



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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July 2016 Calendar

Mon., July 4

Independence Day!

Tues., July 5, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Tues., July 12, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., July 13, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

Wed., July 13, 1:00-3:00

Advanced Diagnostics at Rick
Sohn's, 62 River Dr., near UCC

Mon., July 18, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., July 19, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Tues., July 26, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday_

Thurs., July 28, 10:00

Chapter Meeting & Potluck at
home of Kay Livermore, 135 Indian
Point Ln., Glide (out Little River
Road)



Photo: Fred Alley

Vice-President's Report Fred Alley

Well, we certainly kicked-off the 2016 Summer Master Gardener Hosted Chapter Meetings with a BANG! Our first summer chapter meeting was hosted by Master Gardeners Dave Clark and Iva GreyWolf at their residence located up on the hill west of the County Fairgrounds at 821 Wilson-Collins Road. They have literally carved out a perfectly-placed home site and then proceeded to build their dream home. The dream home has so many special features, I don't think anyone could agree upon the most significant. Maybe it was the view of the valley below, or the perfectly balanced landscape plan, or the large waterfall, or the amazing interior courtyard with it's Japanese Circle entrance, or the special Japanese Tea House or maybe the abundance of trees, shrubs and flowers, or maybe the elaborate sprinkler system. The list goes on. If you were not able to attend the Chapter Meeting, you might want to consider calling Dave and Iva and asking for a site visit. I know it was somewhat of a drive and walk for some, but all I heard was, "Wow, what a great place!" The potluck lunch was fantastic as expected. Steve



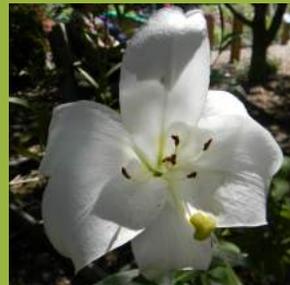
Renquist once said, "We all should weigh ten pounds more after attending our summer chapter meetings." I tend to agree.

Not surprisingly, our two remaining summer hosted chapter meetings are committed already. Our July 28, 2016 Chapter Meeting will be hosted by Kay Livermore, 135 Indian Point Lane, Glide. Kay's home is off Little River Road, seven miles from Glide. The August 25, 2016 chapter meeting will be hosted by Jude Stensland. Jude lives at 3429 West Harvard, Roseburg. Both Kay and Jude are members of the 2016 Sustainable Gardening Class. While I have not visited either of the home sites, they have been recommended by fellow Master Gardeners. It's great to see so many of our newer class members participating so many different ways.

The September 29, 2016 Chapter meeting, as usual, will be held at the Discovery Garden in the Pavilion. The September meeting is a good time to visit with all of our members. It's a time to celebrate our summer achievements and our hours of work at the Discovery Garden, socialize with friends, and it will be the last time to gain that extra last pound from the summer potlucks. (Just kidding. Just say, "No"?)

Lastly, I had the pleasure of giving three special friends a tour of the Discovery Garden last Sunday. We started with an hour tour of the Garden, several hours at a local winery and ended with a shared picnic at Singleton Park. Two of my guests are fantastic gardeners in their own right. All three were aware of the Discovery Garden, but none had ever visited. They were quite impressed, and again stated a strong desire to join Master Gardeners when they retire. I'm not sure which is of more value, their praise of the Garden or what they will, some day, give to the Master Gardener Program.

Fred's Fav's



Finally, all of the "Fred's FAV'S" were taken in the Discovery Garden including the monarch butterfly. It's so fun to visit and explore the Discovery Garden. I always carry brochures with me that I can share with visitors. It provides that special treat to guests. As I gave two separate couples their brochures, they both had to show me their children - a nice exchange, with the Discovery Garden serving as the vehicle for the interaction.

President's Post

Chris Rusch

Summer is finally here! This means the beginning of our summer meetings and the terrific adventure of visiting new neighborhoods. I love these summer meetings! It gives us a great opportunity to visit our Master Gardener friends at their homes and view different forms of gardening. It allows us to visit with each other in a relaxing setting. I encourage all of you to come out and enjoy our summer meetings. Bring a spouse, friend and enjoy terrific food and friendships. Maybe you'll meet a new best friend! A large part of the Master Gardener experience is the friendships we've made. This group has some of the most fun-loving, hardworking individuals I've had the pleasure of knowing.

Thank you to Dave Clark & Iva GreyWolf for being such gracious hosts for our June chapter meeting. Their amazing yard and garden were a lovely setting for our June meeting that was followed by a delicious potluck.

Our slate of officers for 2016-17 was announced at the general meeting and I want to thank the Nomination Committee consisting of Maureen Benice and Bonnie Courter. Please remember that the slate of officers will be voted on at the July Chapter Meeting.

We also discussed the upcoming 2016 Master Gardeners Mini-college and Leadership Forum to be held at Linfield College, August 4-6. The DCMG's are offering scholarships for the OSU Mini College. If you are considering going and want a bit of financial help, please contact me.

Have a fantastic summer!

Free Film Series

Presented by NW Permaculture Institute at First United Methodist Church, Roseburg, 7:00 PM

Friday, July 15 - "The Agro Rebel"

Friday, August 19 - "Ingredients"

Friday, September 16 - "The Man Who Stopped the Desert"

For information, call **Diana Moore-Cason** at 541-459-3938 or 941-735-0452



A Grand Event

Shirley Purcell

Recently the Discovery Gardens hosted a very happy event - a wedding shower. The pavilion and gardens were filled with about 40 women, celebrating a wedding shower.

The gardens looked beautiful thanks to the long hours many devoted Master Gardeners dedicate to keeping the Discovery Gardens looking lovely for all the visitors.

Many kind and thoughtful words were shared in regards to both the gardens and the pavilion as a "Perfect setting for any group activity". Many in the group were particularly interested in the Xeriscape Garden, as that was where **Irene Thomason** spent many years, helping to design and build those gardens with the core team.

Irene's future grand-daughter was aware of the many happy hours Irene had spent in the Discovery Garden and her active part in the Master Gardeners Program, so she wanted to honor Irene by having her wedding shower there.

They brought their own tables, chairs and rented a porta potty, besides giving us a generous check for which we are most appreciative.

I'm sure Irene was smiling down on the happy activities and all her wonderful memories with the Master Gardeners. It was a grand event.

Weed Control During Summer Heat

Steve Renquist

Every summer we have a number of clients who bring in plant samples with damaged, often twisted leaves. Our local vineyard owners often bring me samples too. Until you have seen herbicide damage on plants a few times you may wonder what happened to that plant.

The Master Gardener training program touches a little on weed identification and control methods. We try to educate you on the basics, and yet we don't spend a lot of time on the use of chemical controls. To prepare you for questions you may get in the Plant Clinic and weed problems you experience in your own landscapes, I would like to review a few timely issues.

There are two major groups of herbicides - pre-emergence and post-emergence. Most homeowners use the post-emergence type that are sprayed on weeds once they emerge from the soil.

One group of post-emergence herbicides are referred to as plant growth regulators. These products include 2,4-D (Weed-Be-Gone or Weedon), Dicamba (Banvel), and Triclopyr (Garlon) as the active ingredient. You may know some of these products by the brand names in parenthesis and some of them are blends like Crossbow (2,4-D and Triclopyr). These products are sprayed on weeds that have already begun to grow. These herbicides are also only effective at controlling broadleaf plants. They should not be sprayed when temperatures are above 75 degrees and wind speed is over 2 mph. Preferably do not use these products in the summer time near any vegetation you do not wish to kill. If you wish to kill weeds in your lawn or in a field near a neighbor's landscape, it must be done in the early season (February-April) before it gets warm on low wind speed days. This group of herbicides is prone to drifting if used on warm windy days.

Another group of post-emergence herbicides is built around Glyphosate, the active ingredient of Roundup. Glyphosate is a broad spectrum herbicide that kills both grasses and broadleaves. This product works best around the fall when plants are pulling carbohydrate down into the roots. Again, apply this product on slow wind speed days when temperatures are below 80 degrees.

The pre-emergence type of herbicide is a product that goes on the soil and prevents the germination of seeds. Some pre-emergence herbicides can also control very young seedlings. A few pre-emergence herbicides that are commonly used by homeowners include Oryzalin (Surflan), Trifluralin (Preen), and dichlobenil (Casoron). These herbicides need to go on clean weed free soil and they will prevent weed growth. Surflan and Preen can be applied around established plants in the spring when temperatures are in the 60's to 70's. They will continue to work in the summer, but you should not apply them once temperatures get into the 80's and above. Casoron should only be applied in the fall when temperatures are no warmer than the 60's. It will continue to work all through the winter for 4 months or so. If you use Casoron in the summer you will get volatilization from the soil that will drift onto your plants causing leaf damage.

Just remember to use these products carefully by following the label restrictions. Use them in the right season. Summertime is not a good season to be applying herbicides because of the warm windy conditions that lead to drift damage. Your plants and your neighbor's plants will be healthier if you stick with weed control programs in fall, winter, or early spring. Douglas County is home to an ever-growing wine grape industry that thanks you for being very careful with herbicides around your property, especially if you live in the countryside.

I often think about the Peanuts cartoon strip that shows Lucy talking to Linus saying, "This is a hoe." That's what I would like all of you to remember. In the summertime the best weed control tool is a hoe, not your sprayer.

PEANUTS



Boys & Girls Club Explore the Garden



With the school year coming to a close, Amy Staats, Master Gardener class of 2016, and her top-performing Garden Club members at the Boys and Girls Club of the

Umpqua Valley took a field trip to the Discovery Garden for an end-of-the-school-year celebration. Amy and 10 kids from 1st to 5th grade took a tour of the Discovery Garden which included checking out some of the group favorites like the compost section, butterfly garden, Japanese garden and the children's garden.

After taking a tour and exploring all of the unique features the Garden offers, the kids set off on a scavenger hunt! In teams of 3-4, the kids ran around looking for different objects like a “y” shaped branch, a rose, and a spider web, and then took pictures of the objects with digital cameras. The first team that found and snapped a picture of all of the items got a treat! The day was an



overall success, and kids had a fantastic time furthering their knowledge of gardening in a new, interactive way.

Amy Staats, B.A.

University of Wisconsin - Madison
Boys & Girls Club of the Umpqua Valley
AmeriCorps Garden and Healthy Lifestyles Program
Facilitator



Article & photos:
Amy Staats



10 Terrifying Things That Lurk in Our Gardens



by Anna Burke

(Published in Dave's Garden website & shared by Barbara Robinson)

There are scarier things lurking in our gardens than the creepy crawlies.

I am not at all squeamish when it comes to spiders, snakes, and most bugs since I can see them. I appreciate their natural place in the world, and some are very beneficial to gardens. Then I married a veterinarian, and my view of the natural world took a darker turn. Microscopic organisms are an entirely different story. The only thing more alarming than the pests you can see are the ones you can't. Here's a countdown of the top 10 creepy crawlies you should know about.

10. Hookworm (*Ancylostoma caninum* and *Ancylostoma braziliense*)

I ran barefoot through most of my childhood without contracting any parasites, something that surprises me now that I know what is lurking in the soil. Gardeners with dogs and cats need to be especially careful when it

comes to working in the dirt with bare hands. Dog and cat poop can contain hookworms, which penetrate bare skin and cause unpleasant inflammation. Most of us already make an effort to prevent our pets from defecating in our gardens, so this is just one more reason to encourage them to do their business elsewhere.



9. Tetanus (*Clostridium tetani*)

Rusty nails aren't the only things gardeners have to worry about. *Clostridium tetani*, the bacteria that causes tetanus, is widely distributed in soil and in the gastrointestinal tract of horses, sheep, cattle, dogs, cats, rats, guinea pigs, and chickens. Gardeners who use manure in their gardens are especially at risk. The good news about tetanus is that most adults in the U.S. are vaccinated. Now that I know just how prevalent tetanus is, I plan on making extra certain that I keep that vaccine up to date.

8. Roundworm (*Toxocara canis*)

Roundworm is a highly unpleasant infection that lurks in dog poop and occasionally cat poop, not to mention other species of animals. Humans can contract it by accidentally eating the eggs or roundworm, which hide out in the soil and enter our bodies when we neglect to wash our hands and scrub the dirt from beneath our fingernails. Luckily, washing our hands and peeling root vegetables usually prevents roundworms from gaining entry, and preventing animals from pooping in or near the garden also helps.

7. *Giardia duodenalis*

There is nothing pretty about *Giardia*. The parasite causes giardiasis, which is best known for its major symptom: diarrhea. Luckily for gardeners, it is most commonly contracted by drinking contaminated water, but it can be found in soil and on our crops if infected animals poop in the area. This is a good reason to be careful when irrigating with natural water sources like

rivers, lakes, and ponds, as the parasite can attach itself to produce. Giardia gives us one more reason to wash produce and hands well before eating.

6. Toxoplasma gondii

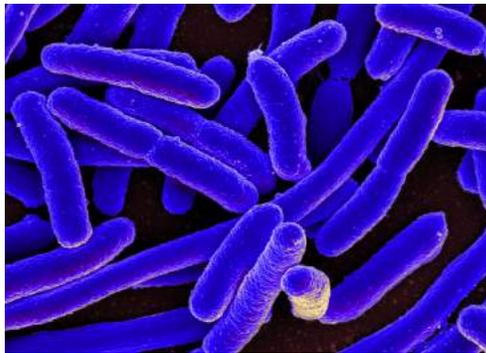
The world is a litter box, according to cats, and that means that your garden is a perfect place for your own cat and neighborhood cats to deposit their business. Toxoplasma gondii is a single-celled parasite that causes the infection toxoplasmosis. The disease doesn't cause many issues in healthy humans, but it is dangerous for pregnant women and individuals with compromised immune systems. The parasite has also been linked to mental health problems including schizophrenia and rage. The best way to avoid contracting this disease is to wash your hands after gardening and to abstain from snacking on vegetables in the field until after they have been thoroughly washed.

5. Bacillus cereus

Bacillus cereus gastroenteritis is an unpleasant bacterial infection caused by Bacillus cereus that affects an estimated 63,400 Americans annually. The bacteria live in decaying organic matter, in fresh and salt water, on plants, and in worms. They usually infect humans by entering food processing plants, but gardeners are at risk. Wearing gloves, washing food, and covering wounds and cuts can help prevent gardeners from contracting this and other bacterial infections.

4. E. coli

Some E. coli bacteria are perfectly harmless. Others cause infection. From a gardener's perspective, the dangers of E. coli mostly have to do with manure and animal handling.



Most gardeners I know are eager to scoop up free manure for their compost, and quite a few of my gardening friends (myself included) come in frequent contact with livestock. This puts us at an increased risk of exposure. Composting manure helps eliminate E. coli (although it

is not a guarantee), which is why it is a good idea to avoid applying raw manure directly onto our gardens.

3. Velvet Ants

I said I wasn't going to mention creepy crawlers, but this insect is too terrifying to overlook. These insects are not ants, but are actually a species of wingless wasp with a distinctive velvety appearance. I did not have these where I grew up, and I didn't believe it when someone told me they were commonly called "Cow Killer Ants" because the sting of the female is so excruciatingly painful. They crawl along in lawns and gardens and are just one more reason why I no longer walk barefoot out of doors.

2. Ticks

Nobody likes ticks. When I grew up in Upstate New York, which was not that long ago, I didn't even know what a tick was – we just didn't have them. Now they are everywhere, and while ticks are creepy in their own right, it is the diseases they carry that are a gardener's



biggest concern. There are too many to list, and though Lyme might be the most well known, it is certainly not the only disease we need to be aware of.

1. Mosquitoes

Irritating. Itchy. Dangerous. Mosquitos are more than just a nuisance; they are also a health risk. The Zika virus is the latest in mosquito-transmitted diseases, and it certainly won't be the last. West Nile Virus, Dengue fever, Chikungunya, and malaria came before it and affect many parts of the world. The unfortunate truth is that sometimes bug spray isn't enough, which is why mosquitos are number one on my list of terrifying things that lurk in our gardens.



Chris Rusch

The Plant Clinic was really busy in June. Many insect and garden questions continue to come in. Our trainees are always so enjoyable to get to know, and it is fun to introduce them to our Plant Clinic.

We had over 137 visitors in the Plant Clinic this month the exact same number as last year! Wow!

The clinic will be open Monday through Friday through September, so grab your calendar and sign up for at least one day each month. The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County.

Treasurer's Report as of 6/29/16

Patrice Sipos

INCOME 5/27/16 - 6/29/16

Interest Income	\$2.27
Contributions	\$111.00
Dues & Newsletter	\$19.00
Soil Testing	\$170.00
Plant Sale - Pre/Post/Event	\$688.00
Plant Sale - Vendor Booths	\$33.00
Plant Sale - Entrance Fees	\$248.00
Compost Tea	\$413.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,684.27

EXPENSES 5/27/16 - 6/29/16

OMGA Travel	\$137.17
Management & General	\$110.00
Office Supplies/Newsletter	\$66.57
Discovery Garden - Various	\$655.98
HLC - Various	\$990.17
Plant Sale - Various	\$2,154.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,114.27

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$2,998.36
Money Market - Reserves	\$8,659.10
Money Market	\$55,127.86
Ending Balance 6/29/16	\$66,785.32

OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS Chapter Meeting at Dave Clark & Iva GreyWolf's residence June 30, 2016



Dave visits with Judy Huntley

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch at the home of Dave Clark and Iva GreyWolf. There were 49 in attendance.

Iva GreyWolf welcomed Master Gardeners to their beautiful garden. Their homestead began with a bare plot of land on a hillside. The first tree was planted in February of 2011 and has evolved into a multi-tiered oasis of various perennials, annuals, herbs, vines, fruit



trees, deciduous and evergreen trees, ornamental hardscape elements, a waterfall, and fountains. A vegetable garden lies on a terrace below the house. Soon to come will be a teahouse (already under construction) and a bathhouse.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as published online.



Agent's Report – Steve Renquist: This year is one of the strangest years Steve has seen when it comes to monitoring insect and pest issues. Typically, a mild winter brings early evidence of the spotted wing drosophila in traps with high counts in March and April and few in May or June. The count seems to be down and it's possible this may be attributed to commercial farmers applying commercial sprays to control the pest. Steve advised gardeners to use really good sanitation, regularly harvest their crops, use vinegar traps and perhaps only spray once to control the Spotted Wing. There are a couple predators found in China and Korea which labs here are working on for pest control. These biologicals seem to be working well.

Steve will be teaching a class at Mini-College on August 5th on Growing Quality Grapes. Information on Mini-College can be found at <http://omga.org/mini-college-2016/>

Advanced Diagnostics is normally held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Since this time has been conflicting with Steve's schedule, future classes will be planned according to his availability. The next one will be on Wednesday afternoon, July 13th at a residence

up by UCC. Steve will be sending out more information on the time and location directions.

An educational wine class was requested. Steve will set this up. Stay tuned for more details.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer – Chris Rusch for Patrice Sipos: Financials were distributed. Updates on the budget are available on the web at http://douglascountymg.org/mg_documents_forms.html.



Vice-President – Fred Alley: Fred thanked Dave and Iva for hosting the meeting. The July 28th meeting will be held at Kay Livermore's in Glide.

Past-President – Larry Sutton: On behalf of Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers, Larry and his wife, Giulli, are manning a booth at the Umpqua Valley Farmers Market the first Saturday of each month through the summer. June 4th attendance was over 1200 people. Larry made 16 contacts, 4 people brought in plant material with questions, and 2 signed up for Winter Training. Larry encouraged others to schedule a Saturday to staff the booth. Barbara Anderson (who has a booth at the Market) has the tent, table and the traveling box with materials. All you need to bring is your own chair and drink. If you are interested, please contact Barbara Anderson.

Larry also staffed Elkton's Blooms and Butterflies event through thunder, lightning, and rain. In spite of the

weather, there were 33 contacts with 4 signing up for the Winter Training Class, 3 for MFP's and 2 for Small Farms. Coleen Keedah has placed various cards for the different agents in the market boxes which can be handed out to clients according to their interest.

OMGA – Anne Bacon: Mini-College will be held at Linfield College in McMinnville August 4-6. Information and registration are available online at <http://omga.org/mini-college-2016/>. Each chapter is asked to donate ten raffle prizes with a value of at least \$25 each. If you plan to donate an item, please contact Anne by July 15th with a description and value. She will be collecting donations until our July 28th meeting. Sharon Hopkins offered to put together a basket if people would like to donate less expensive items for inclusion.

President – Chris Rusch: Vicki McAlister, Karen Glatz, and Toni Rudolph have been appointed to the Audit Committee. They will meet with Patrice and report back to the membership.

August 9th is floral entry day for the Douglas County Fair. For details and instructions on entering go online to www.co.douglas.or.us/dcfair/fair/img/forms/book.pdf

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch: Contacts through June 29th numbered 137. Spotted Cucumber Beetle, earwigs eating dahlias, and the cost of putting in a well were a sampling of questions and concerns. Chris thanked the Core Training Team for their dedication to putting in one day a week at the Plant Clinic, especially working with



the new class members. Signups are still needed to fill the calendar which is in the Plant Clinic.

Kruse Farms – Anne Bacon: Plant Clinics are held at Kruse Farms each Saturday morning. The calendar is filled with new class members but no veterans. Please take it upon yourself to sign up for one Saturday if you are a veteran. The table

and traveling box are stored at Kruse.

Community Outreach – Leo Grass: Leo gave a presentation on fertilizers and soil amendments to the Lookingglass Grange 2 weeks ago. Myrtle Creek would like a talk on the same subject.

We will have a booth at the Douglas County Fair the 2nd week of August. If you are interested in working, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Plant Clinic. (Workers receive a free fair pass.)

Westside Greenhouse – Barbara Robinson: Westside has started the purchasing and propagation process for next year's Plant Sale. There are still many perennials for sale at half price and others at the regular price. Barbara encouraged people to come by weekly to see what's blooming at the greenhouse and perhaps purchase your favorite perennial.



Eastside Greenhouse – Ann Severson: Eastside maintenance workers have been busy upgrading the irrigation system, installing additional grow tables, and completing 3 grow sheds with irrigation. Several more projects are in the works. Crews have been busy cleaning, dividing and propagating inventory. They've had a

good crew showing up each week.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery: Irrigation in the adjoining pastures will be running sporadically. Julie will let everyone know when it is scheduled.

Please do not leave the restroom while the toilet is still running. If it does not shut off, contact Julie or Steve Renquist. Umpqua Basin Water is the water source for the restrooms and a running toilet could conceivably run up a huge bill.

Neal Meyer built and donated a new picnic table off the Entry Garden. Thank you, Neal!

The Butterfly Garden will be having a chip brigade Tuesday morning, July 5th. Please join in if you can.



Victory Garden – Mik Carlson: All is going well in the Victory Garden. The Demonstration Garden is coming along really well with the addition of new signs that look really nice. The VG is currently fighting raccoons which are doing a lot of damage to plants. Measures are being taken to discourage the critters by adding additional deer netting and wire. Production to date is 195 lbs. Mik encouraged Master Gardeners to grow extra produce and bring to the VG on Tuesday mornings for transport to UCAN.

Publicity/Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: It appears The News-Review would like to publish a weekly “Ask a Master Gardener” article. If you are interested in

participating in this project, even on a one-time basis, please contact Bonnie.

Newsletter articles for our chapter publication are due Saturday, the 2nd.

Awards – Betty Ison: Several winter training students have earned their 60-hour swinger bars. Included are Kimberly Allen, Peggy Gilbertson, Kay Livermore, Jacqui Richardson, and Amy Staats. Betty reminded members to turn in their completed time sheets as there are some people who have not turned in any. Vicki McAlister has made it much easier to turn these in by providing a box at Westside Greenhouse #1 to drop them off. She is also updating hours on our website, making it easy for members to check how many hours they have and to see what months they have not turned in.

Hallmark – Linda Thames: Linda sent cards of condolence to several including the families of Bud Cruger, Sally Kruse, and Harriet May.

OLD BUSINESS

The Historian position is still vacant. The Executive Board will discuss and perhaps opt to do away with this position.

There is a good possibility our Discovery Garden will be on a pre or post tour itinerary for the International Master Gardener Conference in Portland July 10-15, 2017. Douglas County Master Gardeners would give tours of our Garden and perhaps host a potluck for participants.

NEW BUSINESS

Our soil testing fee has been raised to \$20 for non-MG's, but remains \$10 for MG's. The Co-Op charges \$45 so we are still offering an important service at a great price.

Nominating Committee: Maureen and Bonnie have developed a full slate of officers for the coming year.





Voting on the following officers will take place at our July meeting:

President: Chris Rusch
 Vice President: Anne Bacon
 Secretary: Barbara Robinson
 Treasurer: Patrice Sipos
 OMGA Rep: Nancy Fuller
 OMGA Alternate Rep: Kish Doyle
 Past Vice President: Larry Sutton
 Membership Chair: Barbara Horst and Diana Circle
 Barbara Horst and Diana Circle each introduced themselves and gave a short presentation on their qualifications to fill the Membership Chair position. The position will be decided by ballot next month.

Nancy Fuller presented a proposal for our chapter to partner with the Umpqua Valley Audubon Society on a fundraising project for them. Each September the



Vaux's Swifts circle down and enter the chimney of Clay Place behind the Arts Center in Stewart Park. Their droppings in the chimney need to be cleaned out and Umpqua Valley Audubon Society has been given the go-ahead to do so. The last time they took on this project, a pickup load was taken out. The guano is nutrient rich and odor free and if packaged up would make a good fundraiser, perhaps selling at our Plant Sale. They would like help with the removal of the guano, packaging, and developing a label. Nancy received a positive response from the group. Anyone interested in helping please contact her direct. The UVA Society used our Discovery Garden for a recent meeting and were very impressed with our gardens. They passed the donation hat for the use of the facility and came up with over \$100!



SHOW AND TELL

Toni Rudolph, on behalf of SHEBA, will be conducting a Medicare 101 class tonight at UCAN. She suggested anyone approaching Medicare eligibility take the class 4-6 months prior.

Carol Bolt heard Ken Hayes on the radio sharing information about Master Gardeners.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Barbara Robinson
 DCMG Secretary



Dave & Iva's
Peaceful Paradise



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: The deadline for the August 2016 Newsletter is July 30th. 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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