



Douglas County Master Gardeners

April 2013 Newsletter

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Trash to Treasures Sale Raises \$3,116!



Calendar of Events

Tuesdays, 9 AM–12 PM
Greenhouse, Discovery & Victory Garden crews

Wed, Apr 10, 9 AM, Annex
Executive Board Meeting

Mon, Apr 15, 10 AM, Annex
Insect Committee

Thu, Apr 25, 9 AM, Annex
Continuing Education

Thu, Apr 25, 10 AM, Annex
Chapter Meeting

Thu, Apr 25, 1-4 PM, HLC
Sun, Apr 28, 1-4 PM, HLC
Plant Sale Pre-Sale

Fri, May 3, Fairgrounds
Sat, May 4, Fairgrounds
Prep and Plant Sale



Deb Haynes, Cindy Rich

A BIG shout out THANK YOU to all of the people who helped make the Trash to Treasure Sale so successful this year! Congratulations, it was beyond expectation!

From donations, hauling, unloading, pricing, placing, greeting, selling, cashiering, wrapping, sweeping and smiling.....this was a FUN event to manage.

The donations were NICE this year. Thank you for taking time to sift through your goodies, and to bring such sellable items to the table. That is one of the largest success points in any fund raiser like this. If the goods aren't worth buying, no matter how they are priced, it will affect the end amount raised.

I'm still just thrilled! Cindy and I are so appreciative of all the support we gathered from you.

Looking forward to the next Sale already! Hugs to you all.

Final Countdown for the Plant Sale

Barbara Robinson, Sharon Hopkins

As I write this I am mesmerized by the sound of frogs singing in unison outside my open window. A sure sign of spring and a reminder our Plant and Garden Expo is only a few weeks away!

Greenhouse crews are working multiple days each week readying the “merchandise” to produce the quality product expected by our loyal customers. Faithful master gardeners work year round in the greenhouses. Especially important at this point is making sure all the plants are weed-free, manicured, soil freshened, and looking their best to present at our sale. Seedlings are being nurtured, repotted, and fussed over. Pricing and labeling of each plant/pack is the final touch. Please join us on Tuesdays or other workdays, as scheduled by Tasha and Gloria, from 9 to noon. We are an equal opportunity employer and on the job training is provided!

We will be offering two pre-Plant Sale opportunities for Master Gardeners ONLY at the greenhouses. These will be held on Thursday, April 25 and Sunday, April 28. Both sales will run from 1-4pm. Remember, MG purchases are not allowed the day of the sale until after 3 pm so be sure and take advantage of the special presales offered to you.

Many, many thanks go out to all of you who have signed up to work the sale. The chairperson for the area you chose will be contacting you to touch bases, give any direction necessary, and answer any questions you may have. If you have not as yet signed up to work, please just show up on Friday and/or Saturday and we will find the perfect job for you!

Have you thought about participating in our garden-themed hat contest this year? We will be awarding two prizes with the winners selected by those MG's attending the sale. The public loves our hats and we love seeing them as well!

Now onto some important details for the sale itself:

- Time: Workers need to be at the fairgrounds exhibit building @ 8 a.m. on both Friday and Saturday. It is especially important to be on time Saturday as vendor presales in our area start at 8:30a.m. You will also be gathering with your group for direction from your committee chair.
- Potluck: Don't forget your dish for BOTH days. Any master gardener who brings a dish to share and is wearing their name tag is welcome to join us.
- Floor etiquette: Potluck meals are to be eaten in the designated dining area, not out on the floor.
- Parking: Do not park in front of the building except to drop off potluck items, supplies, etc. Be brief. Vendors will be unloading there.
- Purses: Ladies, there is no secure location to leave your purse. We suggest you leave them in the trunk of your vehicle and perhaps wear a fanny pack. If you purchased one of our aprons, their handy dandy pockets are perfect for secure storage of your keys, cellphone, wallet, etc.
- Wear your name badge. If you forget it, go home and get it. It's a must.
- Dues must be paid to work. If you are a 2013 graduate, yours have been paid.
- Wear your MG apron/t-shirt/cap if you have purchased one.
- Master Gardener Purchases: No purchases or “hoarding” until 3pm unless announced otherwise.
- UCAN food collection: We are once again partnering with UCAN to collect food items. There will be a collection bin in front of the exhibit building. Canned goods, dried foods (in sealed packages), peanut butter, pasta, etc. are all good choices. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors who are coming. Last year we collected 500+ pounds. Let's aim for 50% more this year!

This is a fun, rewarding event. Be prepared to have a great time while working with a great group of volunteers. Should you have any questions feel free to contact barbararob@gmail.com.

President's Report

Larry Sutton

Being in the plant clinic regularly gives a person opportunity to do research. While nothing can compare with the look of appreciation from a happy client, from time to time the research can be just plain fun and its own reward. Well actually most of the time it is fun but sometimes the results can be especially rewarding and lead to personal growth. The other day I was asked a question about genetics and in doing the research I came across some interesting facts. Although it seems hard to believe, it was just about ten years ago that scientists first put together the DNA road map for humans. Every cell in our body contains the blueprint for how we operate as a person. The way the term is bandied about on T.V. shows today one might start to think that we had known about it forever and that the map was as clear as Chanute Kansas when looked at on an I-Mac Google earth. Not so. More information is being discovered every day and each discovery opens one more door towards the chance to improve our health and longevity.

One recent discovery is the gene MAOA. Researchers at the National Institute of Health suggest that the MAOA gene may be partially responsible for our happiness. That is right; some of us may be genetically programmed from the beginning to be happy. This gene sets the stage for an enzyme that breaks down serotonin and dopamine. For those of you, like me, that don't readily recognize those terms, they are recognized as behavior and mood modifying neurotransmitters. Unfortunately many of us do not have the gene. Not all women have it and surprise, no men have it. When I first told my wife about this she was quick to point out that some truths are patently obvious. Before she hit me I was able to suggest that maybe we all started out with it and just maybe our wives wore it out of us. We have agreed to let that discussion alone.

So where does that leave us in the happiness evolution. Scientists describe this as the first happiness gene. There may be more of them out there so there is hope for us all. Until we know that for a fact, some of you now bear a lot of responsibility for the general happiness of the world. If you have been blessed with the happiness gene, you are a carrier, so use it to the best of your ability. Keep putting that happiness out there for the rest of us to build on. While most of us may not be able to produce it, we can sure as heck catch it from those of you that are carriers. Put on your happy face.

Vice President's Report

Fred Alley

Now that spring arrived at 7:02 AM (EDT) on March 20, 2013 in the Northern Hemisphere it's time to look for those signs of spring. Daffodils have sprung up everywhere, and the robins are searching for worms, which are beginning to emerge from the earth. Spring brings increasing daylight, warming temperatures and the rebirth of flora and fauna. My twenty-one geraniums, carefully placed in my hoop cover survived the winter and are now almost fully leaved out. Yes, my technique in extending my growing season for my geraniums.

Master Gardener Jim Leet's March 28th Continuing Education Program presentation on "Extending Your Growing Season" was excellent. He illustrated and shared a power point presentation on a variety of techniques he and other local master gardeners use to extend their growing season and at the same time enhance the quality and amount of produce. His experience living in Alaska was an added treat. We could have spent another hour with Jim on techniques in extending our growing season. Those of you who missed the presentation, maybe we can have him back next year. He has also offered to be on the Home Tours this year, so you may want to keep that in your notes for future reference.

Lastly, Pam Barrows did an excellent job educating us on the "Proper use of our Master Gardener Time Sheet" It is important that we document our volunteer hours and to properly record the hours in the correct category.

Our April 25, 2013 Continuing Education Program will be "Prevention of Injury in the Garden" by Jeff Giulietti, a Physical Therapist, Certified Athletic Trainer from Eugene Physical Therapy. LLC. This will be a special program you will not want to miss. If you are like me, the "Weekend Warrior" I tend to do a particular activity without giving it much thought and end-up injuring myself. Jeff will help us in minimizing these silly mistakes and resulting injuries. Interestingly, Jeff gave this similar presentation to the Lane County Master Gardeners last week, so we have a challenge. Let's see that we have as many MG's attend Jeff's presentation as we did for Geoff Niles presentation on mushrooms.

Lastly, I'm working with Andrew Pitts, Producer of KPIC with the goal to announce our Continuing Education Programs during KPIC's noon community announcement program. During a conversation between our President Larry Sutton and Andrew Pitts, Andrew indicated he would like to see Master

Garden Programs announced on the Noon program. Our immediate goal for April is to announce the "Prevention of Injury in the Garden" presentation by Jeff Giulietti and our upcoming Plant Sale. I will be inviting other Master Gardeners to join me future KPIC Noon announcements.

A reminder that during the summer months, June, July and August, we suspend our monthly continuing education program and have our monthly MG meetings at selected Master Gardener homes. I'm in the process of selecting those sites; so if you or someone you know would like to host such a meeting, please let me know. Renee Coen, one of our new 2013 Master Gardeners, has agreed to be one of the sites. Renee and her Husband Rick, have a wonderful home in the Historic Laurel wood Neighborhood. Their home backs onto the South Umpqua and is quite beautiful. It's a great setting for one of our summer monthly meetings. If you have any suggestions, again, please call me or e-mail me.

Secretary's Report

Jen Bailey

The OSU Douglas County Master Gardeners chapter meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM on March 28, 2013 by President **Larry Sutton**. Sixty two members were in attendance. The agenda was accepted as written. The minutes of the February 2013 chapter meeting were approved as written.

HORTICULTURE AGENT – Steve Renquist was not present

WINTER TRAINING – Maureen Benice reported that we have 25 new graduates who will be doing their payback hours.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – Vicki McAlister reported that we have 270 members, 242 of them paying dues. Hardcopies of the membership roster are available.

OMGA REPRESENTATIVE – Rosemary Brinkley reported that the new OMGA Secretary has resigned, so OMGA is seeking someone else to fill this critical position. OMGA is revising the format of the chapter reports given at OMGA meetings. The Mini-College information was promised to be on the OMGA web site, but has not been published yet. OMGA is asking our chapter to donate ten items for the silent auction at Mini-College. OMGA is seeking a volunteer to do the table decorations for the Friday night banquet, with a \$300 budget. The Clackamas County Master Gardeners have pledged to donate \$5,000/year for the next five years to the endowment

fund, and are challenging other chapters to make pledges as well. The 2017 International Master Gardeners Conference will be held in Portland, Oregon.

TREASURER – Toni Rudolph reviewed the Treasurer's Report (*see attached*).

VICE PRESIDENT – Fred Alley reported on the Continuing Education program. He will be advertising that future programs are open to the general public.

PAST PRESIDENT -- Judy Huntley had nothing to report.

PRESIDENT – Larry Sutton announced that the Board members of the Lane County Master Gardeners are visiting with our Board on Monday, April 1st, to get more information on how we run our organization. Plans for the Master Gardeners booth at the Canyonville Farmers' Market are on hold. The 2013 International Master Gardeners Conference on the Alaskan cruise from September 7 – 14th has less than 150 openings remaining. Thirty two participants from Oregon are attending, with seven from Douglas County.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Leo Grass reported that **Ken Hayes** gave a presentation on Lasagna Gardening to the Myrtle Creek Nazarene Church. **Shirley Purcell** is giving a presentation on vermiculture to the Phoenix School. They are also interested in a "water collection" class. The cleanup effort at Micelli Park in Roseburg has asked for our help in identifying plants. They are meeting this Monday at 10:00 AM. The widow of Bill Duncan, a well-known Roseburg resident, has asked our group if anyone would be interested in taking over Bill's 60' x 80' garden. **Elva Sellens** and **Nathan Bailly** expressed interest.

PLANT CLINIC – Judy Mercer reported that 12 students have completed both Plant Clinic training sessions, and eight have completed one training session. **Dianne Twete** will be the new coordinator for Kruse Markets. We need a new coordinator for the Umpqua Valley Farmers Market.

DISCOVERY GARDEN – Julie Stanbery reported on moving the raised beds this past Tuesday. Leaf mulch is available for all the gardens. **Jen Bailey** gave an update on the Discovery Garden Signage project.

VICTORY GARDEN – Mik Carlson reported on how much they've accomplished: cutting down the cover crop, putting down straw, weeding, installing trellises, planting cool-weather crops. She encouraged

everyone to grow extra food in their own gardens, to donate to UCAN and the food pantries.

AWARDS – Betty Ison had nothing to report

PUBLICITY – Bonnie Courter reported that the News Review ads are starting to appear for the Plant Sale. The announcement of the 2013 Winter Training graduates has been released to local media outlets, along with the change in Plant Clinic hours. Twenty yard signs will be placed the week before the Plant Sale.

TRASH-TO-TREASURES – Cindy Rich and Debbie Haynes reported on the record-breaking success of this year’s sale (\$3,116).

PLANT SALE – Sharon Hopkins reported that today is the last day the sign-up sheets will be distributed. We still need a “resource table” volunteer. **Mik Carlson** seems to have enough checkers/cashiers. Please let us know where you plan to distribute the flyers and bookmarks advertising the Plant Sale. The Plant Sale committee heads are meeting on April 18th. **Ken Hayes** asked everyone to donate boxes for the Plant Sale.

HALLMARK – Linda Thames received thank you cards from **Michelle Harding-Olson** and **Patty Kowalski**.

NEWSLETTER – Jen Bailey asked for more photographs for the April newsletter. The deadline is tomorrow.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Mik Carlson reminded anyone interested in an officer position to contact her, **Leo Grass** or **Rosemary Brinkley**.

Bob Brindley reported that we have 32 paid exhibitors for the Plant Sale, with 49.5 booths allocated.

SHOW-AND-TELL – Julie Stanbery recommended visiting the Tree Cottage Nursery in Cottage Grove.

Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

INCOME 2/28/13 – 3/28/13

Dues-membership/hardcopy NL/interest/donation	\$460.85
Soil Testing and pre Plant Sale	\$180.50
T-shirt Sales	\$678.70
Trash to Treasures	\$3,310.75

TOTAL INCOME \$4,630.80

EXPENSES 2/28/13 – 3/28/13

OMGA dues/hospitality/check printing	\$1,738.60
DG Maintenance, HLC Maintenance	\$141.56
Victory Garden	\$278.48
Winter Program - Speakers	\$50.00
Plant Sale – Advertising	\$1,877.56
Plant Sale – Exhibit Fees	\$1,086.00
Plant Sale – Propane, Seed, Supplies	\$771.77
Bake Sale, Trash to Treasures	\$184.24

TOTAL EXPENSES \$6,128.21

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$1,668.20
Money Market – Reserves	\$6,659.10
Money Market	\$12,574.88

Ending Balance 1/29/13 \$20,902.18

OMGA Report

Rosemary Brinkley, Michelle Harding-Olson

The OMGA Quarterly Meeting was held in Glen Eden Beach just south of Lincoln City and was very well attended. The 2013 Quarterly Meetings now have a new Leadership Training component that is open to all chapter members. Tasha Harmon of New Perspectives is the instructor and several members spoke about how positive and valuable they found the Training Session. Lunch and the Leadership Training Sessions are funded by OMGA and attendees are not required to be present at the Saturday OMGA meeting. However, a fee will be required at Mini-College to cover the cost of the meeting room. Tasha’s class materials will be available on the OMGA website soon.

Treasurer’s Report

Katherine Johnson presented her Treasurer’s Report and provided a comprehensive job description. The Treasurer is responsible for the following: prepare Federal & State Reports, attend classes to remain current, IRS Tax Returns, facilitate Chapter Treasurer Handbooks, compilation of Chapter Treasury Reports, prepare OMGA Annual Financial Report to OSU and attend Quarterly Executive Board meetings.

Members can claim unreimbursed volunteer mileage at 14 cents/mile on their Federal Income Tax Return.

Financial Report, January 1 thru February 26 = \$61,409.54 cash on hand

Total Paid Membership as of December 31, 2012 = 3106, 3871 includes trainees

Annual Audit = committee found no problems with bookkeeping, reporting or accuracy

Mini-College

La Salle Stewart Center at OSU August 7-9. Volunteers Needed. Silent Auction items are needed as well as a chapter to facilitate Banquet Centerpieces and paper Programs (\$300.00 budget available). **(Editor's Note: Late breaking news indicates that Douglas County has agreed to take on the centerpieces and programs for the closing banquet.)**

There is also the need for a Tour Coordinator, Classroom Host Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator and hosts for individual classrooms. Two outside paid Garden Tours are being offered. Housing is available at one of the newest dorms: single = \$43.50 and double = \$36.50 includes breakfast and linens. Hilton Hotel = \$109.00/night. La Salle Parking permits are available on line cost \$7.00/day. The OMGA website will provide links and details as well as registration information. The theme this year is GROW, SHARE, EXCEL

Search for Excellence

Submittals are due May 6, and posters are not required this year. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

Jean Scholtz has a template for the Extension Agent to complete and submit. Jean is looking for volunteer judges.

Karl Carlson Memorial Grant and Marj Luce Award

Application and details can be found on the OMGA website

Statewide Leader's Report

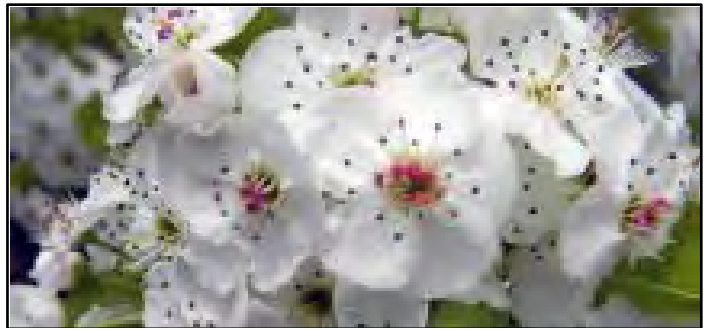
Gail commended chapters for their Community Outreach and encourages greater and continued involvement, especially in regards to diversity. 2017 International Conference will be held in Portland and volunteers will be needed from the Chapters.

3rd OMGA Meeting

August 10th in Pendleton.

WANTED

Items for the Raffle at our Plant Sale held in May.
If you would be willing to donate a raffle item,
contact Deb Haynes.



Plant: Wanted For Murder

contributed by Leo Grass

A call to the plant clinic recently called to mind an almost forgotten story about a particular variety of evergreen with an infamous history. The plant is the Leyland cypress.

In 1847 Liverpool banker Christopher Leyland purchased an estate, which he later gave as a wedding present to his Nephew, John Naylor. Naylor commissioned Edward Kemp to design the estate's landscape. The plan included two distant cousins from the genus Cypresses. Now I don't know about you, but the cousins that I grew up with seemed like...well, just relatives. But, cousins that came to visit only once in a while, well they didn't seem like kin folk at all, more like interesting, and attractive visitors from out of town. Well it seems that the Monterey cypress was overcome with amour for the lovely Nootka cypress. Nature had kept these two lovers separated for millennia, but when Mr. Kemp planted them next to each other their passion could be denied no longer. The Leyland cypress was the product of this scandalous union.

Young Leyland vowed to prove himself to the world by growing faster than any other tree in the landscape, and he did. His growth was as much as one meter per year, with a maximum height of one hundred and fifteen feet. Unfortunately, like so many youngsters Leyland was far too anxious to grow **up** instead of putting down a good deep root system. He was frequently observed in the prone, instead of upright, position. How sad.

Leyland's human caretakers were so impressed with his rapid growth that they tended to overlook his rowdy ways. Careless horticulturists could often be heard arguing over the misbehavior of their charges. These angry disputes reached their apex, when in 2001 Llandis Burdon was shot and killed in a disagreement over a Leyland hedge. Oh what a tangled web...

News from the Garden

Julie Stanbery, Discovery Garden Coordinator

Our first Tuesday work-day was wonderfully successful! A team of talented, willing volunteers tore down, moved and reassembled the dahlia raised beds in under two hours! Many thanks to Leo Grass, Mike Heidinger, Nathan Baily, Bill Fuller, Elva Sellens, Kay Rogers, Judy Huntley and Tia Nihart and her three children, Jeremy, Rhonda and Levi. They chopped down the mimosa trunk by ax, used their carpentry skills to properly cut, align and cob together the old wood planks followed by lots of shoveling and wheelbarrowing from the old site to the new area. Leaf mulch and rotted straw bales were added to the beds before refilling them with soil and finally replanting the tulips. The beds are now in full sun just east of Noels' iris garden. In the next few weeks we will bring in chips for ground cover in both areas and then the picnic tables will be re-settled in front of the hedgerow.



Another major attack was launched on the bittercress. Linda, Judy and Kay worked on the Japanese garden, straw bales, children's, orchard and hedgerow. Good job!

Big thanks to Jack Machulies who got new parts for the toilets (under warranty, aka free) and fixed our running water problem. Please flush gently, preferably with your elbow or hand and NOT with your feet.

And now, a review of your badge protocol: Please remember to always wear your badge at any MG event. It helps to identify you to the public, gives extension some exposure, shows you have permission to be in the buildings and gives you liability coverage in case of an accident. The following is from the OMGA regarding rules of conduct:

Use of title and/or badge: The MG title is for Extension volunteers and not for commercial purposes. Persons are expected to identify themselves as MGs when performing volunteer work in any Extension sponsored program. The training, experience and certification gained by an individual in the MG program may rightfully be used and listed as qualifications when seeking employment.

Next Tuesday, April 2 will be the first of a series of sessions in the individual gardens to discuss signage ideas. Please plan to join us in the Xeriscape garden at 9am. Jen Bailey is the committee head and will be leading the brainstorming. Hope to see you there.



Western Oregon Garden Hints for April 2013 from OSU Extension

Oregon State University Extension Service encourages sustainable gardening practices. Preventative pest management is emphasized over reactive pest control. Identify and monitor problems before acting, and opt for the least toxic approach that will remedy the problem.

First consider cultural, and then physical controls. The conservation of biological control agents (predators, parasitoids) should be favored over the purchase and release of biological controls. Use chemical controls only when necessary, only after identifying a pest problem, and only after thoroughly reading the pesticide label. Least-toxic choices include insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, organic and synthetic pesticides - when used judiciously.

Planning

- Write in your garden journal throughout the growing season
- Prepare garden soil for spring planting.
- Incorporate generous amounts of organic materials and other amendments, using the results of a soil analysis as a guide.
- Prepare raised beds in areas where cold soils and poor drainage are a continuing problem.
- Incorporate generous amounts (at least 2") of organic materials.
- Use a soil thermometer to help you know when to plant vegetables. When the soil is consistently above 60 F, some warm season vegetables (beans, sweet corn) can be planted.

Maintenance and Clean Up

- Allow foliage of spring-flowering bulbs to brown and die down before removing.
- Apply commercial fertilizers, manure, or compost to cane, bush (gooseberries, currants, and blueberries), and trailing berries.
- Place compost or well decomposed manure around perennial vegetables, such as asparagus and rhubarb.
- Cut back ornamental grasses to a few inches above the ground, in early spring.
- Cover transplants to protect against late spring frosts.
- Optimum time to fertilize lawns. Apply 1 lb. nitrogen per 1,000 sq.ft. of lawn. Reduce risks of

run-off into local waterways by not fertilizing just prior to rain, and not over-irrigating so that water runs off of lawn and onto sidewalk or street.

- Optimum time of year to dethatch and renovate lawns. If moss was a problem, scratch surface prior to seeding with perennial ryegrass.
- Prune and shape or thin spring blooming shrubs and trees after blossoms fade.

Planting/Propagation

- Plant gladioli, hardy transplants of alyssum, phlox, and marigolds, if weather and soil conditions permit.
- It's a great time to start a vegetable garden. Among the vegetables you can plant, consider: broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chard, chives, endive, leeks, lettuce, peas, radishes, rhubarb, rutabagas, spinach, turnips.

Pest Monitoring and Management

- Clean up hiding places for slugs, sowbugs and millipedes. Least toxic management options for slugs include barriers and traps. Baits are also available for slug control; iron phosphate baits are safe to use around pets. Read and follow all label directions prior to using baits, or any other chemical control.
- Monitor strawberries for spittlebugs and aphids; if present; wash off with water or use insecticidal soap as a contact spray. Follow label directions.
- If necessary, spray apples and pears when buds appear for scab. See EC 631 online, *Controlling Diseases and Insects in Home Orchards*.
- Cut and remove weeds near the garden to remove potential sources of plant disease.
- Use floating row covers to keep insects such as beet leaf miners, cabbage maggot adult flies, and carrot rust flies away from susceptible crops.
- Help prevent damping off of seedlings by providing adequate ventilation.
- Place pheromone traps in apple or pear trees in late April to monitor codling moth activity.
- Manage weeds while they are small and actively growing with light cultivation or herbicides. Once the weed has gone to bud, herbicides are less effective.
- Spray stone fruits, such as cherries, plums, peaches, and apricots for brown rot blossom blight, if necessary.

Notes from the Clinic

Judy Mercer, Plant Clinic Manager

Clinic training is going quite well. As of March 28th; twelve students have completed both of their training sessions. Eight have completed one session. The reports from the trainers; and my personal experience tell me we have a great new class. They are going to be a real asset to the Clinic and the Program in general.

We have a new leader for Kruse Farms outreach clinic. Diane Twete is working closely with last year's leader; Maureen Benice. We look forward to another great year at the Farm.

We still need a new leader for the Umpqua Valley Farmers Market. This is a great venue for us and it would be a shame to miss it. Please contact me if you are interested. Last year's leader; Judy Metz-Bridges is having surgery and will be laid up for eight weeks after. Please keep her in your thoughts. We wish her a speedy recovery.



Congratulations, Class of 2013!

You Master Gardeners of 2013 are now out THERE working and doing payback hours.

It's wonderful to have you shoveling, doing Plant Clinic, pulling weeds, planting seeds and transplanting little plants with the rest of us. Whatever you are doing as a Master Gardener, say "HI!" and have fun.

Congratulations from the rest of us!



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Newsletter: Deadline for May 2013 newsletter is April 26th. Mail submissions to jen@skylondaranch.com.

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OSU Gardening – web site: extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening, monthly gardening calendar: extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/calendar, monthly newsletter: extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/enews

OSU Master Gardeners – web site: extension.oregonstate.edu/mg, Facebook page: www.facebook.com/OSUMG

Oregon Master Gardeners Association – web site: www.omga.org, newsletter: www.omga.org/GardenersPen.htm, Mini-College: www.omga.org/MiniCollege.htm



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