Calendar!

The Spotted winged Drosophila has been making its presence known. So far we have had calls about infestations in raspberries.

The nymphs of Box elder bug are beginning to show up and the bee swarms have been numerous.

I would like to thank Jen Bailey for taking over the updating of our contact list. She is doing a great job. Also our thanks go out to Marilyn Klingbeil for all of her hard work on our Library. She is currently working on the insect books and updating our reference notebooks. Chris Rusch, our co-librarian, is on the mend and will soon be up and running.

Hope to see you soon in the Clinic.

Judy Mercer

OMGA

OMGA June meeting was held in Central Point – They have 80 acres, mainly used for research on pears! It was a very impressive place.

The new 2012-13 Representative, Rosemary Brinkley, and Alternate, Michelle Harding, joined me at the meeting. It was a lot of fun watching them 'get their feet wet' so to speak!

Marcia Sherry from Yamhill Co. will be OMGA Newsletter editor. We should know soon when that will be up and running again.

OMGA is working on some proposed changes to the By-Laws and some were sent back for revision. At the Mini-College meeting they'll have a vote on the ones sent back. Examples: approval must be made for all chapter logos and slogans, computer use means you are not allowed personal privacy when using OSU computers (no email, sites, etc. that are not chapter related). They also shared some ideas on background checks needing to be done for people who are working around children.

Mini-College will be at Willamette again in 2013 but will probably be changed to Friday-Sunday so working Master Gardeners can attend, and perhaps more of the general public will sign up.

Min-College had only 86 sign ups, so there was plenty of room for others to still sign up. They also need 125 total volunteers and they only have 79. So if you are signed up, please make sure you help out when you get up there!

Treasurer's Report as of 06/26/12

Answers from p1

Toni Rudolph	
INCOME 05/30/12 - 06/26/12	
Donation - Pavilion	\$25.00
Soil Testing	\$30.00
Compost Tea	\$145.00
Special Events - paid T-shirts	\$52.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$252.50
EXPENSES 05/30/12 - 06/26/12	
Mgmt & Gen - OMGA Travel	\$58.20
Mgmt & Gen - OMGA dues	\$35.00
Mgmt & Gen - Jospitality donation	- \$2.95
PSP - Postage for Newsletter	\$90.00
CE - Greenhouse - Irrigation	\$81.33
DG - Children's Garden	\$284.81
DG - Maintenance & Signage	\$12.20
HLC - Victory Garden	\$90.00
Plant Sale – Electrical	\$712.45
Plant Sale - Plants	\$323.37
Plant Sale - Supplies	\$78.04
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,762.45
Breakdown of our accounts	
Checking	\$2,178.54
Money Market - Reserves	\$6,659.10
Money Market	\$26,560.99
Ending Balance 05/26/12	\$35,398.63

Bench A Xeriscape Garden

Bench B Butterfly Garden

Bench C Japanese Garden

Bench D Children's Garden

(Thanks to Larry Sutton for putting this together!)

OSU Douglas Country Master Gardeners Chapter Meeting June 28, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President **Larry Sutton** at 10:06. There were approximately 63 members present.

The minutes were approved as presented in the May Newsletter.

Agent Report: **Steve Renquist** reminded everyone to sign up for Mini College. **Gale Langellotto** said that participation was down. Perhaps it was not promoted adequately. Steve said the slate of programs, the site and presenters were all good and hoped more people would sign up. **Steve** reported he has been getting calls from small growers with three to five acres, about issues in their orchards. He said the Spotted Winged Drosophila is actually swarming. Two orchards were totally gone. They had not put out traps to monitor nor had they applied controls. He encouraged us to advise growers when we are working at the Markets to be aware and advise folks to put out traps. He said that Brosi had sprayed their cherry crop and had no sign of the SWD. 300 or 400 feet away the next grower did not monitor or spray and their cherries were ruined. He reminded us the raspberries, blueberries, figs, nectarines, apricots, peaches and blackberries which will be coming soon and must be monitored. Get the traps out because SWD are easy to control. The Brown Marmorated Stinkbug which has been found in Portland and more recently Medford, it not easy to control. You can identify it by the smooth shoulders as opposed to the native Brown Stinkbug that has jagged shoulders. It is hard to control because it has a hard cuticle, therefore a much harsher chemical will be needed. Lastly he said that symphylans, small white insects that feed on seedlings and roots, have been discovered in manures. If you get you manures from elsewhere, be aware.

Officers Reports:

Membership: **Cindy Rich** reported we have 269 members. Updated rosters have been emailed to all and she had printed some for those without email and you can pick one up at the Plant Clinic. She also mentioned that **Geri**

Johnson has moved to Arkansas and would love to hear from us either in writing or email. Geri's information is on the roster.

OMGA Report: Debbie Haynes reported that she along with **Rosemary Brinkley** and **Michele Harding** attended the meeting on 6/2 in Central Point. It was a beautiful 80 acres with many different displays including Children Gardens. If you get the chance, it is worth the trip. **Debbie** also said that Mini College enrollment is falling short. They discussed changing the days to Friday, Saturday and Sunday in hopes of more participation. There was also a change to the by-laws.

Maureen Benice reported that she has been receiving silent auction and door prizes. If anyone would like to donate, she will need it by the next General Meeting which is 7/19. Call or email her and she will be happy to meet with you to pick it up.

Larry Sutton reiterated mini college enrollment was down. He was proud that Douglas County has the third largest delegation with Salem being the largest. He said OMGA has not had a 2nd Vice President. **Janet Anderson's** husband has stepped in for the remainder of the year. The Executive Board voted to recommend they not have Mini College next year. Use that time to reorganize and attempt to resolve the issue of dwindling attendance. For those that do attend, you will be "volunteered" to do something; from introducing speakers to greeter to giving directions. Also, next year the International meeting is a cruise to Alaska.

Treasurer: Toni Rudolph reported \$35,398.63 Overall Total and \$1,762.81 in expenditures. Toni said that because the decision last year was to work with a balanced budget, many areas were cut back and, if we did well at the Plant Sale, additional funds could be requested. **John Panches** replaced the PC in the Plant Clinic. A request for \$100 was made to purchase new Quicken Software for the new computer. This expenditure was approved by the Executive Committee. **John** also said that new computers are being purchased for OSU Staff. Their old computers will be sent back to OSU who will update them with Windows 7. Also approved by the Executive Committee was \$138 to purchase a butterfly bench for the Butterfly Garden. \$300 was put in Green House Miscellaneous Supplies for rubber gloves, etc. 20 yards of mulch was purchased at the end of last year. It was hoped it would be enough to see us through until the end of this year. The mulch is gone as well as all the leaf mulch. A request to purchase 10 yards of hemlock mulch was submitted. A new category under Discover Garden for mulch was requested by **Toni**. She made a motion that we move \$300 to that new category under Discovery Garden. **Betty Ison** seconded the motion which was passed with one individual voting no. **Toni** then made a motion that the Children's Garden which has a budget of \$200 be increased by \$150. **Betty Ison** seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously. A big thank you to **Fred Alley** for the "kids" placed around the Children's Garden, they look wonderful. **Linda Thames** wanted us to say a special thank you to Wicked Wahini Wood who donated the picnic table for the Children's Garden. **Roger Sawyer** suggests that requests for additional funds be done together rather than separately.

Vice President: Leo Grass who filled in for **Barbara Robinson** who is vacationing, thanked **Paul and Pam Waldow** and their greeter, **Sonny**, for inviting us to have the meeting at their home. Paul made wonderful homemade lavender sausage which he bar-b-cued. Next month, the July meeting will be at **Loreen Robinson's** home in Roseburg.

Committee Reports:

Out Reach: Leo Grass reported that **Maureen Benice** will give a presentation on Container Gardening at Calahan Village.

Joe Yetter will give a Composting Class

Michelle Harding has planted a Culinary Garden at UCC which she invites everyone to visit.

Saving Grace: The planters have been filled with mulch donated from Douglas County Co-op thanks to **Julie Stanberry**. The plants were donated by **Louise Worster**. **Julie Stanberry**, **Dave Hopkins** and **Leo Grass** dug up the donated plants and replanted them in the containers.

The League of Women Voters visited the Discovery Garden on 6/16. **Larry Sutton** and **Leo Grass** welcomed about 25 individuals.

On 7/14 the first of the Saturday Market 15 to 30 minute demonstrations will begin from 10:30 am – 11am.

Betty Ison will do a Planting for Seed Demo at UCC

The Douglas County Fair is in August and we will be looking for folks to assist with demonstrations. Stand by for more details.

Plant Clinic: **Judy Mercer** reported that as of 6/22 we had 125 Clients in the Plant Clinic. The Cliental is picking up. Veterans are needed to work. Please check the calendar and sign up for at least one day per month. She also needs alternates.

She reported lots of swarms. We have had reports of Box Elder Bug nymphs. They are red, bigger than a mite. If you smash them, a red stain will appear. **Bob Brindley** reminds us that it is best to vacuum them, and be sure to throw away the bag. **Jen Bailey** is updating the Contact List and **Marilyn Klingbell** is sorting through the Library Collection.

Kruse Farms: **Maureen Benice** said that July is covered but August folks are needed. Times are 8:45 – 12:30 every Saturday. So far they have had 6-10 MG contacts.

Discovery Garden: **Julie Stanberry** reported that the visit with our Japanese friend **Chiaki Koyama** went great. About 12 MG's attended the brunch at **Judy Wood's**. Several years ago, **Mr. Koyama** assisted **Wiley** and **Judy Wood** with their Japanese garden. Since then Wiley passed away. **Mr. Koyama** walked around with a stick, pointing at problem areas that needed to be dealt with. **Chris Rusch** said she learned so much about Japanese Gardening. Everything stays very small to make a garden large. Thanks to **Dennis Moore** for the great pictures, including the Voodoo Lily. Also a big thank you to **Fred Alley** for the wonderful Japanese symbols placed in the garden just before **Mr. Koyama's** visit. The symbols meanings are harmony, peace and contemplation.

Thanks to **Valerie Beckenhauser** who is in charge of irrigation this month. Irrigation will start up again on Friday. The Entry Garden is looking great. Thank you to **Maureen Benice** who painted the names of the roses on the rocks. **Betty Ison** and **Rosemary Brinkley** have been working hard on the walkway between the Xeriscape and the Easy Access Garden. Please note that the lights have been left on and the gates left open. Even if you are not the last person out, please turn off the lights and close the gates. Show & Shine is coming up, the pastures have been mowed and the sign is up. Just remember there is going to be lots of traffic around.

Victory Garden: **Mik Carlson** reported that 224 lbs have been taken to UCAN from the VG and 39 lbs donated from MG's for a total of 263 lbs. Remember to bring in excess produce to donate to UCAN or bring it to the Garden on Tuesday and **Mik** will bring it into UCAN. Everything in the Victory Garden is doing well, especially since we put up the cow panels. The cukes, peas, and beans will do great.

Awards: No Report

Publicity: No Report

Plant Sale: **Larry Sutton** reported that **Barbara Robinson** will have a Plant Sale meeting on 7/11 following the Executive Meeting.

Historian: No Report

Newsletter: No Report

Nominating Committee: **Toni Rudolph** report the following slate of candidates:

President - **Larry Sutton**

Vice President - **Fred Alley**

Treasurer – **Toni Rudolph**

Secretary – **Eileen Kelley**

OMG Rep – **Rosemary Brinkley**

OMG Alternate – **Michelle Harding**

Membership – **Vicky McAllister**

Nominations from the floor will be open by the President at the July General Meeting.

Hallmark: **Linda Thames** reported that **Larry Hearne** from Klamath Falls, former OMGA President and Treasure is recuperating from neck surgery. Cards and emails would be appreciated. **Larry's** information is in the email sent to all MG's on 6/26.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Show & Tell: **Julie Stanberry** said that Peoria Gardens is having a nursery sale in Corvallis on 7/10 starting at 9am. The sale is for 10 days, but Julie suggests you get there early. **Susie Robbins** said there is a new nursery off Coburg Road past Johnson Bros. The name is Egge's and she said it is worth the trip.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Kelley

Filling in for Secretary, **Debbie Hesseltine**

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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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