



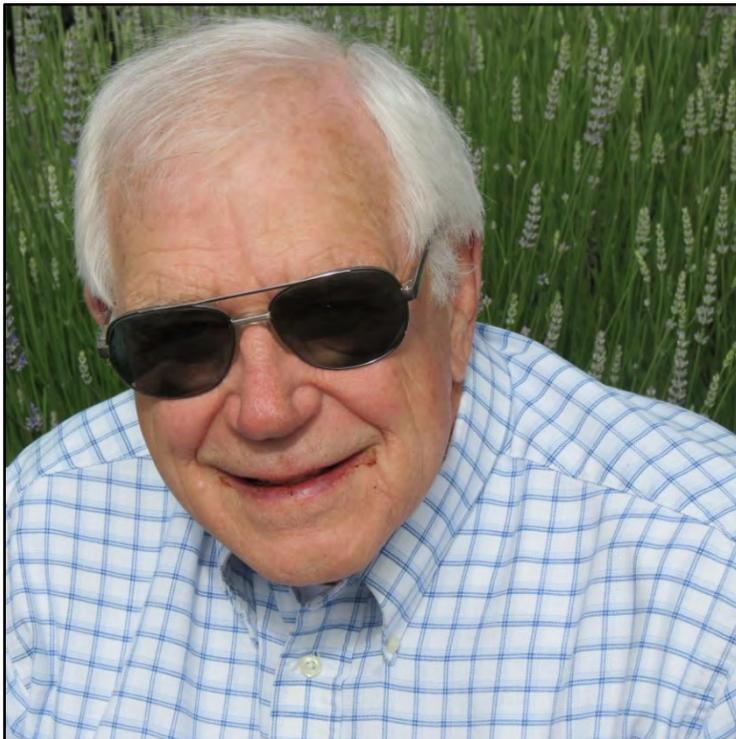
Douglas County Master Gardeners

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Richard Johnstone Master Gardener of the Month

Michelle Harding-Olson



Richard Johnstone is a humble man whose impact is so much greater than that word leads us to believe, for he is also kind and generous and calm and honest and direct and hardworking...and I could go on and on, as many of you could because you know him better than I. And I must say too, that I am partial to people who enjoy breakfast at noon like I do; Thank You again for that Richard.

Richard was born in Portland in 1933 (do the math = amazing). A true Oregonian, he has lived his entire life in Oregon as his grandfather and father before him. His father was a country doctor and his mother a housewife who hung up their shingle in St. Helens shortly after Richard was born. However, Richard's grandfather was a farmer and Richard and his two siblings spent their summers on the farm. His parents, when Richard was around the age of 13, bought a farm themselves in Albany, Oregon

June 2014 Calendar

- Mon, June 2, 10:00 - noon
Insect Committee
- Tue, June 3, 9:00 - noon
HLC work crews
- Wed, June 4, 10:00 - noon
Herb Garden
- Tue, June 10, 9:00 - noon
HLC work crews
- Wed, June 11, 9:00 – 10:30
Executive Board
- Mon, June 16, 10:00 - noon
Insect Committee
- Tue, June 17, 9:00 - noon
HLC work crews
- Wed, June 18, 10:00 - noon
Diagnostics Group
- Wed, June 18, 10:00 - noon
Herb Garden
- Tue, June 24, 9:00 - noon
HLC work crews
- Thu, June 26, 10:00 – noon
Chapter Meeting
Ivor Chapman's home

Plant sales will continue throughout the summer for Master Gardeners on Tuesday mornings at the greenhouses.

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Spotted Wing
Drosophila Update
from Steve Renquist**

and Richard found himself involved in 4H. His 4H Projects included Jersey dairy cows, pigs and sheep. Now running around after those animals must have influenced Richard's wilder side, and he confessed to being a bit of a wild child until his 99 pound wife threatened to beat him up if he didn't straighten out. Thankfully for us, he did. He met Kathryn in high school and married her in 1951, shortly after they graduated. They have four children, five grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren, and I suspect this has helped keep Richard on the straight and narrow too. Kathryn somehow managed to become a nurse while running around after all of them (no wonder she was 99 pounds)!

Richard went to work in a slaughter house and then decided life might be better if he went back to school, so he enrolled in Pre-Vet Medicine at OSU and was accepted to Veterinary School at Washington State University-Pullman. His wife and kids, however, remained in Albany and eventually the distance became too much, he decided to pursue a career in the Wholesale Food Industry instead, this was around 1957. In 1969, his wild side emerged again, and Richard decided he wanted to save the world; he went back to school and became a teacher. Richard, once again, found himself running around after sheep and goats, this time for OSU, as he worked to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Biology and then a Master's Degree in Guidance Counseling.

His first teaching job was in Elmira, Oregon, then, after completing his Administration Certificate at the University of Oregon, he accepted a job at Brookings High School. Richard spent ten years in Brookings, starting out as a Counselor, then Vice Principal, and finally as Principal of the Junior High School there. Eventually he was lured to Glendale, Oregon by their Superintendent and became the Principal for Glendale High School, a position from which he retired from in 1995. Still believing he could save the world Richard then became the Mayor of Glendale. In 1998 he and Kathryn decided Glendale was too far from services, so they moved to Roseburg and bought a home just north of downtown. One day, quite innocently, Richard brought a specimen he needed identifying into the Plant Clinic and the rest is MG history. Graduating in 2000 Richard has worked in so many ways to make our program what it is today. Many years ago, he and several other MGs moved our newer Greenhouses from a donator's site

and built their infrastructure, and he continues to build, and to install our electrical and water supplies today. Little did he know, the shepherding skills he learned in 4H and teaching would serve him/us so well as Director of Transportation for the Plant Sale. He has stepped down after 10 years in order to stay close to home and care for Kathryn who needs him now. We hope he will have more time for his woodworking and fishing hobbies, and I encourage you whenever you do see him, to tell him how much we appreciate his efforts over the years. Gardeners meet Richard Johnstone.



Many thanks to Richard Johnstone, John Denny, Gale Robinson and Dave Clark for the new water line to the Victory Garden, which they installed in record time. This allows the Victory Garden crew to wash off produce before delivering it to UCAN. Photo by Barbara Robinson.

Spotted Wing Drosophila Update in 2014

Steve Renquist, OSU Extension Horticultural Agent

In 2009 OSU Extension joined with WSU and UC Berkeley to get a major grant from USDA to study the Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD), and develop effective controls. Amy Dreves and Vaughn Walton from OSU have been heading up the research effort in Oregon. Amy and Vaughn have met with a large number of growers and gardeners advising them about their ongoing research findings and hearing back what farmers are seeing in the field.

In 2010 the SWD was present in most crop producing areas of the state, however the insect pest did not cause much crop damage. In 2011 the SWD started to do some serious damage to commercial berry and cherry crops that were not protected. In 2012 the SWD threat is being taken more seriously by commercial producers who are doing a better job of controlling the pest. However, many of the small farmers and homeowners who have not attended educational programs or read about the pest are suffering large losses this year. In 2013 SWD put a huge amount of pressure on berry and cherry crops. Large farmers found it necessary to apply pesticides as many as 6-8 times from first color to the last pick. Small farmers and homeowners who did not have a spray program became frustrated by the total loss of their fruit crops. The smaller growers who applied 1-2 sprays and picked their crops regularly did a pretty good job of restricting crop damage.

In 2012 and 2013 SWD trap counts started out high from late winter into spring because of the mild winter we had with very few hard freezes. Because the SWD caused crop damage in 2011 to commercial growers, they have been focused on good control methods and have been well prepared to protect their crops. Most commercial growers now understand that these insects are relatively easy to control but you have to be prepared by monitoring your crop areas with vinegar traps and applying controls in a timely manner. The sharp cold outbreak during December of 2013 saw temperatures drop below zero in areas around Eugene and Medford. In Douglas County temperatures hit the low teens. This cold outbreak seems to have eliminated most of the overwintering females. Early trapping in 2014 has shown almost no trap catches.

Remember the controls for SWD are readily available at local stores and include low toxicity products like Spinosad, and Malathion. Monitoring the pests continue to be done with plastic cups, vinegar, wine or baking yeast mixtures. Small farmers and homeowners just need to learn the control routine and use these locally available products. Several companies are close to having a new lure that will make trapping and monitoring a little easier and effective, especially when the fruit is getting ripe. These new lures seem to be able to draw SWD to the traps, competing well with the fruit.

What else have we learned about these pests this year? Once again that key time is when your fruit crop gets full sized and starts to color. Don't wait until the crop is ripe and ready to harvest or the insect will have already laid eggs in the fruit. 2014 has been a very mild, dry year since January. This has allowed all our fruit crops to break bud early and to develop rapidly. Most berry crops and cherry crops are 2-3 weeks ahead of normal development stages for this time of year. This will give all crops a break from the early season SWD pressure of the past three years. Last year early season crops like strawberries, cherries, and early blueberries were all under pressure by early June. So this year put your vinegar traps out, monitor them, and as fruit sizes and starts to color, give them one spray if there are SWD in your traps. You may be able to harvest the earliest fruit this year with no spray, but don't assume you can go all season without a spray. Remember once the fruit starts to ripen, the vinegar traps don't attract the pests very well. I would recommend picking early fruit, then making a spray. Wait at least 7 days before you pick again with Spinosad, and at least 1 day with Malathion to meet the legal pre-harvest interval (PHI). These products generally give you 10 days without pest problems given light pest pressure. That will be the time to make your big pick once you meet the PHI.

We are also recommending that when you are done harvesting fruit, if there are residual fruit still in the trees or bushes or on the ground you should either clean them up by hand or apply a second spray. This can be especially important if you have other fruit crops developing in the same yard or vicinity.

Thank You to Plant Sale Workers

Barbara Robinson and Sharon Hopkins, Plant Sale Co-Chairs

Here's to all volunteers, those dedicated people who believe in all work and no pay.

~ Robert Orben

This quote could definitely be included right up front in our policies and procedures manual! *Those who are not in agreement need not apply!* Seriously though, the camaraderie and satisfaction of working toward a common goal is all most of us need to feel valued.

Our Plant and Garden Expo was once again a huge success due to the effort of many. We especially want to give credit and thanks to our greenhouse coordinators, Gloria Amorde and Tasha King. Their dedication, endless hours of work, and coordination of work crews are essential in providing us with top notch, quality inventory for our sale. Remember to thank them next time you see them or shoot them an email.

There are so many people to thank, from each MG volunteer to our FANTASTIC 4-H helpers, to the vendors.





Photos by Maureen Benice and Marsha McLain

Vice President's Report

Fred Alley



The May 29, 2014 Continuing Education Program by City Bright-Pierre on "Creating Bird Habitat in Your Backyard" was the last of the 2014 Continuing Education series. Cindy is a Restoration Biologist for the Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District and for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service, and announced at our May meeting she has accepted a new position with the BLM. We were again pleased with her presentation. It is obvious from your presentation that she is indeed a self-proclaimed bird nerd. While I was listening to Cindy and viewing her slides for bird habitat, I couldn't help thing about the special bird house I designed for my backyard, placing it 34 feet high atop a dead River Ash (*pictured on left*). From the ice and snow hanging from the bird house, one can imagine why the birds fly south for the winter. Cindy will be sending me information from her presentation and I will forward it on to our MG members. Last year, Cindy made a presentation on the "Native Bee", which was very interesting. We thank Cindy for her presentations, look forward to her joining us next year, and lastly wish her success in her new position with the BLM.

During June, July and August, the Continuing Education Program is suspended and replaced with our Monthly Chapter meetings being hosted by selected Master Gardeners at their homes. I have confirmed June and July sites, but need a volunteer for the August meeting:

- June - Ivor Chapman - 2018 Del Rio Rd, Roseburg
- July - Janet Bitter - 581 Quail Lane, Roseburg
- August - open

At least one week prior to each of the chapter meetings, I will send a reminder of the meeting and specific directions to the host site and any other information that might be suitable for that meeting. If you would like to host the August meeting, please contact me.

I'm pleased to announce MG Kish Doyle has volunteered to be the Master Gardener Photography Team Administrator. We have had several meetings developing the new Photography Team, which will provide a program and photo depository for all of the photographs taken by our Master Gardeners. We choice "Dropbox" as the depository site, primarily because it provides the largest photo capacity, provides more capacity when new members sign up for the program, is a proven program and many of our members are familiar with the program. Kish is creating the program administration program, providing access from key MG members and informing our members how they can contribute their photos to the photographic depository. As many of you know, Kish Doyle is a professional photographer, managed a similar program for a large organization in the past and is a perfect fit for the Master Gardener Photography Team Administrator. Kish will provide the MG membership a more detailed report after completing the MG Photography Team Program Guidelines. Thanks, Kish for volunteering to take on this new and exciting program.

Keep an eye on your e-mails. I will be sending the Bird Habitat information from Cindy as soon as I receive it. Remember, mark your calendar for June 26th chapter meeting and join us at Ivor Chapman's residence at 2018 Del Rio Road, Roseburg.

Plant Clinic News

Chris Rusch

The Plant Clinic has been busy this month training our new students from the 2014 class and answering lots of questions from our clients as they begin planting their gardens for the summer. The 2014 training team this year is Leo Grass, Kay Rogers, Karolyn Riecks, Judy Mercer and Chris Rusch. Kay and Karolyn have moved on to new assignments. Thanks to both for your terrific contribution to the clinic's training program. Any veterans interested in assisting on the training team should contact Chris Rusch.

The statistics so far for 2014 are 350 visitors to the plant clinic. Questions for May were diverse, including orchard maintenance, weed identification and lots of insects. 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.

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

If you are in town, stop by the clinic and say hi.

Thanks for all your hard work.

Community Outreach

Leo Grass

To the casual observer, viewing our community outreach schedule, it might appear that we have completed our mission to deliver sound gardening information to every adult in Douglas County. This conclusion would germinate from the observation that most of our recent C/O efforts have been child oriented. Nan Sieck was a hit at the YMCA's Healthy Kids Day. Bonnie Courter made the News Review by helping third graders transplant their 'started from seed' veggies. Nathan Bailey taught seniors at Douglas High all about Vermiculture. Who can say where these seeds, planted in gardens so young, might bloom and bear fruit, perhaps they will take our place one day, when we've all been composted.

Douglas County Master Gardeners' Plant Sale Donates to FISH

Shirley Purcell, FISH Pantry Volunteer

Master Gardeners are a very special group of people spreading their good will throughout Douglas County. Teaching and sharing by MGs goes on daily, sometimes on a 1:1 basis, or to a larger group.

Most recently an outstanding gift was donated from the Westside Green House crew. Tomato plants that were too small for the Plant Sale in May were transplanted into 3 x 3 inch pots by Jean DeCato, watered by a devoted crew for approximately two weeks. At which time the plants were ready for a new home.

I took a variety of approximately 200 very healthy tomato plants to Fish Pantry on Friday May 16th. The pantry opened to the public at 9:30am and by 10:30 all the plants were gone.



Fish Pantry and their clients were so excited to receive the tomato plants.

Thank you Master Gardeners for sharing a gift that keeps on giving.

Fish offered food service to over 1,111 households during April, which totaled 4,361 persons.

Westside – Eastside – Confused?

There have been a few changes out at the greenhouses lately. Soon to come will be signage depicting the *Westside* and *Eastside* greenhouses. No, they are not new nurseries in town, but are descriptive of our greenhouses at the HLC.

Also, since Tasha King has stepped down as the *Westside Greenhouse* coordinator, a core group of MG's will be overseeing the activities, maintenance, work crews, etc. for this area. Gloria Amorde will continue to be the coordinator for the Eastside Greenhouse.

The Westside core group and their primary areas of responsibility include:

- Karolyn Riecks and Jackie Carpenter: Crew leaders
- Barbara Robinson and Carol Bolt: Irrigation, Water, Heat
- Maureen Benice: Communications
- Tasha King: Consultant extraordinaire

Most other responsibilities will be managed by the core group as a whole.

The success of our annual Plant and Garden Expo is directly related to the work churned out by the dedicated volunteers at our greenhouses. Please consider helping out in one of the greenhouses if you are not already doing so. No experience necessary.



Steve Renquist in his own backyard with the Advanced Diagnostics Group, and on his favorite perch at the Discovery Garden. Photos by Nathan Baily and Fred Alley.

Treasurer's Report

Vicki McAlister

INCOME 4/24/14 – 5/28/14

Interest	\$0.86
Dues-Membership/Hardcopy	
Newsletter	\$47.25
Soil Testing	\$70.00
Plant Sale – All categories	\$28,998.46
Compost Tea	\$80.00
T-Shirt Sales	-\$610.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,586.57

EXPENSES 4/24/14 – 5/28/14

Mgmt&Gen - Hospitality	-\$27.00
PSP Expense – Newsletter Postage	\$27.16
Disc Garden – Various	\$892.68
HLC – Greenhouse Supplies/Maint	\$96.12
Plant Sale – Volunteers/Supplies/H2O	\$401.09
Trash to Treasures – Supplies	\$11.18
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,401.23

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$7,286.63
Money Market – Reserves	\$7,659.10
Money Market	\$39,092.49

Ending Balance 5/28/14 **\$54,038.22**



Western Oregon Gardening Hints for June 2014 from OSU Extension

Planning

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

Maintenance and Clean Up

- Prune lilacs, forsythia, rhododendrons and azaleas after blooming.
- Fertilize vegetable garden one 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 sawdust, barkdust, 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 pound nitrogen per 1,000 square feet to lawns.

Planting/Propagation

- Plant dahlias and gladioli.

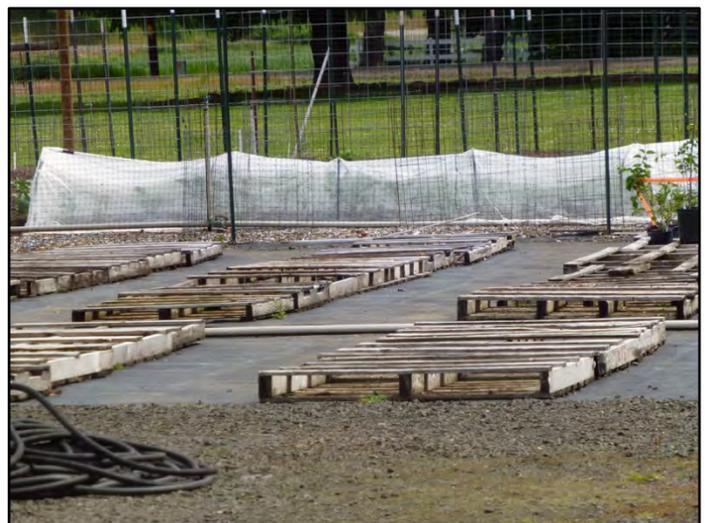
Pest Monitoring and Management

- 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.
- 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, visit: <http://bit.ly/SWDmonitor>
- 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. For more information, see *Encouraging Beneficial Insects in Your Garden* (PNW 550): <http://bit.ly/PNW-550>
- 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 degrees Fahrenheit. If root weevils are a consistent problem, consider removing plants and choosing resistant varieties, see: <http://bit.ly/oDOScK>
- Blossoms on squash and cucumbers begin to drop; this is nothing to worry about. Cherries may also drop fruit; this is not a major concern.

- 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 cabbage worms or flea beetles in cole crops (cabbage, broccoli, Brussels 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 one 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.

Houseplants and Indoor Gardening

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



Extremely rare photos by Maureen Benice

May 2014

Chapter Meeting Minutes

The OSU Douglas County Master Gardeners Chapter Meeting was called to order at 10:15 am on May 29, 2014 by President **Michelle Harding-Olson**. The Minutes of the April 2014 Chapter Meeting were approved as written.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – Ruth Stafford reported membership totals of 232 with 29 trainees for a total of 261. 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 in the Plant Clinic.

OMGA REPRESENTATIVE – Rosemary Brinkley reminded the members that **OMGA** Mini-College will be held July 12th and 13th (Saturday & Sunday). Enrollment cost is \$37.50 per day. This will include one lunch. Dormitory costs will range from \$105.00 to \$127.00. Accommodations have also been arranged at the Hilton Garden Inn for \$109.00 per night. Registration is available online. Hardcopy registration forms are also available through Rosemary. Online registration deadline is July 6 and registration by mail deadline is July 9. **Rosemary** has a list of for possible roommates and accommodations. The dormitory is a great way to meet other Master Gardeners. She recommended members view the website to see all of the events. An awards banquet is scheduled for Friday night. There will be workshops that offer an excellent hands-on experience and tours will be available. There will be additional charges for extracurricular events. **Rosemary** has a list of raffle items. They are still looking for more raffle donations.

Rosemary is a Board Member for Habitat for Humanity. They have asked for a few Master Gardeners to assist in choosing plants for the 3 homes they have built. Please contact **Rosemary** if you would like to help.

TREASURER – Vicki McAlister presented the Treasurer’s Report. In April, **Elaine Moriarty** donated \$350.00. The Plant Sale earned \$28,998.46. Vicki went back through the last 7-8 years and this total was the highest.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Fred Alley thanked Cindy Bright for her presentation on Bird Habitats. He reminded members that the summer Chapter meetings will be held at the homes of three Master Gardeners instead of the Annex. The locations will be announced in the newsletter, as well as in an email detailing the location and directions. **Kish Doyle** has volunteered to be the new manager of the Master Gardener Photography Team. Dropbox will be the new online photo depository. There will be two folders set up in Dropbox. One will provide access for anyone who wants to upload photos, the other will be limited to designated individuals for the purpose of organizing and categorizing and using the photos. These will include the web page manager, newsletter editor and the President. . She will email information. **Kish** wanted to clarify that she is the manager of the Photo Team and not the Photo Club. Members can contact **Kish** if they are interested in being on the Team. **Fred Alley** said they are looking into a possible display at the Discovery Garden to be installed for all to enjoy. **Larry Sutton** reminded members to sign the Photo Release Forms. **Barbara Robinson** requested an email be sent out that includes the form. **Fred** said that he will do it. It has been included in the Newsletter as well.

PAST PRESIDENT - Larry Sutton joked that he was a streetwalker in Portland when he joined the International Conference Committee touring venues for the upcoming conference in 2017. He was impressed with the efforts towards sustainability that the sites were exhibiting. All are willing to provide tours. It appears that the top choices are the Hilton Towers and the Conference Center. Numbers are being crunched and a decision will be made soon.

SECRETARY - Janet Parkerson requested those members who wish to use the Pavilion at the Discovery Garden, please sign up on the calendar posted in the Plant Clinic. Since the Pavilion and its entrances get wet during watering, Janet can coordinate the watering schedule to accommodate scheduled events. Also, she asked if any of the tables are re-arranged, to return them to their original position before leaving to avoid damage from the elements and sprinklers. **Janet** will post her communication information on the calendar and will check the calendar on Mondays.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – **Leo Grass** said that **Bonnie Courter** directed a group of third graders from Fir Grove Elementary planting vegetables. **Nathan Bailey** presented a class on vermiculture at Roseburg High School.

The Douglas County Fair will be the first week in August and **Leo** is still looking for volunteers for the Master Gardeners Booth. Sign-up sheet is in the Plant Clinic.

KRUSE FARMS – **Ann Bacon** said the information table at Kruse Farms has been up for two Saturdays now and has been busy. They need at least one veteran Master Gardener and one trainee each Saturday from 8:45 to 12:45. The sign-up calendar has been combined with the Plant Clinic's calendar and can be found in the Plant Clinic. They really need a combination Master Gardener/Master Food Preserver to help.

Ann is heading up a new project to add geo-caches to the Discovery Garden. **Kish Doyle** recommended the site www.geocaching.com.

PLANT CLINIC - **Chris Rusch** stated that the Plant Clinic serviced 140 clients last month. If anyone is interested in joining the team, please contact **Chris**. They have had a lot of trainee volunteers, but are still in need of veterans.

DISCOVERY GARDEN – **Julie Stanbery** thanked the volunteers who cleaned out the office and moved furniture to make space for a new employee. She also reminded those that sign up for the Pavilion to include a contact name and number in case of conflicts. Please call **Janet Parkerson** if you are scheduling on short notice.

Julie thanked **Shirley Purcell's** partner for helping with the water pump, and **Gale Robinson** for helping her with rat habitat cleanup. She is also in need of someone to do a dump run. They need to get rid of "rat habitat" debris.

Mid-June they will need a work crew to renovate the Xeriscape Garden. They are going to be putting some walkways and other changes. She will make an announcement.

She reminded volunteers that as it gets warmer, they are welcome to come out and work as early as they wish.

John Punches has arranged for the fire extinguishers to be serviced.

Julie is very excited to announce **Denise Fennell** as the new Easy Access Garden Head. **Denise** and **Betty Ison** have already planted and renovated the area and it looks phenomenal. **Neal Evans** rebuilt the raised beds. **Gayle Ward** and **Sue Scott** will retire as the Butterfly Garden heads. **Julie** asked if mentors could contact some of their trainees and see if they are interested in taking over these positions. **Jeanie Owens** is a new transfer from Missouri, and has been doing chores in the Discovery Garden.

AWARDS – **Betty Ison** announced **Denise Fennell** has earned her 60-hour swinging bar. A couple more trainees have almost completed their hours. She also reminded members to get their hours in by the end of the month.

AWARDS BANQUET – **Judy Huntley** reported that she is in the process of scheduling the Awards Banquet.

PUBLICITY – **Bonnie Courter** had nothing to report.

HALLMARK – **Linda Thames** reported **Irene Thomason** has become a new resident at Callahan Court. **Tim Richards** is recovering from by-pass surgery, so his activities are limited until mid-June. He is able to do light gardening and is walking daily. **Covie Quick**, our second President and charter member, fell at home and broke her hip. She is in Mercy Hospital. She is **Susie Ann Robbins'** aunt. **Marjorie Orr** has an improved phone system now and would probably enjoy short phone visits.

VICTORY GARDEN - **Mik Carlson** reported the first planting has been done and they have begun harvesting some of the cabbages, which were amazing. They have replaced the harvested cabbage with peas. **Mik** thanked **Richard Johnstone, John Denny, Gale Robinson** and **Dave Clark** for installing the new water access at the Garden. They did a beautiful job. **Beth Brown** would like to conduct some Continuing Education classes at the Victory Garden this summer. Ideas are being bounced around. **Mik** also announced if any members have harvest they would like to donate to UCAN, to bring it over to the Victory Garden or they can arrange to have someone pick it up.

SIGNAGE - **Karen Glatz** reported the new Entry Garden sign has been installed and a beautiful garden was planted underneath by **Tasha King** and **Ray Warren**. She thanked **Gale Robinson** and **Ivor Chapman** for fixing the water stand pipe that was damaged. The first Butterfly Garden sign has been installed, and Karen is working with the Rose Garden on their sign. **Michelle Harding-Olson** pointed out the importance of the signs and their role in educating the public when we are not there.

PLANT SALE/GREENHOUSES – **Barbara Robinson** announced there will be Plant Sales for members only on selected Tuesdays from 9:30 to noon. Many plants will be half price. They will be happy to load your cart and cars full of plants. The 4H crew was fantastic at the Plant Sale in May. They earned over \$200 in tips.

Names have been assigned to two areas of the Greenhouses. The West Side, which was **Tasha King's** Greenhouse, will be managed by a Core Group. **Tasha King** is retiring as Greenhouse Manager. **Karolyn Riecks** and **Jackie Carpenter** will be in charge of managing work crews. **Carol Bolt** and **Barbara Robinson** will be in charge of irrigation and freeze maintenance. **Maureen Benice** is in charge of communication and **Tasha King** will serve as a Consultant Extraordinaire. If you have any issues see the appropriate person. General maintenance will be done by the Core Group. **Ivor Chapman** will be doing the weeding however, an open invitation for anyone to weed has been extended. While **Betty Ison** did not want to be a formal member of the team, her help is invaluable with growing special plants, sign creation, seed selection and plant pricing. The East Side will be continue to be managed by **Gloria Amorde**.

Barbara announced that she and **Sharon Hopkins** are co-chairing the Bake Sale again this year, but this is their last year. They recommend that two people be co-chairs, to share the work, and that they "shadow" Barb and Sharon for this year's sale. The Back Sale is the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

Michelle Harding-Olson asked members to please consider volunteering on the Executive Board. "It is not glamorous, but necessary, please consider." The Executive Board Nominating Committee is comprised of **Maureen Benice**, **Barbara Robinson**, **Martha Sinkula** and **Bonnie Courter**.

Scholarships are available for Mini-College. Applications must be submitted by May 31st order for decisions to be made and funds allocated.

Audit Committee has been selected. The members are **Judy Huntley**, **Toni Rudolph** and **Mik Carlson**.

SHOW-AND-TELL

Ken Hayes presented **Fred Alley** with a wrapped gift of a compost encrusted gardening knife. **Ken** had found it in the compost pile.

Jon Thran informed the members that if they ever feel like they don't have enough time, this might help: August will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays.

Bob Brindley reported on his ongoing research into self-watering containers and beds. He demonstrated his hand-made unglazed ceramic "ollas", placed in the ground near plants to deliver water efficiently. He gave away a number of ollas, asking that the recipients report back on their efficacy.

Judy Huntley highly recommended the Corona Rake featured on the Red Pig Barn Tour. It is curved and allows the user to rake large amounts of leaves, grass, etc., without excess falling away.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Michelle Harding-Olson announced that she will be stepping down as President of Douglas County Master Gardeners. **Fred Alley** will finish out her term. She offered a big thank you for letting the members serve them as their President.

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Newsletter: The deadline for the July 2014 newsletter is June 27th. Mail submissions to jen@skylondaranch.com.

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June 2014 Newsletter ADDENDUM

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This addendum to the June 2014 newsletter is necessary to meet the requirements of our bylaws. Our bylaws state *"Nominations for office shall be presented in May. Nominations will appear in the June Newsletter. Members shall elect officers at the July Chapter meeting from nominations made by the Nominating Committee and from nominations submitted from the floor."*

While our Nominating Committee identified a slate of candidates in a timely fashion, due to miscommunication, the slate was not announced at the May 14th Executive Board meeting or the May 29th Chapter meeting, nor in the June 2014 newsletter. Thus the necessity to send out this addendum.

Many thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee: Bonnie Courter, Barbara Robinson, Maureen Benice and Martha Sinkula.

Their proposed slate of officers includes

President – Chris Rusch

Vice President – Fred Alley

Treasurer – Vicki McAlister

Secretary – Gayle Ward

Membership Director – Denise Fennell

OMGA Representative – Rosemary Brinkley

OMGA Representative Alternate – Anne Bacon

Larry Sutton will stay on as Past President, as Michelle Harding-Olson did not complete her term as President.

This information will be presented at the Chapter meeting on Thursday, June 26th. The election will be held at the Chapter meeting on Thursday, July 31st. Additional nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time.