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The Sweet Taste of Success



Eileen Kelley, Barbara Robinson and Deb Haynes sell baked goods at our annual Bake Sale, which made \$1,075.08. See Eileen's article on page 3.

Calendar of Events

No Executive or Chapter meetings in December!

Wednesday, December 5, 2012 -- Mentor Training – 10:00 AM – Annex Kitchen

Friday, December 14, 2012 – January 2013 newsletter deadline

Tuesday, January 8, 2013 – Winter Training Program begins – Annex

President's Report

Larry Sutton

For years before retiring and moving to Oregon I lived in the San Francisco Bay Area. As you can imagine there were a lot of strange sights to behold there. One of the ones that caught my attention this time of year was a group of otherwise normal looking people wearing red and white buttons proclaiming "I Am The Gift." My first thought was that they were a radical group of egotists and should be avoided at all costs. Once I got to know a few of them I discovered the meaning behind their buttons. During the holiday season they would join together in getting gifts, wrapping them, and delivering them to the many homes in the area that specialized in elder care. While most of the seniors they visited were appreciative of the gifts, they were even more appreciative of the visit. You see they not only took the gifts to the elderly, but they actually spent time with each person sharing the meaning of the season.

As Master Gardeners we do somewhat the same thing on a daily basis. Each time we answer the phone in the plant clinic, greet someone at the fair, or take part in a community outreach program we are becoming the gift. When we share of our knowledge and enthusiasm we actually make a difference in our world. Not only are we helping people become better gardeners, but we are also opening the window for them to see us. They benefit from the knowledge they have gained and we have benefited by being able to share of ourselves. We truly become the gift.

Another way we have to share is by insuring that the extension services in Douglas County are funded when spending cuts impact our funding sources. The residents of Douglas County were far sighted enough to provide for the county's share of extension support. Unfortunately, the county share is only a part of the total picture and we also receive state and federal funds which allow us to keep the doors open to serve Douglas County. There is no guarantee that those funds will continue, but we can give to the Douglas County Extension Endowment Fund and thus provide protection against future cut backs. While the fund is in its infancy and would not be able to support the extension office, it is growing thanks in part to many Master Gardener's contributions. As of September 30th the fund had grown to \$43,780.59. Why not add to that total by making out a Holiday Check to the Agricultural Research Foundation account 8100 as part of your giving.

To paraphrase Dr. Laura, "Now go out and be the Gift."

Vice President's Report

Fred Alley

Leo Grass and I had a great time presenting the November 29th Continuing Education Program: "Putting the garden to

bed for the winter" by Leo and "Putting your garden tools away for the winter" by me. While both programs were rather basic and we agreed we learn something new during every presentation. This session was no exception. Not only did we learn something new, it seems attendees found something interesting and had fun at the same time.

During the presentation, we were reminded that the OSU Extension Service's web page includes the **Monthly Garden Calendars**, which provides reminders of key garden chores, such as fertilizing, pest control, plant and maintenance. Our presentations were brief and by no way did they cover all the information provided in the Monthly Garden Calendar. Interestingly, we received a number of questions that are addressed in the Monthly Garden Calendar. To access the Calendar you simply need to go to the OSU Extension Service Site: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/calendar>. On the right side of the Home page you will see under: Gardening Resources, three resources are listed: Garden Tips, **Monthly Garden Calendars** and Northwest Gardening eNews. Click on "Monthly Garden Calendars"

At the top of the page, you can select the desired month. Each month has a section on Planning, Maintenance and Cleanup, Pest Monitoring and Management, Houseplants and Indoor Gardening. This is a great resource and serves as a reminder of the key garden chores by the month. Most of us have it listed on your Favorites. If you don't, I encourage you to do so.

Just a reminder, there is **no** MG Monthly meeting in December, so obviously there will be no Continuing Education Program in December. Our next meeting will be January 31, 2013. The topic has been selected, but is pending final commitment. I will send out information as soon as the final commitment is provided.

Lastly, if you have a topic you would like to suggest, please feel free to contact me.



The last of the cherry tomatoes from Fred Alley's garden

The Sweet Taste of Success

Eileen Kelley

Even though the weatherman decided to favor us with "Oregon Sunshine" most of the day, the DCMG Annual Bake Sale was a great success.

Barbara Robinson and Sharon Hopkins co-chaired the sale this year and what a fine job they did. With their talent, organizational skills and "let's get it done" attitude, we knew this event would be a winner for our organization as well as our customers.

Sharon and Barbara standardized the labeling and pricing systems, making that part of the process so much easier and faster. A ten percent discount was given to all purchases over twenty dollars which many people took advantage of it. Their use of colorful table cloths, decals, bows, stickers and plant sale racks to display the baked goods, looked inviting and festive. Because MG's could drop off their goodies on Friday at the Annex, the set-up went smoothly for the volunteers who arrived at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. And the MG's bakers were happy they didn't have to be at Sherm's early in the morning to drop off their confections. The baked goodies were arranged on the tables in no time and we were ready and waiting for the first wave of customers at 9 a.m. when the Bake Sale began.



Rosemary Brinkley helps Sharon Hopkins and Barbara Robinson organize the contributions on Friday afternoon.

As Barbara and Sharon said, "our volunteers are the best, working hard while having a good time. Our gifted, creative and unselfish members include bakers extraordinaire, generous benefactors who helped to defray bakers' costs and let us not forget those who donated fruit and baking ingredients to the cause. Our "retail specialists" outdid themselves hawking our wares and, to add icing to the cake (no pun

intended), we had a great time representing OSU Extension Master Gardeners!" Barbara said she felt really good, when a Sherm's employee, told us the cherry pie she purchased to share with her fellow workers, "was to die for". Everything was sold, down to the last cookie!

Thanks to each and every one of you who helped to make our 2012 bake sale a success. How much of a success you ask? I would definitely consider \$1,075.08 worth doing it all over again!

Thank you Sharon and Barbara for all your hard work and making this event, as with everything you do, very special and rewarding. Thanks to all of our wonderful MG volunteers, you really are the best.



More than 30 Master Gardeners contributed baked goods to the sale. Two-thirds of them took advantage of the Friday drop-off at the Annex Kitchen.

Join us for the annual potluck to re-connect with fellow veterans and meet our new Master Gardener trainees on Monday, January 8th, 2013 at noon at the Annex.

Trash to Treasure Sale

Debbie Haynes

The Trash to Treasure Sale will be Saturday, March 23rd, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Annex.

Why tell you now? Because you might want to clean your cabinets or bins out prior to Christmas - or afterwards - and we don't want all that GOOD STUFF to go to waste!

Our MG Trash to Treasure sale does not take clothing of any kind, nor shoes/hats/gloves. No exceptions, please.

Cindy Rich and I, Debbie Haynes, are co-chairing this year and look forward to a lot of fun! More importantly, we will have a storage area for donations prior to March.

Call Deb @ 541-677-0900 to make an appointment to drop off furniture and large items, or "so many boxes that you absolutely cannot store them." Please wait until after Christmas and the New Year to begin calling for a drop off schedule!!

Since donations will be stored in my garage, and the house will be listed for sale in the spring, I will NOT be taking things you have not sorted through. Please make certain your donations are clean and in good repair. Because I don't have the means to haul off large trash items, nor have the time to spend running to the dump, any item(s) being delivered will be at my discretion. And anything delivered with apparent 'critters' or their droppings residing in the box will be rejected outright. Again, sort through your boxes/items prior to donating them!

We will also be happy to send you a donation slip for your taxes, provided you leave us with the information needed to do so!

Actual sign ups and more information to come later on in another issue of the newsletter! Merry Christmas to you and happy holidays!

OMGA Report

Rosemary Brinkley

At the last O.M.G.A. Quarterly Meeting our state officers were elected. They are President- Marilyn Scheffler, President Elect- Jim Liskey, 1st Vice President- Mary Mellard, 2nd Vice President – Open, 3rd Vice-President Jean Scholtz, Secretary-Open, and Treasurer Katherine Johnson. OMGA is in need of a secretary. In order to remain as an official non-profit, the state mandates that there is a secretary. If you are interested in serving in this position please let Larry Sutton or Rosemary know ASAP.

The Gardeners Mini College will be held in Corvallis, August 8-10, 2013. They are looking for speakers. Do you know any dynamic speaker you would like to hear or have other gardeners hear? Let me know and I'll pass the word along. It has been decided not to judge Chapter displays this year. Search for Excellence projects will present at the mini-college and the winner will be announced at that time. Coordinators for Send- A Friend, Volunteers and Registration are also needed. The final bill from Willamette University for last year's Mini-college was \$11,000

There will be a leadership Forum day prior to each OMGA Quarterly Meeting for those chapters near the meeting site. This will address particular needs and interests to the chapters in the area.

It was voted to have OMGA work with our statewide program leader, Gail, on preparing a proposal to Host the 2017 International Master Gardener Conference. Larry Sutton has volunteered to help on the committee to determine if it is a feasible.

In December the *Gardener's Pen Newsletter* will start. It will be published one month after the OMGA Quarterly Meeting. You can get a copy in the plant clinic or on-line by going to the OMGA web-site. There will be articles on insects and on a specific plant.

If you happen to be driving up I-5 stop in at the rest stop south of Wilsonville. Master Gardeners, along with partners, PGE, ODOT, and the State, planned and installed a 500 foot garden. I understand that it is very impressive.

Other matters discussed at the meeting were: 1) how to recognize and honor long time volunteers, 2) Membership Retention Study, 3) Purchase of omga.org web domain, 4) passing the 2013 budget.

Michelle and I will be attending the next Quarterly Meeting in March in Lincoln County. Anyone wanting to go with us is welcome to join the road trip.

Notes from the Plant Clinic

Judy Mercer

Greetings from the Plant Clinic. I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season. So far this month we have had 35 contacts. Not bad considering that we are only open two days a week. Starting in December we will be open on Mondays only. This holds true for January also. Starting in February the official days are Monday & Wednesday but we will be open 5 days a week for Clinic training.

We still have 4 open spots on the December calendar so please stop by or call to sign up.

Renaissance Gardens of Italy

Sponsored by Purdue University

We have several (6-7) openings in our *Renaissance Gardens of Italy* Master Gardener Study Abroad Program, June 4 - 16, 2013 and would appreciate your help in letting your MGs know about the opportunity. In past years, we've enjoyed having Master Gardeners from many other states join our programs. Often, we about half our participants are from Indiana and the others from across the country.

Our program is an advanced training/study abroad opportunity to visit gardens of historical and contemporary significance in the regions of Rome and Florence. Our program includes lectures, study booklet, pre-test/post-test and course evaluation. Purdue MGs earn 35 hours of Advanced Training/Continuing Education hours and are expected to earn volunteer hours by sharing what they learn with others in their community upon their return.

Course Fee: (not including airfare)
\$3850 per person double occupancy
\$4700.00 per person single occupancy

We'll visit and study such notable **gardens** and sites as Villas Medici Castello, Petraia, and Fiesole, Garzoni, Gamberaia, Lante, D'Este, Boboli **Gardens** at the Pitti Palace, Sacro Bosco, Ninfa, the Vatican, an agrotourism organic farm to learn about production of olives and grapes for wine and oil, and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Free time in Florence, Rome, Montepulciano, and Vatican City will round out our experiences.

We have several spots available (6-7) open to Extension Master Gardeners from any State. MGs are welcome to sponsor one guest.

The program flier can be downloaded from our webpage at <www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/rqoi>, but if you have any trouble downloading, don't hesitate to request that one be mailed to you.

You can register either online or by phone.
1. On-line, go to: www.hort.purdue.edu/ext/rqoi, click the link to online registration and complete the form.
2. By phone, call toll-free 1-888-EXT-INFO (398-4636) and ask to be transferred to Tammy Goodale in Hort. & L. A. or dial her directly at [1-765-494-1296](tel:1-765-494-1296) (toll call).

You will then be invoiced by Purdue Extended Campus (formerly Continuing Education) for a deposit of \$500 to hold your spot in the program.

To register for the course, contact our secretary, Tammy Goodale <tgoodale@purdue.edu> [765-494-1296](tel:765-494-1296) or call [1-888-398-4636](tel:1-888-398-4636) and asked to be transferred to Tammy at 41296.

If you have questions about the program, please contact Rosie or Mike directly.

Rosie Lerner, Purdue Master Gardener State Coordinator and Extension Consumer Horticulture Specialist,
rosie@purdue.edu [765-494-1311](tel:765-494-1311)

Mike Dana, Professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture
dana@purdue.edu [765-494-5923](tel:765-494-5923)

Ciao!

Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

INCOME 10/25/12 – 11/27/12

Bank Interest	\$1.24
Soil Testing	\$60.00
Post Plant Sale	\$32.50
Bake Sale	\$1,075.33
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,169.07

EXPENSES 10/25/12 – 11/27/12

Mgmt & Gen – Awards, Banquet, Supplies	\$363.41
PSP – Soil Testing supplies	\$91.25
DG -- Butterfly Garden	\$12.87
DC – Children's	\$106.09
DG – Easy Access	\$117.29
DC – Xeriscape	\$137.99
HLC – Maintenance, Victory Garden	\$71.46
Plant Sale – Supplies, next year's supplies	\$2,602.34
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,502.70

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$3,175.92
Money Market – Reserves	\$6,122.80
Money Market	\$17,107.42
Ending Balance 11/27/12	\$26,406.14

Please submit your 2012 receipts by Friday December 14, 2012

Verify your budget has available funds prior to submitting your remaining receipts for 2012. Make sure all signed "Expenditure Authorization Forms" with attached receipts are submitted by Friday December 14, 2012. You can leave this at the Plant Clinic in the "Treasurer" inbox OR mail it to: Toni Rudolph, 1686 NW Apache Dr, Roseburg, OR 97471. Be sure that it is received by December 14, 2012 for reimbursement using 2012 funds. All invoices received after that date will be charged to the 2013 Budget.

Secretary's Report

Jen Bailey

The OSU Douglas County Master Gardeners chapter meeting was called to order at 10:14 AM on November 29, 2012 by President **Larry Sutton**. Thirty three members were in attendance. The agenda was accepted as written. The minutes of the October 2012 chapter meeting were approved as written.

Judy Mercer made, and **Karolyn Riecks** seconded, a motion to approve **Jen Bailey** to fill the open Secretary position. A vote was held, and the motion passed.

HORTICULTURE AGENT – Steve Renquist announced pruning classes at the Discovery Garden:

- Thursday, January 10, 2013 – 1:00 - 3:00 PM – Pruning fruit trees, review session for Master Gardeners planning to teach community pruning classes. We need more teachers!
- Thursday, January 24, 2013 – 1:00 - 4:00 PM – Pruning fruit trees, for MGs and the public
- Friday, February 8, 2013 – 1:00 - 4:00 PM – Pruning ornamental trees, for MGs and the public, including work session
- Friday, February 15, 2013 – 1:00 - 4:00 PM – Pruning ornamental shrubs, for MGs and the public, including work session

The final mentor training session for the 2013 Winter Training program will be Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the Annex.

All Master Gardeners are welcome to a potluck on the first day of the Winter Training program, Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at noon, to meet the new trainees.

Steve Renquist will be hosting the Hatch Patch gardening call-in radio show on Saturday, December 22nd and Saturday, December 29th, 2012, from 9:00 AM to noon, on 1120 AM.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – Vicki McAlister reminded everyone that she needs membership dues by December 31, 2012. Forms are available at the Plant Clinic. Let Vicki know by mid-January if you need a replacement badge.

OMGA REPRESENTATIVE – See Rosemary Brinkey's report on page 5. She noted that OMGA has decided not to judge the chapter displays at Mini-College, probably because **Sharon Hopkins** and **Eileen Kelley** set the bar so high this year

Larry Sutton encouraged members to consider taking the position of the OMGA Secretary. It entails keeping the minutes for eight meetings a year. Gail Langellotto applauds the

interest and involvement of our OMGA reps, **Rosemary Brinkley** and **Michelle Harding-Olson**

TREASURER – Toni Rudolph reviewed the current Treasurer's Report. See page 5.

Betty Ison moved, and **Julie Stanbery** seconded, that the 2013 budget be approved, as published in the November 2012 newsletter. A vote was held, and the motion passed. This is a balanced budget, with \$36,810 in both income and expenditures.

The utility bills for 2012 are an issue. The water bill is over budget, due to the water leak. Toni has not seen an electric bill (which is sent to OSU) for over six months. She won't know the final propane bill until the last delivery for the year is made later this month. We do have funds available to pay these bills. **Toni Rudolph** moved, and **Betty Ison** seconded, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay water, electricity and propane invoices not to exceed more than \$2,000 total over the amount remaining in the utilities budget line items. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Julie Stanbery answered **Elva Sellens'** question about an electric cord running out from the Pavilion at the Discovery Garden. This is for the horse-drawn wagon loading area for the Festival of Lights celebration. We donate this small amount of electricity each year, and they donate a load of gravel to our driveway.

Vice President – Fred Alley is arranging for the Master Food Preservers to give a presentation at the Continuing Education session in January. There are many links between the Master Food Preservers and Master Gardeners, covering the full range of the sustainable gardening program.

Fred plans to teach a class at the Discovery Garden on how to make Hypertufa pots. Hypertufa is made of sand, pea gravel, Portland cement and peat moss, and is much lighter than concrete.

Larry Sutton thanked **Fred Alley** and **Leo Grass** for today's Continuing Education program on "Putting Your Garden to Bed" and tool maintenance.

PAST PRESIDENT – Judy Huntley had nothing to report.

PRESIDENT – Larry Sutton had nothing more to report.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Leo Grass reported that **Julie Stanberry** coordinated the donation of 25 English Laurels and three Maples, to be planted behind the Saving Grace Animal Shelter. Bring your shovel and wheelbarrow on Thursday, December 6th at 9:30 AM, to Saving Grace.

PLANT CLINIC – See Judy Mercer's report on page 4.

DISCOVERY GARDEN – **Julie Stanbery** highlighted the contributions of several people to the Discovery Garden this past year:

- **Noel Groshong** has established a new perennial garden across from the Pavilion, which looks great.
- The Herb Garden team did a lot of renovation work this past summer. **Michelle Harding-Olson** reported that they installed a new spiral garden, painted the arbor, mailbox and bench, and researched and installed new plant labels.
- In the Japanese Garden, **Dave Clark** hung doors on the Tea House, **Fred Alley** created Hypertufa sculptures, **Chris Rusch** planted new groundcover, and **Judy Dake** oiled the Moon Gate.
- **Marilyn Klingbeil** tackled with the bittercress in the walkways with the propane burner, a total of three times.
- **Jackie Carpenter** read the water meter once a week, which is how the water leak was discovered.
- **Gale Robinson** was a huge help to **Julie Stanbery** as the “chores guy”, working in the rain and the dark.
- **Sharon Hopkins** and **Eileen Kelley** have taken over the Xeriscape Garden, from **Gloria Amorde**, **Judi Danielson**, **Irene Thomason** and **Anne Waddington**.
- **Elva Sellens** had four volunteers come help dig up the dahlias, giving her the opportunity to give some one-on-one instruction on caring for dahlia tubers.
- **Barbara MacPherson** reported that the Butterfly Garden now has painted rocks labeling the plants.

Noel Groshong is seeking three “young, flexible and waterproof” volunteers to help dig up pipes and install a new water shut-off valve. They are meeting on Friday, December 7th at 9:00 AM, rain or shine.

Julie Stanbery is scheduling a meeting for the Discovery Garden garden heads for Wednesday, February 9th, 2013.

She is seeking a volunteer with welding equipment who can repair some broken tables we need fixed before the Winter Training program.

Jen Bailey reported that she is coordinating a new project to add both plant labels and educational signage to the Discovery Garden. This is a long-term project that will necessitate raising funds through grants. She circulated a sign-up list for those interested in helping with this project.

AWARDS – **Betty Ison** reported that **Colette Hestbeck**, **Caryle Kirkendall**, **Clary Morrow** and **Edith Wilkinson** have completed their payback hours, and will receive their 60-hour swinger bar.

Betty Ison urged everyone to get their hours reported by the end of the year.

PUBLICITY – **Bonnie Couter** had nothing specific to report.

BAKE SALE – **Linda Thames** reported that **Barbara Robinson** and **Sharon Hopkins** did a fantastic job with the Bake Sale. The new system of dropping off baked goods on Friday worked extremely well. They were wonderfully organized, and kept to the schedule on Saturday morning. The goods were well-presented. Customers appreciated the labels listing ingredients. **Elva Sellens** noted that **Linda Thames** is the most entertaining person to work with!

HALLMARK – **Linda Thames** personally delivered a thank you card to Sherm's for their support of the Bake Sale. Their employees purchased quite a few baked goods. She sent a thank you card to a friend of **Julie Stanbery** for help at the Discover Garden. She heard from **Barbara Leeb**, who is doing better and appreciated our card. Linda also sent cards to **Barbara Colebank** and to **Steve Renquist's** mother.

VICTORY GARDEN – **Loren Robinson** reported that the Victory Garden has been put to bed.

TRASH-TO-TREASURES – **Debbie Haynes** and **Cindy Rich** reported that the Trash to Treasure Sale will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. Items in good, clean condition can be stored at Deb's, prior to the sale. No clothing/shoes/hats will be accepted.

T-SHIRTS – **Valerie Call** is coordinating the T-shirt effort. Three different designs will be available: the solid black with orange logo, the existing green flower one, and a brand-new flower design, to be created by **Sharon Hopkins**.

NEWSLETTER – **Jen Bailey** reported that she is continuing to help **Clay Morrow** with the newsletter. The deadline for the December 2012 newsletter is Friday, November 30th. The deadline for the January 2013 newsletter is Friday, December 14th. We need articles and pictures from all officers and committee heads for the January newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Potluck on the first day of Winter Training program – Tuesday, January 8, 2013

SHOW AND TELL – **Linda Thames** baked a huge Hannah apple from **Fred Alley's** continuing education session last month, and it turned out great.

Steve Renquist will be on the local radio this afternoon, and will promote the Winter Training program. He asked if anyone present had anything else he should mention on the show.

Please report your MG volunteer hours by December 31st!

Meet LaVerne Bailey

Eileen Kelley

LaVerne has been a Master Gardener since 1996 and has enjoyed every minute of it. Since joining the MG's she has worked in the Plant Clinic, has mentored, worked at the Saturday Market and Kruse Farms as well as the Butterfly Garden and most recently, the Entry Garden where she enjoys caring for the roses.



LaVerne hails from Bozeman, Montana. She has three sisters, she being next to the youngest. Her Mother was a nurse and her Father taught business classes at the local high school. As a child, living in Bozeman was great fun. She spent time sledding and loved to ice skate. LaVerne said she took her ice skates to school so she could skate on the way home. The city flooded the baseball field which made a great ice skating pond. You've heard stories about kids trudging miles through the snow, well LaVerne really did. Her mother had a rule, if the temperature got to twenty five below freezing, she and her sisters could stay home from school. She remembers snow drifts higher than her head. When LaVerne was nine years old, Mom and Dad, neither native Montanan's, decided they had enough of freezing weather and moved the family to North Bend, Oregon. LaVerne left behind the ice and snow, and the big, blue Montana sky for the rain, wind and fog of the Oregon Coast. It was real "weather shock" for a nine year old who loved to ice skate.

Upon arriving at North Bend, she decided to join the school band and played the saxophone. Her father played the clarinet and sax so he taught LaVerne how to play at an early age. She played the sax for about twelve years. She joined the North

Bend High School Marching Band, the Pep band and was a Majorette. Her Father taught at North Bend High and under his watchful eye, she was a good student. Her favorite subject was English. She was also involved in her youth group at Church. She recently attended her sixtieth high school reunion, which was fun but also somewhat sad, since so many of her school mates didn't or could not attend.

After graduating from high school, her goal was to get a degree in Home Economics at Oregon State but fate stepped in. Instead, she met and married her husband Bob. Her life then became a whirlwind of activity. Bob was in Veterinary school in Oregon, moving to Colorado for a short time while he finished his schooling. Afterward, they moved back to this area where LaVerne worked with Bob in the Veterinary Clinic doing bookkeeping. They had six children, four girls and two boys. Sadly, LaVerne lost her oldest daughter several years ago.

Although they lived in town so Bob was available for emergencies, they owned a ranch in Dixonville and ran about one hundred head of cattle. When LaVerne said she was kept busy, she wasn't kidding! Once a year they made it a priority to take a vacation. The family loved fishing and camping, all types of outdoor activities. They also owned a boat and spent time fishing in the waters off Charleston. LaVerne isn't a swimmer but, she discovered she loved being on the water. The family had the opportunity to go boating around the San Juan Islands, which LaVerne says is her favorite place. After forty two years of marriage, Bob passed away in 1995.

Besides being a Master Gardener, LaVerne's other favorite hobby is her two year old Boston terrier, Maggie, who has taken over as the head of the household. I think LaVerne mentioned something about Maggie being spoiled.



New birdhouse for the Children's Garden, designed and made by Fred Alley and painted by Sharon Hopkins

Membership – Dues & Replacement Name Tags

Vicki McAlister, Membership Director

Dues for 2013 are due before January 1, 2013. If you are paying as a couple, please fill out a separate form for each master gardener. If you choose to have the newsletter mailed, you will need to pay an extra \$5 to cover postage. Checks may not be deposited until after January 1, 2013.

Those needing a **replacement name tag** should contact me before mid-January. Please provide your name as you want it to appear on the name tag, your class year, and your contact info (either email or phone number). Mary will contact you with the cost once the name tags are in.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2013 DUES

(Due **BEFORE** January 1, 2013)

PLEASE complete ALL information below EVEN if nothing has changed:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE: _____ CHECK # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

You will be receiving the Master Gardener Newsletter online. If you choose to have it mailed to you through the post office, you will need to check the line below AND PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$5 TO COVER POSTAGE.

Please mail my newsletter. I have included an EXTRA \$5 to cover postage.

The 2013 dues are **\$10 PER PERSON** or **\$20 PER COUPLE**. Checks should be made payable to **DCMG**. Drop your payment AND completed form in the **dues drawer** at the plant clinic OR mail to:

Vicki McAlister, 422 Winter Creek Ln., Roseburg, OR 97471-8227

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Articles for the January 2013
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dcmgnewsletter@gmail.com

Note new e-mail address!

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DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Executive Committee Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month. 9:00 AM Annex Kitchen. No December meeting

Chapter Meetings: Last Thursday of the month. January thru May: 10:00 AM, Annex Auditorium (following the continuing education session at 9:00 AM). June through August: 10:00 AM, members' gardens. September: 10:00 AM, Discovery Garden Pavilion. October and November: 10:00 AM, Annex Auditorium. No December meeting.

Website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/mg>

Discovery Garden: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/discovery-garden>

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