



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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Oct. 2016 Calendar

Sat., Oct. 1, 5:30

Annual Awards Banquet @ First
United Methodist Church, Roseburg

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

Insect Committee

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

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

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

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Wed., Oct. 12, 10:00-Noon

Executive Board Meeting (Budget)

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Sat., Oct. 15, 10:00-3:00

Biochar Expo, UCC

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

Insect Committee

Tues. Oct. 18, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Thurs., Oct. 20, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Tues. Oct. 25, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Thurs., Oct. 27, 9:00

Continuing Education, Extension
Annex

Tues., Oct. 27, 10:00-Noon

Monthly Chapter Meeting, Annex

Thurs., Oct. 29, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Wed., Nov. 2, 10:00-Noon

First Mentor Training Class, Annex

Wed., Nov. 9, 11:30-12:30

WTC Orientation



The President's Post

Chris Rusch

Fall has finally arrived! We had our September meeting at the Discovery Garden last Thursday and it was a beautiful fall morning. Thank you to Bob Brindley for setting up our annual Tomato Tasting Event after the meeting. It is always a treat to sample so many different tomato varieties in one place.

Our Discovery Garden was a glorious setting for our September meeting. From the lovely dahlias and roses near the pavilion to the all the amazing gardens and greenhouses beyond, it's clear our volunteers have been really busy this month. Thank you everyone for making this a truly wonderful place to be proud of.





Speaking of proud, we had our annual Awards Banquet Saturday, October 1. What a terrific event this is! Thanks to so many volunteers, but especially Judy Huntley and Betty Ison. They always put on a fantastic event. Congratulations to all! Toni Rudolph received the Master Gardener of the Year Award, Elva Sellers was given the



“Behind the Scenes” Award, and Jude Stensland, one of our new Master Gardeners, received the Outstanding Apprentice Award. I was lucky enough to be given the Horticultural Agents Award this year. Wow! What a terrific honor!



Thank you to Charity Hays who led us in grace and a remembrance for the victims of the UCC tragedy of last year at this time.



And one more vegetable joke to ponder: Why shouldn't you tell secrets in a corn field? There are too many ears!





Judy Dake makes coffee while Elva, Judy Huntley and Betty arrange the door prizes. (Photos: Barb Robinson)



Diligent "Cleanup Crew" hard at work.

As I was out walking this morning I felt a chill in the air. It was 40 degrees, and the leaves are beginning to turn into their fall colors. I was reminded that we need to think about wrapping up our gardens for fall. Here are some tips to consider:

1. Bring in house plants that have summered outdoors. Bring them in when the night time temperatures consistently fall into the lower 50's. Try to avoid abrupt changes in light or temperature. Check for insects prior to bringing the plants inside. Re-pot if your plant has outgrown its container. Plants that have grown vigorously outside may need some pruning.
2. Clean up vegetable gardens and annual flower beds. Harvest all usable vegetables and annual flowers. Leftover debris can be tilled into soil or placed into the compost pile. Clean up weeds as they can harbor diseases and insects. Add compost and other organic material to enrich the soil. Place mulch on beds or plant cover crops to prevent erosion during

the winter.

3. Clean up perennial flower beds. Remove weeds that may harbor diseases and insects. After we have a couple of frosts, mulch the perennial plants. Plants can be cut back now or in early spring. New perennials can be planted in fall, established perennials can be divided - October is the best time for this.

4. Tree and shrub maintenance. Prune trees after they go dormant in the fall, or in the early spring. Prune late summer and fall flowering shrubs after they go dormant. **DO NOT** prune spring flowering shrubs in fall (they already have their flower buds). Trees and shrubs can be fertilized after they go dormant (October) or in spring. Continue regular watering as long as weather remains dry.

5. Lawn care: Fertilizing in October promotes early green up in the spring. Lawns can be de-thatched or core aerated in early October if needed. Early fall is a good time to establish or renovate a lawn.

6. Miscellaneous: Plant spring flowering bulbs in early fall (mid-September to mid-October). Clean garden tools so they will be ready for next season. Drain and store garden hoses. Consider composting as a method to deal with garden debris and autumn leaves.

P.S. If you are a Facebook person please come to our DCMG and "like" us. <https://www.facebook.com/douglascountymastergardeners>



Vice-President's Report

Anne Bacon

Our September Chapter Meeting was held in the pavilion of our beautiful Discovery Garden. We had 54 in attendance, and it was nice to see a few faces we'd been missing for awhile.



Rocky Houston, the new Parks Director for Douglas County, was our guest for the meeting. Rocky's news included a new plan for annual passes to be issued on a rolling twelve month schedule. This is great news especially if you buy a pass in November of this year, because it will be good through December of 2017. That's 14 months for the price of 12! The Parks Department is also looking for volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors. Who better to provide input than one of our own Master Gardeners? If you're considering becoming a board member, or just want to learn more about the Parks Department, you can find more information on the Parks Department website: <http://www.co.douglas.or.us/parks/default.asp>

On their website you can also get tons of information about our Douglas County parks and view the Master Plan draft. I encourage all of you to read it and stay informed and get involved. The next Parks Advisory Board Meeting will be on October 16th.

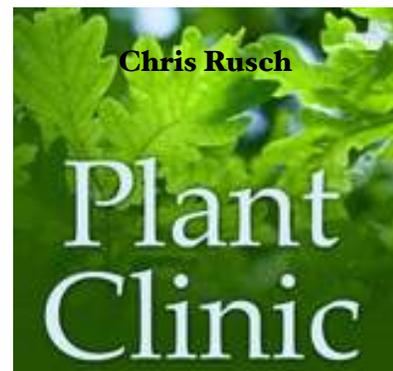
Steve Renquist shared some details of the recertification requirements OSU will be implementing. Most of our Douglas County Master Gardeners will

easily meet the requirement of 20 hours of volunteer work and 10 hours of continuing education. Those members who complete their hours will receive a sticker to be placed on their badge. There will be a new color sticker for each year. Steve has a detailed handout that describes how to achieve recertification.

Speaking of recertification, I'm working on developing a panel of Continuing Education (CEU) speakers for the next year. Fresh and unusual ideas are welcome. If you have a topic you'd like to see covered, please contact me at annebacon2015@gmail.com or 541-670-8365 and let me know.

We'll be back in the Extension Auditorium for our October Chapter Meeting at 10 am on the 27th. Our Continuing Education class will begin at 9 am and our CEU speaker will be Elva Sellens. Elva will teach us all about "Dahlias". In November we look forward to Leo Grass's presentation which will cover "Putting the Garden to Bed for Winter."

The Plant Clinic was really busy in September. 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. Most of our trainees have completed their 36 hour requirement and are now beginning to step into veteran roles. We are lucky to have a great training team with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Larry Sutton, and Chris Rusch. A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!



We had 85 visitors in the Plant Clinic this month. This is a bit higher than last year this time.

We will begin our winter hours this month. The clinic will only be open Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays for the month of October and November, but we still need MG's to sign up and fill up those days. It's always a fun time and learning experience.

Landscape Tree Evaluation

Steve Renquist

I have shared with you many times that I am a big believer in evaluating my landscape plants one by one at least once a year. This often takes a few hours, but can be done over many days to spread out the work. What this allows me to do is to decide if I am watering enough, pruning properly, fertilizing or mulching correctly, and if any disease or insect pest is a problem. It also allows me to decide if that plant still belongs in my landscape. As our climate seems to be getting hotter and drier, I may decide to remove plants that are suffering and replace them with drought hardy species.

In most years I like to evaluate the landscape coming out of winter and in the fall heading into winter. We had a nice amount of rain during the winter of 2015-16 allowing plants to start the summer with good soil moisture and a mild climate during June and July, so all my landscape plants were doing lovely. Then came August. The climate center just released numbers that showed August 2016 across the whole country was the hottest August in 130 years of records. I wasn't surprised by that since nearly every ornamental plant in my landscape had a severe case of leaf scorch by early September despite being watered once a week with about three quarters of an inch of water.

What really surprised me this summer, however, was the degree of leaf scorch on many very large tree canopies. When I looked over my trees recently I noticed the red maples, big leaf maple, dogwoods, birch, basswood, and Japanese snowbell all had serious leaf scorch, while the Norway maple, oak, eastern redbud, and sweet gum all looked pretty good. The conifers that seemed to make it through the heat pretty well were Deodar Cedar, Atlas Cedar, White Pine, and Ponderosa Pine. The Douglas-fir, Mugo Pines, and Shore Pines all showed some significant stress. This type of evaluation can be very helpful if you decide to replace any existing trees or plant any new ones.

When evaluating my trees, I like to view them in early fall before we head into the rainy season. This gives me a chance to spot any potential trouble spots before winter conditions cause a tree to fall. When storms start rolling through our area in November and December the ground often becomes saturated and the winds can

reach 30-40 mph, perfect conditions to topple trees.

When evaluating trees what do you look for? The first trees to evaluate are ones that



are close to your structures. Spend time looking for decay. It may not be easy to see. Many times a large tree may not slough off bark exposing dead tissue. You will have to probe the tree to see how sound the wound and bark are. Are there wounds or cankers that are exposed and weeping, are these wounds stretching around the trunk more than 30% of the circumference? If so they would place your tree in a moderate to high risk of dying. Is the tree leaning? That is a sign that the root system may be weak on the side away from the direction the tree is leaning. Does your tree have girdling roots that wrap around the trunk? That can be a sign that the tree will eventually weaken and die. This type of tree should be removed or have the girdling roots removed if the tree is still young.

If you have trees with included bark that runs a foot or more downward through the trunk between large branches, this indicates a potential weak spot where whole limbs can fall off. The other potential weak spot with limbs is where a tree was topped and the regrowth has made significant new branches that can become heavy. These new branch angles are often poor and will break with strong wind.

If you find any of these issues while doing an evaluation, you can come by the Extension office, and show me photos or samples to get my opinion of how safe your tree is. If we decide there is a safety issue, then I can recommend an arborist if you cannot do the work yourself.

If you do tree evaluations annually, it will keep you from being surprised by a potentially dangerous situation. Remember our trees add a huge value to our property if kept in good shape, but they become a large liability when they threaten your home or other structures.

Winter Training for 2017

Denise Fennell

Yep, that time is here once again! Our Winter Training of Master Gardeners will start on **January 3, 2017**, and this year looks to be a great year for new students. Mary is sending out the “invitations” to people who have shown interest in the training, so now is the time to sign up to be a Mentor (capitalized, as it’s an important job). You will learn a lot, meet new people, make new friends AND guide someone as he or she becomes a Master Gardener. This is a year-long commitment and a significant way to give back to the program. I would like to really encourage last year’s class to step up and be mentors this year because it’s a great way to pay it forward!

Please email me if you are interested in being a mentor for 2017 class or even an alternate mentor. You will find you get so much more out of the class as a mentor.

Orientation for the new students will be on **Nov. 9th** in the Annex upstairs at 11:30 am. This is when they will pick up their books, pay for class, get an overview and be able to meet us.

If you would like to come and welcome the new students and show your support for them, arrive at the Annex around 10:45. If you can arrive a bit early and help set up that would be wonderful. I need volunteers to help greet and guide the new the students and others to help check them in and give them their books.

I will be having 2 mentor training sessions. The first training session will be on **Wednesday, Nov. 2nd**, at 10am, in the Annex. This session will give you the big overview of being a mentor. If you want to be a mentor, please be at this session, even if you have mentored before.

Tuesday, December 6th, at 10am, will be our second session. This session is all about the details of mentoring. If you are signed up to be a mentor or alternate mentor, be there, even if you’ve mentored it’s very important you attend. It’s important alternates be there so if you have to step in as substitute, you’ll know what you need to do. You will also receive the names and contact information of your trainee. So mark your calendars now!

I cannot thank you all enough for taking the time to do this important job! Without you this would not be the huge success it is.

Denise Fennell
Winter Training Coordinator
douglascountymastergardener@gmail.com



Elva Sellens, Jean DeCato & Lorreen Robinson at lunch after hard day at the greenhouse. (Photo: B. Robinson)

Membership Dues

Diana Circle

Hello Master Gardeners!

This month starts our membership drive. And while dues, technically, are not due until January 1, 2017, it really helps to have them early. That being said, included on the last page of this newsletter is the 2017 Membership Renewal Form.

NOTE - For those wanting to have the Newsletter mailed to you, the price of postage is going to \$8.75 for the year. We are hoping that this increase will last us for a few years.

Also on the form is a new category - “Contact Preference”. Please check all that apply, but we would like to know how you prefer to be contacted: Phone, Email or Text. This preference will be listed on future rosters.

If you cannot print the attached form and mail it to me with your check, PLEASE write down your information on a note and include it with your check.

The strength of our group is our membership. Looking forward to seeing you all in 2017!

Oregon State University
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2017 Winter Training Program

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

January 3	AM	Botany I	John Panches
	PM	Climate and Weather of Douglas County	Steve Renquist
January 10	AM	Botany II (Physiology)	John Panches
	PM	Veg Propagation*/Tree Fruit* Discovery Garden orientation	Team/Steve Renquist
January 17	AM	Pruning Trees, Shrubs, and Vines	Steve Renquist
	PM	Veg Propagation*/ Tree Fruit* Discovery Garden orientation	Team/Steve Renquist
January 24	AM	Concurrent Sessions	Master Gardeners
	PM	Plant ID/Greenhouse Seeding*	Chris Rusch/MG's
January 31	AM	Pesticide Safety	Steve Renquist
	PM	Plant ID/Greenhouse Seeding*	Chris Rusch/ MG's
February 7	AM	Insects	Judi Maxwell
	PM	Plant Disease	Steve Renquist
February 14	AM	Soils/Fertilization	Sara Runkel
	PM	Vegetable Gardening	Marjorie Neal
February 21	AM	Care of Urban Trees/Seed Saving	Tal Blankenship
	PM	Weed ID and Control	Shelby Filley
February 28	AM	Berry Crops	Steve Renquist
	PM	Composting/Cover Crops	Joe Yetter/ Steve Renquist
March 7	AM	Vert. Pests/Xeriscaping	Leo Grass/ Geoff Puryear
	PM	IPM	Steve Renquist
March 14	AM	Discovery Garden Final*	Master Gardener Team
	PM	Final Exam Review	Steve Renquist

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

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



Bake Sale

Janet Parkerson

The holiday times are quickly approaching which means it's time for the Annual DCMG Bake Sale. Traditionally, the chapter has put on a Bake Sale the Saturday before Thanksgiving. So mark your calendar as this year it will be held Saturday, November 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Once again Sherm's Thunderbird Market has generously offered the use of their premises for this event.

To make this a successful event, it will require volunteers. We will need Bakers, Drivers, Receivers, Sellers, Set-up and Clean-up volunteers. Sign-up sheets will be distributed at the monthly chapter meetings in October and will be maintained in the Plant Clinic for the various working committees, baked goods, etc. Colorful flyers for MG's to distribute and post will be available later in October.

I know what you are thinking..."I don't bake, how else can I contribute?" Well...we also accept donations of various ingredients including berries, apples, flour, butter, shortening, as well as money. All of it helps and is greatly appreciated. You can contact me by phone or text



(480-748-8405) or email (shepriceless@yahoo.com) for pick-up. This really helps with the cost for those who bake.



Let's work together and make this an exceptional event. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.



Featured Weed of the Month

Chris Rusch

Little mallow (*Malva parviflora*)

Little mallow is a widespread weed in the west and one I have in my own garden. It infests lawns, vegetable and ornamental gardens, orchards and vineyards. The seeds germinate from November to April. The seed leaves are smooth, reddish brown and pear shaped, with reddish stalks. The plant grows quickly, becoming bushy and branched, ranging from a few inches to 2 ½ feet. The rounded leaves grow on 1-6 inch long stalks and are 1-5 inches wide. The leaves have 5 to 7 lobes and a distinctive folded or accordion-like appearance.

The pinkish white, five petaled flowers are borne singly in the leaf axis. The fruits turn from green to brownish as they mature, separating in sections, each containing a seed. Common mallow (*Malva neglecta*) is quite similar, but its flower petals are longer and the fruits are more rounded and smoother. It can be an annual or biennial.



If you get this weed in your lawn it is best to fertilize and water your lawn to promote dense grass cover that out competes the mallow. In your garden, it can be pulled or hoed. It has a long tap root. To remove older plants, cut the tap root below the crown with a sharp hoe. Use mulch to prevent seed germination. Solarize new beds to kill seeds.



2016 Large Indeterminate Paste Tomato Trials Bruce Gravens

Eleven MG's performed trials up to 8 varieties of paste tomatoes this season. Each participant was supplied with as many plants as they wanted, of as many of the varieties as they wanted. They were asked to grow the trial varieties in the same way they grew their other paste tomatoes.

Throughout the season, they were asked to report on how their trial varieties were doing in relationship to their other paste tomatoes. They were asked about growth rate, vine robustness, bloom start, fruit set, and blossom end rot. Each participant was asked to report on a taste test using a slow-roasting recipe that I provided. Finally, they were asked if they would grow this variety in the future.

Trial Varieties

Anna Russian
Cuore Di Bue
Federle
Hungarian Heart
Polish Linuisa
Pozzano
San Marzano Gigante 3
San Marzano La Padino

Results:

All of these varieties were much larger than the standard San Marzano except for the San Marzano La Padino which was very close in size to a standard San Marzano.

All of these varieties produced vines which were much more robust and upright than the standard San Marzano.

In the taste test, the flavor of each variety was indistinguishable from the others.

Most participants did not detect any difference in the BER rate of the trial varieties compared to the other paste tomatoes. One participant did see higher rates of BER on Federie.

Most of the participants do not plan to grow any of these trial paste tomatoes in the future, preferring to stay with the varieties they grew in the past.



My Conclusion:

All of these varieties are very nice indeterminate paste tomatoes that appear to do well in this climate and soil types. The vines are much more robust than the standard San Marzano which makes harvest easier. The large fruit size reduces labor and produces more product than the San Marzano.

My Plan:

I will grow all of the tested varieties for the next several years, to see how they do over the longer term. Of the other varieties of paste tomatoes that I grew this year I am dropping these three varieties in favor of the new varieties:

- Fireworks
- Grandma Mary's Paste
- San Marzano

My paste tomato list is now:

- Amish Paste (Kapuler)
- Anna Russian
- Cuore Di Bue
- Ernie's Plump
- Federle
- Goldman's Italian American Paste
- Howard German
- Hungarian Heart
- Hungarian Italian
- Italian Red Pear
- Jeff's Plum
- Jersey Devil
- Opalka
- Polish Linuisa
- Pozzano
- San Marzano Gigante 3
- San Marzano La Padino
- Sausage
- Speckled Roman
- Super Italian Paste

Treasurer's Report

Patrice Sipos

INCOME 8/26/16 - 9/28/16

Interest Income	\$2.62
Contributions	\$40.00
Soil Testing	\$35.00
Compost Tea	<u>\$36.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$113.62

EXPENSES 8/26/16 - 9/28/16

Management & General	\$418.36
Discovery Garden - Various	\$660.84
HLC - Various	\$900.25
Plant Sale - Various	<u>\$1,227.77</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,207.22

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$1,902.89
Money Market - Reserves	\$8,659.10
Money Market	<u>\$49,635.86</u>
Ending Balance 8/24/16	\$60,197.85

This & That

Les Karcher's "Portly" Paste Tomatoes

A friend who had been saving seeds for 30 years, gave Les 100 seeds of a paste tomato he had been



perfecting. Les, in turn, gave some to a few MG's as well as Redeemer's Church, however not all of them germinated. Those that did developed huge tomatoes having almost no seeds, and the flavor is very good. Les hopes to save his own seeds from those he harvests from his garden for next year.



Steve Renquist's Huge Harvest

Steve's vegetable garden is in its fifth year. The results of mixing compost and biochar along with only watering one hour per week during the summer with drip irrigation are astounding! Steve says the



key is to create soil that retains water well: biochar and compost being the key ingredients.

Nancy Sheiner's "Marigold Miracle"

This year Nancy and her husband got a truckload of biochar which they then mixed in with their home-grown compost to create a super rich garden soil. Planting marigolds from seed into this soil produced humongous flower heads which suddenly popped up in early fall.



"We bought our biochar from John Miedema at TSY Peak Log Sort Yard, 315 N 15th St, Philomath OR 97370 (jmiedema@peak.org) Phone # 541- 619-0007. In 2014 we bought what he calls a "Super Sak" (about 300 lbs. for \$300/ approx. 27 cu ft) and have not used it all yet. We have added compost to it. He will sell in smaller quantities, but for more than a \$1.00/lb. It has made a HUGE difference in our garden soil (we have clay and it has really helped to get the roots through the clay even though we have been adding compost and amending for about a decade.) We saw enormous improvement with the addition of the biochar. Let me know if you have more questions". [541-784-7734](tel:541-784-7734)



OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER Chapter Meeting Discovery Garden Pavilion September 29, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch, at the Discovery Garden Pavilion. There were 54 people in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as published online.

Agent's Report – Steve Renquist:

The Winter Training class is full with 30 students and 5 on the waiting list. The training agenda is set. Mentors are needed. Registration and greeting for the new glass will be on Wednesday, November 9th at 11:30 in



the Annex. Master Gardeners are asked to show up around 10:30 to help set up and meet the new students.

A Statewide Master Gardener recertification program has been put into place. This is a VOLUNTARY program for those who want to do outreach

work in the community or work in the Plant Clinic. To qualify for recertification, a minimum of 20 volunteer service hours plus 10 continuing education hours must be met. Certification is valid for one year. There are many opportunities within our chapter to achieve these

hours. Starting in 2017, all Master Gardeners who have met recertification requirements in the preceding year will be given a sticker that signifies they are current in their certification. The sticker is to be worn over the flower logo, on their Master Gardener badge. These will be issued by Steve.

Steve received a thank you note from Mike Mueller, on behalf of the Coos County Master Gardeners, for the tour Maureen Benice gave them of the HLC a few weeks back. They were very impressed with our operation and beautiful gardens.

Steve shared the mammoth size vegetables he has been harvesting from his garden this season. He has been using soaker hoses to water once a week, for one hour, and has been amending his beds with compost and biochar for about the last five years. Seems to be working well for him!

Chris Rusch – Introduction of Rocky Houston:

Chris introduced Rocky Houston who is the new Director of Douglas County Parks. Rocky gave a brief talk on his job and plans for the future. He has been in the position for 3 months and is working on learning the layout of the area, the parks system, etc. He was happy to learn he was working with a full staff. The system has to be self-sufficient since they do not get general funds which is the reason for parking fees. Mr. Houston is going to get the Parks Foundation started up again and will be looking for board members to serve on it. If interested contact him at rlhousto@co.douglas.or.us.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership – Diana Circle: There are currently 264 members. The membership drive will start this next month. October's newsletter will include the form to fill out for dues payment. Payment made by personal check will not be cashed until after January 1st. Diana will issue an updated roster on a quarterly basis. Only rosters with her name on them are prepared by her.

OMGA – Nancy Fuller:

Nominations are open for the offices of President, President Elect, 1st V.P., 2nd V.P., Secretary, and Treasurer for 2017. Nominations are due no later than October 15, 2016.

Our Chapter will be participating in the Bicycle and Roses program with a bicycle donated by Patrice. A committee will get together early spring to formulate a plan.

Registration for International will open on October 10th, including hotels. Information on the International Conference may be found at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc>.

September's issue of The Gardener's Pen may be found at: <http://omga.org/september-gardeners-pen/>

Treasurer – Patrice Sips: Financials were distributed. Updates on the budget are available on the web at http://douglascountymg.org/mg_documents_forms.html. Patrice said she would not be willing to run for OMGA Treasurer at this time.

Patrice thanked Steve Hart, Ray Warren, & Gale Robinson for putting the hemlock mulch down in the Entry Garden.

Vice President – Anne Bacon: Elva will be presenting a program on Dahlias in October and Leo will be giving a talk on Putting Our Gardens to Bed in November. She asked members to let her know if they had ideas or suggestions for continuing education programs. Her email and phone number have recently changed but are correct on the current roster.

President – Chris Rusch: Chris thanked everyone for all their hard work in the Discovery Garden and to Mark Schmoll for his work on the Japanese Tea House. She



invited all to attend our annual Awards Banquet on Saturday.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach – Leo Grass: Leo and Jude Stensland attended UCC's Conference on Extraordinary Living. Leo gave his vertebrate lesson and Jude manned the table and made good contacts for the Master Gardener Program. Leo and Jude hosted a group of 20 four-year-olds and treated them to Leo singing them the Garden Song with Jude accompanying on the harmonica. They will be teaching 3 classes to the Glide Garden Club in December, January, and February.



Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch: There have been 81 contacts this month. Next month the Clinic will go to 3 days per week. Special thanks go out to Leo, Bonnie, Anne, Gary, and Larry who have been in the clinic consistently to provide training to the new class.

Farmers Market – Barbara Anderson: The booth is finished for the season. The last Saturday there were at least 9 contacts with 2 of them put on the waiting list for the winter training class. Barbara said customers really appreciate us being there.

Westside Greenhouse – Barbara Robinson: The Westside is mostly caught up with their work. Tasha will be taking over running crews while Barbara is recuperating from surgery. Crews will be working on plant material from the Eastside to help them out for a few weeks. We will still be working on the Westside and can use lots of help to get all our Plant Sale inventory ready for the winter months. Whether it's Eastside or Westside, it's all a cooperative effort going to the same end result.

Eastside Greenhouse – Bruce Gravens: Bruce thanked Westside Greenhouse for chipping in to help. Eastside will be going to Tuesday and Thursday workdays to be able to take off over the holidays. All hardscape projects are done. Bruce gave a report on the tomato trial he conducted. Results will be included in the newsletter.



Awards – Betty Ison: The following received their 60-hour swinger bars: Pamela Berman, Mert Brown, Ed Cole, Jude Stensland, Sherri Williams, Evelina Amparo, Harry Gandy, Allen Huffstutter. Congratulations!

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery: The following were added to the donor board: Umpqua Valley Audubon Society, Jon Thran, and Bob Brindley. Our thanks go out to these worthy recipients.

A new type of toilet will be installed in the women's restroom. Steve is getting a bid. Julie has been busy gathering bids for ADA acceptable paths which will circle the garden.

Work days are formally done. Irrigation is once a week for now. The gardens are thriving and the helpers have been marvelous. Janet Parkerson, Anne Bacon and Bonnie Durick have been doing the watering all summer long and have done a great job. Sandy Grindle has done all the weed eating for the entire complex. Jackie Carpenter has religiously read meters. Eastside and Victory Garden irrigation was troublesome to say the least and the workers in those areas were so very patient and easy to work with.

Gale Robinson, our “honey do” boy, is always there to do whatever needs done and now Mark Schmoll is as well. Mark purchased two new metal doors and installed them on the green shed and painted the Japanese Tea House. Steve and Kathy Hart came in on off days to do whatever, including rock work around the sprinklers to keep them from getting broken, and Ray Warren did as well.

Leo refinished Mildred Gum's picnic table. Ray and Steve mulched the area. Ron LaRose took it upon himself to keep the orchard clean and Elva Sellens kept our parking strip groomed. Allen James comes in with his backpack sprayer and sprays the perimeter. The beautiful Butterfly Garden has been put to bed by Jan and her crew, and Geoff has single handedly kept the Xeriscape Garden gorgeous. And kudos to Sarah and Hannah Bryan, granddaughters of the Robinsons, for coming out and volunteering in the garden.

Thanks to Kish for power washing the pavilion in time for our meeting today. Mary Lou Davidson injured herself so the Rock Garden crew (Tasha, Kish, Nancy) and Gale stepped up and cleaned up the gardens at Helleck Hall. The Rock Garden helped in the Shade Garden as well.



Victory Garden – Beth Brown/Ruth Stafford: Beth encouraged Master Gardeners to pick produce out of the demo garden. There is a larger variety of acorn squash which is fairly tasteless. She encouraged people to take it to feed to their chickens. Ruth shared numbers for the VG this week: 557 pound to UCAN,

4,915 total this year. Goal for this year is 5,000 pounds. Master Gardeners have donated over 1100 pounds. They need a lot of help for the month of October when they are pulling rows to ready them for compost and cover crops. They have a good system going with Tractor Man Gale, but need several people with wheelbarrows to make it work.

Publicity/Facebook – Chris Rusch for Barbara Horst: We have 747 likes and 1776 people were engaged by our posts in September. Barbara sent out a PSA announcing a change in Plant Clinic hours for October and November.

Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Bonnie reminded people she stepped down as Publicity Chair but is still Newsletter Editor. Articles are due on Saturday.

Awards Banquet – Judy Huntley: Our Annual Awards Banquet will be this Saturday at the First United Methodist Church on Harvard. Room setup will be at noon, social at 5:30, dinner at 6:00 with awards and door prizes to follow.

Winter Training – Denise Fennell: We have a full class of 30 students which means we need 15 mentors with only 9 signed up so far. Mentors, please encourage your students to sign up to mentor. Also needed are substitute mentors. Mentors will meet on Wednesday, November 2nd and Tuesday December 6th. Both meetings are at 10 a.m. upstairs at Extension. Call or email Denise to sign up or sign up in the Plant Clinic. Denise thanked Barbara Anderson for promoting the training and signing up several students.

Bake Sale – Janet Parkerson: Our annual Bake Sale will be on Saturday, November 19th at Sherm's Thunderbird Market in Roseburg. We will receive baked goods the day before from 1-4pm in the Extension kitchen and the morning of the sale. 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 will follow as the date gets closer. Janet is in need of a co-chair for this event. Barbara Zastrow volunteered to co-chair. Thank you Barbara!

Hallmark – Linda Thames: We lost two Master Gardeners this past month - Mike Hendricks and Robyn

Thompson. Linda also sent get well cards to Mike Bunyard, Don Pearson, and Mary Lou Davidson.

NEW BUSINESS

Canyonville Farmer's Market: Ruth Stafford and Barbara Horst worked the Farmer's Market in Canyonville. Ruth said they shared information and pamphlets. Steve Renquist explained the City of Canyonville is outside of the Extension Service District and as such we cannot share information with them as Master Gardeners. Our purpose is to make them aware of what benefits the ESD can bring to them if they were to vote it in.

Show and Tell

Not your typical thumbergia: Betty Ison shared a thumbergia bloom which was not the typical color you see, but a pretty lavender.

Medicare Open Enrollment: Toni Rudolph shared Open Enrollment for Medicare is October 15 thru December 7. That is the only time of year Medicare recipients can change their Part D or Medicare Advantage Plans. It is important for everyone to do a health benefits checkup during this time of year. SHIBA is available to assist. Please call 541-492-2102 to make an appointment.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Robinson, DCMG Secretary





Douglas County Master Gardener

T-shirt Order Form

Orders Due by October 10 to Kish Doyle or
leave form with payment in Plant Clinic

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Description:

Men's: Gildan #8000 – Short sleeve or long sleeve, 50/50 (preshrunk)

Women's: Gildan #5000L – Short sleeve or long sleeve , 100% cotton(preshrunk)

Short sleeve: \$15 each / Long sleeve: \$20 each / 2XL & 3XL: add \$3



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Milkweed



Tractor(single color)

Design	Size	Ladies	Mens	Long or short sleeve	Color
Example: mg	M		x	short	red

Total Due:	
Cash	Check #

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2017 DUES
and REPLACEMENT NAME TAG

(Please pay **BEFORE** January 1, 2017)

PRINT ALL information below EVEN if nothing has changed:

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ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE: _____ CHECK # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

I prefer to be contacted by _____ Email _____ Phone _____ Text Msg.

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

_____ *Please mail my newsletter. I have included an EXTRA \$8.75 to cover postage*

Please make checks out to **DCMG** and include the above form. You can drop off your completed form and payment in the dues drawer at the Plant Clinic or mail it to me. Checks may not be deposited until after January 1, 2017.

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

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