



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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Sept. 2015 Calendar

Tues., Sept. 1, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden work day

Thurs., Sept. 3

Herb Garden Crew

Mon., Sept. 7, 9:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Sept. 8, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden workday

Wed., Sept. 9, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

Tues., Sept. 15, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden work day

Thurs., Sept. 17, 10:00-Noon

Herb Garden Crew

Mon., Sept. 21, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Sept. 22, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden work day

Thurs., Sept. 24, 10:00

Chapter Meeting & potluck at

Discovery Garden Pavilion

Tues., Sept. 29, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden work day

Sat., Oct. 3, 5:30

Annual Awards Banquet at First
United Methodist Church, Rsbg.



The President's Post

Chris Rusch

Thank you to Jean Wall for hosting our final summer meeting for the year. Her yard, orchard and garden were a lovely space for our August meeting that was followed by a delicious potluck. I love these summer meetings! I was so sorry to have missed it. I had this vacation planned to the Oregon coast for quite some time with my family.

The new Executive Board was installed at this August meeting. We welcomed three new members; Patrice Sipos as Treasurer, Anne Bacon as the new OMGA Representative and Nancy Fuller as the OMGA Alternate. Returning to the Board are Fred Alley, Vice-President, Barbara Robinson, Secretary, Denise Fennell, Membership Director, Larry Sutton, Past President, and I will continue to serve as President. I am really looking forward to this challenge and opportunity to serve this amazing organization for another year.

The Executive Board will be saying good-bye to two extremely dedicated and knowledgeable members; Vicki McAlister and Rosemary Brinkley. Vicki kept our financial records and budget for the past 2 years, and Rosemary has served as the OMGA Representative since 2012. Both of these jobs take exceptional expertise, know-how and dedication. Thank you to Vicki and



Rosemary. I will miss you both. I encourage everyone to take a few minutes and join me in personally thanking each of them for a job well done.

A big thank you goes to Betty Ison for setting up our July Garden Open House. This is always a terrific event. This year we visited Betty's beautiful garden, Ivor's amazing riverside landscape and the "off the grid" homestead of Lori & Mark Salars. We appreciate that you opened your homes to us.

Leo Grass did a fantastic job organizing our Douglas County Fair display this year. We also had the help of our Extension office secretaries Colleen, Sara and Mary who put together the sign tree and information box. We had the best display and information box ever. What a great group effort! Thanks to everyone who volunteered to staff the booth during the week. This is an important outreach event for us and a great way to recruit new members.

I had the pleasure to attend Mini College this month. It was fun to meet other Master Gardeners from across the state and share organization strategies. Our first day was a workshop on retention. It seems our Douglas County Chapter really excels in this. We have so much to offer our membership from the Discovery Garden, Victory Garden and greenhouses to the Plant Clinic. We are definitely lucky to be us. I also attended classes on Orchids of the Andes, berry production; Ask An Expert training and a tour of a local olive orchard and olive oil mill. Wow! It was great. Maybe some of you will go with me next year.

Thanks for all your hard work everyone!

Photos: Kish Doyle/Bonnie Courter





Steve Renquist

As gardeners, we are lucky that we are mostly optimistic people, always looking ahead to next year. We learn from our mistakes, and from Mother Nature as she throws a punishing year at us once in a while. Then we move on.

For me, 2015 has been a very tough growing season. I often talk about how high temperatures are more destructive to most ornamental and crop plants than moderate drought. Unfortunately the growing season of 2015 had both record heat and the driest April-August period on record. This combination made following sustainable gardening practices pretty much impossible for any type of garden short of a true native plant garden or a Xeriscape. The first loser of 2015 has to be all our introduced species of trees, shrubs, and flowers. When I came to Oregon, people talked about how mild our climate is, so I landscaped my yard with lots of beautiful shrubs and flowers suitable to a zone 7 or 8. I didn't realize I was moving to the desert southwest. Even though I watered my landscape about the same as other years, every single introduced plant in my yard ended up with lots of leaf scorch around the leaf margins.

The second loser of 2015 will be me if this hot dry trend continues. We have now seen 2013, 2014, and 2015 all get drier and hotter than the previous year. I will be the loser since I will have to gradually replace many of the not-so-drought-hardy plants I currently have. It will be a struggle to keep rhodies, azaleas, and other shrubs that are not very deep rooted. I will also have to stop growing most herbaceous flowers, and look for succulents and shrubs that we have in our Xeriscape at the Discovery Garden.

Another loser in 2015 is my well. For fifteen summers I have never worried about my well going dry. I have always watered my landscape and crop areas with a sustainable philosophy, water only enough to keep plants healthy but on the edge of being a little dry. This summer my water flow has fallen dramatically so I am really not watering enough, and it shows.

I did make a decision to prioritize water for my vegetable garden and orchard. I am having to water more than in past years for my orchard, but both food crop areas are winners for 2015. Despite really hot temperatures this summer, most food crops are bred to do well under warm conditions as long as there is ample water. I don't recall ever having such a productive vegetable garden, even though I am watering the same as previous years. This is partly due to the heat, and partly due to an ever improving soil plot, since it retains moisture so well. So, another winner for 2015 is my vegetable garden soil. This is my fourth year at this site for my vegetable garden. Each year includes a winter cover crop, my worm compost, purchased mint compost, biochar, and lots of shredded ornamental grass tops for mulch.

My orchard trees have produced nice crops this year but not without extra water. I started the summer with my normal .75 inch of water a week, but it became clear by the end of June that the tree leaves were getting scorched, so I had to push the weekly amount up to 1 inch/week. By the end of August I noticed apples and pears were a little smaller sized this year but the quality was nice and insect damage seemed to be minimal. The heat of summer has been suppressive to a number of the insect pests including Spotted Wing Drosophila, and codling moths.

While you evaluate your gardens of 2015, think about what you may need to be doing in the years ahead to stay in front of this hot dry trend. Try to identify a couple steps to take that will make you more successful going forward. This weather trend in the coming year probably will

not change much given the long range forecast for an El Nino weather pattern for winter.

Community Outreach

Leo Grass

Another summer is about to slip through our fingers. It was so hot that I, for one, am glad to see it go.

The Douglas County Fair was a great success, thanks to the MG's that turned out to staff our booth. My thanks to all of you who stepped up



to answer the call. A BIG thank you to Bill Saily, who helped to re-do our display trees. Our Discovery Garden recently received visitors: Lane County Agent, Brook Edmonds and three Master Gardeners from our northern neighbors. Thank you, Julie Stanbery, for guiding them through our beautiful garden. Thank you to our garden heads for your warm welcome to our visitors.



Here's the Dirt!

by Denise Fennell



I've done a few education book reviews, recipes and even a gadget review. This round will be another book, that is slightly educational but more entertaining - Slug Tossing by Meg DesCamp.

Before you try and analyze what slug tossing might be, let me just say it's not a metaphor. It is, exactly what is. Pick up a slug and toss it. But that is not what this book is all about. Granted there is a fine art to slug (and snail) tossing that my mother taught me years ago. You have to toss them with enough force to lob them up, over and into the street so that, if they are snails, their shells will crack and thus attract the birds to a nice snack.

Got off track there - this is supposed to be about the book. This book is about the saga of a "black thumb", or rather, a reluctant gardener, Meg, who has recently moved to Portland. She has no experience with gardening, and even the terminology baffles her. "...I have to put limes in my soil?!" You will follow her back and forth to her favorite nursery, and before you know it you're nodding along, thinking, "I remember wondering that", or "huh, never thought of doing that". And before long you're inspired and getting out next year's gardening notes to add ideas or change things up.

Meg even says "...she reluctantly gardens because she has dirt in her veins." She had to learn about soil amendments, compost, when to plant and how a cat door got the better of her. She discovers the zen of weed pulling and how determination can pay off.

Over the course of a couple of years and some humorous experiences, Meg has discovered she not only has 'dirt in her veins', but she has found that gardening is very enjoyable and rewarding.

If you have the opportunity to pick this book up, I think you'll find it's a great annual motivation book. I found my copy at Powell's Books in Portland.

I give this 4 out of 5 Wheel-barrels!



Vice-President's Report

Fred Alley

Our August 27, 2015 Chapter Meeting was hosted by Jean Wall, a retired wildlife botanist, at her historic homesite on Hubbard Creek Road, Umpqua. Her home is also the location of her business, Ten Acre Arts LLC. Her ten acre homesite is part of an original 300 acre plum orchard/farm located at the mouth of Hubbard Creek. Unfortunately, most of the plum trees are gone. , though Jean continues to nurture a few of the original plum trees. In addition, Jean has added over 60 fruit trees.

The original historic 1910 prune dryer barn, constructed by Rush R. Clarke, still remains along with a neighbor's historic barn. Both remind us of the commercial plum farming which was so significant in the history of Douglas County. The Rush Clarke prune dryer is one of the few remaining prune dryers in Douglas County. According to Douglas County Historic Resource Inventory, Rush Clarke was the son of William B. Clarke , a prominent and early sawmill owner and operator of central Douglas County. William Clarke was known as an important state lobbyist who was instrumental in having the Umpqua River declared a navigable stream.

The Wall property retains the rustic setting complemented by the steep hilly terrain and forest. Jean prides herself on its becoming more and more of a sustainable homesite, producing all her needs on site. She has a very large pole structure in front of her house that provides a protected area for storage, work and enjoyment. She grew up on a farm in Missouri and purchased her homesite in 2006 with the strong desire to get back into farming. It's been a significant undertaking, but it has satisfied her goal to develop a sustainable farming/garden homesite. If you did not get a chance to attend our August 27th meeting and visit Jean's place, give her a call and I know she'd be happy to give you a tour. It's a tour you will enjoy. I plan to go back just to take more photographs of the plum drying barn.

The August chapter meeting is also when the new 2015-16 Executive Board are sworn in. Betty Ison and Jack Wright, two of our longest-standing Master Gardener members, conducted the swearing in of the new Board. Both Betty and Jack became Masters Gardeners in 1989. President Chris Rusch was absent, so she will be sworn-in at the September meeting. Fred Alley, Vice President, Denise Fennell, Membership Chairman, Barbara Robinson, Secretary, Anne Bacon, OMGA Representative, Nancy Fuller, OMGA Alternate Representative and Patrice Sipos, Treasurer were all sworn in. I know I have said it before, but I'm just amazed at the diversity of our membership and the vast amount of experience and expertise within our membership. I truly believe these attributes are what make our organization so successful.

Acting President Fred Alley thanked the 2014-15 Executive Members for their great job as Board members during the last year and thanked Kish Doyle, Chair of the MG Photo Team, and Bonnie Courter, Newsletter Editor, for their excellent work in documenting our activities. I know we all enjoy our monthly newsletter, and in particular the photographs. I also reminded the members of the upcoming Sustainable Gardening Class. Steve Renquist at the Executive Board meeting announced we have not received many applications, so please get the word out and encourage people to participate in our Sustainable Gardening Class. Sustaining and building our membership is vital to our continued success.

The next Monthly Chapter Meeting will be September 24th at the Discovery Garden. This meeting is one I look forward to because it is at the Discovery Garden and we usually have a great turnout. It gives an opportunity to see members we may not see often, and it's a great environment for the fall potluck. The Discovery Garden is at it's peak, providing a showcase of almost every gardening setting one can imagine. Come join us at the Fall meeting, and please feel free to bring a guest.

I'm in the process of scheduling our winter Continuing Education Program Series which are held the hour prior to our Chapter Meetings. If you have topics of interest, or maybe know of a presenter, please feel free to contact me . Our newer members may have fresh ideas, or ideas that we veterans have long forgotten.



DCMG E-Mail Policy Reminder **Chris Rusch**

This is a reminder that we should not send out e-mails through our membership e-mail process that are contrary to our policy.

Our forwarding e-mail policy states: **“Only members in good standing who have paid their dues may have e-mail forwarded. Items may be posted for sale if the proceeds are donated to the chapter. Announcements of external events are allowed only if they relate to gardening and are of general interest to Master Gardeners. Questions about appropriate e-mail messages are referred to the president.”**

It is important to consider these guidelines when sending out emails to our membership. Please refrain from any political statements or personal for-profit business advertisements.

News From the Butterfly Garden

Jan Kirchner

We have had an increase in our butterfly sightings in the garden this year, and are excited by the sighting of a Monarch caterpillar just ten days ago. The timing of this sighting is perfect as we have recently applied to become a designated Monarch Waystation. This is part of an international



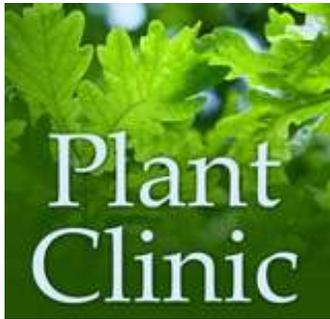
Photo: Kathy Hart

organization's (Monarch Watch) efforts to increase the availability of the Monarch's natural habitats throughout the butterfly's migration paths worldwide. Our Butterfly Garden has the right size, exposure, drainage and soil type, shelter, milkweed plants, nectar plants and management (DCMG's) to qualify.



Photo: Anne Bacon

Thanks to Nancy Thompson for bringing this organization to our attention, and thanks to all who help us maintain such a beautiful and enjoyable part of our Discovery Garden.



Chris Rusch

The Plant Clinic has been busy this month! As we get into the end of summer, we 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. I would encourage you to pick just one afternoon each month to serve in the Plant Clinic. The Plant Clinic is where we give service as part of our Master Gardener obligation to our community. And besides, it's a fun way to get to know your fellow MG's as well as a chance to learn new things.

We had over 120 visitors to the Plant Clinic in August. The questions for August included problems like blossom-end rot, sun scorch to tomatoes and peppers, and powdery mildew. In addition, we have been helping clients with water management and drought damage to plants, particularly trees and shrubs.



Awards Banquet Judy Huntley

- Where?** First United Methodist Church
1771 W. Harvard Ave.
Roseburg
- When?** Saturday, October 3
Social 5:30
Dinner 6:00
Awards 7:00
- Why?** Great Food, Fantastic
Friendship, and Awesome
Door Prizes!

We will be having soups, salads, breads and desserts. The signup sheet will be in the Plant Clinic, and 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 sign up and come, please call me.

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.

Please sign up by **September 25th** in the Plant Clinic, or call Judy Huntley: 541-459-2550

In the Garden

Julie Stanbery

We are asking that the collecting/dumping of pots for use at the HLC stop for the immediate future. As many of you know, when we solicit used pots, we get about 80 percent trash that has to be hauled to the dump as the recycling center does not accept them. With the initiation of fees at the county dump, we would like to avoid the cost of hauling trash whenever possible.

We do have resources available to us when pots are needed. MG Janice Bunyard, of Bunyard's Barnyard Specialty Nursery will take any pots you wish to be rid of and will share pots she has collected. Obviously, she will not take broken or "odd" pots, just standard nursery plant pots. She does like to receive 4" pots. The other source is Heartwood Resources. They have a collection area and will let folks take pots at no charge.

We have discussed setting up a future specific collection date/time for MG's to bring pots to the HLC. We could staff the drop-off site, specifying exactly what we need and accept only appropriate pots. Anybody want to volunteer to be the "pot person"?

Thanks to Carolyn Riecks and Jackie Carpenter who have gone through the existing stacks of pots and hauled off the ones we cannot use. Please alert any friends who may have gotten in the habit of bringing their unused pots to the HLC.

Now, for a reminder regarding **use of the PAVILION**. We never rent the venue and it is available only to active MG's who wish to host a private event for a modest number of family or friends. The MG must be present at the event and is responsible for following the policies listed on the reservation calendar. Renting Helleck Hall is a Parks Dept. function and does not include the use of the pavilion or the restroom.

Thanks for your attention to these two matters of concern.

Fun fact in the garden: Jan Kirchner told us that it is a good thing for the milkweed plants to bend toward the ground. If the caterpillar is feeding on an upright stalk, and is vulnerable to a bird or predator, it can fall to the ground, hide under the foliage and then climb back up on the bent stem. Also, it takes very few minutes for a caterpillar to eat just one milkweed leaf.

This Tuesday, Sept 1st, we need 3-4 more volunteers to help spread mulch in the entry garden. Please contact me if you can join the fun. :}

See you in the garden!

Treasurer's Report

Vicki McAlister

INCOME 7/30/15-8/27/15

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| Donations/Interest | \$52.42 |
| Soil Testing | \$15.00 |
| Plant Sale - Post | \$118.00 |
| Compost Tea | <u>\$218.00</u> |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$403.42 |

EXPENSES 7/30/15-8/27/15

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Gifts/Postage | \$29.60 |
| Scholarships (from OMGA) | -\$200.00 |
| Liability Insurance | \$636.00 |
| Newsletter Postage | \$23.43 |
| Website Development | \$14.99 |
| DG - Various | \$504.85 |
| HLC - Various | \$294.50 |
| Plant Sale - Various | <u>\$1,272.93</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$2,576.30 |

Breakdown of our accounts

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Checking | \$2,135.76 |
| Money Market - Reserves | \$8,659.10 |
| Money Market | <u>\$46,111.40</u> |
| Ending Balance 8/27/15 | \$56,906.26 |

Fred's Fav's

Black-Eyed Susans



Butterfly Garden



Frog in Entry Garden



Children's Garden



Dahlia - "King Richard"



Taste-Off Schedule

Bob Brindley

Beginning with our September General Meeting, we will partake in three months of food adventures. These events are held to encourage you to explore new possibilities in what you plant and eat.

On September 24, when we meet at the Discovery Garden, we will explore some new varieties of tomatoes and some old favorites you think everyone should have in their garden. This was the original taste-off event, which we have been holding for 7 years. Do you have a tomato you think we should taste? Bring your favorites and even bring those that you felt didn't meet your expectations - someone else may love them!

Cut up tomatoes into 30 small size bites (approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch square or $\frac{1}{2}$ of a cherry tomato). Put them in a plastic bag with your name and the name of the tomato on it and drop them off with me at the table set up for the tasting before the meeting starts.

In addition this year, Bruce Gravens will be bringing a selection of his peppers for tasting. Do you have one that you are fond of? Bring it to the meeting in a plastic bag with your name, the pepper's name, and a rating of the HEAT LEVEL. Remember, it is Master Gardener policy not to kill or harm a fellow Master Gardener.

At the October 29 meeting, we will taste Asian sauces, both commercial and homemade. Does anyone have any suggestions as to sauces and brands to taste (or not taste)? Also, does anyone have a suggestion as how to serve these sauces besides just tasting them

from the jar? What could I cook them with (no meat—I only have a \$30 budget for the year) that would allow us to taste them as they are meant to be to be eaten and comply with the health recommendations of our fellow Master Food Preservers? More details on the event will be available at the September meeting and in the October newsletter.

Last year in November, we started exploring what we could introduce to our own Thanksgiving dinners. This is a tricky situation because there probably is no other holiday that comes with as many expectations based on what their family did when they were children. We started out with cranberries last year, because that is the one dish where you are allowed to experiment, since few people relish the canned, de-marked gelatinous tube. Granted you must still include it for those that are s t r i c t traditionalists to the original Thanksgiving (late 1940's).

So what can we taste this year? Luckily, at our August general meeting, a suggestion was made and supported by your fellow Master

Gardener's to taste pumpkin and sweet potatoes. Brilliant!

You can use one or both of these ingredients in any type dish you want to make from salad to dessert. That meeting will be on November 19; note that meeting is one week earlier than our other monthly meetings, so we can all enjoy Thanksgiving at home (or someone's else's home or your favorite restaurant). Details to follow as we approach November.

Eat well, because the holidays are almost here.



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Chapter Meeting at home of Jean Wall August 27, 2015

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Fred Alley at approximately 10:20 AM. There were 47 members in attendance.



Minutes – The minutes were approved as posted.

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist was not present.

Officer Reports:

Membership Director – Denise Fennell had nothing to report.

OMGA Representative – Rosemary Brinkley was not present. Anne Bacon reported that Mini-College was “amazing”, with a broad variety of classes. It will be held at Linfield College again next year.

Treasurer – Vicki McAlister reminded everyone that budget requests for 2016 are due by September 28.

Vice President – Fred Alley had nothing to report.

Past President – Larry Sutton had nothing to report.

Secretary – Barbara Robinson was not present. Jen Bailey took the minutes.

President – Chris Rusch was not present, but Fred Alley read a message from her. Chris thanked Vicki McAlister and Rosemary Brinkley for their tenure on the Board, Betty Ison for the garden open house tour, and Leo Grass and

the office staff for our display at the County Fair. Leadership training at Mini-College focused on member retention, at which our chapter excels. She encouraged participation in Mini-College next year.

Committee Reports:

Community Outreach – Leo Grass was not present. Julie Stanbery reported that she and Leo hosted a visit from four Lane County Master Gardeners, who are planning a demonstration garden at their new location, a historic home in Eugene.

Plant Clinic – Larry Sutton read Chris Rusch's report. The 2015 core training team included Leo Grass, Larry Sutton, Anne Bacon, Bonnie Courter and Chris Rusch. More



veterans are needed – please consider volunteering for one afternoon a month. The Plant Clinic has had over 120 visitors in August thus far. Problems included blossom end rot, sun scorch, powdery mildew and drought damage to trees and shrubs.

Kruse Farms – Anne Bacon asked for veterans' help on Saturday mornings.

Greenhouse West – Karolyn Riecks reported that the crew is working on plant divisions, and visited nurseries to increase their plant inventory. They welcome donations of unique plants, but only if you can identify them. They will be doing cuttings in September and October.

Greenhouse East – Bruce Gravens reported that the crew has been doing root pruning and dividing. They could use two or three more people to help. They plan to take cuttings from Master Gardeners' gardens in late September to the end of October.

Awards – Betty Ison reported that Cari Becker and Nancy Thompson have earned their 60-hour swinger bars.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery circulated a sign-up sheet for help mulching the entry garden on September 1. There is a moratorium on the donation of pots – 80% of them are not usable and end up going to the dump. Please stop anyone you see dropping off pots. They can go to Heartwood Resources (off I-5, exit 120). Janice Bunyard also accepts pots and makes them available to others.

An unauthorized wedding was held at the Discovery Garden Pavilion. Julie reminded everyone that the pavilion is available for events sponsored by Master Gardeners **only** (not their families or friends), who must be physically present at the event. Helleck Hall is available for rent, but does not include access to our bathrooms.

Discovery Garden Signage – Karen Glatz was not present. Nathan Baily reported that the new composting signs are at the printer.

Victory Garden – Mik Carlson reported that they're dealing with powdery mildew and sun scorch, but have donated over 2000 pounds of food so far. The Gypsy peppers are prolific producers, as are the Eureka and English cucumbers. The squash plants have ventured into the greenhouse area.

Publicity/Newsletter – Bonnie Courter wrote an article on the Discovery Garden that will be published in the News-Review on Saturday. Newsletter submissions are due on Saturday.

Facebook – Barbara Horst reported that our Facebook page has 599 likes. She welcomes pictures of Master Gardeners' gardens to post on the page.

Awards Banquet – Judy Huntley circulated the sign-up sheet for the Awards Banquet, which will be held on October 3 at the First United Methodist Church on Harvard. It starts at 5:30 PM, with dinner at 6:00 PM and the awards

presentation at 7:00 PM. The theme is soups. The sign-up sheet will be in the Plant Clinic, or you can call Judy directly.

Hallmark – Linda Thames reported that Marianne Major had complications after a double knee replacement, and is at Umpqua Rehab. Maureen Benice recently had foot surgery.

Old Business:

Roger Sawyer reported on his Master Gardener outreach work at his new home in Florida. He has started a composting area at the community garden. He suggested community outreach classes on composting, giving a free thermometer to participants, and a class on water-wise gardening, with a free rain barrel to capture water from downspouts.



Fred Alley reported that Steve Renquist has received relatively few applications for the winter training class, and asked for help soliciting new members. Fred thanked Kish Doyle for her photography work. Kish in turn thanked Fred and Bonnie Courter, who have also been contributing photos.

New Business:

Audit Report for 2015 – Toni Rudolph reported that she and Karolyn Riecks did the annual audit, which went well. Vicki McAlister has done a good job posting financial information on the web site.



Mini-College Report
– Anne Bacon

elaborated on her experience at Mini-College. Her favorite class was on creating a broken-pot spiral. She also attended classes on vines and on composting. Chris Rusch attended a class on defensible space for fire protection, and contributed an article to the News-Review on this topic.



Appreciation of Outgoing Officers – Vicki McAlister, Rosemary Brinkley and

Anne Bacon were presented with gardening-related gifts as a token of appreciation for their contributions to the Board.

Swearing-in of Officers for 2015-2016 – Our two longest-tenured Master Gardeners, Jack Wright (past DCMG and OMGA President) and Betty Ison, swore in the new officers: Fred Alley (Vice President), Patrice Sipos (Treasurer), Denise Fennell (Membership Director), Anne Bacon (OMGA State Representative) and Nancy Fuller (OMGA Alternate). Chris Rusch (President) and Barbara Robinson (Secretary) will be sworn in at the September chapter meeting.

Show-and-Tell/Announcements:



Fred Alley, Denise Fennell, Anne Bacon, Patrice Sipos, Nancy Fuller

2015-2016 New Board members

- Betty Ison brought samples of the “Betty” tomato she grew this year.
- Toni Rudolph announced a free class entitled “Medicare 101: Learn the Basics of Medicare” on September 2.



Vicki makes new friends

- Bob Brindley shared that Bring Recycling in Eugene has the best deal on Grady rain barrels.
- Bob conducted a marketing survey on potential events sponsored by the Umpqua Valley Arts Association.
- With input from the group, Bob finalized the fall schedule of tastings:

September: Tomato Taste-off. Bring ~30 bite-sized pieces. Bruce Gravens will bring peppers to taste as well.

October: Asian sauces tasting

November: Pumpkin/Squashes

- Bob has new ollas coming out of the kiln tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jen Bailey

(Photos by Kish Doyle/Bonnie Courter)

Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: The deadline for the October 2015 Newsletter is Sept. 28th. 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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