



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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November 2016

Nov. 2016 Calendar

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

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

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

Mentor Training, Annex Kitchen

Thurs., Nov. 3, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Mon., Nov. 7, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

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

West/East Greenhouse Crews

Digging Dahlias with Elva

Wed., Nov. 9, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

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

Winter Training Class Orientation

Thurs., Nov. 10, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

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

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Thurs., Nov. 17, 9:00-10:00

Continuing Education

Thurs., Nov. 17, 10:00-11:30

Chapter meeting

Fri., Nov. 18, 1:00-4:00

Bring baked goods, Annex Kitchen

Sat., Nov. 19, 9:00-3:00

Bake Sale, Sherm's Thunderbird

Mon., Nov. 21, 9:00-Noon

Insect Committee

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

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Thurs., Nov. 24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew



The President's Post

Chris Rusch

Greetings Everyone,

What a terrific banquet we had on October 1, celebrating the outstanding work of many of our DCMG volunteers. I especially want to thank Judy Huntley and Betty Ison for the work they did to plan and organize this wonderful annual event. It is a terrific tradition. Thank you to all who participated. Congratulations to all of the winners of special awards. It is always amazing to hear about the outstanding accomplishments of our Douglas County Master Gardeners.

Be sure and dig out your favorite recipes for our Bake Sale November 19th. I have been told that some Sherm's shoppers look forward to our annual bake sale each November. Sherm's is such a great partner to allow us to use their space each year. We really appreciate their support. Janet Parkerson and Barbara Zastrow are heading the bake sale this year. Please sign up to help and make this another terrific and successful fundraiser for us!

With fall comes all the cleaning we need to do in our gardens and yards. These same chores are being accomplished in the Discovery Garden, Victory Garden and greenhouses. Several brave members have been getting these areas ready for

winter. And wow!! Over two tons of produce was sent to UCAN this year! Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make these gardens so beautiful and successful this summer.

Remember that our November Chapter meeting will be one week earlier because of Thanksgiving. It will Thursday the 17th.

Finally, thank goodness for the fall rain. We certainly need it. And what about those autumn leaves! They are so beautiful. They are always a treat to watch as they transform into various shades of red, orange, yellow and brown. Take time to check out the autumn leaves - they won't last much longer.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

Vice-President's Report

Anne Bacon

Well, we were back home in our "home" location at the Extension Auditorium for the October Continuing Education class and Chapter meeting. It was nice to be inside on a rainy Thursday.



Our very own Elva Sellens led the Continuing Education session with a terrific presentation on dahlias. Elva has been a member of the American Dahlia Society for 28 years and is their Oregon Representative and Treasurer.

Elva shared information on the rather detailed classification of dahlias, encompassing colors, types and sizes. I was impressed to learn that there are entire (thick) books of color swatches to precisely identify dahlia colors. She also covered the care, feeding, and propagation of these gorgeous flowers. Her presentation included dozens of beautiful example

photos of the different varieties and she brought exquisite fresh cut samples from the Discovery Garden and her own garden at home. Thank you for a wonderful presentation, Elva.



Photos: Kish Doyle

For show and tell Kish Doyle brought in an AcuRite Pro Weather weather station she picked up for \$79 at Costco. The display with plugs into your computer to store, track and share your weather information. View your sensors from virtually anywhere on a smartphone, tablet or computer with the app or easily publish your weather reports on Weather Underground. Similar packages by the same manufacturer sell online at much higher prices

We'll be back in the Extension Auditorium for our November Chapter Meeting at 10:00 AM on the 17th. Our Continuing Education class will begin at 9:00 AM and our CEU speaker will be Leo Grass. Leo will teach us all about "Putting the Garden to Bed for Winter." Another great opportunity to develop your Master Gardener skills and to log those hours for recertification.

Please be sure to note our November meeting will be a week early because of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Awards Banquet 2016 - Special Recognitions

Betty Ison

Another Awards Banquet has come and gone, presenting us the opportunity to once again celebrate and acknowledge all of our hardworking volunteers. Congratulations to all for the work that you do to make our organization the huge success that it is. At the Banquet each year there are always several special awards presented and this year they were garnered by four exceptional ladies. Please read below to see the credentials of our standouts, and if you have the opportunity, congratulate them in person for a job well done.

Toni Rudolph is the 2016 Douglas County Master Gardener of the Year.

Toni has been a volunteer for 8 years and has put in over 1600 hours of service. She has been involved in a number of activities within our organization, outreach activities include Plant Clinic, Kruse Farms, the fair booth, helping with MG class registration, and working the Spring Into Gardening Seminar (3 yrs). Toni has helped with the Winter Program by being a class mentor and mentor substitute, and also helped with class greenhouse training. She has supported our fundraising activities which include Bake Sale (5 yrs), Plant Sale (8 yrs), and Trash-To-Treasure Sale for 5 years, being a Co-Coordinator the past two years.



Toni has worked in the Greenhouse (2 yrs), Discovery Garden (2 yrs), and currently spends most of her time helping in the Victory Garden (6 yrs). In other activities, Toni has been Chapter Treasurer for 3 years, served on Audit Committees (4 yrs), and served on the Nominating Committee.



Elva Sellens is the 2016 "Behind the Scenes" Master Gardener. This award is for someone who works quietly and unselfishly behind the scenes, often going unnoticed, but is always there when work needs to be done. The criteria for this award is that

the person is involved in multiple activities, has been a member at least five years, and held no major leadership positions. Elva has been a member five years and has put in over 1400 hours of volunteer service. Elva's outreach activities include Plant Clinic (5 yrs), Speaker's Bureau, a Spring Into Gardening Instructor, and Pruning Instructor. She has been a Class Mentor (4 yrs) and helps with Class Greenhouse Training (4 yrs). Elva has helped with fundraising activities that include Plant Sale (5 yrs), Trash-To-Treasure Sale (5 yrs), Bake Sale (4 yrs), and Compost Tea for 4 years, the past three years as Coordinator. She is quite active at the Discovery Garden as Chairman of the Dahlia & Lily Beds (5 yrs), and can often be found helping in other areas of the garden when her work is done. Elva works in both the Westside and Eastside greenhouses (5 yrs). In other activities, she has helped with the OMGA Quarterly Meeting, and always helps with set-up and clean-up at the Awards Banquet.



The 2016 Outstanding New Apprentice, selected from the new class, is Jude Stensland.

She has worked in the Plant Clinic, and helped with the Vermicompost Project for the Boys & Girls Club. Jude has been working with Leo Grass as an understudy to the Community Outreach Coordinator position. She has conducted several tours in the Discovery Garden, and manned a table at the Extraordinary Living Conference. Jude worked the Plant Sale, Trash-to-Treasure Sale, helped in the greenhouses, Victory Garden, and Discovery Easy Access Garden. She has been a Summer Meeting Host, and held several leaf casting workshops. She is currently closing in on 200 hours of service in her first year.

Another special award presented during the evening was the **Horticulture Agent's Award**. It was presented to **Chris Rusch**, by Horticulture Agent Steve Renquist. It is for volunteers who by helping the agent achieve his goals, positively impacts the Master Gardener Program.





Its Renewal Time!

Please send in
your membership
dues.

Form included at the
end of this
newsletter.

Bake Sale Janet Parkerson



Our annual Bake Sale is coming up very soon on November 19, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, at Sherm's Thunderbird Market in Roseburg. We will be receiving baked goods the day before on November 18, 1:00-4:00 PM at the Extension kitchen. We will also accept them

the day of the sale at

Sherm's from 7:45 to 8:45 AM. We need bakers, donations of ingredients from non-bakers, and people to work the sale.

If you are baking, thank you! "Tried and True" recipes are best. Keep in mind we need **homemade** items, not ready-made or store-bought.

Our customers love a good variety of pies, breads, muffins, cakes, candies, cookies, etc. If baking pies, use the sturdy aluminum tins as you get from Shari's or



Kruse Farms. Items should be completely wrapped in units to be sold - i.e., four muffins in a package, a dozen cookies, etc. Presentation is important. The more attractive the item, the more it has a chance of selling. This can be as simple as a festive ribbon tied around a loaf of bread. Upon delivery, come prepared to check off the following ingredient labels we provide which are affixed to every item:

Item _____ contains: __wheat, __eggs, __dairy, __peanuts, __tree nuts, __soy

If you are unable to bake, but would like to donate to those who are baking, we can use any type of berries, cherries, rhubarb, peaches, pecans, etc., as well as butter, flour and sugar. Please contact me to arrange for delivery or pickup.

A signup sheet for working the sale is in the Plant Clinic, or call or email me if you can help out.

Spread the word to your neighbors, friends, and family about our great sale which is just before the Thanksgiving holiday. Please make this our most successful bake sale yet. Thank you!

Janet Parkerson: (480)748-8405
email: shespriceless@yahoo.com

Memorable Discovery Garden Tour Fred Alley



Photo: Sandy Alley

It's not every day one receives a telephone call from a friend, in this case JoCarol Driver of Roseburg, asking if I would be willing to give a tour of the Discovery Garden for her neighbor, Loie Concannon and four citizens from Roseburg's Sister City, Kuki City, Japan. Of course, I didn't hesitate to say yes to her request. What a great opportunity to share our Discovery Garden with special friends and guests, and what an opportunity to share cultures. I was not surprised that I received the request from JoCarol as she is involved in so many things, and, while not a Douglas County Master Gardener, she is an accomplished gardener with a fantastic garden. Her home garden is literally connected to two other neighboring gardens which they all share.

Wednesday, October 10, I met JoCarol Driver, her neighbor, Loie Concannon, Shoichi Yamada, a farmer who raised tomatoes and cucumbers in the summer and rice in the winter and his wife Yoshiko Yamada, Ginko Yamada, a retired teacher (who served as an interpreter) and her husband, Tsutomu Yamada, a retired office worker. I'm not certain which part of the Discovery Garden was more interesting to our special guests. We were all dressed for a predicted light rain and had our iPhones and cameras ready. Ginko did a great job interpreting, even though she knew just basic English. It helped that Ginko has visited Oregon three times in the past. Though we could not speak a word of Japanese, surprisingly we pushed forward and had a absolutely wonderful tour. We started with the hands-on growing techniques in the Victory Garden, which was very educational. They knew exactly what they were

viewing. The educational display signs were tremendously helpful. They were very curious about the use of sustainable gardening practices, including the use of effective watering techniques and use of predatory insects as a means to keep destructive insects at bay.

We entered the Discovery Garden at the main entry gate, using the main directory sign for our overall tour plan. With limited common language, the signs were a huge benefit throughout the tour. They made the tour so much more understandable, enjoyable and educational. The Children's Garden was a great hit. Who does not like kids and their play/educational gardens? Of course we spent most of our time in the Japanese Garden. I was absolutely stunned when our interpreter, Ginko, said, as we approached the Japanese Garden, that she knew we had a special feature for a past friend of hers, Mr. Chiaki Koyama. Of course, JoCarol had already pointed out that I had made the concrete children in the Children's Garden, and the concrete Japanese feature in honor of Mr. Chiaki Koyama's visit the year before his death. What an emotional moment. The timing was perfect as the Japanese Tea House had just recently been renovated.



Left to Right: Tsutomu Yamada, Shoichi Yamada, Fred Alley, Ginkio Yamada, Yoshiko Yamada

They loved it. Cameras and iPhones clicked their magic.



“Before and After” of teahouse, thanks to Mark Schmoll
(Photo: Kish Doyle)

As we moved out of the Japanese Garden, the Orchard Garden peaked their attention, I of course, offered a kumquat, which they loved. There were a few dahlias left which they recognized from home. Again, cameras clicked. They found the Composting Garden interesting, although most of the exhibit are down for the winter. Again the display educational/graphic signs did wonders. They recognized the Hummingbird and Butterfly Gardens. The Easy Access Garden was a universal pleaser. They were fascinated with the different types of gardening techniques. Fortunately, many plants were still lingering from the summer. Unfortunately, as we approached the Rock Garden, it started to rain harder and we were, not surprisingly, over our allotted time for the tour. JoCarol and Loie were treating them for lunch and it was already past 12:00. We could have spent two more hours sharing our knowledge and cultures.

If I were to identify points that our guests were surprised about it would be: 1) the size of our Master Gardener Program, 2) aside from the OSU Extension Service Staff, everything is accomplished by volunteers, 3) the

Master Gardener Program is part of the OSU Extension Service and 4) all of our members go through a Sustainable Gardening class and after volunteering 60 hours, become Master Gardeners. Without a doubt this will be my most memorable tour of the Discovery Garden. A wonderful time with two special friends and four amazing Japanese guests.

*This
&
That*

Kish gets a tractor lesson from Gale Robinson
“Beep, Beep, Beep”



Photo: Kish Doyle

Mark Schmoll built two “hose boxes” - one for the Butterfly Garden and one for the Easy Access Garden. Nice job, Mark!

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:

NAME: _____

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.

Diana Circle
Membership Director

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Chris Rusch

The Plant Clinic has slowed with the advent of our fall rains in October. We had 42 visitors this month, down a bit from last year this time. Many insect and garden questions continue to come in, however.

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 will begin our winter hours this month. The clinic will only be open Monday and Wednesdays for the month of November. We still need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic. We have plenty of openings.

Featured Weed of the Month by Chris Rusch



Bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)

Bull thistle is a biennial with a short fleshy taproot. The rosette forms in the first year (sometimes in the fall), with leaves that are sparsely hairy and spiny winged. This is the perfect time to pull it up. At this stage it has a single tap root. Later in the summer, the mature stem is 2 to 5 feet tall, bearing many spreading branches. The stems form with leaves that are pinnately lobed, hairy and prickly on the upper side and cottony underneath. The flowers are 1 to 2 inches wide, more or less clustered at the ends of branches. Involucre bracts are narrow, spine tipped, progressively longer and

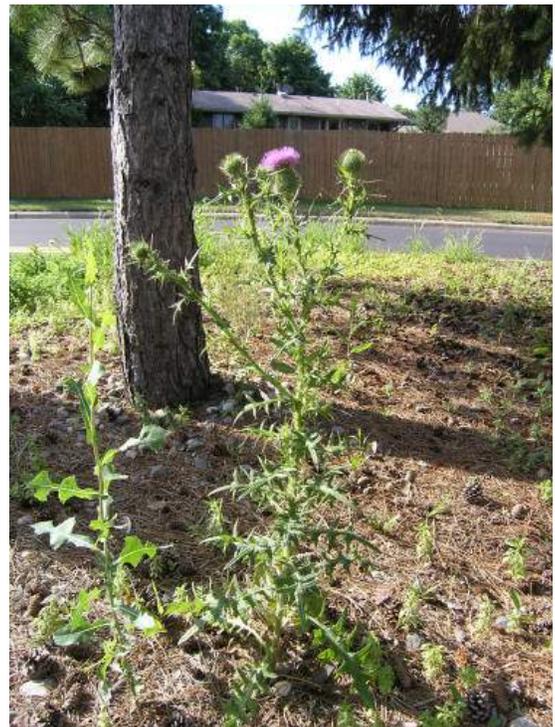
narrower from the outer to inner ones. Flowers are purple. The seeds are topped with a circle of plume-like white hairs. Bull thistle is a native of Europe and is now widely established in North America, having been



Bull Thistle rosette

introduced many times as a seed contaminate in lawn seed mixes. Pastures, fields, roadsides, and disturbed areas are potential habitats for this highly competitive weed. Flowering occurs from July through September.

Mature Bull Thistle



Tomatoes

Barbara Anderson



I would like to share some information about two of the tomatoes I brought to the Master Gardener tomato tasting on September 29th. First, let me say, "thank you" to Bruce Gravens for heading up the paste tomato trial this year and supplying the plants. I found it very interesting trying different varieties in my garden and it was

a learning experience as I don't usually grow paste type tomatoes. I really preferred the large pastes over the smaller ones...much less time to remove the skins and process. The largest that I grew was Hungarian Heart. I got several over a pound, with the largest at 1 1/2 lbs. (photo included) These are heavy, meaty tomatoes that are easily processed. I used this particular one in a pot of chili. I had zero blossom end rot in these tomatoes, unlike several of the others I grew. Hungarian Heart seeds can be found online at places like Baker Creek. I am definitely growing this one again, as well as Coure di Bue, another large dense tomato (about 1/2 lb size - seeds available at Territorial).



One of my favorite heirloom tomatoes is Kellogg's Breakfast, a vibrant orange tomato. This is a large, open-pollinated beefsteak type tomato that has excellent flavor. It

makes a beautiful sauce! I always get good production from this tomato in my garden (for an heirloom). Seeds are widely available at places such as Territorial. I would encourage you to try a new color of tomato next year. You might be surprised at how delicious and eye-catching they are!

Fred's Fav's

"Harvey Koop"



"Vesuvius"

"Little Caesar"



"Edna C."

Proposed 2017 Budget

INCOME

Grants	250
Dues-hardcopy newsletter	255
Dues -membership	2,400
Interest Income - Bank	16
Soil Testing	800

Total PSP Income 3,721

Special Events

Plant Sale

Drawings	1,000
Entrance Fees	3,000
Sales - Event	21,500
Sales - Post	700
Sales - Pre	3,200
Vendor Booth	3,000

Total Plant Sale 32,400

Special Events Other

Bake Sale	1,500
Compost Tea	950
Trash-to-Treasure Sale	3,000

Total Special Events Other 5,450

Total Special Events 37,850

TOTAL INCOME 41,571

EXPENSES

Management & General Expenses

Awards & Banquet

Awards	350
Banquet	750

Total Awards & Banquet 1,100

Conferences

OMGA International	250
OMGA Qtr meeting (Host)	200
OMGA Travel/Meetings	1,250

Total Conferences 1,700

Dues-OMGA

Dues-OMGA 1,659

Grants/Gifts/Scholarships

4-H Donation	80
Gifts - Hallmark	50
Officer Gifts	80
Scholarships - Mini-College	1,500

Total Grants/Gifts/Scholarships 1,710

Historian

Historian 25

Hospitality 200

Liability Insurance 650

OMGA Search for Excellence 150

Postage for Exec Board 30

Print Check Charges 24

Supplies / Exec Board 40

TOTAL Management & General Expenses 7,288

Program Service Project (PSP) Expenses

Continuing Education	550
Newsletter	0
Postage for hardcopy newsletter/	255

Total Advanced Training 805

Clinics and Office

Farmers Market	40
Insects	100

Discovery Garden

Butterfly	315
Childrens	425
Compost	50
Easy Access (Container Garden)	650
Electric - meter 23609842	600
Entry	50
Hedgerow	0
Herb	300
Hummingbird	125
Iris	50
Irrigation	400
Japanese	200
Kiosk - donor board	50
Maintenance	600
Mulch	300
Orchard	100
Ornamental	100
Pavilion	0
Perennial Border	275
Raised Beds (dahlia/lily beds)	150
Rock Garden	520
Shade Garden	50
Signage Project	500
Straw Bale Garden	0
Sun Garden	150
Water - River Forks meter	500
Xeriscape	400

Total Discovery Garden 6,860

Horticultural Learning Center (HLC)

Annual Pumping Expense	400
Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	2,460
Eastside Greenhouse Supplies	400
Garbage Dump Fee	50
HLC Fire Extinguishers	120
HLC Maintenance	600
Toilet Supplies and Repairs	150
Victory Garden	650
Victory Garden Signage	0
Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	1200
Westside Greenhouse Supplies	400

Total Horticultural Learning Center 6,430

Winter Program

New Class - Supplies	20
Speakers	350

Total Winter Program 370

TOTAL PSP Expenses 15,250

Special Events Expenses

Plant Sale Expenses

Advertising	2,400
Contributions/Plant Sale Volunteers	350
Electric - meter 23609558	3,600
Exhibit Fees	3,000
Next Year Seed	750
Next Year Supplies	2,800
Plants	1,200
Propane	1,500
Supplies	1,500

Library	100	Vendor Costs	550
Plant Clinic and Office Supplies	50	Water - Pitchford meter	<u>950</u>
Soil Testing	300	Total Plant Sale	18,600
Website	120	Special Events Other	
Total Clinics and Office	<u>710</u>	Bake Sale	75
Community Outreach		Compost Tea	150
Fair Booth	50	Tomato and Salsa Taste-Off	30
Speakers Bureau	25	Trash-to-Treasure Sale	<u>100</u>
Photo team	0	Total Special Events Other	355
Total Community Outreach	<u>75</u>	TOTAL Special Events Expenses	<u>18,955</u>
		TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>41,493</u>
		NET INCOME	78

Treasurer's Report Patrice Sipos

INCOME 09/29/16 - 10/26/16

Interest Income	\$2.45
Soil Testing	\$100.00
Post Plant Sale	<u>\$188.75</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$291.20

EXPENSES 9/26/16 - 10/26/16

Management & General	\$438.85
Discovery Garden - Various	\$1,403.31
HLC - Various	\$857.25
Plant Sale - Various	<u>\$1,155.55</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,854.96

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$1,826.69
Money Market - Reserves	\$8,659.10
Money Market	<u>\$46,138.31</u>
Ending Balance 10/26/16	\$56,624.10

Oregon State University
Master Gardener™

2017 Winter Training Program

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

January 3	AM	Botany I	John Punches
	PM	Climate and Weather of Douglas County	Steve Renquist
January 10	AM	Botany II (Physiology)	John Punches
	PM	Veg Propagation*/Tree Fruit*	Team/Steve Renquist
		Discovery Garden orientation	
January 17	AM	Pruning Trees, Shrubs, and Vines	Steve Renquist
	PM	Veg Propagation*/ Tree Fruit*	Team/Steve Renquist
		Discovery Garden orientation	
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

OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER Chapter Meeting October 27, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch. There were 43 people in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as published online.

Agent's Report – Steve Renquist was not present, rumored to be in Corvallis.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership – Diana Circle: The annual membership drive is on. She's received renewals from 10% of the membership thus far, and accepting dues today.

OMGA – Nancy Fuller: The OMGA quarterly meeting will be next Thursday, November 4th, in Tillamook. Election of OMGA officers will be held. Early Bird registration for the 2017 International Master Gardeners Conference in Portland is open until January 13th, 2017. Let Nancy know if you want to share a hotel room, and she will coordinate arrangements. The registration process is quite complex, with a 30-page conference planning guide, as you need to sign up for all the sessions and tours at the time of registration.

Treasurer – Patrice Sipos: Financials were distributed.

Vice-President – Anne Bacon: Thank you to Elva Sellens for the continuing education program on Dahlias. Next month's program is Leo Grass on "How to Put Your Garden to Bed". Anne has a presenter for the February meeting, but is still looking for one in January. Let her know if you have any ideas.

Past President – Larry Sutton: Kudos to Anne Bacon for a great continuing education program today. A lot of work goes into this. Anne noted that there's a new coffee pot!

President – Chris Rusch: A Plant Sale Kitchen Manager is needed to organize the potlucks at the Plant Sale. The need for a new toilet at the HLC will be discussed under "New Business".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach – Jude Stensland: Kish Doyle, Tasha King and Jude met with the Douglas County Historical Society yesterday to give gardening advice at the historic Lane House on Douglas Avenue. A lot of hardscaping will be required. Jude needs help with a presentation on root vegetables in Sutherlin on November 10. On December 8, Leo Grass will give a presentation on Integrated Pest Management in Glide.

Other upcoming presentations include strawberries (Glide), roses (Glide, Sutherlin) and a gardening Q&A session (Tri-City).

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch: Thus far in October, with two more Plant Clinic days left, we've had 42 contacts (vs. 48 in October 2015). The sign-up calendar is circulating. Veterans can sign up in trainee spots, as all the trainees have completed their required Plant Clinic

training. The Plant Clinic will be open two days a week in November.

Larry Sutton recounted a humorous incident at the Plant Clinic. A client inquired about growing "tomatoes" year-around with LED lighting. But rather than use LED grow lights, he wants to put the plants in front of his LED TV. The TV will be displaying a picture of the sun. Larry suspects that the caller was smoking tomato leaves. If you are looking for excitement and humor, Larry recommends you sign up for Plant Clinic!



Greenhouse West and East – Chris Rusch:

Representatives from either side couldn't make this meeting, but everyone is working hard to finish up the east side plants. They're working Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM to noon, and could use help.

Awards – Betty Ison: Elaine Hicks, Mark Schmoll and Greg Sofos have earned their 60-hour swinger bars. She asked mentors to remind trainees to pick up their swinger bars.

The state-level awards were announced at the Awards Banquet: Master Gardener of the Year: Toni Rudolph, Behind-the-Scenes Award: Elva Sellens, Outstanding Master Gardener Apprentice: Jude Stensland, Horticultural Agent's Award: Chris Rusch. President Chris Rusch thanked Betty Ison and Judy Huntley for their work on the Awards Banquet. It's a great tradition, and should be on everyone's calendar for next year.

Discovery Garden – Patrice Sipos:

Julie Stanbery could not attend the meeting and had nothing to report.

Victory Garden – Mik Carlson:

The Victory Garden has been put to bed for the year, with compost on all 14 rows and cover crops of clover and peas. UCAN reports that 1,550 lbs of fresh produce were donated from Master Gardeners' home gardens and the Easy Access garden. The Victory Garden grew and donated 5,439 lbs of fresh produce. The total of 6,989 lbs would have cost UCAN \$8,736.25 had it not been donated. Mik announced she is stepping down, and Ruth Stafford will be the Victory Garden Coordinator next year. Fred Alley shared that some friends' Japanese visitors appreciated the signs at the Victory and Discovery Gardens, which helped their understanding of the gardens, even though they could not read the text on the signs.



Publicity – Barb Horst was not present.

Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Articles for the November newsletter are due this Saturday. Bonnie has her camera with her to take new pictures of the officers and committee heads for the January newsletter. There is a new magazine called Oregon Valley Verve, highlighting things going on in the Umpqua for tourists and residents. Bonnie gave a tour of the Discovery Garden to one of their writers, who included information on the Master Gardener program in a recent article on small-space gardening. She plans a full article on the Discovery Garden and Victory Garden in the spring.

Winter Training – Denise Fennell:

The class is full with 34 sign-ups, and 2-4 people on the waiting list. Steve thinks it's due to an influx of new people moving into the area. Thanks to all the mentors and alternates who signed up – they will be meeting on Wednesday. Orientation for the new class will be on November 9th.

Bake Sale – Janet Parkerson:

The Bake Sale will be Saturday, November 19, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Sherms. There are enough cashiers signed up to help, but sellers are still needed, and, of course, bakers. Janet forgot to bring the flyers to the meeting, but will have them available at the Plant Clinic and the greenhouses during work

days. Contact Janet and she'll get them to you. Put them up wherever you have permission. Janet has pie tins here for bakers. Monetary donations (for purchasing ingredients) and baking ingredients are appreciated from those who do not bake. Drop off baked goods at the Annex kitchen between 1:00 and 4:00 PM on Friday, or the morning of the sale at Sherms.

OLD BUSINESS – None.



NEW BUSINESS

The toilet on the former women's side at the HLC needs to be replaced. Julie Stanbery and Steve Renquist have researched the problem in depth, and are recommending that the chapter approve the purchase of a new toilet, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. President Chris Rusch explained the issue, as Julie

and Steve could not make this meeting. They estimate it will cost around \$800 for purchase and installation of an industrial-grade high-rise toilet. It will be a standard style toilet, without air assist, as the air-assist was the source of the chronic problems with the original toilet. While \$800 is a lot, for perspective, we've been paying \$80 each time the plumber needs to be called. Members had questions about the toilet's specifications and high cost, and shared ideas on how to manage use of the toilets. Both toilets are now and will remain unisex. Fred Alley made the motion, which Betty Ison seconded, to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,000 for purchase and installation of the new toilet. The motion passed.

Patrice Sipos presented the 2017 budget. The Executive committee has reviewed this budget line-by-line. It will be published in the November newsletter, and voted upon at the November chapter meeting. Judy Huntley questioned the "Total PSP Income" line item, which Patrice will address. The budget includes \$250 in expected grant funds, as we've been successful in getting these grants in recent years. Chris Rusch noted that the November meeting will be on the 17th, a week early, due to Thanksgiving this year.

Show-and-Tell

Kish Doyle brought in a personal weather station she got at Costco for \$79.00. It reports rain, wind, humidity, etc., and interfaces with the Wunderground app.

Kish reported on the t-shirt situation, which has been extremely frustrating because vendors won't quote her a price, without know the exact number of each type of t-shirt to be ordered. Kish wants to continue to offer as much selection as possible in terms of style, color and design. She'd like to keep the cost to \$15 to \$20, but that requires an order of 10 to 15 per design, to cover the \$60 cost to do the screen. She has three sample t-shirts available now for sale. She plans one more order this year, and then one in the spring.

Les Karcher has seeds available for the humongous paste tomatoes he grew this year.

Toni Rudolf reminded everyone that Annual Open Enrollment for Medicare is October 15 through December 7. Please review your health and drug benefits. This is the only time of the year that you can change Medicare Advantage and Part D Drug plans. For free unbiased assistance, call SHIBA at 541-492-2102.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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