



Douglas County Master Gardeners

May 2014 Newsletter

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Dave Clark – Master Gardener of the Month

Michelle Harding-Olson



I had the great pleasure of visiting Dave Clark and Iva GreyWolf's lovely home the other day and getting to know them both much better. What wonderful people, with another wonderfully interesting life. Have I mentioned before how privileged I feel that you have allowed me a glimpse into your past and present lives, and also allowed me to share those lives with others. My regret is that I cannot interview and write about the entire membership for I am convinced every one of you would astound me.

Dave Clark and I were Trainees together in 2012, but our real connection is with sod. I needed some sod and Dave had purchased sod from All About Quality Sod in Coburg. Although I was reluctant to use a company so far from home Dave highly recommended Herman and his sod. It has proved to be one of the better investments I've ever made. Herman, the owner/grower, not only delivered quality sod but instructed me on how to install it (even though he normally got paid for installing it), and gave

Photo Release Form

Please sign and return the form on the last page to the Plant Clinic, or mail it to Membership Director Ruth Stafford, PO Box 38, Days Creek, OR 97429.

Photography Team

Consider joining the new photo team, to contribute pictures to the newsletter, new web site, etc.

May Calendar

Plant Sale Setup
Fri, May 2, 8:00

Plant Sale
Sat, May 3, 8:00

Photography Team
Wed, May 7, 10:00

MG Luncheon
Mon, May 19, 12:30
Splitz, Ten Down Bowling
(no RSVP needed)

Insect Committee
Mon, May 5, 10:00
Mon, May 19, 10:00

Executive Board
Wed, May 14, 9:00

Diagnostics Group
Wed, May 21, 10:00

Continuing Education :
"Landscaping for Birds"
Thu, May 22, 9:00

Chapter Meeting
Thu, May 22, 10:00

me seed (at no cost) to replace grass when my dog killed it (telling me to keep a bucket of water nearby in the future), and answered question after question whenever I had them. I once thought my fescue was dying from diseases but Herman patiently told me to decrease the water and the grass would fight its own battle, which it did. So it was with great anticipation that I drove up the hillside to Dave's home and viewed his own All About Quality Sod. I wasn't disappointed! He and Iva have six hillside acres in the southern part of Roseburg. They built the garage and a small art studio with guest quarters together, and had modular home delivered to their foundation. They have built terraces and raised beds for veggies, added fruit trees, a peony bed, an iris collection and are working on a Japanese Teahouse and Garden. And they have a spectacular view too.

Dave is originally from Spokane, Washington. His father was in the trades and Dave learned about all things construction from him--while learning about gardening from his grandfather. His grandfather specialized in irises, and Dave currently has about 100 different varieties planted in his iris beds. Dave always loved to sail, and did so as often as he could on the extremely large lakes near his home. In 1979 he left Spokane to be near the ocean. Landing in Anacortes he had a 42 foot sailboat built in Taiwan and lived onboard for fifteen years mostly in Sitka, Alaska. Dave earned his Coast Guard Master's license and did some yacht deliveries. His most interesting delivery was from Florida to California through the Panama Canal. Dave did a little commercial fishing between construction jobs. Dave worked in construction as a carpenter and plumber throughout the northwest with many years in Alaska. He moved to Sitka, Alaska in 1984 and eventually transitioned to working as a Building Inspector with the City of Sitka. Dave retired early to care for Shirley, his wife of thirty years, when she was diagnosed with cancer. Dave and Shirley were able to travel throughout the west in their motorhome before she passed.

Dave met Iva in Sitka. The couple was introduced by mutual friends and Iva tells me her interest was piqued when Dave telephoned her to ask if she'd like to go sailing and whale watching on his boat and afterward attend a 12 course French dinner. Wow! They finally eloped and married in New Zealand 17 years ago in a private garden in Keri Keri

on the north island! Dave and Iva have enjoyed many adventures together including scuba diving in exotic locations, sailing, doing stained glass, and ocean kayaking.

Now, Sitka is a temperate rainforest receiving 100 inches of rain per year, and as a result Dave thought often of a place with less rain and a longer growing season. Starting with Corvallis and ending with Klamath Falls he began to scour the Internet looking for the perfect spot with plenty of sunshine, minimal wind and adequate rainfall. When he finally found Roseburg he checked and double checked the rainfall...it was a lot less than Sitka! Roseburg became their new home.

Years ago Dave began Alaska's Master Gardener Program but was unable to complete it. Since Alaska has no garden bugs, Dave knew he needed help surviving Oregon's predatory creatures and he remembered the Master Gardener Program. He was hesitant to apply knowing his hearing loss from construction noise might affect him in the Plant Clinic; telephones are particularly difficult since he relies on his ability to read lips to function optimally. When Judy Mercer heard he might not apply because of our Plant Clinic requirement, true to form, she convinced him he could do it and we are glad she did! Dave has been a mentor for two years, worked with the Insect Committee and is currently fixing the irrigation in our Victory Garden. Dave is going to be leading the 2015 Plant Sale Transportation Committee. He is being mentored by Richard Johnstone this year. Dave is always ready to volunteer and offer his expertise, and he is a constant presence at our meetings and events. I hope you admire his dedicated tenacity as much as I do. Gardeners meet Dave Clark.



Discovery Garden Entry Sign

Installed April 15, 2014



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Discovery Garden

To Inspire and Educate the Public

Welcome to Our Garden!

The Discovery Garden was established in 1999 by OSU Extension Douglas County Master Gardeners. Our goal is to enhance and preserve the beauty and quality of the environment by using sustainable gardening practices, and to inspire and educate others.

A variety of ecologically-sound management practices are displayed, including waterwise (xeric) gardening, mulching, composting, pruning and recycling.

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The Discovery Garden is regularly maintained and improved by Master Gardener volunteers and donations from the community.

Oregon State University Extension Master Gardeners offer research-based instruction and help with home gardening practices through the Plant Clinic, which is located at the OSU Extension Office.

To learn more about our organization and how to become a Master Gardener, visit our website www.DouglasCountyMG.org or contact the Extension Office at 541-672-4461.

The Discovery Garden is open 7 days a week from dawn to dusk. Please close the gates when entering and exiting.

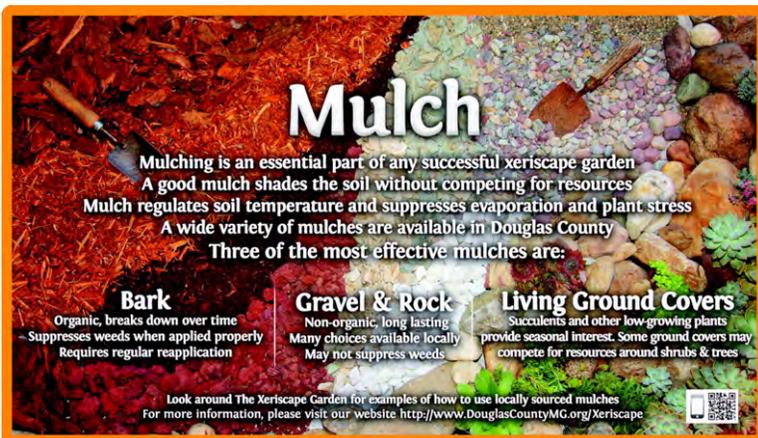
Discovery Garden Educational Signage Phase 1 is Done!

Jen Bailey, Signage Committee Co-Chair

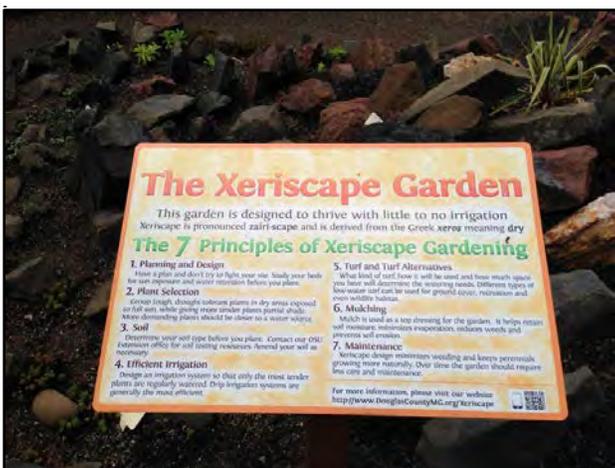
The installation of the new entry sign at the Discovery Garden on April 15th marks the completion of Phase 1 of the signage project. The two new signs in the Xeriscape Garden had already been installed on January 14th. I want to thank everyone who contributed to this project over the past year.

Steve Renquist provided the vision for the signage project, articulating how such signs would increase the educational effectiveness of the Discovery Garden. He has been a constant supporter, involved every step of the way. He and then-President Larry Sutton helped me secure the primary funding for Phase 1 from two OMGA grant awards, the Extension Educator Grant (\$500) and the Karl Carlson Memorial Fund (\$250). As Discovery Garden Coordinator, Julie Stanbery has of course been closely involved in this project from the start.

My Co-Chair Karen Glatz has done the brunt of the work here – I so appreciate her patience with me. She researched the sign materials, selected the vendor (Sign Xpress in Roseburg), had custom brackets made, prepares the graphics files, etc., etc, etc. Karen was our Outstanding New Apprentice Master Gardener of 2013. Her work on the signage project has been outstanding.



The Xeriscape Garden was the perfect garden for Phase 1. The Dream Team of Debbie Hesseltine, Eileen Kelley, Geoff Puryear and Cameron Hill researched and designed the Xeriscaping Principles and the Mulch signs. Geoff donated his graphic arts talent to produce some excellent work for us. Note the detail in the Mulch sign. The background is of all the kinds of mulches sold by the Douglas County Farmers Coop. Geoff created this tableau on his living room floor, and then photographed it.



Photos by Nathan Baily.
Photo on page 5 by Fred Alley.

Geoff also designed the new map for the Discovery Garden, featured on the entry sign. He used Google Earth (what a cool idea!) to painstakingly get the details of the various beds just right. The map will be used on the new web site, in a new Discovery Garden brochure, and elsewhere. In fact, Julie Stanbery just used the map today to plan this summer's irrigation. Karen Glatz took over the map from Geoff to make the final tweaks, so contact her if you need a copy of the map. Thanks, Geoff!

A number of folks contributed to the entry sign, including Nathan Baily, Bonnie Courter, Karen Glatz, Debbie Hesselstine, Sharon Hopkins, Betty Ison, Eileen Kelley, Geoff Puryear, Steve Renquist, Julie Stanbery and myself.

Our very own artist Sharon designed the entry sign, with the arched top and double wooden posts. She also consulted closely on the development of the map and layout of the sign. Both Geoff and Karen worked on the graphics for the sign, going through multiple rounds of review with the rest of the team. Julie Stanbery and Betty Ison, in particular, gave lots of input. Bonnie Courter helped with the final wording of the text.

Thanks also to the Garden Heads, who patiently sat through multiple meetings where we asked them to pick colors and logos to represent their gardens on the new map. We ultimately abandoned that design concept, but not until we put a lot of hours into it.



Nathan figured out how to match up the new sign posts with the existing gate post, to help stabilize it. The gate is extremely heavy and the post was alarmingly loose. He still plans to add a wheel to the gate. Nathan designed and constructed the framing/bracing system for the sign.

Nathan, Steve, Karen and I were rather dreading Installation Day (April 15th, a common day of dread!). We were prepared to do battle with compacted clay and tree roots. Instead, Paul Waldow brought his auger, and Ray Warren and Gale Robinson showed up to help. Wow, what a crew! Thanks, guys.

Phase 1 was a "proof of concept" for the signage project. It's definitely a success! We're now proceeding with signs for the rest of the Discovery Garden. Our approach is to work with each Garden Head and their team to develop the kind of signs they wish. Karen has already designed a sign for Steve's Pruning Garden. [We actually installed it on the 15th as well – picture to come in the next issue of the newsletter.] She is currently working with the Butterfly Garden team on the first sign for their garden.

We'd love to get more help with this project. Graphic design experience would be especially appreciated! Also help with research and writing. Have an idea for a sign on a particular topic? Want to give input on new signs under development? Let Karen and me know.

Home Orchard IPM Ideas for Apples and Pears 2014

Steve Renquist

OSU Extension Horticultural Agent

Over the past few years we have heard about beneficial insects like honey bees, and bumble bees being killed by pesticides or poor management practices. What home orchardists need to be working toward is a pest control strategy that hits the bad guys pretty hard but leaves the secondary pests and the predators alone, while being softer on the environment and the homeowner. Today, we have some effective new tools and new IPM based management systems that integrate lots of control practices without the negative impacts.

Most home orchardists in Douglas County have apple and pear trees because they grow well here on a wide variety of soil types, and are not as frost sensitive as some of the stone fruit that bloom very early. Generally the only real difficulty in growing nice apples and pears is controlling codling moth and apple scab. If you follow just a few timely steps this season you should be successful in producing nice quality fruit.

During the growing season you will want to have a pheromone trap in one of your trees to attract codling moths. Traps can be ordered through me or gotten at the local farm stores. Traps should include a pheromone lure that lasts about eight weeks. This lure will need to be put out in the trap the last week of April, and replaced with a second lure at the end of June. These two lures will cover the codling moth season until the end of August. Using the traps is not a stand-alone control but it will improve the timing of your sprays.

Your first apple scab spray will go on when the petals have fallen from the flowers and bees are not visiting the tree anymore. You can use a variety of fungicides but Captan and Immunox are two products that come in small homeowner sized containers that work well. You will want to make your first codling moth spray when you get over 5 moths in your trap in one week. That first spray usually happens near the end of April or the first few days of May. The first spray should be one of the low toxicity products that are now available for homeowners. Spinosad is one product that works



Maureen Benice caught Gale Robinson and our mascot Annie hard at work and play in the Discovery Garden. Join the new Photography Team to contribute photos to this newsletter. See Fred's report on page 8 for more information.

well. Delegate is another spinosyn that does a very good job but it may be difficult to find in a homeowner sized container.

Keep monitoring your pheromone trap on a weekly basis to see when you get another 5 codling moth in one week. When it comes be prepared to shift your control to a codling moth virus product called Cyd-X. This product is a biological pesticide. It contains a virus that kills the larvae. Switching products to one with a different mode of action makes it very difficult for the insect population to develop resistance to your pesticide. If you need additional sprays during the summer go back to the first product and keep alternating. Other products can be worked into the codling moth spray rotation if desired. Horticultural oil, and Surround a Kaolin clay product are both organic products that control codling moth.

A second fungicide spray will only be needed if May is a wet month. Most homeowner fungicides will give your trees about two weeks of protection. When rains stop in June you do not need to use additional fungicides.

I have found that I get about 1-2% damage in apples and less than 1% damage in pears when using this system at my home. Other steps you could add to a home orchard program would be to use a tangle-foot ring of sticky material around the tree trunks to stop the larvae from making it back to the ground to pupate. Putting a cardboard collar around the trunk will also work to reduce populations. The larvae crawl to the cardboard and pupate. You can remove the cardboard and kill the pupae periodically during the summer. You can also use a dormant oil or supreme oil in winter to kill insect eggs in the tree along with your winter fungicide. Cleaning up fruit drops when they occur will also reduce pest populations.

Another possible step in this system includes using a fall or spring spray of parasitic nematodes when the tree trunk is wet from a rain and the temperature is still in the 60's. The nematodes will attack over-wintering codling moth larvae that are hiding in the tree bark crevices.

Give this program a try if you have apples and pears and I think you will like the results. Remember to combine this program with a few fungicide sprays during dormancy and in the spring and early

summer until rains cease in June. Do a good job of pruning to open your tree to light and air movement to aid disease control. This will also help your sprays get on target. And thin your fruit to singles to minimize worm pest.

Remember to follow my weekly pest advisory alert that I post on the <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas> website. Just look under Horticulture for the link.

Marathon finish line rapidly approaching....

Barbara Robinson, Sharon Hopkins

As you read this, the countdown to our Plant and Garden Expo has dwindled to less than a week. Master Gardener pre-sales have been held. Greenhouse workers are feverishly working to have all ready to ship to the fairgrounds on Friday morning.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, here are a few last minute reminders:

- Workers arrive @ fairgrounds 8 a.m. sharp Friday AND Saturday **unless** your committee chair has designated otherwise.
- Wear your name tag. You CANNOT work without it.
- No potluck on Friday. Drinks provided. Saturday bring potluck item for either breakfast or lunch.
- Remember our garden-themed hat contest. Put your imagination to work!
- Wear your biggest smile AND comfortable shoes!

If you have not signed up for a committee, simply show up and we will assign you to the job of your dreams!

Questions? Contact your committee chair, Sharon or Barbara.

Vice President's Report

Fred Alley

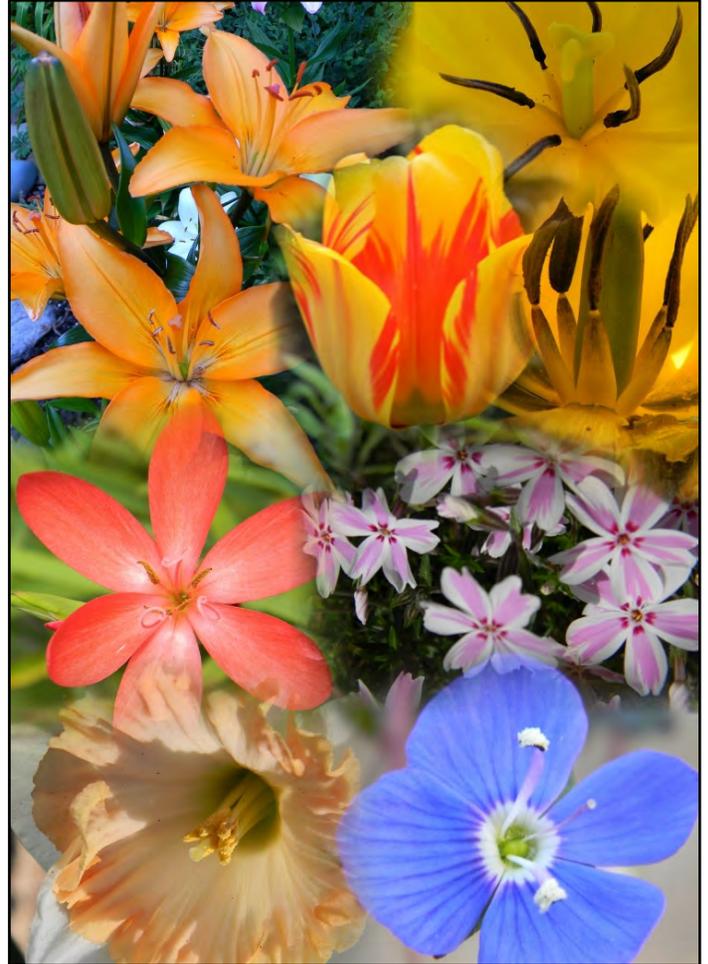
Our Continuing Education Program Series will end this May. During June, July and August, the program is suspended. During these months our monthly chapter meetings will be hosted by Master Gardeners at their homes. We have three Master Gardeners who have already stepped forward, offering their homes as host sites. I will announce those sites at the May Chapter meeting. As we get closer to each meeting I will send detailed information, directions, etc. by email.

For those of you who were not at the April 24th Continuing Education Program, you missed an excellent presentation by Master Gardener Joe Yetter on "*Composting*". He has a well-tuned power point presentation and with his added sense of humor and highly technical knowledge, he makes Composting sound irresistible.

I'm pleased to report we will have yet another excellent presentation at our May 24th Continuing Education Program. Cindy K. Bright, Restoration Biologist with the US Fish & Wildlife (Roseburg Field Office) and Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District, will be giving a presentation on "*Landscaping for Birds*". You might recall Cindy's presentation last May on "*Attracting the native bee to your Garden*". I received so many great compliments on that presentation and I suspect the same on the "*Landscaping for Birds*". Please plan to attend the continuing education program. Remember, too, that the program is open to the public, so please feel free to bring a friend.

Several Master Gardeners have volunteered to assist in the establishment of our "Master Gardener Photography Team". We met last week and plan our second meeting for May 7th at 10:00am in the OSU Annex Kitchen. Anyone interesting in assisting or participating in the meeting is welcome to attend. Our focus is: 1) selecting a Chair and Program Administrator 2) selecting a specific Photo Depository Program, 3) developing a preliminary budget and 4) tying in the Team's product in the our Web Page. One of the things we discussed is also encouraging our members to sign a Personal Release Photo Release form. The form is available in the Plant Clinic. Most of our newer members

have already signed the form. It's the more seasoned veteran Master Gardeners whom we encourage to stop in at the Plant Clinic and sign one of the forms. You can also print out the form on page 15 of this newsletter. The forms are kept on file in Steve Renquist's office.



Lastly, many of you see me carrying my camera with me at many MG events and particularly at the Discovery Garden. I have enjoyed photography for many years and I particularly enjoy taking landscape settings. As I visit the Garden, I'm always snapping photos, sometimes asking you to pose as well. One of the photos in this report highlights some of the work crews and the other highlights many of the plants/flowers. The Discovery Garden is really a showcase and I'm absolutely amazed with the amount and quality of work performed by a volunteer Master Gardeners. Great job.



Western Oregon Gardening Hints for May 2014 from OSU Extension

Planning

- Prepare and prime irrigation system for summer.
- Use a soil thermometer to help you know when to plant vegetables. Wait until the soil is consistently above 70 degrees Fahrenheit to plant tomatoes, squash, melons, peppers and eggplant.
- Place pheromone traps in apple trees to detect presence of codling moth. Plan a control program of sprays, baits, or predators when moths are found.

Maintenance and Clean Up

- If needed, fertilize rhododendrons and azaleas with acid-type fertilizer. If established and healthy, their nutrient needs should be minimal. Remove spent blossoms.
- When selecting new roses, choose plants labeled for resistance to diseases. Fertilize roses and control rose diseases such as mildew with a registered fungicide.

Planting/Propagation

- Plant dahlias, gladioli, and tuberous begonias in mid-May.
- Plant chrysanthemums for fall color.
- Plant these vegetables (dates vary locally; check with local gardeners):

Mid-May, transplant tomato and pepper seedlings. Snap and lima beans, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, slicing and pickling cucumbers, dill, eggplant, kale, peppers, pumpkins, summer and winter squash, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, and watermelon.

Pest Monitoring and Management

- If an unknown plant problem occurs, contact your local Master Gardener hotline or plant clinic, for identification and future management options.
- Monitor blueberry, raspberry, strawberry and other plants that produce soft fruits and berries for Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD). To learn how to monitor for SWD flies and larval infestations in fruit, visit: <http://bit.ly/SWDmonitor>
- 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.
- Trap moles and gophers as new mounds appear.
- Leafrolling worms may affect apples and blueberries. Prune off and destroy affected leaves.
- Monitor aphids on strawberries and ornamentals. If present, control options include washing off with water, hand removal, or using registered insecticides labeled for the problem plant. Read and follow all label directions prior to using insecticides. Promoting natural enemies (predators and parasitoids that eat or kill insects) is a longer term solution for insect control in gardens.
- Spittle bugs may appear on ornamental plants as foam on stems. In most cases, they don't require management. If desired, wash off with water or use insecticidal soap as a contact spray. Read and follow label directions when using insecticides, including insecticidal soap.
- Control cabbage worms in cabbage and cauliflower, 12-spotted cucumber beetles in beans and lettuce and maggots in radishes. Control can involve hand removal, placing barrier screen over newly planted rows, or spraying or dusting with registered pesticides, labeled for use on the problem plant. Read and follow label directions when using insecticides.

- Tiny holes in foliage and shiny, black beetles on tomato, beets, radishes and potato indicate flea beetle attack. Treat with Neem, *Bt-s*, or use nematodes for larvae. Read and follow label directions when using insecticides.
- Prevent root maggots when planting cole crops (cabbage, broccoli, collards and kale) by covering with row covers or screens, or by applying appropriate insecticides.
- Monitor rhododendrons, 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 with beneficial nematodes when soil temperatures are above 55 degrees Fahrenheit. If root weevils are a consistent problem, consider removing plants and choosing resistant varieties: <http://bit.ly/oDOScK>
- Control slugs with bait or traps and by removing or mowing vegetation near garden plots.

News from the Plant Clinic

Chris Rusch

The Plant Clinic has been busy this month with the training of our new students from the 2014 class. So far all students have completed the 2 days of required training and are on their way to completing the requirement for 36 volunteer hours in the plant clinic. The 2014 training team this year is Leo Grass, Kay Rogers, Karolyn Riecks, Judy Mercer and Chris Rusch. Kay and Karolyn are moving on to new assignments soon. Thanks to you both for your terrific contribution to the clinic's training program. Any new volunteers interested in joining the training team should contact Chris Rusch.

Veterans are needed to volunteer at the clinic as the summer months approach!

The statistics so far for 2014 are 232 visitors to the plant clinic. Questions were diverse, ranging from orchard maintenance to weed identification. We are hoping to increase our visitor participation for 2014. The plant clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County.

If you are in town, stop by the clinic and say hi to our new students.

Treasurer's Report

Vicki McAlister

INCOME 3/19/14 – 4/23/14

Contributions/Interest	\$353.97
Dues-Membership/Hardcopy	
Newsletter	\$111.75
Soil Testing	\$120.00
Plant Sale – Pre-Sale/Vendor Booth	\$689.80
Trash to Treasures	\$2,957.60
T-Shirt Sales	\$977.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,210.12

EXPENSES 3/19/14 – 4/23/14

Mgmt&Gen - Bank	
Charge/Hospitality/	
4-H donation	\$129.85
Mgmt&Gen – OMGA Dues	\$1,575.00
PSP Expense – Newsletter Postage	\$17.15
Disc Garden – Entry/Mulch/Signage/	
Xeriscape	\$674.48
HLC – Greenhouse Supplies/Maint	-\$19.56
Plant Sale – Advertising/Water	\$618.87
T2T – Advertising	\$34.97
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,030.76

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$5,102.15
Money Market – Reserves	\$7,659.10
Money Market	\$14,091.63

Ending Balance 4/23/14 **\$26,852.88**

2014 Douglas County Master Gardener Trainees



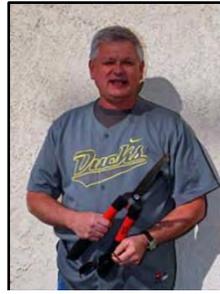
Liz Akin



Roberta Becker



Rachel Billings



Doug Branch



Lynne Branch



Ivor Chapman



Kish Doyle



Bonnie Durick



Denise Fennell



Sandy Grindle



Kathy Hart



Steve Hart



Duke Hayes



Rebecca Ibarra



John Jasper



Les Karcher



Jan Kirchner



Dustin Looney



Marsha McLain



Samantha Monohon



Ken Rhodes



Jim Rogers



Sarah Smyth



Kristin Stopen



June Taylor



Beckie Thaler



Anne Wickersham



Anita Yager



Peggy Yoder

April 2014

Chapter Meeting Minutes

The OSU Douglas County Master Gardeners Chapter meeting was called to order at 10:10 on April 24, 2014 by President **Michelle Harding-Olson**. The Minutes of the March 2014 Chapter meeting were approved as written.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – Ruth Stafford reported dues are still trickling in. The new roster is published and is available in the Plant Clinic. A new column has been added to the roster. The “Photo Release” column will have a YES if the member has signed the form giving permission to use their picture in any Master Gardener publication. The release form is available on a clipboard in the Plant Clinic. New rosters are also in the clinic with changes and additions highlighted in yellow.

OMGA REPRESENTATIVE – Rosemary Brinkley announced enrollment for **OMGA** Mini-College begins April 30th. The website is quite comprehensive and user friendly. Enrollment cost is \$37.50 per day, this includes lunch. There will be additional charges for tours, the awards banquet, lodging, etc. The awards banquet is scheduled for Friday night.

Rosemary is in charge of the Raffle for the Plant Sale. They still need items to raffle. Please contact Rosemary if you have any items to donate. Donations need to be in by Friday, May 2nd.

HORTICULTURE AGENT – Steve Renquist asks we remember to take care of our backs during the upcoming Plant Sale, take your time, lift properly, and get help for heavy items. His final advice: “Be safe out there, people!”

TREASURER – Vicki McAlister presented the Treasurer’s Report.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Fred Alley thanked Joe Yetter for his informative presentation on Composting. He mentioned the Photography Team had their first meeting and need a Chairperson. The team is now looking for a photo depository program. The next meeting of the group will be May 7th and he will send out an email announcement. He has submitted 2 photo collages that will be printed in the upcoming Newsletter. **Fred** said the Discovery

Garden is beautiful right now and photogenic and encourages members to take pictures of it. The May CE Program is still pending and he will send an email out when finalized.

SECRETARY – Janet Parkerson was not in attendance, **Michelle** thanked **Valerie Call** for assuming secretarial duties.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Leo Grass commented he has been teaching children quite a bit lately. He suspects there will be a huge increase in the number of Master Gardeners in about 30 years, due to the exposure to gardening the children are getting now. He really enjoys the children. This past month, he took a group of Head Start children to the YMCA Healthy Kids Day.

There will be a new Community Garden called New Leaf Farm. They are looking for Master Gardener volunteers to assist them establish this garden. They have 300 fruit trees already. This would be a good opportunity for some of the trainees to get their hours completed.

KRUSE FARMS – Ann Bacon (Wickersham) is the new Kruse Farms Coordinator. The new season begins May 17th. They need at least one Veteran Master Gardener and one Trainee each Saturday from 8:45 to about 12:30. The Sign-up Calendar has been combined with the Plant Clinic’s calendar and can be found in the Plant Clinic. **Ann** will have an introductory meeting at **Maureen Benice’s** house on May 8th at 10:30 am for those who have signed up. There are plenty of openings left.

PLANT CLINIC - Chris Rusch stated the Plant Clinic has serviced 232 clients so far this year, with 68 clients this month. This is just about the same amount as last year. Next year, there will be two openings in the Plant Clinic training team. If anyone is interested in joining the team, please contact **Chris or Steve**.

DISCOVERY GARDEN – Julie Stanbery reported that a nice group of volunteers continued the cleanup work at the Discovery Garden. She thanked **Denise Fennell** and **Gale Robinson** for spreading chips in the Discovery Garden, including the entire orchard. **Julie** also announced that she has had a great response for her request for people interested in joining the Irrigation team at the

Discovery Garden this year. She knows this will especially please **Janet Parkerson**.

AWARDS – Betty Ison had nothing to report

PUBLICITY – Bonnie Courter said Plant Sale lawn signs will be available after the meeting or for pick up in the Plant Clinic during the week. She encouraged everyone to check out signs. A sign-up sheet will also be left in the Plant Clinic. Do not display signs until Sunday, April 27th. She reminded members not to place signs in landscaped grass areas, as they tend to get damaged when grass is mowed. Please remove them Sunday after the Plant Sale. Return all signs to the Plant Clinic.

HALLMARK – Linda Thames reported we have lost two members, **Keith Christopherson** and **Jim Heath**. She also said **Joni Leet** still needs help at her place while she recovers from her broken femur. She is still in a rehab facility. Some volunteers have weeded, but there is still more work to be done. **Debbie Hesseltine** had surgery and was sent a card.

PLANT SALE – Barbara Robinson and Sharon Hopkins announced black t-shirts and caps are available for pick-up after the meeting or in the Plant Clinic. Names will be on whatever you ordered. Do not take the order if you have not paid yet. **Barbara** also requested members wear their Master Gardener apparel to the Plant Sale. Also, volunteers **MUST** wear their badges in order to work. Don't forget the Hat Contest too, members will vote on their two favorite hats. A ballot box will be placed near the eating area. Please park across the street and not adjacent to the building. We will once again collect for UCAN and a box will be placed near the entrance, there is no discount for bringing a donation. There are two ATMs one in Douglas Hall and one in the building adjacent to the entry. The Gem/Mineral show next door will have a food vendor and does not charge admission; you can direct the public there if asked.

Pre-Sale is today, April 24th and Sunday, April 26th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. **Sharon & Barb** reminded members to take advantage of the pre-sale because they cannot make any purchases until after 3:00 pm on the day of the Sale. These details will be printed in the April Newsletter.

Richard Johnstone requested help after the meeting with materials that need to be retrieved from upstairs and brought to his car. The transportation committee needs a few more covered vehicles to transport plants on Friday, be at the Greenhouse between 9:30-10:00am. Setup at the Plant Sale will begin about 7:00am. Vendor booths are sold out, they will be setting up on Friday and he asked we not interfere with their efforts as they are an integral part of Plant Sale success. He also requested help out at the greenhouse after the sale. The first loads will arrive about 4:30.

Linda Thames will be running the kitchen for us this year. Members are reminded to bring a dish for the breakfast or lunch potluck. Utensils will be provided. Ingredient cards were emailed to members and can also be picked up at the Plant Clinic. These are used to identify common allergens.

Barbara mentioned all volunteers should have been contacted by their committee leader with details and instructions.

NEWSLETTER – Jen Bailey reminded everyone the deadline for submission is Friday.

PRESIDENT - Michelle Harding-Olson said the Policy and Procedures Manual will be ready next month. The program received two new PNW manuals from OMGA. The master one is in the Plant Clinic and the other at Kruse Farms. She sent a thank you to OMGA from the Chapter. The Chapter gave the 4H Program \$80.00 in scholarship funds. We were asked to provide an action item to the 4H Fundraiser and donated one Garden Journal. Four Garden Journals have been donated to Mini-College for the auction. These along with fifty brochures have been given to Rosemary. The entrance sign is now installed in the Discovery Garden. It is spectacular! We will be landscaping the area around it. A Pruning sign is next along with signs for the Hummingbird and Butterfly Gardens.

Colored T-shirts will be available at the Plant Sale and if received before, in the Plant Clinic.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

SHOW-AND-TELL – None.



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