



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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Dec. 2014 Calendar

Mon., Dec. 1, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Dec. 2, 9:00-Noon

Westside & Eastside Greenhouses

Wed., Dec. 3, 8:30

Saving Grace, planting trees/shrubs

Wed., Dec. 3, 10:00

Mentor Training, Annex Kitchen

Mon., Dec. 8, 10:00-Noon

Plant Clinic Training Team, Kitchen

Tues., Dec. 9, 9:00-Noon

Westside & Eastside Greenhouses

Tues., Dec. 16, 9:00-Noon

Westside & Eastside Greenhouses

Mon., Dec. 15

Reimbursement receipts due Vicki

Sat., Dec. 20

Newsletter articles due to Bonnie

Thurs., Dec. 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!



**REMEMBER: MEMBERSHIP
DUES ARE DUE BY JAN. 1st**

Fri., Jan. 3, 10:30

Set up tables & chairs for WTC

Tues., Jan. 6,

WTC starts, Potluck at noon



Noble fir can be found at high elevations on the Umpqua NF

The President's Post

Chris Rusch

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE THANKFUL!

As you read this, our Thanksgiving Holiday is over. I hope yours was spent with friends and family and was most enjoyable!

What a terrific year we have had due to the outstanding work of many of our DCMG volunteers! First, we hosted an outstanding winter program for new members thanks to Maureen Benice and our awesome mentor volunteers. We also had three terrific summer meetings at the homes of Ivor Chapman, Janet Bitter and Dave and Sharon Hopkins. Thanks for opening your homes to us! Next we all enjoyed another terrific annual Banquet. Thanks to Judy Huntley and Betty Ison for the work they did to organize this wonderful annual event. It is a great tradition. And in between, there is the



amazing work of all our volunteers at the Discovery Garden under the direction of Julie Stanbery. We also have the important work of Mik and her crew in the Victory Garden supporting the outstanding work of UCAN in our community. Next, thanks to greenhouses East and West, we have the extremely successful Plant Sale, our most important fund-raising event of the year, under the leadership of Sharon Hopkins, Barbara Robinson, Tasha King, Jackie Carpenter, Gloria Amorde and many others. We also have many behind-the-scene operators that keep us ticking like Dave, Gale, Ken, Nathan, Pamela, Carol, Bob, Betty, Judy, Jack, Debbie, Philese, Barbara, Marilyn, Roger, Elva, Gayle, Bill, Kish, Ivor and many others. Oh, and we can't forget Trash-to-Treasures with Cindy. And then there is still another amazing fund-raiser, our annual Bake Sale that was supported by many volunteers. Our Plant Clinic continues to be a great way to reach out to our community and train our new members. Thank you to our dedicated training core: Larry, Leo, Judy, and Karolyn. Our Hallmark program, under Linda's guidance, continues to keep our members in need supplied with thoughts and prayers. Shirley keeps those emails coming. Jen and Bonnie have done a great job of making our newsletters something we all look forward to each month. Our Executive Board, past and present, keeps us organized thanks to the efforts of Michelle, Larry, Ruth, Denise, Rosemary, Vicki, Fred, Barbara, and Janet. And especially a big "thank you" to Steve Renquist for his terrific leadership and guidance. Wow! Thank you, EVERYONE, for making our DCMG organization so successful.

AND NOW 'TIS THE SEASON TO DECK THE HALLS!

Now the Christmas Holidays are upon us, and you are probably looking for that perfect Christmas tree! Did you know that Oregon is the Christmas tree capital of the Nation? Yes we are! Oregon supports 63,000 acres in Christmas trees and sells over 6 million trees annually. The most popular species are Douglas-fir and noble fir. The modern Christmas tree originated during the Renaissance of early Germany. Records also state that the use of evergreen trees, wreathes and garlands to symbolize eternal life was a custom of the ancient Egyptians, Chinese and Hebrews. Whatever the reason, most of us will be heading out to get our trees soon. There are many vendors throughout the County selling trees. You can also get a permit to cut your own tree from the Forest Service or BLM. Just visit their offices in Roseburg, pay a small fee, and they will issue a permit along with a map of areas set aside for this purpose. It is really fun to venture out into the mountains to select and cut your own tree. Our family is lucky enough to have 30 acres of forest land here in Tiller, so we usually find a beautiful gem of a tree on our own property. So convenient! When the Holidays are over, you can recycle your tree at the County Transfer Station, or Roseburg has set up 11 drop boxes around the city. Wildlife Safari also accepts recycled trees.

Merry Christmas Everyone!!



Vice President's Report

Fred Alley

During the last year we have had a number of great topics and presentations for our Continuing Educational Series, and the Novembers' presentation by Leonard Houston, president of the Beaver Relocation Advocacy Committee in Tiller, was no exception. While I introduced Leonard and Lois Houston and their program, I agreed the program was a stretch from our traditional Master Gardener topics. However, I recognized it is quite common for our fellow Master Gardeners to seek and discuss methods they can use to get rid of voles, moles, gophers, raccoons, opossums, skunks, rabbits, turkeys, nutria and the like. While it is a beaver, or one of the above, the process of getting rid of wild pests is still the same, so Leonard's presentation was very interesting. As Leonard shared with us, beavers are listed as a pest and as a protected species, depending on the situation. The Beaver Relocation Advocacy Committee is most often contacted by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to assist owners in relocating beavers that are causing agricultural damage. I particularly enjoyed the presentation for several reasons: 1) my wife and I met Leonard and Lois Houston, because we used their expertise in relocating four beavers from our backyard, 2) because I was interested and fascinated in saving this unique State listed/protected mammal, 3) I was impressed with the streamlined process between the ODFW and the Beaver Relocation Advocacy Committee. It took three days for all four beavers to be removed, and 4) I felt this program was a great community educational program, one that most of us were not aware of. If you ever have a problem with beavers, please contact the ODFW and ask about the Beaver Relocation Advocacy Committee from Tiller. Additionally, Leonard Houston left us a



short CD on "The Best Beaver Management Practices" which I have left in the Plant Clinic. You can check it out at your convenience.

I have already identified a number of programs for the 2015 Continuing Education Program year. We hope to encourage our new trainees to attend the Continuing Education Programs, and provide them any opportunity to suggest programs/topics they would like to learn more about. As usual, if you too have ideas, please feel free to contact me.

Aside from the Continuing Education Program, I have had the pleasure to design and construct two more special projects for the Discovery Garden: 1) a new entry sign for the Victory Garden, and 2) a wood structural support for the old Japanese gong. Chris Rusch, chair of the Japanese Garden, is repainting the Japanese Gong, and Karen Glatz is coordinating the repainting of the Victory Garden sign.

Best Wishes to all during the Holiday Season!

Gravens Gardens Pepper Report

Bruce Gravens

Here's a review of our first experience growing peppers at Gravens Gardens. The peppers were planted fairly densely in two rows 18-inches apart on 8-inch centers. The plants were planted in early May. I started the seeds about 3 to 4 weeks too early so the plants were very leggy (1' to 2') at the time they were planted. I planted them very deep with two thirds of the total plant placed below the soil level. I used two lines per row of T-Tape (Emitter Spacing: 6", Flow Rate: 0.25 GPH) on a 20 PSI regulated line operating 45 minutes 3 times a week for irrigation.



We had a warmer and drier than normal spring so the early planting worked out okay. After a few weeks the plants shook off transplanting shock, started growing well and looked good throughout the growing season. I provided a shade structure made up of PVC pipe and light-weight row cover. This structure effectively eliminated sun scald, yet provided enough light to produce a very nice yield.

I decided to grow the same pepper varieties here that I grew in San Jose, CA. I was very

encouraged with the results. All varieties produced well with the exception of the Bhut Jolokia, which fruited very well, but did not ripen before the rains started. In the end, I grew 2 to 4 plants of 43 varieties of peppers.

Sweet pepper varieties: Belecski, California Wonder Orange, California Wonder Red, Chervena Chushka, Coral, Corno di Toro Giallo, Corno di Toro Rosso, Cuollarici, Early Sunstation, Espelette, Garden Sunshine, Giallo di Cuneo, Goccia d'Oro, Gourmet, Karma, Marconi Golden, Marconi Red, Orange Bell, Quadrato d'Asti Rosso, Romanian Gogosari, and Wisconsin Lakes. The red lettered varieties are very nice peppers developed in Europe after 1500 AD. These varieties were developed for flavor as well as growth and vector resistance and resulted in great varieties for the garden. The Corno di Toro and Marconi varieties have great flavor both for eating out of hand and as sweet-pickled. Belecski, Giallo di Cuneo, Goccia d'Oro, Marconi Golden, Marconi Red, Quadrato d'Asti Rosso, and Romanian Gogosari, are very nice bell-type varieties that are great fresh, and they freeze very well. The Chervena Chushka and Espelette are best dried and ground for paprika. Finally, Cuollarici is an Italian frying pepper. The Corno di toro, Marconi, Quadrato d'Asti, and Romanian Gogosari are our favorite sweet peppers.

Mild peppers: Ancho 101, Baby Pepper Chili, Chilhuacle Negro, Mariachi, Padron, Pasilla Bajio and Szentesi. Baby Pepper Chili is the unpatented open-pollinated version of the Papadew pepper found sweet-pickled in the supermarkets and salad bars. This is one of our favorite mild varieties that we sweet-pickle and serve stuffed with soft goat cheese. Padron is a well-known fryer. Mariachi and Szentesi are very nice paprika-shaped peppers with a nice bite.

Hot peppers: Aleppo, Big Bomb, Hinklehatz Yellow, Jalapeño, Manzano Orange, Manzano Red, Santa Fe Grande, Serrano, and Thai Hot Black. The Manzano and Big Bomb are great sweet-pickled and stuffed with soft goat cheese. The Aleppo dried and ground make a very

flavorful spice paprika. The Thai Hot Black is a very hot Thai pepper grown by a family of Hmong people living in the California central valley.

Extremely hot peppers: Bhut Jolokia, Habanero Saint Jacobs, and Trinidad Scorpion. The Habanero and Trinidad Scorpion did very well. We make jelly from the Habanero, and hot chili sauce out of all three. All three are great dried and ground into an extremely hot paprika. When making these hot paprikas, I grind the seeds and the pods together.

I saved seeds for Aleppo, Baby pepper Chili, Belescki, Bhut, Jolokia, Cuollarici, Habanero Saint Jacobs, hinklehatsz Yellow, Romanian Gogosari, Szentesi, and Thai Hot Black.

OMGA Report

Rosemary Brinkley

Douglas County Master Gardeners hosted the OMGA Leadership Training and the Quarterly Board Meeting on Oct. 31 and November 1. I would like to thank the Douglas County MG's that participated in the Leadership Training. They were Julie Stanbery, Larry Sutton, Valerie Call, Denise Fennell, Anne Bacon, Chris Rusch and Rosemary Brinkley. The topic was how to keep the sustainability of OMGA going into the next 40 years. Although the start was slow, by the end of the time, the group had a very lively and informative conversation regarding the uniqueness of each chapter, and how we can support each other while maintaining a continued dialogue with OSU. With the International recertification being implemented in the next few years, there was a discussion about having different levels of MG memberships. Here is a possible system:

- Active: 20 hours plus 10 hours of continued education and paying dues each year.
- Standing members just pay dues
- Trainees taking winter training and fulfilling their hour requirements

- Honorary members who are on "leave of absence" or are no longer able to participate in chapter activities due to health issues

This conversation was just a start. There will be more to come. Any ideas are always welcome.

The Quarterly Meeting would not have been as successful without the help of the following DC members who provided food, kitchen help, flowers, set-up and hospitality needs. A HUGE THANK YOU to Valerie Call (Hospitality Coordinator extraordinaire), Michelle Harding-Olson, Larry Sutton, Chris Rusch, Janet Parkinson, Bonnie Courter, Leo Grass, Vicki McAlister, Judy Huntley, JoAnn Pico, Bob Brindley, Denise Fennell, Julie Stanbery, Elva Sellens, Peggy Yoder, Karen Glatz, Sharon Hopkins, Anne Waddington, Judy Mercer, Linda Thames, Roberta Becker, Maureen Bernice, Betty Ison, Roger Sawyer and Rosemary Brinkley.

Items discussed at the meeting included:

- 2017 International Master Gardener Conference in Portland, Oregon. The committee has secured two keynote speakers with a third in negotiation.
- OMGA Trademark. All documents now require the TM symbol applied at the end of the OMGA title. Written guidelines will be provided in the future.
- Mini-College 2015 will be held in McMinnville on August 6, 7, and 8. This is a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday conference.
- There were some policy and procedure changes that were cleaned up to reflect what is actually occurring.
- A replacement website will be launched by January 1, 2015. It will be omga.org/wordpress or <http://omga.org/wordpress>.
- The 2015 budget was approved with 67.50 to the good.

State officers were elected. They are:
 President - Al Cook
 Past President - Jim Liskey
 President Elect - Mary Mellard
 1st Vice-President - Marilyn Scheffler,
 2nd Vice-President - Lynne Trippe
 Secretary- Susan Nesbitt
 Treasurer - Katherine Johnson
 Appointed officers were: Webmaster- Larry Byrum, and *Gardener's Pen* editor - Marcia Sherry.



Chris Rusch

The Plant Clinic has been busy this month answering questions from our clients. The 2014 training team this year has been Leo

Grass, Larry Sutton, Judy Mercer, Karolyn Riecks and Chris Rusch. Next year we are welcoming 2 new members to the Plant Clinic training team: Bonnie Courter and Anne Bacon. We still need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic both in training our new volunteers and keeping up with the work load of assisting our visitors to the Plant Clinic. Please try to volunteer your expertise to help out in this important outreach program. In December and January we will only be open on Mondays. We still have a few openings in December and January. Please consider signing up.

Questions for November were diverse, including lawn maintenance, orchard management, and weed identification. In addition, we have been helping clients with winter gardening questions.

The statistics so far for 2014 are almost 950 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.

Westside Greenhouse Maureen Benice

The plants are all cleaned up and put in their places until the first of 2015, so there is no need for work crews until then. When 2015 gets here, MG Winter Training will be in session, SO work crews will be held on **Mondays**.

The heaters are regulating the heat for the cuttings we've done. The seed meeting has been held, and the seeds for annuals, veggies, herbs, and some perennials are going to be ordered.

Looking forward to 2015. Have wonderful Holidays and see you in the New Year!!

Westside Core:

Carol Bolt, Jackie Carpenter, Tasha King, Karolyn Riecks, Barbara Robinson, and me.

Treasurer's Report Vicki McAlister

INCOME 10/30/14-11/20/14

Interest	\$1.14
Soil Testing	\$30.00
Bake Sale - Change for Cash Box	-\$120.00
TOTAL INCOME	-\$88.86

EXPENSES 10/30/14-11/20/14

Mgmt/General - Banquet	\$345.75
Newsletter Postage	\$28.00
Capital Expenditure - Greenhouse	\$422.65
Clinic - Library	\$12.49
Discovery Garden - Various	\$747.76
HLC - Various	\$251.46
Plant Sale - Utilities/Plants/Supplies	\$2,596.63
Special Events - Bake Sale	\$78.62
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,483.36

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$1,028.69
Money Market - Reserves	\$8,659.10
Money Market	\$32,099.26
Ending Balance 11/20/14	\$41,787.05



Photos: Bonnie Courter

Bake Sale

Barbara Robinson & Sharon Hopkins

When in doubt, trust your instincts to know Master Gardeners will pull through to sponsor yet another successful event. In spite of a little



Judith Mercer & Ruth Stafford

less Bake Sale inventory, with rain and sometimes blustery weather, we cleared \$1,153.83 in 5 hours! Of course, we have our loyal customers and Sherm's Thunderbird Market to thank for making this yearly event possible. When you are shopping at Sherm's,

please take the time to thank them for allowing us to use their venue each year.



Barb Robinson & Linda Thames

To those of you who baked, worked the sale, or donated money toward the purchase of supplies, a big "thank you" for your part. Our tables and racks were full of high quality, beautifully-presented, delectable delights. Our sales "staff" did an outstanding job of mingling with our customers and helping them select their favorite delicacies. Many customers were return patrons, letting us know they look forward to our sale every year. Sherm's employees were some of our best customers, stopping by to pick up break and lunchtime goodies.

Jo Ann Pico and Janet Parkerson will be co-chairing this event next year, and are looking forward to another successful sale. In the meantime, this next summer, when you are picking berries, peaches, cherries, etc. pick a few extra for the freezer and earmark for the 2015 MG Bake Sale. And don't forget to save those sturdy pie tins you get from Kruse Market

and Shari's for our pie bakers!



Barb Robinson & Sharon Hopkins

It has been our pleasure to chair the Bake Sale and work with all of you. It truly is a fun and rewarding event. Our blessings go out to all of you for a joyful Christmas and a New Year full of wonderful memories in the making.

Winter Training Class

Maureen Benice

The first Mentor Class was held and several lively discussions took place. A lot was learned and the scones were yummy!

The new student orientation was well attended by both veteran MGs, mentors and students (I counted 21 present)!

The second Mentor Training Class will be held at **10 AM** in the Annex kitchen, on **December 3rd**. The day-by-day mentor jobs will be presented, Green Folders explained, and the student assignments will be handed out. So **MENTORS** (and Substitutes) please attend!!

The classroom in the Annex will be set up for class on **Friday, January 2nd**, at **10:30**. We have to get tables and chairs set up for class to start **January 6th**. If you would like to help, come join us.

We MG's put on a potluck for the students on the first day of class, so be thinking about what you will bring to eat, and join us for lunch on **January 6th**. MG's are SUCH good cooks!

We have a month off from MG activities, so have fun! See you in 2015.



Carol Bolt, Elva Sellens & Kathy Hart hard at work



Kathy Hart hosing off a dahlia clump. We all got hosed as well!

Photos: Bonnie Courter



Showing us the art of dahlia digging



Elva makes dahlia dividing look SO easy!

**Oregon State University
Master Gardener™
2015 Winter Training Program**

Douglas County- Roseburg Tuesday 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

January 6	AM PM	Botany I Climate and Weather of Douglas County	John Punches Steve Renquist
January 13	AM PM	Botany II (Physiology) Veg Propagation*/Tree Fruit* Discovery Garden orientation	John Punches Team/Steve Renquist
January 20	AM PM	Pruning Trees, Shrubs, and Vines Veg Propagation*/ Tree Fruit* Discovery Garden orientation	Steve Renquist Team/Steve Renquist
January 27	AM PM	Insects Concurrent Sessions	Megan Woltz Master Gardeners
February 3	AM PM	Pesticide Safety Plant ID/Greenhouse Seeding	Steve Renquist Bryan Benz / MG's
February 10	AM	Plant Disease and Diagnosis Vegetable Gardening	Steve Renquist Marjorie Neal
February 17	AM PM	Soils/Fertilization Plant ID/ Greenhouse Seeding*	Steve Renquist Bryan Benz / MG's
February 24	AM PM	Care of Urban Trees/Seed Saving Weed ID and Control	Tal Blankenship Shelby Filley
March 3	AM PM	Berry Crops Composting/Cover crops	Joe Yetter/ Steve Renquist
March 10	AM PM	Vert. Pests/Landscape with natives IPM	Leo Grass/ Tal Blankenship Steve Renquist
March 17	AM PM	Discovery Garden Final* Final Exam Review	Master Gardener Team Steve Renquist

Locations: Douglas County Extension Office-Roseburg
1134 S.E. Douglas Ave. Phone 672-4461

*Class at the Discovery Garden (near River Forks Park) 238 River Forks Park Rd

Douglas County Master Gardener Chapter Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by president, Chris Rusch. There were 50 in attendance.

Agenda Approval - Approval of \$1900 in the budget for Eastside Greenhouse renovation added under new business

Minutes - Minutes were approved as distributed

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist: Steve asked for feedback on posting the new class photo roster with student names listed. Approval was given by those in attendance.

Thirty students are signed up for the new class.

Gail Langaletto has printed and issued a policy from legal on OSU's stance on marijuana. The Master Gardener program receives federal funding and as such is governed by the Federal Controlled Substance Act. We could lose that funding if we do not strictly adhere to their guidelines. We are NOT ALLOWED to provide any advice on marijuana. The policy will be posted in the Plant Clinic.

Interviews have narrowed the office manager position down to 6 prospects. All have great qualifications.

The Extension gardens/flowerbeds out front need to be redesigned, pruned, etc. Steve asked for volunteers to help. Contact Steve if interested.

The Fairgrounds asked Master Gardeners to design the edging along their most recently renovated building. The design will be drought hardy, although it will have access to some irrigation. Contact Steve if interested.

Steve would like to increase our presence out in the community this year with our pruning classes. He would like to have Master Gardeners step up to fill this need and will be giving brush-up classes for the trainers.



Cranberry Tasting

Officer Reports

Membership - Denise Fennell: Membership fees are due by January 1. Denise brought hard copy rosters for those who wanted them.

OMGA Representative - Rosemary Brinkley: Rosemary thanked everyone who helped and attended the OMGA leadership training and board meeting held the previous week. She also thanked Steve Renquist for his exceptional leadership and support which far surpasses any other chapter in the State.

An audit of OMGA books was done by Vicki McAlister, Roger Sawyer and Larry Sutton. Although finding the needed information proved to be a challenge, the financial books were approved.

Al Cook, of Jackson County, is the new OMGA president. He plans to visit chapters across the State.

OMGA needs a historian. Contact Rosemary if interested.

Mini College will be held at Linfield College, August 7-9.

Treasurer - Vicki McAlister: All bills and receipts are due to Vicki by December 15 for this year. Mail to Vicki or leave at Plant Clinic.

Financial reports were available to the membership.

Money still left in budget for mailing newsletter. More than enough to cover mailing of last issue for year.



Photos: Bonnie Courter

Vice President - Fred Alley: Will contact membership regarding continuing education for January.

Past President - Larry Sutton (No report)
Secretary - Barbara Robinson (No report)

President - Chris Rusch: Chris reminded members there will not be a December meeting.

Community Outreach - Leo Grass: Geoff Puryear taught a succulent class at the Sutherlin Garden Club.

There is a request for a pruning class at Glide High School. Contact Leo if interested.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch: The clinic is only open Mondays during December and January. A few slots still left for working the clinic. About the same number of contacts as last November with 26 contacts. Lawn, insect and box elder bug questions were prevalent.

Bake Sale - Barbara Robinson: Sharon Hopkins and Barbara are co-chairs.

Receiving baked goods on Friday, Nov. 21st from 1:30 to 4:00 and Saturday morning before the sale.

Ingredient labels will need to be filled out and affixed to each item.

Bake your family favorites and make the package attractive.

Workers dress according to the weather. Layers work well as do gloves and scarves.

Please thank Sherm's when you go in for allowing us to use their venue for our sale.

Westside Greenhouse - Maureen Benice: There are no scheduled crews for December.

January crew workdays will change to Mondays until Master Gardener classes are finished, since classes are on Tuesdays.

The Westside core group met to choose seeds for the upcoming year. More vegetables will be grown as requested by our customers.

Winter Training - Maureen Benice: Orientation for the new students was well attended by both students and Master Gardeners.

The second mentor class will be held in the kitchen, Dec. 3rd at 10 AM. Student assignments will be given out as well an explanation of daily procedure and what to expect.

Need helpers on Jan. 2nd at 10:30 AM to set up for the first class on Jan. 6th.

Mentors are asked to bring snacks the first day of class.

Master Gardeners will provide potluck lunch for first day of class.

Valerie Call is our new Hospitality Chair.

Eastside Greenhouse - Bruce Gravens:
Eastside is caught up with their pruning and cleaning up of plant material.

Aging film on the greenhouses is being patched. Will need to replace film in the not too distant future.

More gravel work to be done on Sunday and Tuesday.

Dave Clark has been busy working on winterizing the Umpqua water system.

Awards - Betty Ison (Nothing to report)
Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery: Festival of Lights to start on Sunday. Road needs to be smoothed out where the tractor has been crossing to do gravel work at Eastside GH.

Master Gardeners will be planting trees and shrubs at Saving Grace at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, December 3rd. Show up if you would like to help. The trees were donated by Karolyn Riecks. Thank you Karolyn.

Discovery Garden Signage - Karen Glatz
Victory Garden has money for signage. Fred Alley is building a sign to be painted and installed in the spring.

Publicity - Bonnie Courter: PSA's and articles have been sent in to the paper, radio and TV.

Newsletter articles are due Saturday, November 29th. Articles for January's issue are due Sat., December 20th. All board members and chair people are asked to write a letter of introduction outlining who you are, what you do, and include a photo of yourself for the January Newsletter.

Trash to Treasurer - Della Neavoll: Sale will be at the annex on Saturday, March 21st. Set up dates will be the 19th and 20th.

Hallmark - Linda Thames: Janet Thran underwent successful surgery.

Thank you to John Panches for funds to fix the tractor.

New Business

Julie Stanbery made a motion for approval of taking \$1900 from the reserve funds to use for renovations at the Eastside Greenhouse. Betty Ison seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Show and Tell

Linda Thames shared her success story on growing yams this year, with some weighing in at 3 lbs.! Steve Renquist attributed part of her success to the 25% more heat units we experienced this year, which is equivalent to what is experienced in the Southeast.

Steve Renquist talked about the IPM methods being used with great success on the brown marmorated stinkbug by researchers in the East. They are using an IPM solution as an attractant and traps. The attractant is placed on top of a structure looking like a big black pyramid. Orchard pesticide use has decreased by 40% with this method. OSU is working on developing predators and parasites and are going to China and Korea to collect them. There will be 3 to 4 years of testing before releasing.

Larry Sutton thanked Leo Grass for loaning us the mini speaker system.

Meeting Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 PM.

Cranberry Tasting - Bob Brindley
Immediately following the meeting, different types of cranberry delicacies were sampled as organized by Bob Brindley. Thanks Bob!

Announcements

Insect Committee: 1st and 3rd Mondays 10AM
Chapter Meeting: No December meeting
Mentor Class: Dec. 3rd, 10 AM, Extension Kitchen



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2015 DUES
and REPLACEMENT NAME TAG

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

PRINT ALL information below EVEN if nothing has changed:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE: _____ CHECK # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

____ ***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.

Denise Fennell
Membership Director

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Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: The deadline for the January 2015 Newsletter is December 20th. 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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