



# DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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November 2014

## November 2014 Calendar

Mon., Nov. 3, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Nov. 4, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Wed., Nov. 5, 10:00

Mentor Training, Annex Kitchen

Thurs., Nov. 6, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Nov. 11, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Wed., Nov. 12

Executive Board Meeting 10:00

New Class Orientation 11:30

Thurs., Nov. 13, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Mon., Nov. 17, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Nov. 18, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crew & Sale

Wed., Nov. 19, 10:00-Noon

Advanced Diagnostics, Annex

Photography Team, Annex Kitchen

Thurs., Nov. 20, 9:00-10:00

Continuing Education at Annex

Thurs., Nov. 20, 10:00

Chapter Meeting at Annex

Sat., Nov. 22, 9:00-2:00

Bake Sale at Sherm's

Tues., Nov. 25, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Thurs., Nov. 27

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!**

Wed., Dec. 3, 10:00

Mentor Training, Annex Kitchen



## Awards Banquet

### Betty Ison

At the recent Awards Banquet there were several individuals who were presented with very special honors, and I would like to acknowledge those people here. Since everyone doesn't attend the Banquet, the rest of the membership should know who these individuals are.

**Barbara Robinson** is the "2014 Douglas County Master Gardener of the Year". Barbara has been a volunteer for six years and put in over 2000 hours of service. She has been involved in a number of activities within our organization. Outreach activities include Plant Clinic, Kruse Farms (4 yrs), Earth Day, Spring into Gardening Seminar (2 yrs), Home Show, and Fair Booth. For the Winter Program she has helped with Class Greenhouse Training (3 yrs), been a Class Mentor (2 yrs), Mentor Substitute (2 yrs), and been part of the Class Concurrent Sessions (2 yrs). Barbara has been a major supporter of our fundraising activities which include Plant Sale (6 yrs)--the last three years as Chairman -- the Bake Sale (4 yrs)--the past two years as Chairman --, and also Compost Tea (5 yrs)--with two years as the coordinator.

Barbara has worked in the Greenhouse (5 yrs), been a member of the Greenhouse Watering Crew (6 yrs), and participated two years in the Discovery Garden. In other activities, she has been Chapter Membership Director, Chapter Vice-President, on the Nominating Committee, Hat, T-Shirt, & Apron Acquisition (3 yrs), and as if she didn't have enough to do already, she just became our new Chapter Secretary. Barbara has done all her service while also being a very active Master Food Preserver. Barbara was recognized early on as a great volunteer when she was selected Outstanding New Apprentice in 2009.

This year's "Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the Year" is **Dave Hopkins**. This award is for someone who works quietly and unselfishly behind the scenes, often going unnoticed, but is always there when work needs to be done. The criteria for this award is that the person is involved in multiple activities, has been a member at least five years, and held no major leadership positions. Dave has been a member seven years and put in over 1400 hours of volunteer service. Dave's outreach activities include Plant Clinic, Kruse Farms (2 yrs), Earth Day, Home Show, Arbor Day, helped with Fair Booth set-up, helped with Mini-College Chapter Display (2 yrs), was a pruning instructor, and also worked on the Saving Grace Project. He has helped with fundraising activities that include Plant Sale (6 yrs)--the past four as Security Coordinator --, Trash-to-Treasure Sale (2 yrs), and the Bake Sale for three years. Dave is most active in the Discovery Garden and Horticultural Learning Center, working in both areas for the last seven years. In the Discovery Garden, Dave is the Pavilion Sun Garden Coordinator (5 yrs). At the Horticultural Learning Center, Dave has helped with irrigation, greenhouse improvements/repairs, equipment repair, helped construct a donated greenhouse, and too many other activities to list. Dave has also been a Class Mentor and a Summer Meeting Host. He too was recognized early on as a great volunteer when he was selected "Outstanding New Apprentice" in 2008.

We had an outstanding crop of new apprentices this year and had many excellent candidates for the 2014 Outstanding New Apprentice Award, the volunteer that rose to the top was **Denise Fennell**. Denise has put in nearly 300 hours in her first year and was honored for her very active and wide involvement in the organization.



Her activities include Plant Clinic, Earth Day, Fair Booth, Spring into Gardening Seminar, 2014 Class Representative, Discovery Garden Easy Access Coordinator, Facebook, Class Field Trip Planner, and she wrote articles for both the News-Review and the newsletter. Denise just came on board as our new Chapter Membership Director.

Another special award presented during the evening was the Horticulture Agent's Award. There were two recipients of that award this year, namely **Jen Bailey** and **Gale Robinson**. They were selected by Horticulture Agent Steve Renquist. This

award is for volunteers who, by helping the Agent achieve his goals, positively impact the Master Gardener Program.

These are very special volunteers and more than deserving of the recognition they have received, so if you have the opportunity, congratulate them on a job well done. Also congratulations to all of our volunteers for whatever it is you do to help make our Master Gardener program the success that it is. CONGRATULATIONS ALL!!!!



## Scenes from the Awards Banquet

Elva Sellens with  
her spectacular  
dahlia arrangement



Photos: M. Benice

Tasha King,  
recipient of the  
"Golden  
Greenhouse  
Award"



Chris Rusch gets a well-  
deserved service hours award  
from Larry Sutton and Fred  
Alley.

Photos: Charity Hays



Leo Grass serenaded  
us in song with  
"Homegrown  
Tomatoes"

Ken Hays gets a  
"resurrected" pocket  
knife, thanks to Fred  
Alley.





## President's Post

**Chris Rusch**

What a terrific banquet we had celebrating the outstanding work of many of our DCMG volunteers! First, I want to thank Judy Huntley and Betty Ison for the work they did to organize this wonderful annual event. It is a great tradition. Thanks to all who participated.

Fall has certainly arrived! Thank goodness for the rain. We certainly need it. The autumn leaves are always a treat to watch as they transform into various shades of red, orange, yellow and brown. And then there are the pumpkins that show up everywhere; in farmers' fields, supermarket bins and on neighborhood porches. I always like to visit the pumpkin festivals featuring the "great pumpkin". This year I attended the Canyonville Pumpkin Festival and got a glimpse of some of the largest pumpkins in the State. One I really liked was over 1600 pounds!

Did you know that pumpkins were grown by the Greeks and Romans in ancient times? They were also grown by Native Americans in their corn patches, according to Captain John Smith. Members of the *Cucurbita* genus, they are related to squash, gourds and melons. Pumpkins and squashes have become so

crossed that it is difficult to tell which is which. The principle botanical differences between squash and pumpkins are in their skins and stems. Pumpkins have soft rinds and their stems are hard, woody and furrowed. True squash have hard rinds and soft spongy stems. One of the best varieties for a jumbo Halloween pumpkin, so I am told, is "Atlantic Giant". Giant pumpkin growers usually remove all but one or two fruits from the vine as the plant develops. Everyone seems to have a secret formula for fertilizing, watering and mulching. It is quite a science as well as an art. For me, I like a nice round orange pumpkin for my porch and a couple for my holiday pies.

## Winter Training Class

**Maureen Benice**

Before Winter Training 2015 (WT15), there will be two Mentor training classes and "Orientation" for the new students. The Orientation will be held on November 12th, in the Annex classroom upstairs. This is when the new students can pay, pick up their Sustainable Gardening manuals and meet us....and the other way around. If you would like to come and welcome the new students, arrive about 10:45 AM. If you get there about 10:30, you can help set up chairs, etc. I will have a 'gathering' at 11:00 in the back of the room to explain jobs. Mentors and Substitute Mentors are requested to be there!

The Mentor classes are:

[November 5th](#) in the Extension kitchen at 10:00 AM (Sounds like the game, "Clue"! ) This class is about the BIG PICTURE of Mentoring. If you want to mentor, be there, even if you have mentored before.

[December 3rd](#) in the Extension kitchen at 10:00 AM. This class is about the NITTY GRITTY of Mentoring. If you are mentoring, be there.

**PLEASE** respond to emails that I may send. And **THANK YOU** for volunteering to do this important job!!

## Vice-President's Report

**Fred Alley**

For those of you who were unable to attend the October 30th Continuing Education Program, you missed an informative and interesting presentation by Mark Brosi of Brosi's Sugartree Farms located in Winston. The Brosi Sugartree Farms is truly a family-owned and operated farm, in existence for over 120 years. The 160 acre farm produces some of the largest varieties of crops in the valley. For this reason and others, I invited Mark to address the Douglas County Master Gardeners.

As I mentioned in my notice of the meeting and my introduction of Mark Brosi, Sandy and I, (and I'm sure a number of you too), are anxious for the local farms to open each Spring. For us, we visit our local farms for several reasons:

- Each farm has a specific item we are seeking
- The local farms are far more knowledgeable in producing produce than we are
- We rely on the freshness and quality of produce provided by local farms
- The farms produce a large variety of produce, including vegetable crops and many fruits
- We prefer and enjoy the physical environment and personal service local farms provide.

Mark's presentation covered the family's history of the farm, ever-changing, even from generation to generation. It was very obvious that he loves the farm, the outside environment and serving their clientele with the farm produce they are seeking. If you visited the farm recently, the photo of Mark on the tractor is quite telling. I told him last week when we visited the farm, that there were more kids present than pumpkins! Because the farm has such a variety of crops, Mark was able to address many questions asked by our fellow Master Gardeners, from what pest control methods the farm uses, to what crops seem to work best for the valley.



Thanks to Mark Brosi for a great presentation. It was a good start for our 2014-15 program year.

I have not finalized the Continuing Education Program for November 20th. Remember, due to Thanksgiving, we will be meeting on the third Thursday of the Month (Nov. 20th) not Nov. 27th.

Fall is a busy time for all of us as we start garden cleanup for the season. I'm still nurturing a number of tomato plants. I just can't seem to let them go. I have a number of cherry tomatoes that hang on trellises on the side of my house that allow me to simply pick a handful as I walk by. My wife, Sandy, tells me she is surprised my skin is not redder. My work bench always has a handful of tomatoes ready for easy consumption as I work on my various Master Gardener projects. I just finished a painted "Victory Garden" sign that I volunteered to prepare. I will let the Victory Garden crew unveil the new sign. It's going to be a great entry addition to the Victory Garden. What a crew to work with - highly motivated, organized, and talented! While I don't donate a lot of time gardening at the Discovery Garden, I find myself immersed in special projects for several of the gardens. I really enjoy designing and preparing special and unique landscape items, as many of you know, though my wife would like to have her garage car space back, particularly during the rainy season. We Master Gardeners have our priorities, not always in tune with others. So goes life in the garden.

## Bake Sale Workers Needed!

### Barb Robinson & Sharon Hopkins

Our annual bake sale is coming up later this month on November 22nd, 9am to 2pm, at Sherm's Thunderbird Market in Roseburg. We will be receiving baked goods the day before on November 21st, 1:30-4:00pm, at the Extension kitchen. If you cannot possibly bring your wares on Friday, we will also accept them the day of the sale at Sherm's from 7:45 to 8:45. We need bakers, donations of ingredients from non-bakers, and people to work the sale.

If you are baking, thank you! Anything receiving rave reviews from family and friends would be perfect! Recipes you are trying for the first time may not be the best choice. Keep in mind we need homemade items. Please do not purchase ready-made items for resale at our venue.

Our customers love a good variety of pies, breads, muffins, cakes, candies, etc. Gluten free and sugar free are always requested. If you are baking pies, please bake in sturdy aluminum tins as you would get from Shari's or Kruse Farms. Items should be completely wrapped in units to be sold, i.e. four muffins in a package, a dozen cookies, etc. Presentation is important. The more attractive the item, the better the chance of it selling. This can be as simple as a festive ribbon tied around a loaf of bread.



Upon delivery, come prepared to check off the following ingredient label we provide which will be affixed to every item: Item \_\_\_\_\_ contains: \_\_wheat, \_\_eggs, \_\_milk, \_\_peanuts, \_\_tree nuts, \_\_soy.

If you are unable to bake but would like to donate to those who are baking, we can use any type of berries, cherries, rhubarb, peaches, pecans, etc. as well as butter. Costco has many of these items, or maybe you have extra in your freezer not yet in the freezer-burned state. For those who bake numerous items, this is our way of letting non-bakers help with the cost. Please call Barbara or Sharon to arrange for delivery or pickup.

Signups for working the sale began at our last chapter meeting. We still have several openings. If you can help out with any of the following, please email or call Barbara.

- Receiving Goods: 7:45 to 9am
- Pricing/Packaging Goods: 7:45 to 9am
- Selling: 11:30am to 2pm
- Cashier: 11:30am to 2pm

There are bake sale flyers in the Plant Clinic for you to pick up and distribute around town. Spread the word to your neighbors, friends and family about the opportunity for them to support a great cause while purchasing their desserts for the holiday!

## New Resident of the Children's Garden Judy Dake



It has taken several years to put our clay-pot person together. Most of the pots were donated by members of The North Umpqua Garden Club. We finally found the perfect bench at Lowe's.

There have been different patterns of "persons" in books and other gardens. After assembling the pots and cleaning them, we settled on a braided nylon rope to string the arms and legs together. Sharon Hopkins will be designing the perfect facial expression. The hair is grass at this time. Hats may appear through the different seasons. We are hoping the children will stop and sit awhile.

The stepping stone repair workshop has been postponed. We hope to set a date soon.

Please come by our garden, Betty Bean, Sharon Hopkins, Jack Wright, Bonnie Durick and Judy Dake.

## Butterfly Garden

### Jan Kirchner



Jan Kirchner, Kathy Hart, Barbara MacPherson, Sue Bundren

The Butterfly Garden crew has been busy putting the garden to rest for the winter. With the efforts of knowledgeable veteran's and eager and willing trainees, one major accomplishment of our September "workday" was to rediscover the archway that had been eaten by the voracious honeysuckle. We also reconfigured the berm to make it safer to trod the pathway. Come and join us in the Spring as the garden and the butterflies re-awaken!



## Membership Dues

**Denise Fennell**

As Autumn approaches and the rustle of leaves can be heard we become aware that the 2014 is slowly coming to a close.

With that I would like to remind everyone that 2015 Membership Dues will be coming up. You will see membership forms in the Plant Clinic and a copy of one is in this newsletter. Plus I will nag further by emailing each of you a copy, and handing them out at the meetings.

The dues for 2015 will still be \$10 for the year. This includes an electronic version of our monthly Newsletter. If you would like a copy of the Newsletter mailed to you, the postage has been raised, and will be \$8.50 for the year.

If you would like to continue to be a part of the Master Gardener program, you can pay your dues at any of our monthly meetings, drop off the payment to the plant clinic or mail a check, payable to DCMG, to PO Box 1047, Sutherlin OR 97479. (Checks will not be cashed until January 2015).

**Don't forget the new National Standards are 20 hours of community service and 10 hours of continuing education for the year.** Pretty easy to do as we offer continuing education classes after each chapter meeting, and the Plant Clinic and Discovery Garden always love volunteers! Plus there are lots of events you can help with - Mentor a trainee, help at the Trash-to-Treasure sale in March, work at the annual plant sale in May and lots more!

I look forward to meeting you and working with you!



## Agent's Report

**Steve Renquist**

### Secrets of Successful Gardens - Fall Edition

I like the fall because most plants are shutting down for the year, which allows me to just stroll around and review how well the plants did or didn't do during the current growing season. You can learn a lot about your gardening practices, and the state of your garden soil, by evaluating the quality and quantity of growth from all your plants. How much growth did the plant make? Did the plant produce a good crop or lovely flowers? Did the plant suffer during the hot summer? How are the buds for next year? Are there visible disease problems? Answers to all of these questions help you plan for the coming season.

We may want to forget about garden work during fall but we really shouldn't. This is one of the most important times of the year for keeping insect populations and disease inoculum in check. After having the whole growing season to multiply their numbers, insects have left thousands of eggs, and diseases have left millions of spores spread across your plant material. Good sanitation now will bring a tenfold payback for a healthy growing season next year. This is particularly important for

organic gardeners who choose not to use chemical controls during the growing season or during dormancy.

I used to collect all the dead or dying plant material and haul it to the compost heap. Over the years I have realized that I can just chop up most of the herbaceous material and allow it to decompose in the garden over winter. Chopped



herbaceous material forms a mulch-like layer that protects the soil from compacting rains of winter. This is referred to as “sheet composting”. I also shred leaves from my shade trees and layer those in all my gardens. As I have gotten older, all the hauling to the compost pile and

back as compost in spring or summer seems like excess work. If the plant material is badly infected with a disease, you should still think about disposing of it by burning or burying. If the plant material has minor infections of powdery mildew or other common diseases, you should compost it in a pile that gets hot (140F) and cooks for a week or so. That will take care of most fungi or bacterium.

When you are cleaning up your landscape, wait to prune most shrubs until the worst of winter has passed. Shrubs that are pruned in fall or early winter are not as winter hardy as unpruned shrubs. Early pruning removes carbohydrate reserves and can break dormancy. When you prune shrubs in late winter, remember not to prune spring-blooming plants until after they have bloomed or you will remove most of their flower buds.

The fall is also an important time to spray fruit trees for several types of disease. Give your peach trees a nice shot of lime sulfur or Daconil at 50% leaf fall to control peach leaf curl. It's also a good time to spray cherries with copper for bacterial canker, and prunes or plums with copper to control shot hole. This really keeps the inoculum low going into next spring. Anthracnose on apple and psuedomonas on pears can also be controlled by fall sprays of Bordeaux (copper). All these diseases are very prevalent in southwest Oregon and will weaken your trees over time. Adding a sticker spreader to your fall fruit tree sprays will make them more effective. It is important to have at least 3 days without rain to get good adhesion of products and ample time to kill spores.

Another important fall garden job is to clean up your vegetable garden for next season. The biggest job is to either haul old plants to the compost pile, or as I do, shred the old plants right back onto the garden soil to recycle materials. I also pull a soil sample and check the pH. If the pH is lower than 6.5, I add a little lime as a maintenance application. Most vegetables like the pH between 6.5 and 7.0. After spreading lime and cleaning up all of the plant material (or shredding it), I spread cover crop seed. If your soil seems to lack nitrogen, make sure you add a legume like clover, vetch, fava beans, or winter peas to the cover crop mix. If your soil seems to be pretty hard and doesn't have very good structure, make sure to add a grass like annual rye, wheat, barley, or triticale which have a great fibrous root system. I usually add a mix of legume and grass to my vegetable plot. My site is about 20 X 20 or 400 sq ft. I bought 2 lbs of legume seed and 5 lbs of grass seed for my plot. It cost me about \$6 at the local co-op. This cover will protect the soil, use excess nutrients in the soil preventing leaching, and will enhance the soil next spring or summer when I chop it down. Good gardening to you.

# Gravens Gardens Tomato Report

## Bruce Gravens

This is my first season growing tomatoes in southwestern Oregon and my first season gardening on this property. From Google Earth, I know someone has been gardening on this plot since 1994. The 1994 image of the garden seems to show a well-established garden plot so I am assuming the garden was established before 1985. I had the soil tested in the spring of 2014. The soil was a little too acidic and needed a little nitrogen. I tilled in about 1/3 of the recommend lime, 4 to 5 wheelbarrow loads of mint compost, and no nitrogen.



Virginia Sweet

The tomatoes were planted densely with 4 plants per 3-foot diameter cage. The plants were planted in early May. I started the seeds about 3 to 4 weeks too early so the plants were very leggy (2' to 3') at the time they were planted. I planted them very deep with half to two thirds of the total plant into the soil. I used two lines of T-Tape (Emitter Spacing: 6", Flow Rate: 0.25 GPH) on a 20 PSI regulated line operating 45 min. 3 times a week for irrigation.

We had a warmer and drier than normal Spring so the early planting worked out okay. The

plants that shook off transplanting shock started growing well and looked good throughout the growing season. I got about 5% blossom end rot on all varieties and toward the end of the season there were noticeable levels of late blight affecting all varieties. Other than blossom end rot and late blight there were no other notable issues.

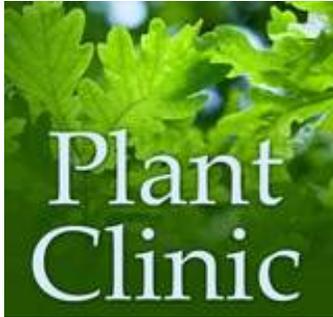
Not knowing what would grow well here, I went with a lot of variety to insure that I got something. I grew 36 varieties of tomatoes. We usually can mostly tomato sauce and soup base, so I grew 16 varieties of paste tomatoes, 16 varieties of classic/beefsteak tomatoes for eating fresh and canning, and 4 varieties of cherry tomatoes for early tomatoes and cooking. All together I grew 82 tomato plants.

All varieties grew well, were equally affected by disease, and produced fruit that ripened well before the end of summer. Our favorite classic tomatoes are Brandywine from Croatia, Kellogg's Breakfast, and Virginia Sweet. They all grew and produced very well. Our favorite paste tomatoes are Goldman's Italian American Paste, Jeff's Plum, Opalka, San Marzano, and super San Marzano. They all produced very well. For cherry tomatoes our favorites are Black Cherry, Sun Gold, and Sweet 100.

As all varieties did well, I decided to judge the varieties on the size of the fruit and robustness of the vine. You can see my graph at: [www.GravensGardens.com](http://www.GravensGardens.com).



True Black Brandywine



## Chris Rusch

The Plant Clinic has been busy this month answering lots of questions from our clients. 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 November we will only be open 2 days a week, Mondays and Wednesdays. We still have a few openings in November and December. Please consider signing up.

Questions for October were diverse, including problems with powdery mildew, blossom end rot, weed identification and lots of insects. In addition, we have been helping clients with fall gardening questions.

The statistics so far for 2014 are almost 900 visitors to the Plant Clinic. We are hoping to increase our visitor participation for 2015. If you have any ideas give me a call.

The plant clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County. If your are in town stop by the clinic and say hi.



## Treasurer's Report

Vicki McAlister

### INCOME 9/26/14 - 10/30/14

Contributions/Donations/Interest	\$21.23
Soil Testing	\$50.00
Plant Sale - Post	\$88.00

**TOTAL INCOME \$159.23**

### EXPENSES 9/26/14 - 10/30/14

Mgmt/General - Banquet	\$137.09
Newsletter Postage	\$28.00
Capital Expenditure - Greenhouse	\$350.78
Discovery Garden - Various	\$362.68
HLC - Various	\$497.56
Plant Sale - Seed/Propane/Supplies	\$394.53
Special Events - Compost Tea	\$129.96

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,900.60**

### Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$1,602.05
Money Market - Reserves	\$7,659.10
Money Market	\$37,098.12

**Ending Balance 10/30/14 \$46,359.27**

## Remember:

The last day to submit expenditures for reimbursement to the Treasurer for 2014 is

**DECEMBER 15th**



# Douglas County Master Gardener Chapter Meeting Minutes

**October 31, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10am by president, Chris Rusch. The agenda was approved with the addition of Hallmark and Hospitality. There were 45 members present. Minutes were approved as distributed by the secretary.

**Agent's Report** - Steve Renquist: Steve will be attending the Winter Dreams Summer Gardening Symposium sponsored by Jackson County Master Gardeners. He encouraged others to attend, although the date will conflict with the OMGA meeting being held here in Roseburg.

Registration for the 2015 MG class will be on Wednesday, Nov. 12th. Set up will be at 10:30 for veterans with registration at 11:30. Steve is in the process of interviewing candidates and is impressed with the caliber of applicants. There is a current signup of 23 and he predicts there will be about 30 in the class.

Julie Roth, former office manager, has moved to California, and they are in the process of advertising for her position. Application information may be found on the OSU website.

The BioChar Expo included many interesting demonstrations. Steve will be clearing out space in the ornamental garden to make room for biochar experimental beds. These will be used by Master Gardeners as both a teaching and learning tool.

Steve awarded OSU certificates to Master Gardeners not present at the Awards Banquet. Debbie Hesselstine was awarded her 5 year certificate, and Jim and Joni Leet their 10 year certificates.

**Membership** - Denise Fennell: Membership fees are due by Jan. 1st. Cost of receiving the

newsletter by mail has increased to \$8.50. Membership is still \$10 per person. We currently have 263 members.

**OMGA Representative** - Rosemary Brinkley: DCMG's will host OMGA state board training session tomorrow (Oct. 31) from 1-4pm. Al Cook, president elect, indicated he would like to analyze organizational issues for solutions both at the OMGA and chapter levels. Saturday will be the OMGA quarterly meeting beginning at 10am. All are encouraged to attend one or both days. Valerie Call will be helping with hospitality. Rosemary will be available for food drop off Saturday any time after 7am in the Extension kitchen.

OMGA is looking for officers. Positions open are Treasurer, 3rd VP, President Elect and Historian.

An audit of the OMGA books will be done by Roger Sawyer, Vicki McAlister, and Larry Sutton.

**Treasurer** - Vicki McAlister: Copies of the 2015 DCMG Proposed Budget were available for review. The budget will be voted upon at the November chapter meeting. Copies of current Account Balances and Cash Flow were also available. Final date to submit 2014 expenditures to Vicki is Dec. 15. Expenditure forms may be found online.

**Vice President** – Fred Alley: Fred gave thanks to Mark from Brosi's for his continuing education presentation today. Fred reminded the membership there would not be a meeting in December.

**Past President** - Larry Sutton: Nothing to report

**Secretary** - Barbara Robinson: Nothing to report

**President** – Chris Rusch: November's chapter meeting will be moved up to the 20th due to

Thanksgiving. Chris encouraged attendance for the OMGA meeting. November's Executive Board meeting will be on the same day as new class orientation. Will try to wrap it up quickly.

**Community Outreach** - Leo Grass: Leo once again worked his magic with preschoolers touring the gardens. He also went to Glide High School and shared information on plant nutrition and soils.

**Plant Clinic** – Chris Rusch: The Plant Clinic will be open Mondays and Wednesdays in November. December will be reduced to Wednesdays only. Many slots still need to be filled. There were 64 contacts in October, up 12 from last year October. Included were questions on fungi, bacterial wilt, and insects.

**Plant Sale** – Barbara Robinson: Nothing to report

**Westside Greenhouse/Winter Training** – Maureen Benice: Meeting every Tuesday 9-noon with ongoing clean-up of plants and choosing those that need to be brought in for Winter. Some cuttings are being made at this time. If anyone has hellebores or pansy geraniums (not patented) to share cuttings from, please contact Carolyn Riecks or Jackie Carpenter at Westside GH.

Mentor training will take place in the Extension kitchen at 10 a.m. on Nov. 5 and Dec. 3. Mentors and mentor substitutes are asked to attend. Maureen asked on the day of new class registration (Nov. 12) veterans meet her at 11pm for job assignments for the morning.

**Eastside Greenhouse** – Barbara Robinson: Barbara discussed ongoing work being done in the outside area of the Eastside Greenhouse. The work crew is doing a great job making the working conditions much safer and easier for MG's to work. A core group is up and running for the Eastside and will be representing themselves at future meetings.

**Awards** – Betty Ison: Betty was not aware of any new Master Gardeners who have

completed their 60 hours payback. Major awards presented at the annual Awards Banquet were: Master Gardener of the Year – Barbara Robinson, Behind the Scenes Award – Dave Hopkins, Outstanding Master Gardener Apprentice – Denise Fennell, Horticultural Agent's Award – Jen Bailey and Gale Robinson. Chris Rusch thanked everyone for their work on the banquet, with special thanks going out to Judy Huntley and Betty Ison.

**Victory Garden** – Mik Carlson: The garden has been put to bed for the winter. Mik thanked the many people involved in making this such a successful year. Ruth Stafford will co-chair VG next year with Mik. Seeds donated by UCAN are available in the lobby. Mik asked the membership to take some and next year plant an extra row for donating. Total donations to UCAN this year was 5,484 pounds, a whopping 2.5 tons! Over 1700 pounds of this total came from Master Gardener donations. This was an increase of 500 pounds over last year's 1200 pounds!

**Discovery Garden** – Julie Stanbery: A lovely bird bath bowl made out of gunnera leaves was donated by Susan Turner. Tell her thank you should you see her around town. Julie needs someone to come up with a base for the bowl. A tree came down on the HLC bathroom. There was no permanent damage and Ivor Chapman and Ray Warren cleaned up the mess. There was also a broken pipe in the Discovery Garden which led to the discovery of additional river water access where a new stand pipe now sits. The gardens have all been winterized with equipment and hoses all put away. Dan Bean of Bean Electric will be coming out to assess the logistics of getting electricity to the gold shed. Several MG's have worked with Saving Grace on various projects. They would now like to place screening outside of the kennel areas. Some trees have been donated and they are now looking for donations of specific types of grasses. Contact Julie for more information.

**Discovery Garden Signage** – Karen Glatz: Not present. Julie Stanbery remarked how beautiful the Rose Garden sign is.

**Publicity/Newsletter** – Bonnie Courter: Bonnie has sent out PSA's on the Bake Sale and changing hours for the Plant Clinic. Articles for the newsletter are due this Saturday.

**Trash-to-Treasure** – Della Neavoll: The sale will be on March 21st, with the two days prior as receiving and setup days.

**Bake Sale** – Barbara Robinson: Barb handed out flyers for members to distribute throughout the area. A signup sheet for working the sale was also circulated. The sale will be on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at Sherm's Thunderbird Market from 9am to 2pm. The day prior, Friday the 21st at 1-4pm, we will be receiving baked goods at the Extension kitchen. They can also be dropped off at Sherm's the morning of the sale from 7:30 to 8:30. Only homemade items will be accepted, preferably a family favorite and not a "this looks good," never-tried recipe. More information will be forthcoming in the newsletter and via email. Questions may be directed to Barbara Robinson or Sharon Hopkins.

**Facebook** – Barbara Horst: Not present. Denise Fennell encouraged members to sign up for FB. Currently our page has 288 members. It's an excellent means of communication and spreading the word by sharing with other FB friends.

**Hallmark** - Linda Thames: Janet Thran is undergoing surgery. Jim Leet had shoulder surgery. Linda extended a personal thank you for all the sympathy cards and birthday cards she had received.

**Hospitality** - Valerie Call: The MG supply closet has been cleaned out with the help of John Panches. It has been cleaned, consolidated and organized. John has designated the closet to be used exclusively by Master Gardeners. Thank you John! Valerie says there are a lot of supplies available in the

closet, so check before purchasing. Empty totes will be stored in the attic area.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business** - Vicki McAlister: The proposed 2015 budget has been approved by the Executive Board. It will be included in the November newsletter. The membership will be voting on it at our November meeting.

**Show and Tell** -

Betty Ison: Betty shared two different flowers, one off a Camellia (Cleopatra) and the perennial digiplexis. The camellia is blooming early and covered with blooms. The isoflexis has bloomed non-stop all summer and is a perennial she highly recommends.

Tasha King: There will be a plant sale at Bunyard's Barnyard this Thursday – Saturday, 9:00-3:00.

Bob Brindley: Bob continued his quest in his search for the perfect barbecue sauce, and this year added mustard to that quest. He shared 18 barbecue and 12 mustard sauces, offering pretzels for taste testing. The dill mustard was my favorite! Thanks to Bob for going to all this work to tempt our palates. Next month he is asking we bring our favorite cranberry delicacies.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.

### **Announcements**

<u>Greenhouse Crews</u>	Tuesdays, 9-noon at the HLC
<u>Insect Committee</u>	First & Third Mondays, 8am
<u>Executive Board Mtg.</u>	Nov.12, 10am, Extension Kitchen
<u>New Class Registration</u>	Nov. 12,11:30am,Ext. Auditorium
<u>Diagnostics</u>	Nov.19, 10:00am, Ext.Auditorium
<u>Photography Team</u>	Nov. 19, 10:00am, Ext. Kitchen
<u>Chapter Mtg &amp; Cont.Ed.</u>	Nov. 20, 9am,Ext.Aud.
<u>Bake Sale Goods Drop-Off</u>	Nov. 21, 1:30-4:00pm,Ext.Kit.
<u>Bake Sale</u>	Nov. 22, 9am to 2:00pm, Sherm's Thunderbird Market

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Robinson  
DCMG Secretary

## OSU Extension November Garden Calendar

- ✦ Force spring bulbs for indoor blooms in December
- ✦ Service lawn mower prior to winter
- ✦ Check potatoes in storage & remove any going bad
- ✦ Place a portable cold frame over rows of winter veggies
- ✦ Cover rhubarb & asparagus beds with composted manure & straw



- ✦ Rake & compost leaves that are free of diseases & insects. Use mulches to prevent erosion & compaction from rain
- ✦ To protect built-in sprinkler systems, drain the system & insulate the valve mechanisms
- ✦ Clean & oil lawnmower, other garden equipment & tools before storing for winter.
- ✦ Drain & store hoses carefully to avoid damage from freezing.
- ✦ Renew mulch around perennial flower beds after removing weeds
- ✦ Protect tender evergreens from drying winds
- ✦ Tie limbs of upright evergreens to prevent breakage by snow or ice
- ✦ Trim chrysanthemums to 4 to 6 inches after they finish blooming
- ✦ Leave ornamental grasses up in winter to provide winter texture in the landscape. Cut them back a few inches above the ground in early spring
- ✦ Last chance to plant cover crops for soil building. You can also use a 3-4 inch layer of leaves, spread over the garden plot, to eliminate winter weeds, suppress early spring weeds & prevent soil compaction by rain

- ✦ Watch for wet soil & drainage problems in yard during heavy rains. Tiling, ditching, & French drains are possible solutions. Consider rain gardens & bioswales as a long-term solution
- ✦ Take cuttings of rhododendrons & camellias for propagation; propagate begonias from leaf cuttings
- ✦ Prune roses (tea & floribunda, but NOT climbers & ramblers) to around 3 feet in height to prevent winter damage
- ✦ Plant window garden of lettuce, chives, parsley
- ✦ Good time to plant trees & shrubs. Consider planting shrubs & trees that supply food & shelter to birds (sumac, elderberry, flowering currant, & mock orange)
- ✦ Still time to plant spring-flowering bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocuses. Don't delay!
- ✦ Good time to plant garlic for harvest next summer; and to transplant landscape trees & shrubs
- ✦ Rake & destroy leaves from fruit trees that were diseased this year. Remove & discard mummified fruit
- ✦ Check firewood for insect infestations. Burn affected wood first & don't store inside
- ✦ Treat peaches four weeks after leaf fall spray for peach leaf curl & shothole diseases
- ✦ Moss appearing in lawn may mean too much shade or poor drainage. Correct site conditions if moss is bothersome
- ✦ Bait garden, flower beds for slugs during rainy period. Use traps or new phosphate baits, which are pet-safe
- ✦ Monitor landscape plants for problems. Don't treat unless a problem is identified
- ✦ Reduce fertilizer applications to houseplants



**DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2014 DUES**  
**and REPLACEMENT NAME TAG**

(Please pay **BEFORE** January 1, 2015)

***PRINT ALL information below EVEN if nothing has changed:***

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\_\_\_\_ ***Here is \$10 for my dues which includes the online MG Newsletter.***

\_\_\_\_ ***Please mail my newsletter. I have included an EXTRA \$8.50 to cover postage.***

Please make checks out to **DCMG** and include the above form. You can drop off your completed form and payment in the dues drawer at the plant clinic or mail it to me. Checks may not be deposited until after January 1, 2015.

Those needing a **replacement name tag** should contact me before mid-January. I will be keeping a list to add to the trainee class member's order. Please provide your name as you want it to appear on the name tag, your class year, and your contact info (either email or phone number). You will be contacted with the cost once the name tags have arrived.

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