



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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October 2014

Oct. 2014 Calendar

Sat., Oct. 4, 5:30-6:00

Awards Banquet

Mon., Oct. 6, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Oct. 7, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crew & Sale

Wed., Oct. 8, 10:00-Noon

Herb Garden Crew

Wed., Oct. 8, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

(Budget Discussions)

Tues., Oct. 14, 10:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crew & Sale

Wed., Oct. 15, 10:00-Noon

Advanced Diagnostics

Herb Garden Crew (last day)

Sat., Oct. 18, 10:00-3:00

Biochar Expo at Discovery Garden

Mon., Oct. 20, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Oct. 21, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crew & Sale

Tues., Oct. 28, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crew & Sale

Thurs., Oct. 30, 9:00-10:00

Continuing Education

Thurs., Oct. 30, 10:00-Noon

Chapter Meeting at Extension

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 31-Nov. 1

OMGA Board Meeting at Annex

Fri.:1:00-5:00; Sat.: 10:00-4:00



The President's Post

Chris Rusch

Thanks to everyone for asking me to be president of this terrific organization – the Douglas County Master Gardeners. I consider it an honor and a privilege to lead us this year. We have many proposed, planned and ongoing projects to work on. I am always amazed by all of the accomplishments of our group. By attending the Awards Banquet October 4, you can see and hear about the great people that make up our organization and the terrific work that has been carried out in 2014! Please try to attend.



As my first report for the Newsletter, I want to tell you about one of my favorite trees in Douglas County. It is the largest and most magnificent of the Pacific Northwest pines. It is commonly known as the Sugar Pine, *Pinus lambertiana*. The tallest Sugar Pine in the world grows right here in Douglas County. Its massive trunk attains a height of 265 feet, with a diameter of over 72 inches. It is an ancient tree, estimated to be 500-600 years old. It is very



straight, with long horizontal branches that stand out prominently at right angles from the upper trunk. Its long, cylindrical cones (up to 2 feet long!), suspended from the branch tips, also serve to distinguish the tree from a distance. The sugar pine grows mostly on the west side of the Cascades from here to Mt. Jefferson. David Douglas, an early explorer and botanist to our area, wrote about this beautiful tree in his journals and named it after his friend, Aaron Lambert.

If you want to visit this spectacular tree, contact me or the Tiller Ranger Station for directions.

Vice President's Report

Fred Alley

The September 25, 2014, Master Gardener Chapter meeting was the last of the summer Chapter meetings. October through June, all of the Chapter meetings, unless otherwise specified, are held in the OSU Annex Auditorium. Additionally, as I announced at the September Chapter Meeting, October begins the Douglas County Master Gardener Continuing Education Program Series. These series are held at 9:00 am, prior to the 10:00am Chapter Meeting. I announced some of the programs I have either scheduled or that are pending further arrangement. Those programs include:

- Territorial Seed Company Presentation
- Native Plant Society Presentation
- Audubon Society Presentation
- Gardening for Nutritional and Healthy Eating
- Landscaping Features
- Special Water Techniques
- Wildlife vs Master Gardeners
- Re-inventing the Urban Lawn Landscape
- Weather Statistics of the Future
- Wise Water Usage
- Bees



As you can see, we have a number of programs that will be very informative and interesting. If you have other topics you would have me pursue, please feel free to contact me.

The "Wildlife vs Gardeners" subject came about because of a recent experience I had when a beaver cut down two apples trees in my back yard (keep in mind I live in a newer subdivision by Eastwood School). Our property backs onto Deer Creek which was also the home of four beavers. The first tree chewed down was a mature 15-year-old tree, the second a three-year-old Liberty apple. Needless to say, I have been concerned about the potential damage our neighborhood would suffer if the beavers successfully created a permanent dam across Deer Creek. That would flood a number of homes. Secondly, it's a great setting for fruit trees. Long story short, the Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife put me in contact with a group located in Tiller called the "Beaver Relocation Advocacy Committee". They came and live-trapped four beavers, and the beavers were relocated to the headwaters of the North Umpqua. It's a small world when I discovered that our President, Chris Rusch, is the secretary and grant writer for this committee! This was a truly unique experience. Just how often does one get a chance to grab a beaver by the tail, or under its front legs? Oh, yes, I took photographs of the entire three-day event, sometimes at 6:00 AM in my pajamas!

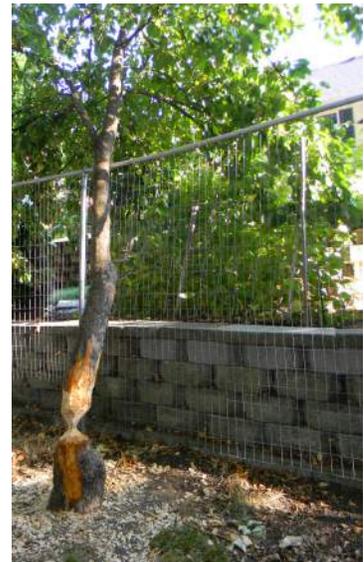
The photographs are quite telling. The deer lost a favorite food source, but on the other hand, I have enough apple chips to supply me for a lifetime for grilling purposes. Actually, apple chips are one of my favorite. We have many frozen bags and canned jars of apples. My neighbor now has a nice chewed apple tree base to create a new rustic lamp for his den. I have already replanted three new apple trees with little resistance from my wife. Of course I have to use heavy gauge fencing around the fruit trees to keep the many deer from stripping the trees of their leaves. "Deer Creek" is obviously appropriately named for a reason.

Anyway, many of us have had issues with wildlife and my experience may lead to a presentation on "Wildlife vs Master Gardeners". Maybe you can share some of your experiences?

**Beaver damage to Fred's
apple tree**



Photos: Fred Alley



One bodacious beaver!

Please join us on October 30 at 9:00 AM for our Continuing Education Program. I'll send out a reminder notice of the program a week in advance. Also all of the Continuing Education Programs are open to the public, so please feel free to bring a friend.

Gardening with Biochar

Steve Renquist

While working in Brazil during the 1980's, I often heard about "Terra Preta" (black earth) from local farmers who had worked or traveled in areas of the Amazon Basin. The farmers described areas within the forest where indigenous people grew their crops on unique black soils that stood out from the oxidized red thin soil more common in the Amazon rain forest. These black soils were unique because they could be farmed for decades or longer.



I had always heard the only way locals could grow crops on the thin tropical soil was to implement a slash and burn program. These slash and burn programs were what modern farmers were using, and they included cutting and removing the useful timber, then burning everything else and incorporating the ash into the soil. These soils were then abandoned back to the forest after a few growing seasons. When I asked them about why the black soils were able to be farmed for so many years, the farmers weren't really sure. I never really got a good answer until researchers started to analyze the black soils more carefully. The black soils contained large amounts of charred, blackened wood, not the ash of modern slash and burn agriculture.

The secret to the long-term fertility of the Terra Preta was in the process of how wood and other organic material was burned and incorporated into the soil. Charred wood that has been burned slowly at high temperatures (500 degrees F and higher), with a limited supply or complete absence of oxygen, will retain a carbonized, fine-grained, highly porous biomass. The indigenous people discovered if they buried these carbonized logs or coals in their crop areas that the resulting soil would retain nutrients and moisture better and actually improve over time.

Modern research has discovered a number of positive impacts from the use of biochar. Researchers have studied the process

of pyrolysis (burning of wood or other organic materials without oxygen) to make it more efficient by recapturing the gases given off by the wood to operate the kilns. They have also discovered that breaking up the finished product into smaller particles to increase the surface area is beneficial before adding it to the soil. Charging or soaking the biochar with compost tea or other liquid nutrients has also been shown to enhance the nutrient capacity and the biological activity of a soil. If charging is done before spreading the biochar on the soil, plant response to the biochar is quickened. The positive impact of biochar on a soil is enhanced if the biochar is incorporated into the soil after spreading. Biochar also improves the structure of clay soils.

I have been interested for a number of years in using biochar in my gardens. At our Plant Expo raffle last spring I was the lucky winner of a bag of biochar produced in Oregon. I also bought a bag from one of our vendors, a member of the local biochar working group. I intended to spread about 5-6 pounds of biochar over my 20' X 20' vegetable garden. I ran out of the biochar when I got to the last 4' swath of my garden. As it turned out that was an interesting miscalculation. I have never seen such lovely growth of my plants in the biochar area, while the plants in the missed area were okay, but nothing special. All types of plants in the biochar area were really nice - broccoli, kale, collards, carrots, beets, beans, tomatoes, and herbs. It didn't seem to matter if I was growing root crops, leafy plants, or fruit-bearing plants.

I know my garden plot was not a replicated, perfect trial area, but I can say there were some very significant results. I watered this garden about 25% less than in previous years because I was concerned about my well running dry, and I harvested significantly more food than ever before. My wife eventually told me, "No more canning or freezing!", when I kept bringing her boxes of food. Even during the hot summer months none of my plants ever wilted, or displayed any leaf scorch symptoms. The vegetable garden was the only area in my entire landscape that did not have those symptoms. I would have to say that I am a firm believer in adding biochar to your garden soil to improve your gardening prospects.

As a member of our local biochar working group in Douglas County, I would like to invite you to the Biochar Expo 2014 on Saturday, October 18, from 10am to 3pm, at the Discovery Garden. If you are interested in learning how to produce and use biochar, join us for an informative day.

Awards Banquet

Judy Huntley

It's time again for our annual Awards Banquet - a time to strut our stuff, pat each other on the back, laugh and eat til we burst, and snap up incredible door prizes. The banquet will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 1771 W. Harvard in Roseburg, on Saturday, October 4. Social begins at 5:30, dinner at 6:00, and awards at 7:00.

We will be having lasagna, salads, breads, and desserts. The signup sheet will be in the Plant Clinic. I would appreciate your letting me know how many are coming next to your name. If you cannot get into the clinic, but would like to signup and come, call me at 541-459-2550.

I will need help setting up the tables and decorations on Saturday morning and then we will need a cleanup crew after the celebration is over. See you there!

Winter Training

Maureen Benice

Preparation for Winter Training 2015 (WT15) for new Master Gardeners is underway with Mentor signups. Thanks to all of you who have signed up to help train our "gonna be" Master Gardeners (MGs). There are two Mentor Training Classes scheduled: November 5th, in the Extension kitchen at 10 AM and December 3rd, same time and place. Orientation of new MGs is on November 12th in the Annex classroom upstairs where MG class is always held. Mentors are asked to attend and greet new class members and to generally help out. PLEASE, any MG who wants to be there and meet new MG students come and have fun! We will need to be in the Annex classroom around 10:45-11 AM as the new students are to arrive at 11:30. Any questions, just call or email me.



OMGA

Rosemary Brinkley

Douglas County Master Gardeners are getting ready to roll out the red carpet for the Oregon Master Gardeners Board Meeting, October 31 and November 1, 2014. Please come see your state leaders in action, and participate in leadership training and discussions.

Friday the 31st will be leadership training from 1:00 to 5:00 in the Annex. The topic is What are the Strengths and Weaknesses of the OMGA/Chapter Structures, and What Changes Might We Want to Explore?

Nov.1st will be the OMGA Quarterly Board Meeting at the Annex from 10:00 to 4:00.

I am in need of your help to provide food and snacks for our guests those 2 days. Here are the items that we will need to feed our guests: Friday bring snacks such as cookies, nuts, vegetable trays, or fruit for 30 people. Saturday we need to provide muffins, donuts, fruit, cheese for the morning snack. For lunch we need soups, salads, rolls/bread and desserts for about 60 people.

Please call and volunteer to help. Rosemary Brinkley 541-673-8814 or e-mail me at mikeandrb@gmail.com

Plant Clinic

Chris Rusch

The Plant Clinic has been busy this month answering lots of questions from our clients as they harvest their vegetables, fruits and berries. The 2014 Training Team this fall is Leo Grass, Larry Sutton, Judy Mercer and Chris Rusch. We continue to need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic both in training our new volunteers and keeping up with the workload of assisting our visitors to the Plant Clinic. Please try to volunteer your expertise at least once a month to help out in this important outreach program.

In October we will only be open 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. October has lots of openings. Please consider signing up.

Questions for September were diverse, including problems with powdery mildew, blossom end rot, weed identification and lots of insects. Many of the questions in September concerned damage from leaf scorch and sun scald to tomatoes and peppers. In addition, we have been helping clients with fall gardening questions.

The statistics so far for 2014 are 820 visitors to the Plant Clinic. 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".

Wine Tasting

Fred Alley

Steve Renquist gave a number of Master Gardeners and their spouses a special gift on September 27th in the form of a Wine Tasting/Identification Educational Seminar. He stated, "because we 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 wines from other areas of the world". Each

participant was instructed to bring a bottle of white and/or red wine from a predetermined list. The white wines were Gruner Veltliner, Muscat, or Gewurztraminer. The red wines were Grenache, Petite Sirah and Zinfandel. We discussed some wine tasting etiquette and procedures, and what to look for with each variety of wine. We had some blind tasting of specific varietals to see which wine region and winery we preferred.

As we all know, Steve stresses the importance of education, so he had six different handouts which included specific guides and history for each of the six wines we were tasting. Because Steve works closely with the local wineries, he was able to share his knowledge of the local wines, the importance of selecting the right grape, planting in specific locations, and harvesting at the perfect time to achieve specific wine characteristics. Each participant had a rating sheet for each wine. We evaluated each wine by appearance, aroma, taste, and overall impressions.

The event was certainly educational and entertaining. The second value was the social interaction. The Discovery Garden Pavilion was a perfect location which provided a opportunity to meet and get to know more of

our fellow Master Gardeners. We each brought food items that would go well with the bottle of wine we brought.



It was a great afternoon for all of us. A special thanks to Steve Renquist. At the end of the event, I thanked Steve, and indicated he has done a wonderful and excellent job. We are very fortunate to have Steve as our Horticultural Agent.



Bake Sale

Barbara Robinson

The holiday times are quickly approaching as depicted in the retail outlets. Okay, so they tried to sucker us into thinking they were "around the corner" clear back in July! Traditionally our chapter has put on a bake sale the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. Please save this year's date, **Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on your calendar. Once again Sherm's Thunderbird Market has generously offered the use of their premises for this event.

Stay tuned for more information and sign-up sheets for the various working committees, baked goods needed, etc. In the meantime if you have any questions please feel free to contact either myself or my co-chair, Sharon Hopkins, with any questions you may have.

Treasurer's Report

Vicki McAlister

INCOME 8/27/14-9/25/14

Contributions/Donations/Interest	\$169.11
Soil Testing	\$90.00
Compost Tea	<u>\$133.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$392.11

EXPENSES 8/27/14-9/25/14

Mgmt/Gen.-Banquet/Gifts/Scholar.	\$955.45
Newsletter Postage	\$25.90
Discovery Garden - Various	\$241.37
Plant Sale - Water	<u>\$365.07</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,587.79

Breakdown of Our Accounts

Checking	\$1,364.65
Money Market - Reserves	\$7,659.10
Money Market	<u>\$39,096.89</u>
Ending Balance 9/25/14	\$48,120.64

Douglas County Master Gardeners Chapter Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2014

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Chris Rusch in the Discovery Garden Pavilion. There were 42 members in attendance.

Anne Waddington introduced her neighbor, Nancy Thompson, as a guest and "new recruit".

Agenda Approval

Bake Sale and Facebook were added to the agenda.

Minutes

The August 28, 2014 chapter meeting minutes were approved as submitted.



Agents Report - Steve Renquist

The 2017 International Master Gardener Conference will be hosted by Oregon in Portland July 10-14, 2017. Gail Langelotto (OSU Master Gardener state wide coordinator) is looking for people to help with the conference.

She would like chapters to get onboard and contribute financially to the conference as their budgets allow. Steve will present it to the DCMG Executive Board for further discussion. Conversation ensued on the possibility of profits being returned to chapters. Judy Huntley questioned how profit monies would be distributed, i.e. to contributing chapters, OMGA, etc. Julie Stanbery suggested a policy statement be developed indicating where profits would go if we donate. Rosemary Brinkley will bring this to the OMGA Board. Bob Brindley volunteered to help with the exhibitors.

Heat unit records were blown off the charts this summer and we are seeing a lot of dead leaves and leaf scorch. In general, we are going to see a need for our organization to focus on outreach dealing with wise water use, good xeric plants, etc.

Officer Reports

Membership - Denise Fennell

261 members current members

39 members dropped for non-payment of dues. Denise will be calling each one as 2015 dues become due.

Contact Denise for any changes needing to be made on the roster, including any position changes within the organization, Discovery Garden, etc.

OMGA Representative - Rosemary Brinkley

OMGA will be meeting here in Douglas County at the Extension Annex on Friday, October 31st, for leadership training, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday, November 1st, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for their Board Meeting. Chapter members are encouraged to come observe and/or participate either day. Gail Langellotto will be in attendance. Rosemary will be presenting our questions and concerns and would appreciate DCMG members attending to support her. Rosemary is hoping to be able to put together a tour of the Discovery Garden on Saturday.

We will be providing food for the event with snack foods Friday afternoon, brunch snacks for Saturday morning, and a lunch potluck on Saturday (soups, stews, salads, bread, desserts). A signup sheet was passed around to give people the opportunity to sign up to bring food items.

Treasurer - Vicki McAlister was not present. President, Chris Rusch, distributed the financial report provided by Vicki. Budget submissions are due to Vicki by Monday, September 29th. The Executive Board meeting on October 8th will include a discussion of the budget. We will meet at 10 a.m. in the Extension kitchen. Garden heads and those who have budget line items are encouraged to attend.

Vice President - Fred Alley

Next month our monthly meetings will resume back at the Extension Annex. Continuing education will be held at 9 a.m. with the general meeting to follow at 10 a.m.

Fred has been busy lining up continuing education presenters and subject matter for the upcoming year, and has come up with an

impressive list of possibilities. Potential prospects include: Territorial Seed Company, Native Plant Society, Audubon Society with Birds in the Garden, Mercy Medical Center on the Nutritional Value of Gardening and Healthy Eating, Gardening with Color - Selecting the Right Color for Your Garden, Landscape Features for the Garden, Special Watering Techniques, Wildlife vs. Gardeners, Reinventing the Urban Lawn/Landscape, Future Weather Patterns, and Bees.

If you have additional ideas or requests for continuing ed topics, contact Fred.

Past President - Larry Sutton not present

Secretary - Barbara Robinson had nothing to report

President - Chris Rusch had nothing additional to report.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach - Leo Grass

Leo and Diane Tweet did presentations at UCC. Diane presented tips for natural pest control and Leo discussed drought year gardening.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch

Help is needed September 30 in the clinic. There are several October openings when the days are reduced to Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

So far in September there have been 95 contacts. A lot of leaf scorch, heat damage and powdery mildew questions.

Bonnie Courter wrote an excellent article for the News-Review on powdery mildew. Leo Grass had one as well discussing wildlife and animals in the garden. Kudos to them both for their exceptional articles, and for their part in helping to get the Master Gardener name out to the public.

Kruse Farms - Anne Bacon

Sept. 13 was the last day the Master Gardeners staffed a booth at Kruse Farms. 117 contacts for the season. The shade structure originally allocated for Farmers Market will be used at Kruse Farms next year.

Plant Sale - Barbara Robinson

There are two Plant Sale committees in need of a new chairperson for the upcoming year. Anne Waddington is stepping down after many years as head of floor coordination for our sale. A huge thank you to Anne for her tenacity and persistence in making sure our customer service out on the floor is the best that it can be. Anne Bacon volunteered to assume this position. Thank you Anne!

We also need a Fairground Coordinator, a position we created two years ago, filled by Debbie Hesseltine. Duties of this committee are to insure tables are set up correctly and in accordance with a pre-established grid, etc. They are also in charge of directing the offloading of plants/inventory at the Fairgrounds in an orderly fashion. Barbara asked for a volunteer.... She's still looking. Email or give her a call if you would like to chair this committee.

Greenhouses - Maureen Benice

Both the Westside and Eastside greenhouses are maintaining plants with root pruning, weeding, and plant divisions with regular crews working year round.

Plants will be for sale after the meeting at both greenhouses. Master Gardeners may also make purchases every Tuesday from 9 to noon.

Winter Training – Maureen Benice

We need a few more regular mentors and substitutes. The signup sheet will be in the Plant Clinic.

Mentor training will take place in the Extension kitchen at 10 a.m. on November 5th and December 3rd at 10 a.m.

Orientation for prospective Master Gardeners will be on Nov. 12th in the Annex. Mentors and Master Gardeners wanting to welcome the new class should arrive between 10:45-11 a.m. New class members will arrive at 11:30 a.m. Classes will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015.

Eastside Greenhouse - Barbara Robinson

Several people have stepped up and volunteered to become part of the Eastside core group. Barbara will be in contact with them in the upcoming week to schedule a meeting.

Revitalization of the Eastside greenhouse outside area is beginning to take shape in the form of purchasing materials i.e. gravel, lumber, etc. The plan includes building a framework to hold the trees, preventing them from tipping over in the wind or when they are watered. Also on the drawing board is filling the potholes and varmint holes to alleviate the trip-and-fall hazard they currently present. A thick layer of 1 inch quarry rock will then be spread and tamped down to provide a smooth, consistent surface. Last but not least, the pallets containing plants will be raised using concrete blocks and additional pallets. This will make it much easier for our volunteers to work on the plants with them up off the ground.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have been working on the greenhouse projects including Ivor Chapman, Gale Robinson, Dave Clark, Ray Warren, Steve Hart and anyone else they have been able to round up. They will be diligently working on the Eastside project this fall, so stay tuned for updates.

HUGE thanks goes to Vicki McAlister for her diligence and investigative work which has resulted in a reduction of more than half of what we have been paying for propane at the greenhouses! This will literally save us thousands of dollars! Thank you Vicki!

Awards - Betty Ison

Sixty-hour swinger bars were earned by: Liz Akin, Rachel Billings, Kathy Hart, Steve Hart, Les Karcher, Jan Kirchner and Jim Rogers.



Ferrell Gas switching propane tanks

painted and revised and the entire compost area looks to have had a facelift. The Shade Garden is going to be replanted, and rocks will be used to define the area. The Herb Garden has a beautiful new painting on the bench. Betty Ison's Perennial Border has beautiful new arbor plantings. The Xeriscape Garden has undergone a transformation and now stretches all the way to the fence. Clever people have camouflage-painted the PVC pipe and it looks wonderful. The Rock Garden is a fantastic addition to the Garden, and really fills out that corner of the garden nicely. Cleanup work has been done throughout the HLC.

Victory Garden - Mik Carlson not present

Betty shared the numbers for produce donated to UCAN this week. The Victory Garden donated 435 lbs. Total to date for this year: Victory Garden 3085 lbs., plus 1650 pounds from Master Gardeners, equals 4735 lbs. total! Great job by a great crew!

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery

Julie expressed her thanks to everyone for all that's been done in the Garden. There's been some remodeling in the Butterfly Garden with new touches introduced by new leadership. Underground irrigation is now all the way through to the Japanese Garden. Noel Groshong's Iris Garden has been kept beautifully manicured. Take a look at the wonderful educational display box in the Children's Garden. Many new signs are up in the Garden. The Rose Garden sign is especially striking. Elva Sellens's beautiful dahlias are all in full bloom with very distinct labeling on each. The worm bins have been



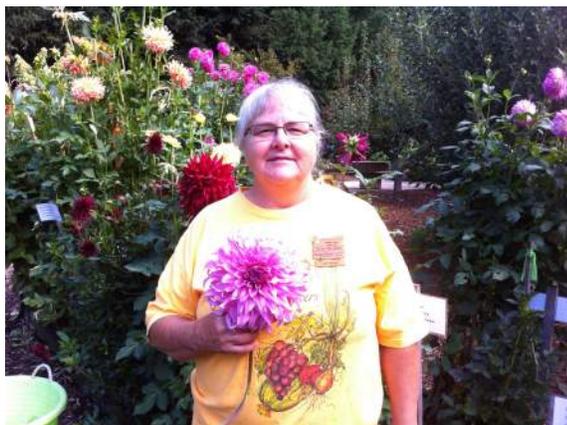
If Master Gardeners would like to get wood from the downed trees by the burn pile, they need to contact the County Parks Dept. to get a permit.

We are starting to get leaves delivered from the trailer park. The first load will go to the Victory Garden and then Master Gardeners are welcome to the leaves left at the compost pile. There is no chemical residue.

Julie has two Clerodendrum trees to give away.

Discovery Garden Signage - Karen Glatz

The committee is continuing to add signage. Signs are going into the Herb Garden today. Dahlias, Orchard, and Children's Garden signs are coming up.





Herb Garden bench

There will be a permanent display mounting built for the Pavilion. This 5 part display will be used to exhibit rotating informational topics. The first topic will be on pollination. Karen asked for a volunteer to develop materials on this first topic.

Publicity/Newsletter - Bonnie Courter

Bonnie sent out a PSA for the changing hours at the Plant Clinic.

She thanked those who are contributing to the Newsletter and encouraged submissions of funny or interesting stories and pictures. Articles are due to Bonnie by the Saturday evening after our chapter meeting.

Awards Banquet - Judy Huntley

Judy sent a signup list around for the Banquet to be held Sat., Oct. 4th, at the Methodist Church on Harvard. Doors will open at 5:30 pm and we will eat at 6:00 with awards and door prizes to follow. Set up will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday. Signups are lagging, and Judy asked mentors to encourage their MG's to attend.

Bake Sale – Barbara Robinson

Our annual Bake Sale will be held this year on Saturday, November 22, 9am to 2pm at Sherm's Thunderbird Market. Mark it on your calendar, and start planning what goodies you plan to create.

Jo Ann Pico has stepped up and volunteered to shadow Barbara Robinson and Sharon Hopkins

at this year's sale in preparation for taking it over next year. Barbara asked if someone would co-chair this event, and Janet Parkerson volunteered. Thank you, Janet!

Baked goods will be received on Friday, November 21, 1-4 p.m. in the Extension kitchen. We will also accept items the morning of the sale at 8 a.m. Ingredient labels will be provided, completed, and affixed to each item.

Facebook – Denise Fennell

Denise and Barbara Horst are the administrators of the DCMG Facebook page. By networking with other websites they have been able to add 110 "friends" since June. This could be a great tool for attracting new members if Master Gardeners would share as well. The more people we can get on board, the more people we can reach. Denise was able to give Mary Hoffman eleven contacts who expressed an interest, via Facebook, in becoming Master Gardeners.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Ivor Chapman questioned the policy of worms for sale, specifically to whom the Plant Clinic should be referring clients. People should be given Nathan Baily's email or phone number.

SHOW AND TELL

Steve Renquist thanked Karen Glatz, Jen Bailey and Nathan Baily for the great job they've done on the Signage Committee. People are definitely reading the signs. It's important to get out a good message for every one of our gardens.

There will be a wine event at the Pavilion on Saturday, September 27. Steve Renquist advised this will be a tasting and educational activity. Participants are asked to bring wine, an appetizer or wine pairing, and wine glass.

Nathan Baily brought "travelling" mangrove seedlings from his recent trip to Florida to share with anyone interested.

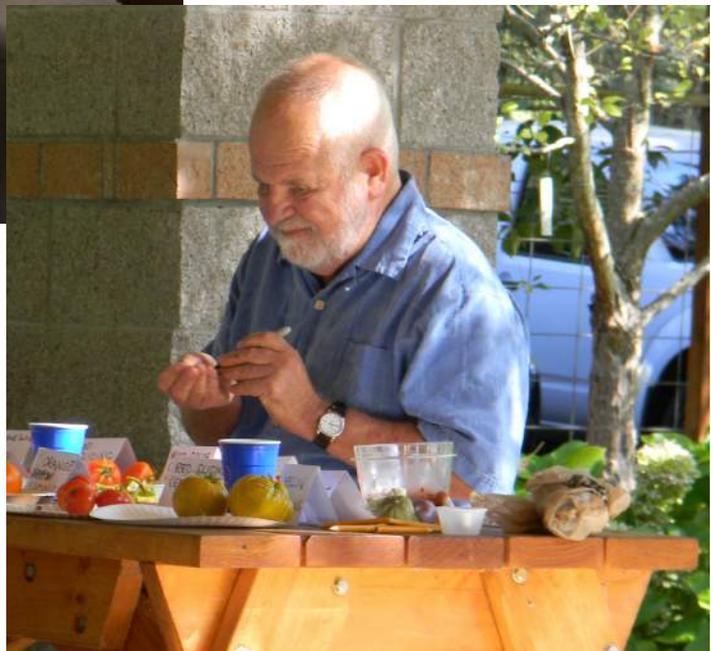
ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 by President, Chris Rusch. Our annual Tomato Taste-off followed, with Bob Brindley organizing.



Photos: Fred Alley & Bonnie Courter

“Gardening is cheaper than therapy - and you get tomatoes!”

Author unknown



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: The deadline for the November 2014 Newsletter is November 1st. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: rbcourter@gmail.com

Website: www.douglascountymg.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/pages/Douglas-County-Master-Gardeners/251882398200487

Horticulture Agent: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/horticulture,
steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu

OSU Douglas County Extension Service: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas

OSU Gardening Information: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening

OSU Master Gardeners Program: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/mg

Oregon Master Gardeners Association (OMGA): www.oregonmastergardeners.org



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