

# Douglas County Master Gardeners



## CLEAN SWEEP!



During World War II in the submarine service it was customary to fly a broom from the main mast when returning home if their mission was success. This indicated to the people at home that they had made a clean sweep. This week at Mini College Douglas County earned the right to fly the broom. Starting with Friday morning your chapter was awarded First Place in the Search for Excellence program for the work that

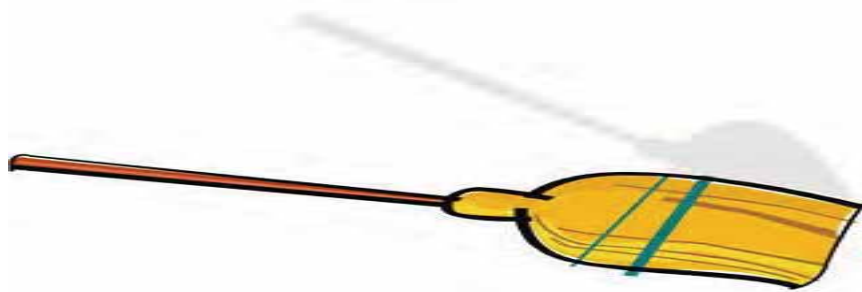
you have all been doing in the Plant Clinic. We started out Friday night at the awards banquet by taking the two top awards in chapter displays: First Place Award by the judges, and People’s Choice. A two-fer! (Continued P2)

### Calendar of Events

- August 1 Executive Board Meeting, 9 a.m., Extension Kitchen
- August 1 Audit Committee, 9 a.m., Plant Clinic
- August 7 – 11 Douglas County Fair – Plant Clinic will be closed
- August 6 Insect Committee, 10 a.m., Plant Clinic
- August 15 Diagnostics Meeting, 10 a.m., Extension Kitchen
- August 15 Art of Beer Tasting, 5:30 p.m. Set up, 6 p.m. Presentation, Discovery Garden
- August 16 Home Garden Tour, 9 – 4 and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Members homes
- August 20 Insect Committee, 10 a.m., Plant Clinic
- August 30 Chapter Meeting, 10 a.m., Home of Rebecca Drew (Installation of new officers)

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Then we had two really big surprises to round out the evening. After much coaxing Leo Grass had finally consented to join us in Salem for the banquet. It was a good thing, too, as Leo was awarded the much deserved Behind the Scenes Award for 2012. And finally from a group of highly qualified and deserving Master Gardeners from nine counties the sweep was completed when Gail Longelitto announced that Larry Sutton was the State Master Gardener of the Year for 2012! These awards, while given individually, could never have been possible without the dedication and support of each of our 268 members.



## Your President's Column

I would like to encourage all of you to make that special effort to come to the August meeting. It is significant in that August is the month that we install our new officers. And just as importantly, we say thank you to the ones that have faithfully served Douglas County during the past year. Come on out and say thank-you to your retiring executive board members; Barbara Robinson, Debbie Hesseltine, Cindy Rich, Debbie Haynes, and Maureen Benice. Then congratulate the new board members: Fred Alley, Eileen Kelley, Vicki McAlister, Rosemary Brinkley, and Michelle Harding. Just to keep the record straight we have two returning board members, Toni Rudolph and I.

As Jack Wright administers the oath of office to each board member I have challenges for each of you. First, think about the duties and responsibilities that your board is agreeing to take on in support of your chapter and decide how you can best support them in their commitments. Then take that one step farther and think about which of those positions you might possibly fill next year.

Our term of office is one year, but in most cases people stay on for a second term and occasionally a third. We know that next year we will be looking for at least a new president and treasurer and that all positions will be open for reelection. You may not feel that you are ready to step into one of the elected positions today but you may have ideas on what you would like to see come out of those offices in the future. Be open to the possibilities. Talk to me or one of the incumbents about what the job is like. Give us suggestions on what you would like to see the chapter doing and how you could be part of making that happen. You may find that you have exactly what it takes to do the job. It may seem a little early to start thinking about this now but the year will fly by and you could be using that time to prepare for your next step in life. (Continued P3)

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There are two other things that we need to look at as a group. One is recruitment and the other is retention. In a group such as this a certain percentage of people are expected to move on each year. For years we were able to have that happen and still continue to grow because of our success in recruitment. For the past few years recruitment has been down and we are starting to lose people from the bigger classes. Just think what would happen if we all started to share with friends, neighbors and strangers our enthusiasm for what we do on a day to day basis? The pay-off is that your lives will grow to a whole new level as you share yourself with others. And when the recruitment, the personal sharing, starts to grow, retention will take care of itself.

Orchids this month go to the departing executive board. I would also like to hand out orchids to everyone that attended mini-college and contributed to its success. Sharon Hopkins and Eileen Kelly deserve special mention in this group for bringing home first place and the People's Choice award for the Douglas County Chapter Display by their creativity and hard work.

## Your Vice President's Column

My garden is still calling out my name.... begging to be weeded, deadheaded, watered, and coddled. Will we ever catch up after the late arrival of our fabulous summer weather? Lorreen Robinson and her hubby, Evan, obviously had all under control by the time they graciously hosted our July chapter meeting. We were treated to a magnificent view, educational insights into their "going green" contributions, and of course wonderful food. Our thanks go to Lorreen and Evan for a wonderful morning and a job well done!

Our August 30 chapter meeting will be hosted by Rebecca Drew at her home at 1676 Plat I Road just out of Sutherlin. If you attended our June meeting @ the lavender farm, you will recognize the route to Rebecca's.

Directions to Rebecca Drew's:

- 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)
- Travel 1 ½ miles to 1676 Plat I Rd. on the left

This will be our last member-hosted meeting for the summer. If you have not had the chance to attend one this summer, you have definitely missed out on a good time. Join us on August 30 at 10 a.m. and don't forget to bring a chair, eating utensils, a drink (water will be provided), and your favorite potluck dish. See you there!

Barbara Robinson, V.P.

## Notes from the Clinic

The last week of summer is upon us and shortly after comes Fair week. The Clinic will be closed from August 6<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>.

There are still a number of openings to be filled in the Plant Clinic for August so please stop by or give us a call and let's get all of the slots filled.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers who worked in the Clinic this last month. They often worked short handed during one of our busiest times. Also a big thank you to those who filled in during Mini College when many of our regulars were gone.

Thanks to John Punches for our new computer and larger screen.

Judy Mercer  
Plant Clinic Manager

## Election of New Executive Board Officers

**submitted by Toni Rudolph**

The following have been elected for the 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

## A Word from the Editor

Another newsletter done, and only 2 days late this time! (In a small attempt at self-defense, we waited for mini college to be over so that important news could be shared.)

Credit for these beautiful pictures goes out to Maureen Benice. Thanks for the input!

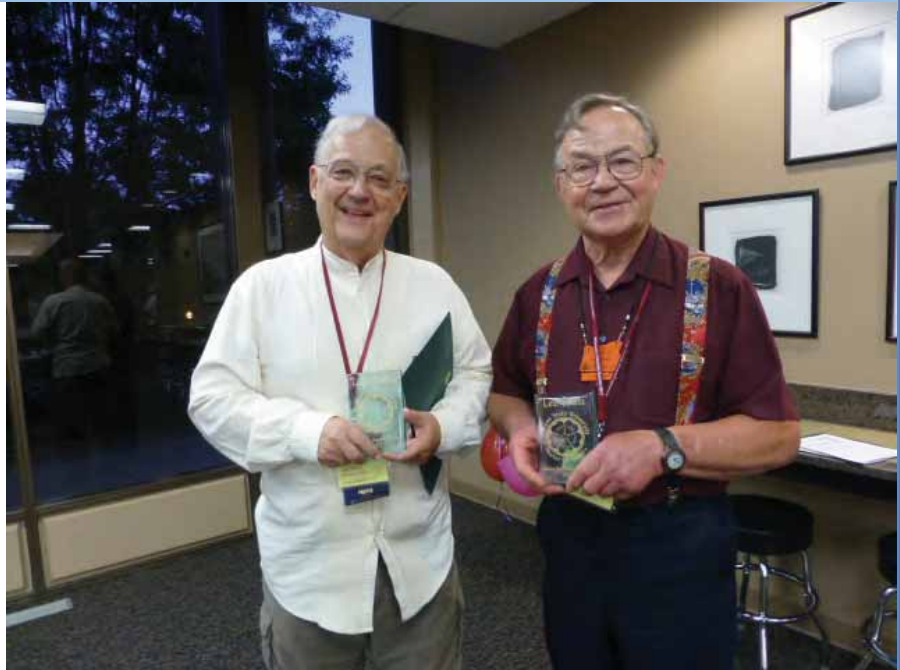
I'd also like to thank our contributors, whose articles make editing this newsletter fun, interesting and engaging.



## Douglas County Wins Big!

by Betty Ison  
DCMG Awards Chairman

At the Friday night Awards Banquet at Mini-College Douglas County made a sweep of the two big State Awards. Our own **Larry Sutton** was named **2012 State Master Gardener of the Year**, and **Leo Grass** was named **2012 State “Behind the Scenes” Master Gardener of the Year**. Both of these guys are more than deserving of the awards they have received, not only are they great ambassadors for Master Gardeners, but also the Extension Service as a whole being involved with other Extension programs like 4-H. Below are abbreviated lists of the programs and projects both have been involved with----all of this information and much, much more was included in the nomination letters I wrote on their behalf to OMGA.



### **2012 State Master Gardener of the Year---Larry Sutton**

Larry has been a MG for 8 years and has put in over 5100 hours of volunteer service. Larry has worked in some capacity with just about every program or project Master Gardeners has to offer. I call it the “Master Gardener Experience” (try it all to see where your niche is). For Larry the niche seems to be everywhere and everything.

Larry supports our outreach mission of Education by working in the Plant Clinic, Kruse Farms, and Farmer’s Market. He improves his skills by attending the monthly advanced diagnostic program. He’s worked information booths at Earth Day, Arbor Day, the Home Show, and the County Fair. He was a member of the PowerPoint Project, and has taught classes for continuing education and our annual Spring Into Gardening Seminar. He has done outside speaking engagements as part of the Speaker’s Bureau, and led numerous groups on tours through the Discovery Garden. Larry has also been a member of the Insect Committee, the Soil Testing Committee, and became a Certified Pruning Instructor.

Larry has helped with planning of the Winter MG Classes. He has been a mentor, and for several years took over as Mentor Coordinator and revamped the program to make it more successful. He helps set up our Audio/Visual Equipment not only for classes, but for continuing education, seminars, and meetings as well. Larry is in his second year as a member of the five person “Teaching Core”.

Larry can be found working on numerous projects at the Discovery Garden and Horticultural Learning Center. It may be helping build a deer fence, walking behind a mower, helping with greenhouse repairs, or cleaning the bathrooms. One year he was stand in Discovery Garden Work Party Coordinator. Larry has also helped Steve Renquist with his Biochar trials in the Victory Garden.

Larry has helped with fundraising projects also that include the Japanese Maple Tree Sale, Bake Sales, and Trash to Treasure Sales. He has also worked the Plant Sale, taking on the Security Coordinator’s job for two years. (Continued on next page.)

Larry has served as a member of the Audit Committee, Awards Committee, Nominating Committee, and Online Newsletter Transition Committee. He was chairman of a newly established Douglas County Endowment Committee, and most recently has been our Chapter President.

On the State level, Larry has been a State Representative, an Alternate State Rep., OMGA Historian, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President. He has taught many classes at the leadership forum at Mini-College. He was Mini-College Photographer for a year, and recently was Chairperson for Mini-College Chapter Displays.

Larry is in his second year as a volunteer for the Oregon "Ask an Expert" program.

Larry is a vital supporter of the Extension Program as a whole not just Master Gardeners. Larry was Vice-President of the Committee working on Ballot Measure 10-86---Friends of Extension PAC. He attended many meetings, rallies, and activities expressing the value that Extension/Master Gardeners/4-H have on the Community, the ballot measure passed resoundingly to create a new tax base to fund County Extension.

Larry has been one of the most enthusiastic, energetic, and supportive volunteers Douglas County has ever had. He was Outstanding New MG Trainee in 2005, won the Horticultural Agent's Award in 2006, and was recognized once again in 2009 as DCMG of the Year.

### **2012 State "Behind the Scenes" Master Gardener of the Year---Leo Grass**

Leo has been a MG for 11 years and has put in over 2200 hours of volunteer service. Leo is energetic, enthusiastic, and has a great attitude. Leo fully admits he is not a gardener, but his report with people makes him an exceptional volunteer at promoting the MG Program, and working with and educating the public.

Leo's activities have been wide and varied with in our program. To support our outreach mission Leo works in the Plant Clinic at least one day a week. He's part of the five person "Teaching Core". He improves his skills by attending the monthly advanced diagnostics program. He has been involved with Earth Day, the Fair Booth (2 yrs as coordinator), the Home Show (3 yrs coor.), and the PowerPoint Project. Leo is the current pH and Soil Testing Coordinator and has been doing so for 7 years, putting the program together from scratch. He has done numerous speaking engagements through the Speaker's Bureau, and taught 3 years at the Spring Into Gardening Seminar. He has lead both the Rosewood Homes and Princeton Street low income gardening projects. And as if Leo wasn't already doing more than his share at promoting our outreach programs, he took over as Community Outreach Coordinator 4 years ago. Leo stepped up to the plate and hit the ball out of the park so to speak. Our outreach program is more popular than ever and now Leo is doing even more engagements when he can't find someone else to fit the needed requests.

Leo has helped with the Winter Program, not only teaching lecture portions of the class, but also concurrent sessions on using the Library in the Plant Clinic. He has assisted with some program planning, and has also been a class mentor. (Continued on p7)

Leo has been Chapter 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in charge of Continuing Education. He has worked on the newsletter production crew folding, tabbing, labeling, and banding the newsletter for mailing, and is currently the sole member of that crew now that the majority of members receive their newsletter online. He has been Plant Clinic Librarian, a Summer Meeting Host, and served as Nominating Committee Chairman. He also helps set-up the Audio/Visual Equipment for classes and meeting. Leo is currently coordinating the Saving Grace Animal Shelter landscaping project.

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Leo has helped at the Horticultural Learning Center and Discovery Garden. He has done several brick walkway or patio projects that have been open to the public. (Continued on next page.)

Leo has helped with fundraising also; working on the Plant Sale (last 3 years as Reference Table Coor.), Trash to Treasure Sales, Bake Sales, Japanese Maple Tree Sale, Fall Tree Sale, and organizing a used book and magazine sale. He also helped with the Auction, having a band he plays with come to entertain during the silent auction portion of the event.

Leo is a very hardworking and dedicated volunteer, and we are lucky to have him. Leo never seeks acknowledgement or praise, but is always the first to give someone else a pat on the back for a job well done. We know Leo is special and he was awarded the Outstanding New MG Trainee Award in 2002. In 2005, he was given the Horticultural Agent's Award, and in 2006 we once again acknowledged him with the Douglas County "Behind the Scenes" Award.

## MG Garden Open House-August 16th

A Summer MG Garden Open House is set for **Thursday, August 16, 2012**. The hours are **9 am-4 pm** and **6:30 pm-8:30 pm** (\*\*note there are no evening hours for the last two gardens\*\*). Please feel free to attend either session. Come and visit beautiful gardens and stay as long or as little as you like. Also feel free to bring friends, relatives, or neighbors along. Hope to see you there! All participants have granted permission to have their names and addresses posted.

### **Betty Ison: 1591 NW Keasey, Roseburg**

At the YMCA turn at the light onto Harvey Ave., then take an immediate right on to Keasey or from Stewart Parkway turn onto Valley View Dr. (by Staples), then turn left onto Keasey. (cream colored house, chainlink fence, diagonally across from Colony Market)

[Lots of annuals and perennials, and a little of everything else]

\*\*\*As a Note\*\*\*There is **NO** longer any on street parking on Keasey---they replaced parking with bike lanes. I recommend parking on Calkins or Moritz streets. I will not be responsible for any tickets written if you park in the bike lane (trust me they do write tickets). You can also park on Rachel---see next garden below. Tricia and I are within walking distance of each other.

### **Tricia Creswell: 1532 NW Rachel Ave., Roseburg**

Follow Directions to Betty's (see above). From Harvey Ave directions, turn left onto Rachel just before getting to Betty's house. From Valley View directions, just past Betty's and turn right on Rachel. Second house on the right. [Beautiful perennial beds]

### **Jackie Carpenter: 204 Martha Drive, Winchester (\*\* note: 9 am-4 pm only)**

From NE Stephens (old Hwy 99) turn onto Strauss Ave. and go up the hill to the second Martha Dr. (Martha is a loop) it turns left, the house is 5<sup>th</sup> on the left. From there to Steve's go back to Strauss Ave. and take a left, it becomes Josephine then right on Thora and he's the first house on the right. From Steve's house to Jackie's go left on Josephine, keep to the right you'll be on Strauss Ave., the second street on the left will be Martha. Steve and Jackie are within walking distance of each other.

[My garden is made up of raised beds and pots as I am a plant collector. Several trees in my yard have been grown from seed that I've collected, and many of my plants are cloned from cuttings from friends. It's a work in progress. I have several compost bins and compost has done wonders for my less than perfect soil.]

### **Steve Renquist: 331 Thora Circle Dr., Winchester (\*\*note: 9 am-4 pm only)**

When coming to Winchester from Roseburg take Old Hwy 99 and continue past Costco until you see Totem Market. Turn right on Page Rd. Go past Winchester Elementary School and look for Thora Circle Drive, turn right. Continue straight on Thora Circle to the second left, veer left, 331 is first house on the right. Coming from the north of Winchester take Del Rio Rd exit to Old Hwy 99. Turn right and take old 99 south across the bridge to Page Rd and turn left, follow above directions from Page Rd.

[Steve has a number of berries, fruit trees, and grapes, as well as a vegetable garden. He also has a little bit of everything.]

**Treasurer's Report as of 07/18/12**

Toni Rudolph

INCOME 06/26/12 - 07/18/12

Soil Testing \$55.00

TOTAL INCOME \$55.00

EXPENSES 06/26/12 - 07/18/12

Mgmt &amp; Gen - Officer Gifts \$50.00

Mgmt &amp; Gen - Scholarships \$600.00

PSP - CE Greenhouse/Irrigation \$437.89

PSP - Quicken Software \$39.99

PSP - Soil Testing \$76.74

DG - Children's Garden \$288.27

DG - EA/Maint/Signage/Water/Xer \$204.88

HLC - Maintenance \$95.00

Plant Sale - Next Yr Supplies \$460.14

Plant Sale - Water (Mar 9 -June 9) \$187.79

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,440.70

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking \$1,940.57

Money Market - Reserves \$6,659.10

Money Market \$24,560.99

Ending Balance 07/18/12 \$33,160.66

**OSU Douglas County Master Gardeners  
Chapter Meeting  
July 19, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President **Larry Sutton**, at 10:15 a.m. There were approximately 39 people in attendance.

The agenda was corrected to reflect that **Eileen Kelly** submitted the minutes from last month and that **Valerie Call's** name has been corrected for the minutes.

**Agent Report:** None

**Officer Reports**

**Membership:** **Cindy Rich** reported we have 269 members. Corrections have been updated for the roster.

**OMGA Rep:** **Maureen Benice** reminded us that Mini College starts Wednesday at Willamette University. She has collected approximately 25 very nice silent auction and door prize items from the members of the DCMG Chapter.

**Treasurer:** **Toni Rudolph** reported we have \$33,160.66 in our various accounts. **Toni** reviewed the financial report for the past month.

**Vice President:** **Barb Robinson** announced that **Rebecca Drew** will host the August chapter meeting at her home near Sutherlin. Directions will be elsewhere in the newsletter.

**Past President:** None

**President:** **Larry Sutton** thanked the members who volunteered to help at Mini College. If they have not been contacted up to this point, their help will probably not be needed. **Larry** also announced the DCMG Chapter has won the Search for Excellence Award which will be presented at Mini College on Friday morning. We will then be invited to submit this project for the International meeting in 2013. **Larry** also mentioned the September general meeting will be held at the Discovery Garden. In the past, we have invited friends, past MG's, county officials, Gail Langelotto, and others to attend. He asked that if anyone had a person they would like to invite he would send out invitations to all.



### Committee Reports

**Community Outreach:** None.

**Plant Clinic:** **Maureen Benice** needs help at Kruse Farms on 080412 and 090112. **Vicki McAlister** volunteered to cover both shifts. **Larry Sutton** passed around the calendar for the Farmers Market.

**Discovery Garden:** **Julie Stanbery** commented the garden is growing well. There is an electrical issue at the Pavilion. It was noted that several professional photographers have been seen using the Discovery Garden as a backdrop for their photos in the early morning and early evening hours.

**Victory Garden:** **Mik Carlson** reported everything is going well in the garden. There are some water issues. As crops are harvested, succession planting has begun in the same areas with new crops. 411 pounds of produce has been delivered to UCAN to date.

**Awards:** **Betty Ison** reported **Pam Barrows** is behind on tallying payback hours. Even though she knows other people have completed their hours, **Bill Fuller** has officially completed his 60 hours and will receive his swinger bar.

**Plant Sale:** **Barb Robinson** commented on the wonderful post plant sale meeting with positive solutions to fix some ongoing problems. One suggestion is to solicit raffle prizes donated from our membership. **Barb** also reminded the group that plants are for sale year round at the greenhouses to members only.

**Historian:** None

**Newsletter:** There were a few problems listed with the newsletter. **Larry Sutton** said he would take them under advisement.

**Hallmark:** **Shirley Purcell** has the ruptured eardrum in her only good ear. She would appreciate any emails and cards from the membership.

### Old Business

**Election of Executive Board:** **Toni Rudolph** presented the following slate of officers recommended by this year's Nominating Committee:

President	<b>Larry Sutton</b>
Vice President	<b>Fred Alley</b>
OMGA Rep.	<b>Rosemary Brinkley</b>
OMGA Alt. Rep.	<b>Michelle Harding-Olsen</b>
Membership	<b>Vicki McAlister</b>
Secretary	<b>Eileen Kelley</b>
Treasurer	<b>Toni Rudolph</b>

**Betty Ison** made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. **Julie Stanbery** seconded the motion. Motion carried. The new slate of officers will be sworn in at the August chapter meeting.

### New Business

**Garden Open House:** **Betty Ison** and **Tricia Creswell** have volunteered to host open house garden tours in their gardens on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 4 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There has been no response from other Master Gardeners to date; however, there is still time to volunteer to host their own garden.

### Show & Tell

**Larry Sutton** thanked Evan and **Lorreen Robinson** for hosting this month's chapter meeting. **Lorreen** spent some time explaining the history of the property and many of the updates they have done to be more power and water efficient.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

**Debbie Hesseltine**

Secretary

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