

Douglas County Master Gardeners



Jack Wright, former DCMG president, administering the oath of office to the new executive board.

Calendar of Events

- 09/12/12 Executive Board Meeting – 9 a.m. – Extension Kitchen
- 09/17/12 Insect Committee – 10 a.m. – Plant Clinic
- 09/19/12 Diagnostics Committee – 10 a.m. – TBA
- 09/27/12 Chapter Meeting – 10 a.m. – Discovery Garden

Your President's Column

A year ago this month (August) I was given the great honor of being installed as your president. A number of other people were also installed as officers for the Douglas County Master Gardeners. Before you read this we will have installed a new slate of officers for next year. My, how time flies when you are having fun. And I must admit I have had a lot of fun this year.

The executive board will be saying goodbye to five of its members; Maurine Benice, Debbie Haynes, Debbie Hesseltine Cindy Rich and Barbara Robinson. All performed admirably and made my job a lot easier. Maurine, in her position as Alternate OMGA Representative not only attended OMGA meetings but headed up our efforts to collect items for the Mini-College Silent Auction. Although overall sales were down it was not because of Douglas County. With our donated items numbering in the high thirties, we probably led the state in donations. If every chapter would learn from Maurine, Mini-College funding worries would be a thing of the past.

The OMGA board holds its meetings in a different county each quarter. Debbie Haynes organized the meeting for the first quarter in Douglas County. This included things like food, drinks, and of course door prizes. It all went off without a hitch and delegates from all over the state went home talking about Douglas County hospitality.

The other Debbie, Debbie Hesseltine, has completed two years as secretary. I have to admit I do not know how she did it but each month she captured the spirit of our two monthly meetings and in doing so kept me honest. Her job necessitates not only taking notes, but putting them into readable form and getting them back to me almost immediately before I forget what had happened in the meeting. This she did month in and month out without complaint and only a few raised eyebrows.

Cindy Rich, as Membership Director, is the one that gives us the roster and its myriad of corrections. None of us could operate effectively without her attention to detail. What most of you did not see was what she did for our insurance program. We may be the only chapter in OMGA that has 100 per cent of its members covered by the blanket policy. And all because Cindy, with bulldog tenacity, tracked down and got insurance form signatures from every active member.

And finally we come to our departing vice president, Barbara Robinson. Through the winter months Barbara was our speaker wrangler providing our continuing education speakers before our chapter meetings. Then with the coming of summer she not only found Master Gardeners willing to host the summer meetings but provided us all with clear directions on how to get to those homes. And as if this was not enough, she organized and executed one of our most successful plant sales. (Continued on next page.)

We are very thankful that these people chose to share this past year or two of their lives steering the executive committee as Douglas County set the bench mark for excellence throughout the state. I encourage everyone to take a few minutes and to join me and personally thank each of them for a job well done.

And now the stage is set and the curtain rings up. We welcome our new VP, Fred Alley; our new Membership Director, Vicki McAlister; our new Secretary, Eileen Kelly; our new State Representative, Rosemary Brinkley; and our new Alternate State Representative, Michelle Harding-Olson. Take a minute to welcome these individuals to the board. Oh, and of course I will be back for a second term and Toni Randolph, bless her heart, has agree to come back for a third term to keep me out of trouble.

Larry

Your Vice-President's Column

As retirement nears, one thinks of all the exciting and interesting things he/she wants to do during the upcoming years. Thought I have a variety of interests, from hiking/exploring, traveling, art, antiques, and landscape/gardening activities, at the top of my list was to participate in the 2011 Master Gardener Program. I was surprised and pleased when I was asked if it was ok to submit my name for Vice President so early into my Master Gardener career. I have big shoes to fill. We have been blessed with great VP's. For those of you who already know me, you know I pride myself in being organized. My friends know me as "Mr. Clean". I love to push my creative skills. Hopefully these skills will enable me to join the ranks of a good VP's.



"Harmony, Peacefulness, Contentment"

Mr. Chiaki Koyoma and Fred Alley

I retired from the City of Roseburg, Community Development Director in April 2010. I started my Planning career in California after receiving my Urban Planning Degree in 1974. My wife, Sandy and I spent the next 36 years in five communities and four states, mostly in Montana and Nebraska. Both of our professions have also provided us an opportunity to visit many difference communities, from coast to coast and even to Europe. Regardless of where we have lived, Sandy and I have always had an organic vegetable garden and clothesline. We were "Green" before it was stylish. Community Planning afforded me an opportunity to incorporate many new and old ways to improve our communities. (Continued on next page.)

I place a high priority on community design and projects/programs we can implement in our communities, making them a more enjoyable and sustainable place to live. The Master Gardening Program is certainly one of those programs. It's not just a program to help you to become a better gardener, it's much more. We volunteer our time to learn more, making a difference, making our communities more livable and sustainable. It has something for everyone. It's a great program for meeting new people, for trying something new and spurring your creative side.

The Vice-President's job includes a number of responsibilities: assisting the President in conducting meetings, act as Program Chairperson, serve as parliamentarian for the chapter and presiding at chapter meeting in the absence of the President. Interestingly, the most exciting responsibility is to "Provide home horticulture continual education program for the Chapter" We have had a variety of educational programs in the past, including fungi/mushrooms, food dehydration, drip irrigation, emergency preparedness gardening topics, bee pollen product and yes, even mouse traps. Because we have such a large and diverse membership, I'm asking for your suggestions for topics/speakers, just keep in mind the programs need to relate to our Master Gardener Program. For those you are just joining the Master Gardener Program in 2013, the educational program is provided at 9:00am at our monthly meeting.

If you have any questions or suggested topics/programs, please feel free to contact me at 541.733.6232 or fhasla@msn.com

Fred Alley

Outgoing Vice-President's Column

This month's editorial deadline has crept up on me after spending ten glorious days out of state and out of reach. We had a great time but it is always good to return home, albeit to 5 grandkids for the week. By the time you read this you will have seen all five of them in tow at our August chapter meeting! Thank you to Rebecca Drew for opening her residence to our rowdy bunch. (I'm talking MG's NOT grandkids!)

September's meeting will be our last outdoor meeting of the year and, as tradition dictates, it will be held in the Pavilion of our Discovery Garden. We will be meeting on Thursday, September 27th. Please come and join your new board as they take over the reins of your organization. Don't forget your chair, eating utensils, drinks, and a knock your socks off potluck dish. (Costco works in a pinch!)

Barbara Robinson

You're Invited!

Who: All Master Gardeners

What: Annual Awards Celebration and Banquet

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

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

When: October 13, 2012
Social 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm
Awards 7:00 pm

We will be having Baked Potatoes, salads, bread, and dessert.

I will need help setting up the tables and decorations on Saturday morning and

Then we will need a cleanup crew after the celebration is over.

Please Sign up by September 27th

In the plant clinic or call

Judy Huntley 541-459-2550

Editor's Comments



Left, Betty Ison being recognized for her contributions.

Credit for this month's photos goes to Giuli Sutton (p1 and p5) and (I assume) Sandy Alley. (p3)

Thanks to all of our contributors for another great newsletter!

Right, Eileen Kelley and Sharon Hopkins explain how to build a winning display.



OMGA

OMGA report:

Mini College had 314 attendees this year. Send-a-friend Raffle earned \$570 and the silent Auction raised \$3159. Some personal reports came back positive and some were not all thrilled. A few hiccups to work out for next time....

A venue search is underway for next year. Rick Anderson is the (new) second Vice President.

Douglas County also brought in a few honors:

Larry was State Master Gardener of the Year and Leo was State Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the Year. Congrats to Leo and to Larry.

We also took first place in the Search for Excellence Innovation category for the work that has been done in training plant clinic volunteers over the past several years. Steve Renquist, Judy Mercer (the MG driving force), Karolyn Riecks, Chris Rusch, Leo, Maurine, and Larry were recognized as key contributors to the success of the project.

County display awards went to:

First Place Douglas County

Second Place Jackson County

Third Place Benton County

People's Choice Douglas County

OMGA was recipient of several major endowment gifts: Sherry Sheng and Spike Wadsworth gifted \$1.2 million for a professorship for the MG Program Director Position. Bob and Barbara Bailey gifted \$600,000 to the statewide MG program, another \$600,000 to the Mid Columbia Research and Extension Center for cherry research, and \$400,000 to the business school at OSU. WOW!!

AND, the national conference for OMGA is next September 7-14 = Alaskan Cruise on:
Holland America Cruise line. The ship - Westeram .

See link: http://www.uaex.edu/imgc2013/presentations_speakers.html

It's been an exciting year! Here's to the new OMGA Rep and Alternate –CHEERS!!

Chapter Buisness

2013 Budget Request submitted by Toni Rudolph, Treasurer

All committee heads have been asked to submit their 2013 budget requests to Toni Rudolph by September 24.

The 2013 budget will be discussed at the October 10th Executive Board Meeting, where each committee head is encouraged to attend and should be prepared to advise the board what their request covers. It is important for someone knowledgeable about your committee's request to be present at the meeting. During this meeting individual budgets may need to be cut to maintain a balanced budget. After approval by the Executive Board, the budget will be published in the November newsletter and presented to the membership for their approval at the November 29th General Meeting.

OSU Douglas County Master Gardeners Chapter Meeting August 30, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President **Larry Sutton**. There were approximately 41 people in attendance.

Larry thanked **Rebecca Drew** on behalf of the membership for hosting the meeting today.

Agent Report: **Steve Renquist** is working on the speaker list for the Winter Program. The advanced diagnostics class this month will address the different types and varieties of apples in the Douglas County area.

Officer Reports

Membership: **Cindy Rich** reported we have 269 members.

OMGA Report: **Cindy Rich**, reporting for **Maureen Benice**, announced the Silent Auction at Mini College made \$3,159. Our MG chapter donated 25 items. **Debbie Haynes** gave a more detailed report regarding Mini College. There were 314 attendees. The Send a Friend Raffle earned \$570. A venue search is underway for next year. Douglas County awards were as follows: **Larry Sutton** was State Master Gardener of the Year. **Leo Grass** was State Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the Year. The DCMG received 1st place for the Search for Excellence Innovation for work that has been done in training plant clinic volunteers over the past several years. **Steve Renquist, Judy Mercer, Karolyn Riecks, Chris Rusch, Leo Grass, Maureen Benice, and Larry Sutton** were recognized as key contributors to the success of the project. The first place Chapter Display Award went to Douglas County thanks to **Eileen Kelley** and **Sharon Hopkins**. **Larry Sutton** acknowledged all past presidents and thanked them for setting the stage to be able to receive all these awards. It was also announced the OMGA has been named to receive several major endowment gifts. The National Conference will be held September 7 – 14, 2013 aboard a cruise ship to Alaska.

Treasurers Report: **Toni Rudolph** reported we have \$33,438.60 in our accounts. The 2013 budget requests are due by September 24. On October 10th, the Executive Board will discuss the budget and will present the budget to the membership for approval in November. There has been a current pending request for \$785 for various gardens in the Discovery Garden for this calendar year. See addendum to minutes for breakdown of which gardens will receive the augmentation. **Toni** moved we approve the request. **Betty Ison** seconded the motion. Motion carried. **Toni** also mentioned we received a letter from the Three Rivers Casino Foundation to submit a letter for a grant. As it takes time to research, **Toni** suggests we use this as an opportunity and have several projects ready to submit on short notice when we receive letters from foundations that have excess funds available.

Audit Report: **Vicki McAlister** reported the Audit Committee has completed their report and found nothing of concern. The recommendations will be referred to the Executive Board.

Vice President: **Barb Robinson** thanked everyone for their help on programs this past year. She announced that she will be back as the chair for the plant sale.

Past President: **Judy Huntley** announced the Awards Banquet will be October 13th at the Methodist Church. A sign up sheet was passed around.

President: **Larry Sutton** read several thank you notes from 4-H and read several thank you notes from the Umpqua Symphony Association for our support. **Larry** also announced **Yvonne Henderson** will be leaving the area and would be willing to train a new chair for the Bake Sale in November. (Note, after the meeting, **Barb Robinson** and **Sharon Hopkins** volunteered to co-chair the Bake Sale.)

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: **Leo Grass** thanked all who worked at the DC Fair. We collected over 300 good contacts and 3 pages of people interested in taking our class. **Leo** also thanked **Dave and Sharon Hopkins and Eileen Kelley** for setting up the chapter display. **Leo** also announced he had a wonderful time showing off the Discovery Garden during the Umpqua Symphony Garden Tour. He thanked all the DCMG members who work so hard to make the garden beautiful and informative. **Joe Yetter** did a recent presentation on composting. **Betty Ison** will be doing a presentation at UCC during the Better Living Conference on Starting from Seed in September. Trish Jones from the News Review will be doing a feature story on the Discovery Garden.

Plant Clinic: **Judy Mercer** said things are going well in the Plant Clinic. They have received some very interesting questions. **Barb Robinson** announced there are sign up times available at Kruse Farms.

Discovery Garden: **Julie Stanbery** was excited to report the best thing to date is the start of the Rock Garden. Steve has given permission to remove one tree to provide more sunlight in the Butterfly Garden. **Noel Groshong** and his irrigation crew will continue installation in the Japanese Garden. As the weather cools, irrigation will taper off. Five people have been trained to handle the inground irrigation valves which are “off limits” to all other MG’s. **Julie** is looking for a chair person to head the Xeriscape Garden. **Julie** also discussed fire hazards in the garden this time of year and also suggested the Plant Clinic promote fire safety to the public.

Victory Garden: **Mik Carlson** read a thank you from UCAN. We have delivered 1,494 pounds so far this year with 350 pounds coming from our own home gardens.

Awards: **Betty Ison** announced **Jen Bailey, Valerie Call, and Vicki McAlister** have earned their 60 hour swinger bars.

Publicity: **Bonnie Courter** sent out press releases to 6 local papers on the awards won at Mini College by the DCMG. So far, 2 of the papers have published the article.

Historian: **Rosemary Brinkley** is looking for any photos taken during the MG Garden Tour for the scrapbook.

Hallmark: **Linda Thames** announced the following: Betty Maule, **Bill Maule’s** wife, died. **Bob Moldenhauer**, a long time MG and 1st State Behind the Scenes MG passed away at the age of 92.

Larry Hearne, former President of OMGA, Treasurer, as well as author of the state bylaws has passed away. **Marilyn Scheffler**, OMGA President Elect, has lost her daughter. **Lorena Remington** has had back surgery. **Neil Meyer** had neck surgery.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Tomato Taste Off: **Bob Brindley** reminded everyone to bring tomatoes from their garden for the Taste Off which will be held at the chapter meeting at the Discovery Garden in September.

Show & Tell

Steve Renquist brought in a giant apple and huge tomato from his home garden to show how well produce is doing this year.

Jon Thran displayed a garden flag pole he manufactures for sale. Flag poles are \$12 with \$6 donated back to the DCMG. Contact **Jon** to purchase. (These are much more elaborate than the "stick in the ground" garden flag poles sold at the Marts.)

Bob Brindley discussed his experience with comfrey since **Rebecca Drew** expressed her concern with this plant spreading in her garden. There is a sterile comfrey available. Be careful which type you plant in your garden.

Julie Stanbery shared an idea she heard about from Louise Clemons who grows heirloom roses – if you get a splinter, cover with Elmer's glue, let dry and peel off. A good preservation for blackberries – 1 part vinegar/10 parts water – immerse berries, drain, don't rinse. This will keep the berries fresh much longer and retard mold.

Linda Thames uses vinegar and/or bleach for bee stings. Works great.

Installation of Officers

Jack Wright performed the installation ceremony for the following officers:

President	Larry Sutton
Vice President	Fred Alley
Secretary	Eileen Kelley
Treasurer	Toni Rudolph
Membership	Vicki McAlister
OMGA Rep.	Rosemary Brinkley

Julie Stanbery presented gifts to retiring board members and a special plant for **Betty Ison** for the extreme amount of work she puts into filling out award applications.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hesseltine

Secretary

Addendum to Minutes from 08/30/12

Per email received from **Toni Rudolph** at 7:48 p.m. on 08/30/12 and approved by **Larry Sutton**.

Debbie,

For the minutes you might want the \$ by garden that was approved.

Total for the DG \$785 broken down as follows:

Childrens - \$150 Orchard - \$25

Compost - \$50 Japanese - \$75

Container - \$420 Dahlias - \$10

Butterfly - \$55

Toni Rudolph

Treasurer's Report as of 08/28/12	
Toni Rudolph	
INCOME 7/19/12 - 08/29/12	
Donation - Grant - Rock Garden	\$2,000.00
Donation - Pavilion - UV Quilters	\$50.00
Bank Interest	\$2.84
Soil Testing	\$40.00
Post Plant Sale	\$317.25
Compost Tes	\$425.00
Misc - Search For Excellence	\$200.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,035.09
EXPENSES 7/19/12 - 08/28/12	
Mgmt & Gen - Hallmark	\$49.95
Mgmt & Gen - Scholarships	\$810.00
Mgmt & Gen - Liability Insurance	\$636.00
Mgmt & Gen - Supplies	\$11.49
M & G - OMGA Chapter Display	\$133.70
PSP - CE Greenhouse	\$68.13
DG - EA/Maint/Mulch/Signage	\$398.75
HLC - Diver in the River	\$340.00
HLC - Victory Garden	\$63.13
Plant Sale - Plants/Supplies	\$137.91
Special Events - Compost Tea	\$110.54
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,759.60
Breakdown of our accounts	
Checking	\$2,213.22
Money Market - Reserves	\$6,659.10
Money Market	\$24,566.28
Ending Balance 08/28/12	\$33,438.60

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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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