



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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Mar. 2017 Calendar

Thurs., Mar. 2, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Thurs., Mar. 2, 1:00-4:00

Pruning Workshop, ornamentals DG

Mon., Mar. 6, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Mon., Mar. 6, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Mar. 7, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Wed., Mar. 8, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

Wed., Mar. 8, 1:00-4:00

Orchard Pruning Wksp, Cow Creek

Thurs., Mar. 9, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Thurs., Mar. 9, 1:00-4:00

DG workday, pruning ornamentals

Sat., Mar. 11, 9:00-4:00

Trash to Treasure Sale, Annex

Mon., Mar. 13, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Mar. 14, 10:00-3:00

Last Day WTC, Graduation

Thurs., Mar. 16, 10:00-2:00

Steve's Grafting Class, Annex

Mon., Mar. 20, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Mar. 21, 9:00-Noon

Pruning Trg, Japanese Garden, DG

Tues., Mar. 21, 9:00-Noon

East/West Greenhouse Crews

Tues., Mar. 28, 9:00-Noon

East/West Greenhouse Crews

Thurs., Mar. 30, 9:00-10:00

Continuing Education, Annex

Thurs., Mar. 30, 10:00

Chapter Meeting, Annex



Photos: Bonnie Courter

The President's Post

Chris Rusch

I attended a terrific forum a couple of weeks ago at the Jackson County OSU Extension on "Protecting Pollinators". As spring approaches and you are planning for your summer garden, I thought I would pass along some of the information I learned at the workshop.

Floral abundance is one of the strongest ways to promote bee diversity in gardens. Also, bees forage better for nectar and pollen in warm, sunny spots. A showy blend of flowers can charm birds and butterflies as well. But which kinds of flowers should you choose? Here are some recommendations from the work shop.

Lavenders: Bumblebees, carpenter bees, digger bees and large and small leaf-cutting bees collect the nectar of this evergreen shrub.

Pacific or coast rhododendron: Larval host for brown elfin and gray hairstreak butterflies. Hummingbirds, bees and Western tiger swallowtails collect the nectar of this evergreen shrub. Native to the Pacific Northwest.

Blueblossom: Larval host for pale swallowtail, California tortoiseshell and echo blue butterflies. Bumblebees, carpenter bees, honey bees, digger bees and a variety of small native bees collect the nectar of this evergreen shrub.

Ocean spray: Larval host for spring azure, brown elfin and Lorquin's admiral butterflies. Bumblebees and a variety of small native bees collect the nectar of this deciduous shrub.

Serviceberry: Hummingbirds, bees and butterflies collect the nectar of this deciduous shrub. Larval host for Weidmeyer's admiral butterflies. Native to the Pacific Northwest.

Russian sage: Honey bees, small carpenter bees and leaf-cutting bees collect the nectar of this perennial garden plant. The nectar also attracts hummingbirds.

Red-flowering currant: Important nectar source for early-season butterflies. Nectar also attracts hummingbirds. Perennial that is a native to the Pacific Northwest.

Zinnias: A wide array of hummingbirds, butterflies and bees collect the nectar. Annual garden plant.

Sunflowers: Longhorn bees, sweat bees, leaf-cutting bees and bumblebees collect the pollen and nectar of this annual.



Salal: Larval host for spring azure butterflies. Bees collect the nectar on this ground cover. Native to the Pacific Northwest.

Catmint: Honey bees, bumblebees, carder bees and mason bees collect nectar and pollen from this perennial.

Milkweed: Monarch butterflies collect nectar and pollen and lay their eggs on this perennial wildflower. Nectar also attracts hummingbirds. Native to the Pacific Northwest.

It is recommended using a variety of plants to attract diverse pollinators, including plants native to the Pacific Northwest. Native plants are fantastic hosts for butterfly larvae, which are completely dependent on native plants to

reproduce. For example, there's a call for gardeners to plant more native milkweed, which is the host plant for migratory monarch butterflies. Without milkweed, monarchs can't complete their life cycle.

In addition to native plants such as milkweed, think about including some ornamental exotics as well in a pollinator-friendly garden. For example, several studies in different areas of Oregon found that the exotic plants catmint and Russian sage are some of the most attractive garden plants for bees.

If you are gardening for pollinators it was advised against using neonicotinoids and broad-spectrum insecticides, particularly on plants that are in bloom, as well as systemic pesticides. "Systemic" means that the chemical can be absorbed by a plant and move around in its tissues. Broad-spectrum insecticides, which can include systemic insecticides, can kill or harm a variety of "good" insects, in addition to the target pest. When mixed with water and poured on the soil around the base of the plant being treated, systemic pesticides can kill or harm insects for months or years to come.

I know spring is just around the corner...PLEASE!

A Week in the Life of a Gardener's Spouse

Submitted by Barbara Robinson

She dug the plot on Monday-
The soil was rich and fine,
She forgot to thaw out dinner-
So we went out to dine...
She planted roses Tuesday-
She says they are a must,
They really are quite lovely,
But she forgot to dust...
On Wednesday it was daisies-
They opened up with the sun,
All whites and pinks and yellows-
But the laundry wasn't done...
The poppies came on Thursday-
A bright and cheery red,

I guess she really was engrossed-
She never made the bed...
It was violets on Friday-
In colors she adores,
It never bothered her at all-
All the crumbs upon the floors...
I hired a maid on Saturday-
My week is now complete,
My wife can garden all she wants-
The house will still be neat!
It's nearly lunchtime Sunday-
And I cannot find the maid,
Oh no! I don't believe it!
She's out there WITH THE SPADE!!!

Author Unknown



Vice-President's Report

Anne Bacon



Andrea Mull, Territorial Seed

February was a busy month for the Master Gardeners. Aren't we just supposed to curl up by the fire place and read seed catalogs? Nope, not us! Our chapter is busy, busy, busy, with Winter Training, Spring Into Gardening, planning for the Trash to Treasure

sale and, of course, the big PLANT SALE!

This month's Continuing Education seminar was presented by Andrea Mull from Territorial Seed Company. We had a great turnout for the class, I lost count of attendees at 80 people.

Territorial is offering dozens of new plant varieties this year. Some of my favorites include:

Celebration Runner Beans - they have beautiful flowers!

Katarina Cabbage - great for containers

Rondo Carrots - also great for containers

Mulberry Cauliflower - a purple cauliflower that stays purple when pickled

Sugar Magnolia Peas - an open-pollinated climber purple pea

Naked Bear Pumpkin - perfect for those who love pumpkin seeds

There are at least six new hybrid heirloom tomatoes - all the benefits of the familiar heirlooms with the combined features of some of your favorites.

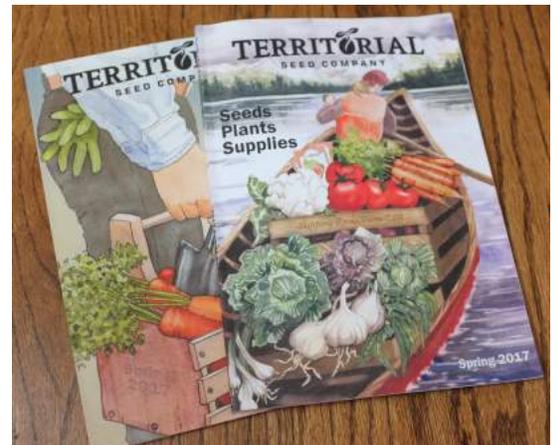
For those of you who like to brew your own beer there are two new offerings — Full Pint Barley and White Sonoran Wheat.

In the floral department, two great new varieties that are loved by pollinators have been introduced: Showy Milkweed that is irresistible to Monarch butterflies and Echinacea Butterfly Rainbow Marcella.

These are only a very few of the offerings available.

So, if you weren't able to get one of the catalogs

Andrea brought get on the territorialseed.com website and order one today.



Our March CEU session will be presented by Mark Christensen from Douglas County Farmers' Co-op. He will be demonstrating how to set up a drip irrigation system.

SPRING IS ON IT'S WAY! Keep calm and start seedlings!

Plant Clinic

Chris Rusch
(Photos: Fred Alley)



Pam Berman, Tony Follett, Leo Grass, Linda Follett

The Plant Clinic is one of our DCMG programs that reach out to our community to help people solve a wide range of gardening and landscape questions. This includes diagnosing plant problems and identifying insects. The Plant Clinic training program is a great opportunity for our new members to put their knowledge of Sustainable Gardening to work. The Plant Clinic began training our newest volunteers from the class of 2017 in February and will continue into March. We are lucky to have a great training team this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Larry Sutton, Chris Rusch, and Karolyn Riecks.

Chris Rusch, Barbie Hamby, Diana Cason



Bonnie Courter, Lyle Miller, Beth Whitcomb

During the month of March the Plant Clinic calendar will be devoted to training. Veterans can begin signing up to volunteer at the clinic in April, after all the students have completed their initial training.

We had 70 visitors in the Plant Clinic in February. This is about the same as last year this time. The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County.

If you are in town, stop by the clinic and say hi to our new students.

Karolyn Riecks, Barbara Anderson, Elva Sellens, Kent Anderson



Change in DCMG Bylaws & Policies & Procedures

Jen Bailey

(Changes to be voted on by membership at March Chapter Meeting)

Article VIII, Dissolution of the Association

Current Wording:

In the event that the Douglas County Chapter, OMGA, ceases to function and dissolves itself, after obligation and expenses of the Chapter have been satisfied, all liquid assets shall be transferred to OMGA to be held in trust until such time as the Chapter shall be reinstated or after five years which ever shall come first. All material assets shall be dispersed upon recommendation of the Executive Board.

Proposed Wording:

In the event of dissolution of the Douglas County Chapter, OMGA, liquid assets remaining after satisfaction of obligations and expenses shall be transferred to Douglas County Extension to be held in trust for up to five years for the possible reinstatement of the Chapter, after which time they shall be distributed to the Douglas County Extension Endowment Fund. Should OSU be unable to honor the request to hold Chapter funds for five years, the Chapter may transfer funds to another eligible organization subject to membership approval. All material assets shall be dispersed upon recommendation of the Executive Board.

There will be a new section in the Policies and Procedures Manual about the bylaws, that states:

“Per November 2016 discussion with John Panches, Extension Regional Administrator, the funds could be held in an Agricultural Research Foundation account with the stated intent of being transferred to the Douglas County Extension Endowment Fund at the end of the 5-year period or returned to the chapter if it successfully reactivates. Exact arrangements would need to be determined during dissolution planning.”

[Last updated February 14, 2017]

Background Check

A background check is required for Master Gardeners working with children when teachers or parents are not present. Contact the Horticultural Agent for instructions.

[Last updated February 14, 2017]

E-Mail to Membership

Members may ask the E-mail Communications Coordinator to forward e-mail messages to the membership. Only members in good standing who have paid their dues may have e-mail forwarded. Items may be posted for sale if the proceeds are donated to the chapter. Other items related to gardening (plants, windows, bulbs, equipment, etc.) may be offered for free to other gardeners via the MG e-mail communication system. Announcements of external events are allowed only if they relate to gardening and are of general interest to Master Gardeners. Questions about appropriate e-mail messages are referred to the President.

[Last updated February 7, 2017]

Membership Dues Deadline

Annual dues must be paid by January 1st of the year. Members are notified of this deadline via biweekly e-mails starting in November of the prior year, as well as announcements in the November and December newsletters of the prior year. Members who do not pay their dues by the deadline will be removed from the membership roster and the e-mail distribution list.

While membership may be reinstated at any time by the payment of dues, members should be aware of the additional burden this imposes upon their fellow volunteer Master Gardeners.

[Last updated February 7, 2017]

Awards Banquet Deadline

A deadline of two (2) weeks before the event will be set as the cutoff point for Banquet signups. That will give the Banquet Coordinator a final count to make food arrangements, and time to allow the Awards Chairman to do last minute organization of awards and shop for hours gifts only for those who are attending. Awards will not be presented to anyone signing up after the deadline. The Banquet Coordinator needs to inform late signups that they may come and join in the festivities and dinner, but they will not be acknowledged with any awards during the evening.

[Last updated February 7, 2017]

Volunteer Hours Recording

Members are responsible for verifying that their volunteer hours are recorded accurately. The hours are reported on the web site and in the binders at the Plant Clinic. Any corrections must be made before the end of January for the prior year. Changes to earlier years are not possible.

[Last updated February 7, 2017]

Master Gardener Re-Certification Guidelines

Treasurer's Report

Patrice Sipos

We've all heard that "recertification" is coming! For our chapter, this requirement is for MG's who want to do clinic, outreach, and teaching. Re-certification for Master Gardeners is necessary in the second year and annually after completing the first year of training and doing your 60 hours of volunteer time.

If you are not doing clinic, outreach, or teaching, you do not have to re-certify.

Timesheet Modification for 2017 – Recertification

Our time sheets have been modified to include buckets at the bottom of the form for recertification time. You should continue to report your hours in the standard categories on the top section of the form as we have been doing. For those who want to get re-certified, the hours completed that meet the category requirements, as described below, should also be recorded in the bottom section of the timesheet. For example, if you work in the Plant Clinic for 4 hours during a month and wish to have that time counted towards your recertification hours, you would record the time on the Plant Clinic line in the upper section of the form and also in the Service section at the bottom of the form.

Requirements for Recertification

Recertification requires 30 hours total with 20 hours of volunteer service and 10 hours of continuing education. This recertification is valid for one year. Category details are listed below.

A. Service (20 hours total)

- Direct and indirect educational hours (10 hours)
 1. Direct educational hours: Plant clinic, instructor, conference or seminar, educational gardens (making signs, teaching a class, leading a tour), writing articles for the paper or newsletter.
 2. Indirect educational hours: Planning committee for event, MG class mentor, educational garden maintenance for a garden used in teaching.

• Support Hours (10 hours)

Fundraisers (plant sale, trash to treasures, bake sale), office support, database work hours etc., photo copies for winter training program, MG association (serve as an officer, board member, OMGA rep).

B. Continuing Education (10 hours)

Attend gardening seminars, workshops, and outreach programs (MG winter training) that are research based and taught by qualified instructors who the agent has supported. The curriculum should extend the MG Sustainable Gardening material.

[Last updated February 7, 2017]

INCOME 1/26/17 - 2/22/17

Dues Membership	\$320.00
Interest Bank	\$2.14
Newsletter	<u>\$26.25</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$348.39

EXPENSES 1/26/17 - 2/22/17

Postage	\$19.72
Discovery Garden - Various	\$331.38
HLC - Various	\$56.63
Winter Program	\$300.00
Plant Sale Water	<u>\$330.83</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,038.56

Breakdown of our accounts at 2/22/17

Checking	\$3,180.51
Money Market - Reserves	\$8,134.10
Money Market	<u>\$41,647.30</u>
Ending Balance 2/22/17	\$52,961.91

Raffle Items Needed!!!

We are looking for raffle items provided by chapter members for the Raffle tables at the **Plant Sale** in May. In the past, members have given books, tools, plants, kneeling pads, art work, chocolates, pet items, a basket of goodies for the grandkids. As you can see, we have had a variety of items.

If you would be willing to provide an item or two, please contact [Rosemary Brinkley](mailto:RosemaryBrinkley), Raffle Chair: 541-673-8814 or mikeandrb@gmail.com

Plant Sale

Barbara Robinson

It seems we just celebrated our last successful Plant and Garden Expo, yet here we are only two months away from our 2017 grand event on **May 6th!** Mother's Day



follows in short order and what better venue to gear up for the occasion than our annual extravaganza? Between the offerings of our Master Gardener inventory and those of other participating vendors, there will be no shortage of appropriate gifts for your mother, mother-in-law, wife, grandmother, aunt, and don't forget yourself (my favorite recipient)!

I have had 2017 class members approach me who are hesitant to sign up because they lack experience. Well, let's just put that worry to rest, here and now. We do not require experience. What we do require is for you to show up with your best foot forward, a smile on your face, and the willingness to work and learn with a veteran, or two, or three by your side. We've all been apprentices and welcome the opportunity to share our knowledge and camaraderie with you.

Many of you have already signed up to help and we thank you! If you have not, please take the time to do so soon, so that our committee heads are able to contact and organize their groups. There are available slots on all the committees and MANY more hands are needed. Volunteers are needed on Friday, May 5th for set up at the Douglas County Fairgrounds and for the official Plant Expo on **Saturday, May 6th.**

In next month's Newsletter I will give more details and an update on committee signup needs. Clipboards with committee signups will continue to be available this month during Winter Training classes and in the Plant Clinic. They will also be available at our March 30th chapter meeting. If you have questions email barbararob@gmail.com, call me, or snag me at the Westside Greenhouse or Extension. We are looking forward to another great year!

Trash to Treasure Sale

Saturday, March 11, 9:00-4:00

Extension Auditorium



This is our first fundraiser of the year. We need your donations of CLEAN, useable items. We cannot accept clothing, shoes, food items, living plants, or old-style computer monitors or TV's.

Drop off items on Friday, March 10th, 9:00-4:00. If you work 1/2 day on Friday, you may purchase early with cash or check.

Let's make this year's sale the best ever!

Questions? Contact Ann Severson at 541-817-4983 or grannieannie_56@yahoo.com

Construction Update



There's been a delay in the construction schedule for renovating the Annex Auditorium. Therefore our chapter meetings for April and possibly May will continue to be held at the Annex instead of the 1st United Methodist Church.

Spring Into Gardening

(Photos: Kish Doyle)



Above: Maureen & Rosemary consult.



Snack Crew

Right: Maureen & Ann & their hypertufa class



Right: Denise lectures on emergency food prep



Left: Tal Blankenship teaches on lawn alternatives

Right: Scott McKain on biochar



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Chapter Meeting February 23, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch. Chris thanked Andrea Mull from Territorial Seed for her informative presentation.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as published online.

Horticulture Agent – Steve Renquist: “Spring Into Gardening” enrollment is low, so members are encouraged to sign up for classes. Help is still needed in various capacities. Please contact Maureen Benice for more information. Master Gardeners are welcome to sit in on classes for free if they sign up to help with the event or they can register and pay to attend all sessions. There will be four class sessions with a variety of subjects. The cost is \$30, whether you attend one class or four.

There are many events going on this month:

March 2, 1pm - 4pm Pruning Class Discovery Garden (This date is a correction from the 9th as previously announced.) The class is open to the public for a \$5 fee and to Master Gardeners for free. A large group of non-members have inquired about the class so Steve is expecting a rather large class.

March 4, 7pm - 11pm “Greatest of the Grape” at Seven Feathers.

There will be 14 wineries represented, with wines paired up with cuisine from many local restaurants.

March 8, 1pm - 4pm Pruning Class, Canyonville Garden Steve will be giving the class on orchard trees that have experienced some neglect. This should provide a good learning experience.

March 14 Winter Class Field Finals 10am - 12pm, WTC Final Review & Graduation, Annex 1-3 PM

March 16, 10am-2pm, Apple Grafting Class

March 18, 10am-2pm, DC Co-Op, Carol Bolt will be offering pH soil testing.

March 21 1pm - 4 pm Japanese Garden Pruning

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership – Diana Circle: There are 267 members with 2 new members. Membership dues have totaled \$2358.00 with a cost of \$238 for postage.

A new roster will be distributed on March 1st. Hard copies of the roster will be available in the Plant Clinic.

OMGA – Nancy Fuller: Early registration deadline for the International Master Gardener Conference has been extended to February 28th. Registering by this date provides a \$50 discount. Registrations are up over 900 which could mean the event will sell out. If you are interested in attending, register soon at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/registration/>. Our chapter will not receive scholarships this year from OMGA because they are reserved for Chapters that have \$25,000 or less in their reserves.

Our chapter will be entering the Painted Bicycle contest. Patrice has donated a bicycle for our use. For details on the contest requirements refer to: <http://omga.org/painted-bicycle-chapter-display-2017-imgc/>. Contact Nancy if you are interested in participating on this fun project.

OMGA's next quarterly meeting will be in Clackamas County on March 3rd and 4th. The secretary position has been filled. The new secretary is Barbara Davidson.

OMGA 2017 Membership cards are available in the Plant Clinic. Some nurseries i.e., Territorial Seed (Cottage Grove) and Garland Nursery (Corvallis) give a 10% discount to Master Gardeners with proof of membership.

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

Vice-President – Anne Bacon: Upcoming continuing education speakers are:

March: Mark Christianson of DC Coop, “Installing Drip Irrigation”

April: Jeff Giulietti of Eugene Physical Therapy, “Preventing Injury in the Garden”

Master Gardener homes/gardens are needed for our summer meetings. Contact Anne if you are interested.

President – Chris Rusch: Chris welcomed those from the 2017 Class in attendance. The auditorium portion of the Extension Annex remodel project has been delayed until May. This will allow the General Meeting for April to be in the auditorium.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Spring into Gardening - Maureen Benice: All members who have volunteered to help need to report by 8:00 am sharp. Maureen reminded volunteers to wear their badges and requested that they bring snacks for the break.

Community Outreach – Jude Stensland: Jude and Leo Grass will be giving demonstrations at the Help One Another Club in Canyonville on March 15 at noon. Jude will be demonstrating Easy Access Gardening and Leo will be giving a class on Pest Management. Jude will be sending an email with all the details.

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch: Plant Clinic training for the new class has been going well. Total contacts for January was 70. There are still spots available in the Plant Clinic for March and April for veterans.

Westside Greenhouse – Barbara Robinson: Not in attendance

Eastside Greenhouse – Ann Severson: Crews are currently working Thursdays through Winter Training weeks. They will go back to Tuesdays once Winter Training is complete.

Awards – Betty Ison: Hours for 2016 are due by the end of January. Any received after that date are not counted. New swinger bars have been awarded to Jude Stensland for 200 hours and Jim Leet for 750 hours.

The Awards Committee met and is working on the Nomination Packets.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery: The Discovery Garden has experienced a lot of limbs blown down by the last storm. If you notice any limbs on the ground, please contact Julie as soon as possible to prevent public injury.

There has been a great response to the Work Days. Since there are quite a few new members who still work, Julie has decided to offer Work Days one Saturday a month. She will send out an email with the dates.

On March 9, Steve Renquist will be hosting a Japanese Pruning Class at the Discovery Garden from 1pm - 4pm.

There is still a small leak somewhere. Julie plans on having Umpqua Water turned on by mid-March, but only if the leak has been located and repaired.

Someone left a green, plastic leaf rake in the shed at the Discovery Garden. If it is not claimed soon, it will have the handle painted orange and will be added to our tools.

Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford: Ruth said to watch for emails announcing work crew dates. They will be moving the trellis panels and need help with that.

Publicity/Facebook - Barbara Horst: Facebook now has 780 members and 2 people gave us a 5 star rating.

PSA's are out to the News-Review and radio stations announcing the Trash to Treasure Sale.

Last year, Ruth Stafford and Barbara had a table at the Canyonville Farmers Market. They are going to start up on May 3 for this year. It will be Wednesdays from 10am - 2pm in the Seven Feathers parking lot. There are sign-up sheets in the Plant Clinic.

Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Deadline for the Newsletter is Saturday, February 25th. Currently, there are four writers for the News-Review articles, "Ask a Master Gardener." She welcomed new writers to join the team. Please contact Bonnie if you are interested.

Winter Training Program - Denise Fennell: Denise invited members to attend and support our new students at their graduation on March 14 at 3:00pm. As a reminder to our students, you must turn in your temporary badges to receive your permanent badge.

Denise has put sign-up sheets in the Plant Clinic for those who would like to help at the Umpqua Valley

Farmers Markets on Saturdays. The hours worked are to be reported under Plant Clinic hours.

A special web page has been set up announcing the Plant Sale.

Trash to Treasure – Ann Severson: Ann still needs volunteers for setup and clean up. Sign up sheets are in the Plant Clinic.

Hallmark - Linda Thames: Linda introduced herself to the new members and explained her responsibilities regarding sending cards to the members in times of need,

Linda sent a condolence card to Janice Bunyard, whose husband, Michael, passed away recently.

Old Business: None

New Business: Chris Rusch said that February through March is the time to make revisions to the Policy and Procedures Manual. The following items have been changed and will be voted on in March. For a more in-depth description of the changes, members can go to the Master Gardeners website, click on documents, and select Policy and Procedures.

- Article 8 - Dissolution of Chapter
- Background Checks
- Emails to Membership
- Membership Dues
- Awards Banquet Deadline
- Volunteer Hours Recording
- Master Gardener Re-Certification Guidelines

Show and Tell

Les Karcher brought seeds to share from the giant paste tomatoes he brought to the September Tomato Tasting.

Toni Rudolph reminded members that she can assist with Medicare choices. A seminar will be held March 9 from 6:30pm - 9 pm. Contact Toni for details.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 by President, Chris Rusch.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janet Parkerson for Barbara Robinson, DCMG Secretary



Fred's Fav's Harbingers of Spring in the Discovery Garden



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: The deadline for the April 2017 Newsletter is April 1st. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: rbcourter@gmail.com

Website: www.douglascountymg.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/pages/Douglas-County-Master-Gardeners/251882398200487

Horticulture Agent: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/horticulture, steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu

OSU Douglas County Extension Service: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas

OSU Gardening Information: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening

OSU Master Gardeners Program: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/mg

Oregon Master Gardeners Association (OMGA): www.oregonmastergardeners.org



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