



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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Sept. 2016 Calendar

Mon., Sept. 5

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Tues. Sept. 6, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Sat., Sept. 10, 9:00-3:00

Hazardous Waste Disposal @

Douglas County Fairgrounds

Tues., Sept. 13, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., Sept. 14, 10:00-Noon

Executive Board Meeting

Mon., Sept. 19, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Sept. 20, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Tues., Sept. 27, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., Sept. 29, 10:00-1:00

Chapter Meeting/Potluck @

Discovery Garden Pavilion

Saturday, Oct. 1, 5:30

AWARDS BANQUET @ First United

Methodist Church, Roseburg

Saturday, Nov. 19, 9:00-2:00

Bake Sale @ Sherm's Thunderbird



The President's Post

Chris Rusch

Thank you to Jude Stensland for hosting our August Chapter meeting. What a beautiful spot for a garden meeting and potluck!

At our Chapter meeting we swore in the new Executive Board for 2016-17. The line-up is Chris Rusch (President), Anne Bacon (Vice-president), Diana Circle (Membership Director), Patrice Sipos (Treasurer), Barbara Robinson (Secretary), Nancy Fuller (OMGA Representative) and Kish Doyle (Alternate OMGA Representative).

We also gave a huge THANK YOU to two extremely dedicated and knowledgeable Executive Board members - Fred Alley and Denise Fennell. Fred kept our continuing education program on track for the past 4 years, as well as the many other duties of the Vice-President. Denise served as the Membership Director since 2014, keeping our roster current, and has introduced us to many new possibilities for our members to stay in touch. Both of these jobs take exceptional expertise, know-how and dedication. Thank you to Fred and Denise. I will miss you both. I encourage everyone to take a few minutes and join me and personally thank each of them for a job well done. We also thank Anne Bacon for her service as the OMGA Representative for the past year. We are happy to have Anne continue on the Board as the Vice-President.



We recently received the 2016 Karl Carlson Grant (\$250) and the Extension Educator Grant (\$500) to support the construction of the Discovery Garden, Victory Garden and Herb Garden accessible pathways. Thanks to Jen Bailey and everyone else that had a hand in getting this starter money to support our vision to make our Gardens more accessible for all.

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 trees 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. One thing I know for sure is that we in Douglas County 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 Plants for Pollinators, Exotic Invertebrates, Must Have New Plants, and "Ask the Expert" training. Wow! It was great. Maybe some of you will go with me next year.

Thanks for all your hard work everyone!

Vice-President's Report

Fred Alley

I'm sorry to report our summer chapter meetings, hosted by fellow Master Gardeners, came to a close August 25,



2016. Jude Stensland hosted the last summer chapter meeting at her home at 3429 West Harvard Ave. Jude's home is one of sixteen private homes that share a private street off of Harvard. It's most likely one

of the earliest Homeowners Association (HOA) single family developments in Roseburg. It's a unique, older subdivision with most of the homes moved in from other locations in Roseburg. Over time it has become quite an interesting neighborhood, complete with a neighborhood black cat that welcomed all of us to the chapter meeting. Jude has created many different "rooms" as she calls them in her garden landscape. The fish pond takes center stage in the backyard, complete with some very large Koi fish. She uses a number of different gardening techniques to raise a variety



of vegetables. All the tomatoes are grown hydroponically. Because the neighborhood is a HOA, they've developed a nice community garden in a common open area for all to share, allowing even more space for Jude to grow more produce.

The chapter meeting was very informative and interesting.

We had a number of members who attended this year's Mini-College, and they all gave a short report of



their experiences and some of the things they learned. The common theme was, if you ever get a chance to go to Mini-College, go for it! You will learn lots and it's fun at the same time. Several members are already planning to attend again next year.



Of course, the lunch potluck was wonderful as usual. Lots of great recipes and everyone left feeling at little too full. It's just nice to take time to have a great lunch and share some personal time with fellow members. (Somehow, no one brought deviled eggs!

I heard several people saddened when they found no deviled eggs, including me. A potluck is just not complete without deviled eggs. Looks like I have to step up to the plate for the September Chapter meeting and bring them! I must have fifteen different recipes and they are easy to make - an important element for me.)

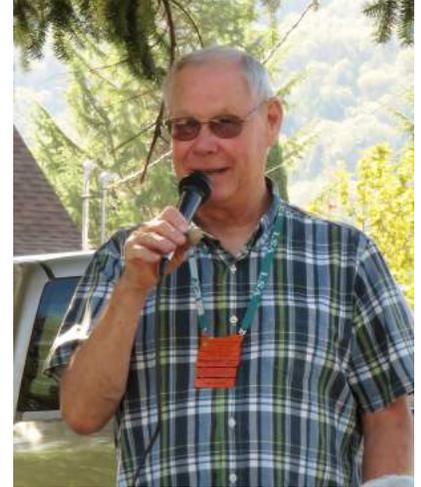
Remember our September 29, 2016, Chapter meeting will be held at the Discovery Garden in the Pavilion. It's a good time to visit with our members and celebrate our summer achievements in our own gardens and yards. It's also a great time to simply walk through the Discovery Garden and celebrate our summer improvements to the Garden.



We met our new Forestry Agent, Alisha Jones. Her office is next to the Plant Clinic, so stop by, introduce yourself and welcome Alisha to Douglas County. Alisha handed out a flyer for a "Native Trees Walk: Identification and Silvics" that she will provide on September 21, 2016 at the Elkton Community Education Center. Pre-registration is required and forms are available in the

Plant Clinic or in the main OSU Office.

Lastly, I'm signing off with this VP Report, and Anne Bacon is taking over the reins as VP. After six years I thought it was time for a change and new ideas. It's been a great pleasure serving as VP. I have learned so much not only about the Master Garden Program, but many other related subjects. I have met some incredible people and made a number of new friends. My favorite responsibility was providing an interesting, thought-provoking Continuing Education Program - one that was related to our mission and at the same time encouraged audience participation, and lastly to use humor as a learning tool. Over the six years I have arranged thirty-three Continuing Education programs, from a physical therapist explaining how to use physical therapy in the Garden to learning how to encourage more bees in your garden. I can't remember my favorite session, but I can remember many special moments, like when I had all of you sing "Happy Birthday" to me on my birthday. Of course you didn't know that until after you sang! A special thanks to many of you that helped me set up the auditorium, especially Larry Sutton.



Photos: Kish Doyle/B. Courter

Diagnostics Class at Steve Renquist's



On August 17, Steve hosted an Advanced Diagnostics Class at his home in Winchester. The seven of us followed him around his lovely backyard to see if we could discover the causes of various plant maladies. Not surprisingly, we came up mostly with the results of severe drought and sun scorch! But

it was fun and informative, plus we got to sample some of Steve's luscious fruit from his thriving orchard.



Attending were Chris Rusch, Jackie Carpenter, Mark Schmol, Rob Burns, Larry Sutton, Evelina Amparo, and Bonnie Courter.

Awards Banquet

Who: All Master Gardeners & Guests

What: Annual Awards Celebration

Where: First United Methodist Church
1771 W. Harvard Ave.
Roseburg, Oregon

When: **October 1, 2016**

Social 5:30 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Awards 7:00 PM

Why: Great food, fantastic friendship & awesome door prizes

We will be having Pasta Dishes, 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, 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**



DEDICATED TO CREATIVE NEW GARDENING IDEAS

Prolonging Snow Pea Season: Steve Renquist

Every year I experiment a little with the way I grow various vegetables and fruits. This year I tried something new with peas. I really love trying to extend the season for snow peas or sugar pod peas. I experimented on a dense planting where the rows are only about 10 inches apart. I planted 6 rows about 6 feet long all running parallel. The snow peas of course climb about 5 feet tall on string supports. They are still producing well despite the hot weather that normally knocks them out. The tight planting shelters the inside rows to prevent the intense sun and heat from burning them. It seems to work pretty well.

Making Tomato Powder: Bruce Gravens

What if you could have all the taste of canned tomatoes or tomato paste without the work and storage of canning it? Susan found this link <http://www.21stcenturysimpleliving.com/?p=261>, which got us excited about making tomato powder this year. We just made our first batch. It took a long time to get the tomatoes dried to a grindable stage, but dried tomato powder is amazing stuff. This one food item helps eliminate many of the tomato-related food items normally found in your cupboards. When one food source can take the place of many, it's a big winner.

Sub-Irrigation System: Jude Stensland

This year I set up a sub-irrigation system to grow vegetables. I laid out vinyl gutters supported on blocks and 2X4's, then planted my veggies in 5 gallon buckets which have a hole cut out of the bottom and a strainer inserted to allow the water from the rain gutters to be drawn up into the roots. It worked really well, except I learned I needed to pour liquid fertilizer over the base of the plants periodically so they received enough nutrition.





Featured Weed on the Month

Chris Rusch

Redroot pigweed, *Amaranthus retroflexus*

This is one I have in my own garden and saw on our trip to McMinnville for Mini-College. The weed is native to North America. It is a coarse, erect annual that can reach 2



feet. The lower stems are often red or red striped with the color extending into the tap root. The leaves have long petioles and prominent veins. Redroot pigweed is widely distributed throughout the west, commonly found in cultivated lands, gardens and waste area. This weed reproduces by seed. Each plant can produce thousands of seeds. Most seeds are able to germinate immediately at maturity, allowing the plant to produce several generations per season. Those seeds that do not germinate at once can remain viable in the soil up to 10 years or more. Pigweed is drought tolerant and even thrives in hot temperatures. It colonizes and grows vigorously in bare, disturbed soil. There is also some evidence to suggest that the plant secretes chemicals that interfere with the growth of other nearby plants. It is easy to pull. Frequent mowing and pulling will prevent seed production. The weed can be controlled with solarization (covering the area with black plastic). Also remove any plants that begin to flower, as the seed can even ripen when the plant is removed from the soil.

Use mulch to prevent seeds already in the soil from germinating.

Native people have used redroot pigweed to treat a variety of medical conditions, and have commonly eaten the boiled young leaves as greens, and used the ground seeds in flour. Several types of wild birds also use redroot pigweed as a food source. However, pigweed accumulates toxic nitrates in its tissues, which are at their highest levels just before flowering. Therefore, it can be toxic to livestock.

Chris Rusch

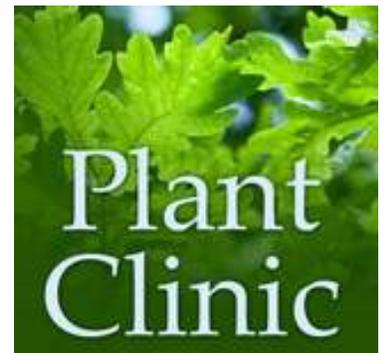
The Plant Clinic was really busy in August. Many insect and garden questions continue to come in. Our trainees are always so enjoyable to get to know, and it is fun

to introduce them to our Plant Clinic. We are lucky to have a great training team with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Gary Dubois, Larry Sutton, and Chris Rusch. Gary has decided to step down as part of the training team. We really appreciate his great expertise and contributions this year. A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!

We had only 96 visitors in the Plant Clinic this month. This is a bit lower than last year this time.

The clinic will be open Monday through Friday in May through September. We will be devoting our efforts to continue our training of the new class, although, many have completed their 36 hour requirement by now.

We need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic both in continuing to help our new volunteers and keeping up with the work load of assisting our visitors to the Plant Clinic. We have plenty of openings. The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County.



Fred's Fav's



Katja Tomato

**Brandywine with
"nose"**



Bubbly Bottom!

**Green Zebras and
Friends**



**Pop-In-Your-Mouth
Goodness!**

Leaf Casting Workshop

Some of us MG's met at Jude Stensland's house last month to learn how to make leaf casts for garden art and to donate some of them to a fundraising event for Meals on Wheels. A good time playing in the sand and cement! Thanks, Jude!





Kish Doyle, Barbie Hamby, Bonnie Courter



B. Courter

Photo Team at the Elkton Butterfly Garden

On August 11th, Kish, Barbie, and Bonnie traipsed around the Elkton Butterfly Garden with cameras clicking, capturing images for a “photo scavenger hunt”. Some of the categories we were to shoot were “garden art”, “close up”, “leading lines”, “bug’s eye view”, “yellow”, and “abstract”. It was a lot of fun, and gave us all some practice honing our photography skills. Plus we enjoyed a delicious lunch at Tomaselli Pastry Mill & Cafe afterwards. Come join us next time we meet!



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FREE

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Date: September 10, 2016

Time: 9 am to 3 pm

Location: Douglas County Fair Complex, Roseburg, Oregon

Sponsored By: Oregon DEQ and Douglas County

Questions: Call **Craig Filip** (DEQ) at 1-800-844-8467, ext. 7868 or

David Bebak (Douglas County Solid Waste) 541-440-4267

Residents may bring in any of the items listed and we will dispose of them for you in a manner friendly to the environment.

WHAT TO BRING

Aerosols (including Paint)	Household Batteries	Slug Bait
Antifreeze	Kerosene/Gas	Solvents
Arts and Crafts Paint	Lighter Fluid	Spot Remover
Automotive Paint	Marine Paint	Thermometers
Brake Fluid	Mercury	Thermostats
Chemistry Lab Sets	Motor Oil	Transmission Fluid
Degreasers	Paint and Paint Thinner	Turpentine
Engine Cleaners	Pesticides	Weed Killers (Herbicides)
Fluorescent Lights	Pool Chemicals	Wood Preservatives
Furniture Strippers	Rose Dust	Rx Narcotics
		Sharps

WHAT **NOT** TO BRING

Radioactive Waste

Ammunition

Explosives

- Keep products in original containers if possible.
- Do not mix any products.
- Keep away from passengers while transporting.

*Free digital thermometers available in exchange
for mercury thermometers.*

Treasurer's Report

Patrice Sipos

INCOME 7/29/16 - 8/24/16

Interest Income	\$2.71
Contributions	\$800.00
Soil Testing	\$30.00
Compost Tea	\$250.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,082.71

EXPENSES 7/29/16 - 8/24/16

Management & General	\$1,013.93
Discovery Garden - Various	\$468.66
HLC - Various	\$1,509.57
Plant Sale - Various	\$11.90
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,004.06

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$4,027.42
Money Market - Reserves	\$8,659.10
Money Market	\$51,133.24
Ending Balance 8/24/16	\$63,819.76

OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER Chapter Meeting at Jude Stensland's residence August 25, 2016



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch, at the residence of Jude Stensland.

Chris turned the meeting over to Jude who further explained the history of her residence which is located within an HOA started 20 years ago. Most of the houses were moved in and sit on

landfill. Jude has a lovely garden, fountain, and Koi pond. Thank you Jude for hosting us!

Minutes: The minutes were approved as published online.

Agent's Report – Steve Renquist:

The AgriMet website is still not showing data for Roseburg. Steve has talked to AgriMet and has been assured it is collecting data.



Mike Mueller, a former DCMG, would like to tour our Greenhouse operations this next Tuesday. He now lives in Coos County and would like to see how our operations work to take back and share with their members. Maureen Benice will connect with Mike and show him around.

Steve met Monday with the Department of Agriculture regarding "Red Blotch," a very troublesome wine grape disease. As the name suggests, it causes blotchiness on the leaves. Grapes with this disease only ripen about ¾'s of the way, making for an unpalatable wine. Table grapes and white grapes do not show any visual symptoms. The disease is hitting hard in northern California and also into southern Oregon. For more information, go to: www.ucanr.edu/sites/viticulture-fresno/files/157139.pdf. The vector for this disease is the three-cornered alfalfa treehopper as outlined at: <http://westernfarmpress.com/grapes/uc-researchers-find-vector-red-blotch-grapes>. Nurseries need to do better virus testing as they have been unknowingly selling infected product. The treatment is to use virus-free stock, which helps to minimize the spread, in conjunction with a spray program.

There will be a household hazardous waste collection event at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on September 10, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Collection for agricultural people will be on September 9th.

Forestry & Natural Resources Agent – Alicia Jones:

Chris introduced Douglas County Extension's new Forestry & Natural Resources Agent, Alicia Jones.

Alicia gave a brief synopsis of her background, including a Master's Degree in Natural Resources. She relocated here from Humboldt County. Alicia plans to continue hosting programs for woodland owners in the area, bringing back some past events, and create a newsletter. The website has recently been updated as well.

There will be a Native Trees Walk & Silvics event at the Elkton Community Education Center on Wednesday, September 21st from noon to 2 p.m. Pre-registration is due on September 19th. For more information, contact Alicia at Extension, or go to: <http://calendar.oregonstate.edu/event/118216/>.

OFFICER REPORTS

OMGA – Anne Bacon:

Mini College was amazing with great classes and great people. We had excellent representation from Douglas County with over a dozen people attending. Anne



baskets with donated items.

The International Master Gardener Conference will be held in Portland July 10-14, 2017. OMGA is asking

individual chapters to participate in chapter displays revolving around a bicycle theme. Set rules are



thanked those who donated items for the raffle and Sharon Hopkins who put together several gift

outlined at <http://omga.org/painted-bicycle-chapter-display-2017-imgc/>.

A question was asked as to whether there will be a Silent Auction at the International Conference. Anne will find out.

Treasurer – Patrice Sipos: Financials were distributed. Updates on the budget are available on the web at http://douglascountymg.org/mg_documents_forms.html. Patrice has been researching the viability of accepting credit/debit cards at our Plant Sale. She will present her findings at a later date.



Vice President – Fred Alley: Fred thanked

Judith Stensland for hosting the last of our summer meetings. Next month's meeting will be held at the Discovery Garden Pavilion. He also thanked all the people who have helped him with meeting setup, etc. during his time as Vice-President. Thank you, Fred, for a job well done!

Past President – Larry Sutton: Larry has been trying to get in touch with the tour coordinator for the Master Gardener International Conference to confirm tour destinations.

President – Chris Rusch:

Chris thanked Jen Bailey, who wrote two grant proposals, resulting in our chapter receiving both the Extension Educator Grant (\$500) and the Karl Carlson Grant (\$250) at Mini-College. Grant funds will be applied toward establishment of handicapped accessible pathways at the Discovery Garden and Victory Garden.

Chris met with Rocky Houston, the new Douglas Country Parks Director, and invited him to our September meeting, our potluck, and for a tour of the



Photo: M. Benice

HLC. She has also invited the Klamath Falls MG Chapter to the same meeting. She has not heard back from them but Steve said their agent is trying to juggle other commitments to attend our meeting.

The Canyonville Farmers Market has requested we have a presence at their market on Wednesdays. According to Steve, since they are not a part of the Extension Service District, we cannot attend as Master Gardeners but can distribute information on Extension. They are organizing to get the Service District on what will probably be the May ballot.

Chris thanked Fred and Denise for their service as officers and gave them each a parting gift.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach – Leo Grass:

Jude Stensland will be taking over as Community Outreach Chair.

Leo thanked everyone who helped at the County Fair.

Leo and Jude will be presenting a “Vertebrate Pests” program at the Conference on Extraordinary Living at UCC on September 9, 2016. We will also have a MG informational table set up. For more information on the conference, go to: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1865002>

Leo and Jude will be doing 3 presentations in December for the Glide Garden Club.

Jude would like to set up a committee for those interested in presenting to the community. She passed

around a signup sheet and asked people to sign up for topics they felt comfortable talking about. Contact Jude if you are interested.

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch: There have been 96 contacts so far this month. There are many calendar openings which need to be filled. Drop by the Plant Clinic to sign up or call during clinic hours to be added.

Farmers Market – Barbara Anderson: A new 6-foot table has been purchased to allow more room for displaying information. There is a need for a veteran to staff the booth on September 24th. After conferring with Sara Runkel and Nellie Oehler, it was suggested if you are wearing both Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver badges while working the market, you should split your reportable hours between the two organizations.

Westside Greenhouse – Barbara Robinson: Barbara thanked Tasha King, Jackie Carpenter, and Carol Bolt for running crews the past couple weeks. She also thanked volunteers who came from the Eastside and the Discovery Garden to help. They have been working on clean up, root pruning, and repotting root bound plants. This will make the plants much happier in the extreme heat we’ve been experiencing.

Awards – Betty Ison:

Sierra Lewis and Jennifer Russell have earned their 60-hour swinger bars. Betty suggested mentors check in with their students to see how they are coming along on their payback hours.

Toni Rudolph was selected as our Master Gardener of the Year. Toni was able to take advantage of a \$100 Mini-College scholarship as approved by our Executive Board.

Members are encouraged to get their hours in ASAP. August will be the last hours tallied for inclusion in awards at our October 1 Awards Banquet.



Toni

Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford: A total of 1,607 pounds of produce has been taken to UCAN. Over 400 pounds were harvested last week. Master Gardeners are encouraged to donate their excess garden bounty. If you deliver to UCAN on your own, be sure and tell them you are a MG so it is recorded. The Demonstration Garden is producing well. The gate is unlocked to this garden and visitors are encouraged to come in, wander, and pick produce for their own use.

Facebook – Barbara Horst: Current count of “likes” is 741.

Publicity – Bonnie Courter/Barbara Horst:

There is a new magazine available in Douglas County called “Verve.” It is a free quarterly magazine which can be found at various businesses around town and is geared toward local people and tourists. Bonnie contacted the editor and met with Emily Brandt, giving her a tour of the HLC. She was very impressed and will be doing a feature article in the future.

Bonnie introduced Barbara Horst as our new Publicity Chair. Barbara thanked Bonnie for providing her with such detailed, organized materials including a binder with all the timelines, contact information, and copies of PSA’s.

Chris Rusch thanked Bonnie for her 7 years of excellent service as Publicity Chair and presented her with a gift.

Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Newsletter articles are due to Bonnie by Tuesday, August 30th. There will be a new section in the newsletter titled “Out of the Box.” Master Gardeners are encouraged to submit “thinking out of the box” ideas which they may have tried in their garden, successful or not.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery: Julie’s focus was to thank the many people who take on the odd jobs around the gardens and HLC. Her thanks went out to the following Master Gardeners in particular:

- Kathy and Steve Hart for collecting river rocks and placing them strategically around the Rose Garden sprinkler heads. Not only do they look beautiful, but they will help prevent breakage of the sprinkler heads.

- Merrill McFarland for diligently cleaning the dirt and pollen from our signs.



- Mark Schmoll for replacing the badly rotting wooden doors and frames in the green shed with metal doors and frames.
- Ron LaRose for his thorough cleaning of the orchard area and harvest of fruit for UCAN.

Thanks to everyone else who pitches in to get all the other random jobs accomplished.

Julie reminded garden heads they need to get their budget requests for the coming year into her no later than September 10th.

Awards Banquet – Judy Huntley: Our Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 1st at the First Methodist Church on Harvard. We will start at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. and awards to follow. Theme for main dish offerings are hot pasta dishes. Attendees should each bring a hot pasta dish, salad, bread, or dessert. Drinks, place settings, and serving utensils will be provided, so no need to bring your own. When planning the size of your dish, please keep in mind we usually have about 100 people to feed so it would be good to make enough for a dozen people or more. Also, please write out a card or paper listing the name and ingredients to place with your dish on the table. Cutoff date for signing up for the banquet is September 25th. Anyone signing up after that date, cannot be guaranteed they will be recognized for awards as Betty Ison needs time to organize, input, and print them all out.

Hallmark – Linda Thames: Stewart Avery (uncle of Cindy Rich) passed away in July.

Bake Sale – Janet Parkerson: Our annual bake sale will be held on November 19th at Sherm's Thunderbird Market in Roseburg. Baked goods will be received the day before in the Extension kitchen from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Monetary donations (for purchasing ingredients) and baking ingredients are appreciated from those who do not bake. Workers will be needed at the Extension on Friday and the day of the Bake Sale. More information and sign-ups to follow. Janet is in need of a co-chair for this event. If you are interested, please contact her.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit Report – Vicki McAlister : The audit committee, consisting of Vicki, Toni Rudolph, and Karen Glatz, met with Patrice to go over the books. They chose random entries and verified that all seemed to be good. They found Patrice to be well organized with everything in order and were very happy with the results. Thanks to Patrice for doing such a great job!

Mini-College Reports: Several members who attended Mini-College gave brief reports on what they learned. Everyone agreed it was a fun learning experience with wonderful class offerings and great camaraderie.

Oath of Offices – Betty Ison: Betty administered the



Oath of Office to the following incoming officers: Chris Rusch/President, Anne Bacon/Vice President, Barbara

Robinson/Secretary, Patrice Sipos/Treasurer, Alternate OMGA Representative/Kish Doyle. OMGA Representative, Nancy Fuller, was not in attendance so she will be sworn in at our September meeting. Larry Sutton will remain on the Board as Past President.

Show and Tell



Elva Sellens extended an invitation to the Douglas County Dahlia Society's show on September 24 and 25 at the Fairgrounds. The show will be held in the Floral Building from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and Sunday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Julie Stanbery brought orange tiger lily bulblettes to share.

According to Steve Renquist, there are 18 people signed up for the 2017 Winter Training. The class will be capped at about 30 participants, so if you know someone who wants to take the class, they would be well advised to sign up soon.

Sharon Hopkins shared her experience with two elderly family members who were victims of telephone scams. She advised members to be aware of the many scams out there.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at noon by President, Chris Rusch.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Robinson, DCMG Secretary

DCWFN Farm Tour Parks Dahlia Garden



Date: Monday, September 12, 2016
10:00am - 1:00pm

Are you interested in learning more about dahlias and cut flower production? Join the Douglas County Women's Farmer Network for a tour of Parks Dahlia Garden's two acres of groomed gardens and production dahlia beds.

Christy Parks has been growing dahlias for 25 years. She sells dahlia tubers on the garden's website and cut flowers at farmers markets, to florists, and a florist truck based in Eugene.

The garden tour will be from 10:00-12:00 followed by a brown bag lunch. Please bring a hat, water bottle, something to eat, and a folding chair if you have one. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Carpooling will be available from Roseburg.

Please contact Sara Runkel if you are interested. [541-236-3049](tel:541-236-3049) or sara.runkel@oregonstate.edu
More information available [here](#).

OSU Extension September Garden Calendar

Maintenance and Clean Up

Harvest winter squash when the "ground spot" changes from white to a cream or gold color.

Pick and store winter squash; mulch carrot, parsnip, and beets for winter harvesting.

Protect tomatoes and/or pick green tomatoes and ripen indoors if frost threatens.

Reduce water on trees, shrubs, and vines east of Cascades to harden them for winter.

Stake tall flowers to keep them from blowing over in fall winds.

Dig, clean, and store tuberous begonias if frost threatens.

Harvest potatoes when the tops die down. Store them in a dark location.

Optimal time for establishing a new lawn is August through mid-September.

Aerate lawns.

Early-September: Apply 1 pound nitrogen per 1,000 square feet to lawns. Reduce risks of run-off into local waterways by not fertilizing just prior to rain, and not over-irrigating so that water runs off of lawn and onto sidewalk or street.

Willamette Valley: Stop irrigating your lawn after Labor Day to suppress European crane fly populations.

Recycle disease-free plant material and kitchen vegetable and fruit scraps into compost. Don't compost diseased plants unless you are using the "hot compost" method (120 degrees to 150 degrees F.).

Planting/Propagation

Divide peonies and iris.

Plant or transplant woody ornamentals and mature herbaceous perennials. Fall planting of trees, shrubs and perennials can encourage healthy root growth over the winter.

Plant daffodils, tulips, and crocus for spring bloom. Work calcium and phosphorus into the soil below the bulbs at planting time. Remember when purchasing bulbs, the size of the bulb is directly correlated to the size of the flower yet to come in spring.

Plant winter cover of annual rye or winter peas in vegetable garden.

Pest Monitoring and Management

Apply parasitic nematodes to moist soil beneath rhododendrons and azaleas that show root weevil damage (notched leaves).

Control slugs as necessary. Least toxic management options for slugs include barriers and traps. Baits are also available for slug control; use caution around pets. Read and follow all label directions prior to using baits, or any other chemical control.

Monitor trailing berries for leaf and cane spot. Treat if necessary.

As necessary, apply copper spray for peach and cherry trees. Spray for juniper twig blight, as necessary, after pruning away dead and infected twigs.

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