



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

June 2013 Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

Tuesdays, 9 AM–12 PM, DG  
Discovery Garden Crew  
Victory Garden Crew  
Greenhouse Crew

Mon, Jun 3, 10 AM, Annex  
Insect Committee

Tue, Jun 4, 9 – 11 AM, DG  
Summer Pruning Class

Wed, Jun 5, 10 AM, DG  
Herb Garden Crew

Wed, Jun 12, 8:30 AM, Annex  
Signage Committee

Wed, Jun 12, 9 AM, Annex  
Executive Board Meeting

Wed, Jun 12, 10 AM, Annex  
Plant Sale Committee

Mon, Jun 17, 10 AM, Annex  
Insect Committee

Wed, Jun 19, 10 AM, TBA  
Diagnostics Group

Wed, Jun 19, 10 AM, DG  
Herb Garden Crew

Wed, Jun 19, 6 PM, DG  
Wine Tasting Seminar

Thu, June 27, 10 AM, Home  
of Rick and Renee Coen  
Chapter Meeting

Many thanks to Maureen Benice for the pictures of Plant Sale activities, including those of the Hat Contest participants (pages 2 – 4). More of these pictures will be published in future issues.

## Plant Sale Raises Over \$28,000



## Class of 2013, Find Your Summer Volunteer Activity

Steve Renquist, OSU Horticultural Agent

As we move into the summer season it is easy to occupy all your time with jobs around the house and summer travel. Before your summer schedule is completely full, I would encourage you to look at the many activities the Master Gardeners are involved in during the summer and step up to give back to the community, have fun with the new project, and fulfill your volunteer commitment. Our Master Gardener organization appreciates every volunteer and the time you give to our activities, but what we really like is getting to know all of you new class members and having our new friends stay with us in the years ahead. I have observed over the years with this program that if volunteers don't connect with a group or activity by the summer months that we generally lose touch with you. If you still aren't sure where you would like to volunteer, give me a call or stop in my office for a visit. I will help you find an activity that matches your interests and our needs.

A number of the current MG projects underway include the Discovery Garden theme gardens. You can work with a specific garden that matches your skills or what you would like to learn more about. As you know we have many gardens that need care, other gardens that are being renovated, and a new alpine rock garden that is starting from scratch. All these areas will welcome your participation on our regular Tuesday morning work days. Ask Julie Stanbery to introduce you to the garden coordinator of your choice. . We also have a group in the garden that is spearheading our new signage project. If you have graphic arts skills, know how to work with cement, or have carpentry skills please contact Jen Bailey or Karen Glatz.

The Victory Garden is really a great spot for those of you who want to share your food growing skills or want to learn more from the veterans. The garden is one of our ways of giving back to the community as all the produce is donated to UCAN. Talk to Mik Carlson or Lorreen Robinson about helping out.

Even though our primary plant sale is past the greenhouse crews are still actively repotting and preparing new plant material for next year. Talk with either Tasha King or Gloria Amorde if plant propagation and greenhouse work is an area you would like to help with. I know the greenhouse crews have really developed a wonderful camaraderie over the years and they will welcome you to join them.

As the weather warms up activity in our plant clinics really takes off. If you haven't finished your 36 hours in the OSU plant clinic, which includes Kruse Farms or Saturday Farmers Market, make sure you are signing up now for the summer slots that fit your schedule. The plant clinic time is where you will continue to learn a lot about diagnostics from the veterans and me. If the week day time slots aren't convenient for you don't forget about Kruse Farms and the Farmers Market on Saturday. Talk with Judy Mercer if you have questions and come by the plant clinic and sign yourself up.

If you have a special area of expertise with gardening, don't hesitate to talk with Leo Grass who is our outreach coordinator. Leo will let you know when a community group is interested in having a presentation on your area of interest. If you used to be a teacher or trainer and miss talking to groups, this is an area that you will enjoy. Giving presentations in the community is not a high pressure activity. These group presentations are generally very informal and become pleasantly conversational. This is a great opportunity for us to pass along our sustainable gardening practices to people who may not have time to take our winter training series.

As you can see there is no shortage of activities within our organization. Please find the area that suits your skills and interests the most and join in. Have an active fun season.



Della Neavoll



Gayle Ward



Ann Waddington



Pamela Barrows – Winner!

## Mini-College Scholarships

We have a limited number of scholarships to Mini-College this year.

The application form is on-line at

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/sites/default/files/documents/mg/minicollge.pdf>

Please get the application to Larry Sutton by June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## Successful Plant Sale

Barbara Robinson, Plant Sale Co-Chair

Thinking back to the 2 to 3 weeks prior to our 2013 Plant and Garden Expo, you will remember the unseasonably sunny, warm weather we were treated to. People were in the planting mood and wanted to do it now! As I saw the scores of people shopping, I remember thinking "It's too early and you're going to be sorry. It's NOT Mother's Day yet!"

I must say I was pleased to see the financials for our sale which appeared in my inbox that evening. Once again our loyal following did not let us down, managing to purchase a smidgeon more than last year!

As our major fundraiser for the year, we all realize how important the support of our community is to this event. However, even MORE important to our success is the work and support of our Master Gardener membership.

*A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him.*

*David Brinkley*

Many individuals have contributed bricks to our foundation over the years and we would like to thank each of them for their part in helping to lay the cornerstones we have continued to build on. Too often we forget the "old" timers or simply are not aware of the importance of their contributions.

To all of you who helped make our 2013 Plant and Garden Expo a success, thank you for your generous contributions of time, labor, and brain power. Now onto next year..... ☺



Nan Sieck



Sharon Hopkins – Winner!



JoAnn Pico



Karolyn Riecks



## Thank You, Plant Sale Raffle Team

Rosemary Brinkley, Raffle Co-Chair

Many thanks to the Master Gardeners who donated items to the plant sale raffle. We were able to add \$ to the coffers with your help and support: Karolyn Riecks, Della Neavoll, John Trone, Betty Ison, Toni Rudolph, Robyn Thompson, Cindy Rich, Anne Waddington, Michelle Harding-Olson, Sharon Hopkins, Janice Bunyard, Alixe Dancer, Jim and Joni Leet, Cameron Hill and Geoff Puryear. Thanks also go to the committee who helped sell the tickets: Barb Leep, Kay Rogers, Marilyn Klingbeil, Rebecca Drew, Michelle Harding-Olson and Co-Chair Deb Haynes.



Shirley Purcell

## Master Gardener Wine Tasting Seminar

Steve Renquist, OSU Horticultural Agent

It is no secret that the Douglas County Master Gardeners like to work hard and put in a lot of volunteer hours helping gardeners. Because you work so hard helping others it is time to take a work break and let me teach you a few things about how the wines of the Umpqua Valley compare to other regions from around the country and world. Our seminar will be held on June 19, from 6pm-8pm, at the Discovery Garden pavilion.

The wine tasting seminar will follow this format: each participant should bring at least one bottle of wine from the following list. White wines, Sauvignon blanc, Pinot Gris, or Viognier. Red wine list Tempranillo, Cabernet sauvignon, or Malbec. If you have lots of wine at home and wouldn't mind bringing one red and one white that would be great.

I will discuss some wine tasting etiquette and procedures and what to look for with each variety at the start of the seminar. Then we will have a blind tasting of specific varietals to see which wine region and winery you prefer for each variety. Secondly we will have a blind tasting of a group of white wines that you will try to identify, and a group of red wines that you will try to identify.

Please bring a wine glass and a tapa, or food item that will go well with wine. Bring a wine cork screw to help with the opening. If you have some wine bottle paper bags to cover bottles please bring what you have, no need to buy new bags.

I look forward to a lovely social and educational evening together.



Judy Weaver



Larry Sutton

## Children's Garden Workshop to Repair Stepping Stones

There will be a workshop at the Discovery Garden Greenhouse from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on July 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> to repair the Children's Garden stepping stones. Renee McElhatton and Judy Dake will need your help. Bring something to drink and wear work clothes. Any questions, call Judy at 541-459-1812 or e-mail [jgdake@gmail.com](mailto:jgdake@gmail.com).



Dennis Moore, Dave Clark

## Rock Garden Update

Tasha King

The rock garden group met on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the site. Patricia designed a mock rock garden with sand on a poster board for a three dimensional look. Some features include a mini-mountain ridge with a footpath and steps made of rock slabs, a dry creek bed originating from the ridge and traveling through the garden, a north facing fern grotto and several berms. Two of the paths will be wide enough for wheelchairs and scooters. One or more areas will focus on Oregon natives with input from the Native Plant Society.

There was discussion about needing many more truckloads of fill dirt. Also we will be gathering rocks up in the North Umpqua and ordering more materials for construction beginning the week of June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Elva and I went to King Mountain east of Wolf Creek to see a natural rock garden. It's in full bloom with tiny ground hugging plants and lichen covered rocks.



Shirley will be sending out emails about rock garden work parties and other activities.

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## President's Report

Larry Sutton

We are lucky in Douglas County. No, wait a minute; it is a lot more than luck. We are good. We have a very great MG training program going for us. Steve provides us the basics in the winter training and then invites each and every one of us to come back each year to attend any classes we feel the need to brush up on. Our continuing education program, prior to the general meetings, continually provides some genuine food for thought that is applicable to not only our gardening, but our daily lives. The monthly diagnostics group provides in depth training in seasonal garden issues. Our plant clinic training produces some of the best plant clinic volunteers in the state and receives accolades at every level of review. Is it any wonder that we continually do as well as we do?

But wait, there is more. Coming in August will be the annual Gardeners Mini-College. Presenters from all over the state have been invited to lecture in their own areas of expertise. At least since I have been a Master Gardener, our chapter has always been asked to make presentations in either the leadership forum or the gardener training. The Mini-College organizers invite the best of the best to share their knowledge with attendees from across three states. The training, while mostly attended by MGs, is open to anyone. You can invite friends, family or

someone you know that has an interest in gardening or who wants to improve their gardening expertise.

This year the leadership forum will be held on 7 August in the Alumni Center of Oregon State University. Dr. Terry Ross will kick off this session with a presentation on *Diversity in the Workplace*. Attend this session to discover how our lives are affected by diversity. The rest of the morning will be devoted to panel discussions and small group presentations. Everyone is invited to attend the lively afternoon session presented by Tasha Harmon on *Bringing People In and Keeping Them Engaged*. Our chapter has done well over the past two years in bringing people back into our group even while our enrollments have been down. Now we will be given the opportunity to learn a few of the secrets on how to increase our enrollments and keep our members active without burnout.

Thursday and Friday of the same week we will move next door to the Le Sells Stewart Center. For those of you that have not been there, this is a 40,000 square foot conference center that has the latest in high tech audio visual capabilities. There will be 15 classes covering both the art and science of gardening intermixed with awards, search for excellence presentations and facilitated social interactions during our meals. One of my personal favorites is the book store. Hundreds of books are brought in by the university and offered to us at fantastic discount prices. I can never seem to get away without adding several bags of books to my

home library. The Silent Auction, one of my wife's favorite activities, runs throughout the week. Each chapter donates items to the auction and many come home with unheard of bargains. Friday night is the closing banquet where the winners of this year's awards will be announced. No, we will probably not have a repeat of last year's clean sweep, but it should be fun to see some other chapters share in our glory.

So, mark **August 7-9** on your calendar. The latest mini-college information is posted online so you will want to check often at

[www.oregonmastergardeners.org/MiniCollege2013.htm](http://www.oregonmastergardeners.org/MiniCollege2013.htm)

On-line registration is now open. A couple of idiosyncrasies that you may want to take note of: if you want to pay by credit card go ahead and click the PayPal button and enter your credit card information, and your receipt will contain a listing of all classes offered with a note beside the ones you have reserved.

## Vice President's Report

Fred Alley

You didn't know our native bee's nesting habitat is in the ground? Were you surprised, as I was, by some of the information given at our presentation last month by Cindy K. Bright-Pierre, Restoration Biologist, US Fish & Wildlife, Roseburg Field Office and Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District? We learned native bees thrive on native plants and many of those in attendance were anxious to learn more about the various types of native plants we can plant in our gardens and yards. I promised I would work with Cindy and send via e-mail more information about native plants you can use in your gardens and yards.

Cindy's presentation was very interesting and it stirred many questions. It was obvious she was passionate about the subject and enjoyed presenting to our Master Gardeners. As she indicated her real passion is "Birds". I had forwarded to the MG members her recent article in the News Review "For the Birds". Maybe it's a good topic for the 2013-14 Continuing Education Services?

Our Continuing Education Series ends this month (May) and we commence with our monthly meeting hosted in fellow Master Gardener Homes. This change provides an opportunity to see other Master Gardener's yards and gardens. I haven't found a Master Gardener yet who doesn't want to share his/her garden and yard. Our June Meeting will be

hosted by at 2013 Master Gardener, Renee Coen. Renee and her husband Rick, live in the Laurelwood historic District, located behind and north of the Douglas County Health Center. You enter the Historic District via Madrone Street, north off of Harvard Avenue, just west of the Washington Ave Bridge. Madrone dead-ends at Riverside Drive. You turn left (west) on West Riverside. Renee's home is located at 222 West Riverside. I have had the pleasure of visiting the Coen's residence and I think you, too, will be impressed. The unique historic neighborhood setting, the architectural style of their home and it's setting on the South Umpqua make it a very interesting place for our next meeting. You wouldn't want to miss this opportunity to share the Coen's home, and share some quality time with your fellow Master Gardeners. Remember too, we are to bring our favorite potluck to share with the group.

I will send you more information regarding this meeting in a separate email as we approach the meeting.

It's been a pleasure coordinating the Continuing Education Program Series this past year. We have had excellent presenters, mostly from our own area. We have some knowledgeable people in the community that are highly qualified in their areas of expertise. I still encourage you to contact me if you have any ideas or know of someone that can assist us in gaining more knowledge in our horticulture world.

## Nominating Committee Report

Rosemary Brinkley, Mik Carlson, Leo Grass

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of candidates for the upcoming year:

**Michelle Harding-Olson** – President  
**Fred Alley** – Vice-President  
**Janet Parkerson** – Secretary  
**Vicki McAlister** – Treasurer  
**Ruth Stafford** – Membership Director  
**Sharon Hopkins** – OMGA Representative  
**Rosemary Brinkley** – OMGA Alternate  
**Larry Sutton** – Past-President

The election will be held at the July Chapter meeting. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted. The new officers will be installed at the August Chapter meeting.

## May 2013 Chapter Meeting Minutes

The OSU Douglas County Master Gardeners chapter meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM on May 30, 2013 by Vice-President **Fred Alley**. Fifty seven members were in attendance. The agenda was accepted as written. The minutes of the April 2013 chapter meeting were approved as written.

**HORTICULTURE AGENT** – At **Vicki McAlister's** suggestion, **Steve Renquist** has scheduled a class on summer pruning, with an emphasis on fruit production and bud formation for future years. It will be on Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Discovery Garden. Steve announced that Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback, OSU's coordinator for the Master Gardeners program, has received tenure from OSU. **Judy Mercer** suggested that we grow pollinator plants for the Plant Sale, along with nesting boxes.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR** – **Vicki McAlister** announced that printed copies of the membership roster, along with OMGA membership cards, are available.

**OMGA REPRESENTATIVE** – See page 8.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – See page 6.

**TREASURER** – See page 7.

**PAST PRESIDENT** -- **Judy Huntley** announced that the annual Awards Banquet will be September 28, 2013. She is soliciting ideas for the main dish.

**VICE PRESIDENT** – **Fred Alley** reported that today's Continuing Education presenter, Cindy Bright-Pierre, may return next year to talk about birds. The May issue of Sunset Magazine has an article about plants that attract bees.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** – **Leo Grass** gave a tour of the Discovery Garden to a group of Head Start kids. He is soliciting ideas and help for the Douglas County Fair, August 7 – 10<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps we can develop a display about native plants and pollinators.

**PLANT CLINIC** – See page X.

**DISCOVERY GARDEN** – **Julie Stanbery** thanked **Randy Briggs** of Cowboy Tree Service for pruning the Doug fir trees at the Discovery Garden. She recognized **Janet Parkerson** and **Karen Glatz** for taking responsibility for irrigation. Volunteers are needed to help weed-whack. **Doug Holloway** removed a lot of trash, including unneeded used pots. **Elva Sellens** has planted the dahlias. **Tasha King** is starting on the rock garden. **Judy Dake** thanked **Sharon Hopkins**, **Betty Bean**, **Jack Wright**

and **Dave Hopkins** for their work in the Children's Garden. **Renee McElhatton** has volunteered to help repair the stepping stones.

**DISCOVERY GARDEN SIGNAGE** – **Jen Bailey** reported that we were awarded a \$500 Extension Educators grant from OMGA, to launch Phase 1, developing signs for the Xericape Garden and a new entry kiosk.

**AWARDS** – **Betty Ison** reported that **Renee McElhatton** has received her 60-hour swinger bar.

**HALLMARK** – **Larry Sutton's** mother has passed away. **Tasha King** reported that **Paula Yingst** has returned home from rehab in Eugene.

**NEWSLETTER** – **Jen Bailey** reminded everyone the deadline for the newsletter is tomorrow. She will be asking for job descriptions from committee heads for the new Policies and Procedure Manual.

**SHOW-AND-TELL** – **Judy Mercer** demonstrated a watering can with a revolving spout, and a handy pair of pruning clippers.

## Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

### INCOME 4/23/13 – 5/30/13

Dues-membership/hardcopy NL/interest/donation	\$15.83
Soil Testing	\$205.00
Plant Sale – Raffle	\$864.25
Plant Sale – Entrance fee	\$2,366.06
Plant Sale – Pre-sale	\$2,300.75
Plant Sale – Event sales	\$19,719.63
Plant Sale – Post-sale	\$739.50
Plant Sale – Vendor booth	\$2,641.00
Compost Tea	\$232.00
Quilt Raffle	\$105.00

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$29,189.02**

### EXPENSES 4/23/13 – 5/30/13

Hospitality/Newsletter Postage	\$93.60
Website Development	\$43.00
DG – Irri/Maint/Water/Xeriscape	\$38.98
HLC – Maint/Toilet Supp	\$89.49
HLC – Victory Garden	\$181.52
Plant Sale – 4H Volunteers	\$199.55
Plant Sale – Electrical	\$820.54
Plant Sale – Supplies & Water	\$207.83

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$1,674.51**

### Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$4,586.97
Money Market – Reserves	\$6,659.10
Money Market	\$35,076.53

**Ending Balance 4/23/13** **\$46,322.60**

## OMGA Report

Rosemary Brinkley, Michelle Harding-Olson

Michelle and I will be attending the OMGA Board Meeting this weekend in Pendleton. We will have lots of information for you next month.

I would encourage you to check out the [www.oregonmastergardeners.org](http://www.oregonmastergardeners.org) website for a Mini-College update. The 30th annual **Gardener's Mini College** is an educational event open to the public, with gardening information suitable for all levels of gardeners. This is your opportunity to learn and share the latest in **Sustainable Gardening** practices with gardeners from all over Oregon. **The Search for Excellence** projects of Master Gardener Chapters will showcase our best and brightest efforts. Leadership day is your chance to learn more about Diversity and Inclusion. Come and be inspired.

The dates are August 7 – 9<sup>th</sup> at OSU. Wednesday's Leadership will be held at CH2m Hill Alumni Center and Thursday and Friday will be held at La Sells Stewart Center.

Conference Deadlines: July 8<sup>th</sup> last date to reserve a room at the Hilton at a discounted rate; July 17, last date to receive an early bird discount for Mini-College; July 26<sup>th</sup> Last date to order tickets to the Banquet; and Aug. 2 On-line and Mail-In registration closes.

Conference Cost:		After July 17
Wednesday only	\$20	\$25
Thursday only	\$38	\$42
Friday only	\$38	\$42
Thursday and Friday	\$76	\$84
All Three Days	\$96	\$109
Banquet	\$38	\$38

### Housing

Dorm: Single \$43.50 a Day  
Double, \$36.50 A Day (breakfast included)

Hilton: \$109 a day, parking is included

Parking \$7.00 a day

## News from the Clinic

Judy Mercer, Plant Clinic Manager

It looks like we are going to have an early and HOT summer and the clinic numbers reflect it. We finished off April with 168 contacts and as of May 30<sup>th</sup> we have had 242 contacts so it's picking up.

I know we are all busy in our gardens but it would be great if you could spend one day a month in the Clinic. We still have a couple of openings in June and several in July so call or stop by and sign up. WE NEED YOU!

I am happy to announce that we have TWO new leaders for Farmers Market; Karolyn Reicks and Carol Bolt. Thanks ladies. We have the first Saturday covered but signups for the rest of the month would be greatly appreciated.

## Kruse Farms Booth ... up and running!

Maureen Benice

The Master Gardener/ Master Food Preserver booth is open at Kruse Farms every Saturday, May 18 – September 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM-12:30PM. Questions about gardening, food preservation and food safety will be addressed (note: not necessarily answered, but definitely taken care of!). Pressure canner gauges will be tested, too.

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, was busier than expected. About 8 gardener questions and 6 food safety questions were handled. Several people are going to bring their pressure canner lids with gauges in for a yearly test.

If you want to sign up for a 4 hour stint at Kruse Farms, please look at the calendar in the Plant Clinic or call me. Always happy to put you to work! You just need to bring your chair, something to drink (they have coffee), a happy face and have on weather appropriate wearing apparel. Easy !!

## Community Outreach

Leo Grass

Douglas County YMCA Healthy Kids Day, Master Gardener Nan Sieck shows up with eight flats of the prettiest Sun Gold tomato plants, and steals the show. Nan handed out the eight inch tall, bright green beauties to each child, replete with care and planting instructions.

Master Gardener Sydney Richardson, aided by MG Lee Chavez conducted a vegetable awareness class for students at Fullerton IV elementary. We've shown two groups of Head Start kids through the Discovery Garden. Our advertising budget may not match the Fast Food giants, but we get a few licks in now and then.

## Western Gardening Hints for June 2013 from OSU Extension

### Planning

- Construct trellises for tomatoes, cucumbers, pole beans, and vining ornamentals.

### Maintenance and Cleanup

- Prune lilacs, forsythia, rhododendrons, and azaleas after blooming.
- Fertilize vegetable garden 1 month after plants emerge by side dressing alongside rows.
- Harvest thinnings from new plantings of lettuce, onion, and chard.
- Pick ripe strawberries regularly to avoid fruit-rotting diseases.
- Use organic mulches to conserve soil moisture in ornamental beds. An inch or two of saw dust, bark dust, or composted leaves will minimize loss of water through evaporation.
- After normal fruit drop of apples, pears and peaches in June, consider thinning the remainder to produce a larger crop of fruit.
- Make sure raised beds receive enough water for plants to avoid drought stress. If a green lawn is desired, make sure lawn areas are receiving adequate water (approximately 0.5 to 1.5 inches per week from June through August). Deep watering less often is more effective than frequent shallow watering. Measure your water use by placing an empty tuna can where your irrigation water lands.
- **Mid-June:** If green lawns are being maintained through the summer, apply 1 lb. nitrogen per 1,000 sq.ft. to lawns.

### Planting/Propagation

- Plant dahlias and gladioli.

### Pest Monitoring and Management

- **First week:** spray cherry trees for cherry fruit fly, as necessary, if fruit is ripening.
- **First week:** spray for codling moth in apple and pear trees, as necessary. Continue use of pheromone traps for insect pest detection.
- Learn to identify beneficial insects and plant some insectary plants (e.g. Alyssum, Phacelia, coriander, candytuft, sunflower, yarrow, dill) to attract them to your garden. Check with local

nurseries for best selections. See PNW 550 (**Encouraging Beneficial Insects in Your Garden**) for more information.

- Monitor azaleas, primroses and other broadleaf ornamentals for adult root weevils. Look for fresh evidence of feeding (notching at leaf edges). Try sticky trap products on plant trunks to trap adult weevils. Protect against damaging the bark by applying the sticky material on a 4-inch wide band of poly sheeting or burlap wrapped around the trunk. Mark plants now and manage root weevils with beneficial nematodes when soil temperatures are above 55°F. If root weevils are a consistent problem, consider removing plants and **choosing resistant varieties**.
- Control garden weeds by pulling, hoeing, or mulching.
- Control aphids on vegetables as needed by hosing off with water or by using insecticidal soap or a registered insecticide.
- Watch for 12-spotted beetles on beans and lettuce and cabbageworms or flea beetles in cole crops (cabbage, broccoli, brussel sprouts). Remove the pests by hand or treat with registered pesticides.
- Spray peas as first pods form, if necessary, to control weevils.
- Birch trees dripping a sticky fluid from their leaves means that aphids are present. Control as needed.
- Use yellow sticky traps to monitor for cherry fruit fly. About 1 week after the first fly is caught, spray cherries at appropriate intervals.
- **Last week:** second spray for codling moth in apple and pear trees, as necessary.
- Continue monitoring blueberry, strawberry, cherry and other plants that produce soft fruits and berries for Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD). If SWD are present, use an integrated and least toxic approach to manage the pests. To learn **how to monitor and manage SWD**.

### Houseplants and Indoor Gardening

- Move houseplants outdoors for cleaning, grooming, repotting and summer growth.

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Newsletter: Deadline for July 2013 newsletter is June 28th. Mail submissions to [jen@skylondaranch.com](mailto:jen@skylondaranch.com).

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OSU Gardening – web site: [extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening), monthly gardening calendar: [extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/calendar](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/calendar), monthly newsletter: [extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/enews](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/enews)

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

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



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