



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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May 2017 Calendar

Mon., May 1, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., May 2, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews Work Day

Thurs., May 4, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Fri., May 5, 8:00-5:00?

Plant Sale Set-Up Day

Sat., May 6, 8:00-4:00

Plant & Garden Expo

Tues., May 9, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews Work Day

Discovery Garden Work Day

Wed., May 10, 10-11:30

Executive Board Meeting

Mon., May 15, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., May 16, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews Work Day

Discovery Garden Work Day

Tues., May 23, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews Work Day

Discovery Garden Work Day

Thurs., May 25, 9:00-10:00

Continuing Education, DG Pavilion

Thurs., May 25, 10:00-11:30

Chapter Meeting, DG Pavilion

Tues., May 30, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews Work Day

Discovery Garden Work Day



The President's Post

Chris Rusch

Greetings Everyone,

The Douglas County Master Gardeners have been really busy this month. DCMGs obviously know how to work hard and have fun!

As I write this report, preparations are being made for the May 6th Plant Sale. To all of the volunteers that worked tirelessly for the past year preparing for this big event, we say THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU also to our Nominating Committee featuring Fred Alley, Karolyn Riecks, and Rosemary Brinkley who investigated options for replacing our Executive Board with interested volunteers. As it turned out, they came up with two terrific replacements. One is Sharon Bordeaux who volunteered to become our new Secretary and Judy Huntley who will return to serve in the Past President position to let Larry off the hook. We need to thank both Barbara Robinson and Larry Sutton who shared their remarkable talents as leaders on our Executive Board for the past several years.

On another note, this is a reminder that now is the time of year to view the lovely *Kalmiopsis fragrans*, a rare member of the rhododendron family that grows in the southwestern Cascade Mountains on the rocky outcrops above the North Umpqua River in Douglas County. *Kalmiopsis fragrans* is Oregon's very own native and grows no place else on planet Earth. The shrub is a survivor of the last ice age. The species was unknown until 1930, but was not extensively studied until the early 70's. Visit Limpy Rock or Dry Creek on the North Umpqua in early May, to see the *Kalmiopsis* in bloom! It is well worth the visit.

On another note, our social networking is paying off! If you are a Facebook person please come to our DCMG page and "like us". <https://www.facebook.com/douglascountymastergardeners>

Thank you again everyone for all your hard work!

Plant Sale Reminders

Barbara Robinson

Marathon finish line rapidly approaching! As you read this, the countdown to our Plant and Garden Expo has dwindled to less than a week. Master Gardener pre-sales have been held. Greenhouse workers are feverishly working to have all ready to ship to the fairgrounds on Friday morning.

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, here are a few last minute reminders:

- Workers arrive @ the fairgrounds 8 a.m. sharp Friday AND Saturday unless your committee chair has designated otherwise.
- Be prepared to have a great time

- Wear your name tag. You CANNOT work without it.
- Bring your potluck dish for each day you plan to participate
- Remember our garden-themed hat contest. Put your imagination to work!
- Bring your canned food donations for UCAN.
- Wear your biggest smile AND comfortable shoes!
- If you have not signed up for a committee, simply show up and we will welcome you to the party!

Questions? Contact your crew leader or Barbara Robinson.



Diagnostics Class

Bonnie Courter

On the afternoon of April 12, about fifteen eager Master Gardeners descended on the property of Tony and Lindy Follette on Page Road. The Follette's have a gorgeous setting bordering the North Umpqua River, a landscape filled with Japanese maples, fruit trees, flowering shrubs and evergreens. They had a lot of "problem" areas all taped out for Steve and our Master Gardeners to lend their expertise to, and, as in the case of any diagnostics class, we all came away with our brains stuffed full of more field knowledge, not to mention the delicious cookies and iced tea Lindy provided. Braving the occasional downpour and cold temperatures, it was all worth it! Thanks for hosting the class, Tony and Lindy!

If you are interested in hosting **your** garden for a Diagnostics Class, please contact Steve.



Vice-President's Report

Anne Bacon

*** ALERT! OUR MAY MEETING WILL BE IN THE DISCOVERY GARDEN! BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR AND BEVERAGE ***



April's guest lecturer was "Prevention of Injury in the Garden", presented by Jeff Giulietti from Eugene Physical Therapy. What a great lecture! So much information - too bad we didn't have more time!

The key points I got from the session were these:

- Pay attention to your posture. A stooped posture makes gravity work against you and strains your back.
- Pace yourself. Don't go beyond your limits and take breaks!
- Use a garden cart or scooter
- Use a ladder if necessary - excessive overhead activity can strain your shoulders
- Widen your stance for a better center of gravity
- Being physically fit will help prevent injury. Consider a Tai Chi class to improve balance.

I hope you were all able to take home some pointers to make your own gardening safer.

In May our Chapter Meeting will be in the Discovery Garden. It won't be a potluck, but please do bring your own chair and beverage.

Our speaker will be Mark Christensen from D.C. Farmers' Co-op. Mark will be demonstrating how to install drip irrigation.

Volunteer Opportunity:

I am looking for a team of people to help with Summer Meeting setup. Ideally, at least a few people who own a pickup truck to transport tables. Tables and a few chairs would be picked up the day before the meeting and taken to the meeting site by 9:00 am the day of the meeting. This would be for the June, July, and August meetings. The number of meetings each person works will depend on the number of signups. Please call or email me if you're interested: 541-670-8365





Chris Rusch

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, March and April. Most of our trainees have completed their mandatory 2 days of training and are on their way to becoming more independent in the Plant Clinic. We are lucky to have a great training team this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Larry Sutton, Chris Rusch, and Karolyn Riecks.

Veterans, please consider signing up to volunteer at the clinic now, as most of the students have completed their initial training. It is a great way to serve our community and get to know our new volunteers.

We had 65 visitors in the Plant Clinic in April. This is about half as many as last year this time. We are hoping it is the weather contributing to the lack of gardening questions.

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.

Treasurer's Report Patrice Sipos

INCOME 3/30/17 - 4/26/17

Bank Interest	\$1.24
Dues membership	\$10.00
Soil Testing	\$30.00
Vendor Booths	<u>\$2,032.80</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,074.04

EXPENSES 3/30/17 - 4/26/17

Bank Fee	-\$26.25
Management & General	\$15.98
Postage Newsletter	\$18.90
Discovery Garden	\$196.89
HLC - Various	\$1,797.01
Plant Sale	\$1,359.63
Special Events - Other	<u>-\$599.89</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,762.27

Breakdown of our accounts at 4/26/17

Checking	\$3,985.09
Money Market - Reserves	\$8,134.10
Money Market	<u>\$34,149.87</u>
Ending Balance 4/26/17	\$46,269.04

Both "funnies" shared by B. Robinson



TRACTOR "KARMA"

Pape Tractor guy rescuing DG tractor



DG tractor rescuing Pape Tractor guy!



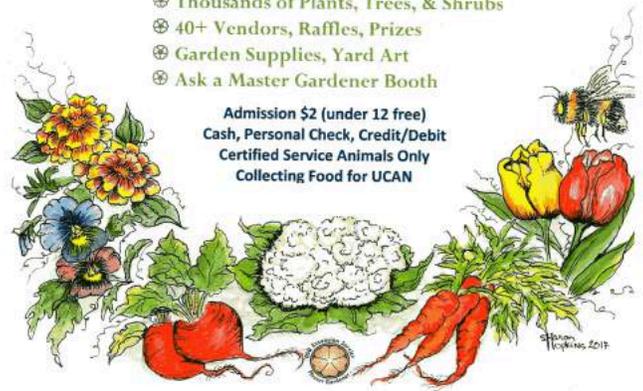
DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Present their annual
PLANT & GARDEN EXPO

Saturday, May 6, 2017
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Douglas County Fairgrounds
Roseburg, Oregon (Exit 123, off I-5)

- ⊗ Thousands of Plants, Trees, & Shrubs
- ⊗ 40+ Vendors, Raffles, Prizes
- ⊗ Garden Supplies, Yard Art
- ⊗ Ask a Master Gardener Booth

Admission \$2 (under 12 free)
Cash, Personal Check, Credit/Debit
Certified Service Animals Only
Collecting Food for UCAN



Gale will go to any lengths to retrieve Plant Sale boxes.



New Paths in Discovery Garden



Cradar Enterprises did an AWESOME job on our new pathways!



Photos by:

Fred Alley

Kish Doyle

Bonnie Courter



OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER Chapter Meeting April 27, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch. There were 55 in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as published online.



Photo: Fred Alley

Agents Report - John Panches: John clarified the reasoning behind the annual requirement for a *Volunteer Assumption of Risk and Conditions of Volunteer Service Form* to be signed annually by all volunteers. If you have signed this form your liability exposure, when acting on behalf of OSU as a Master Gardener, is covered by OSU. If you have not signed the form, you accept the liability for any suit which may be brought against you while you are wearing the Master Gardener badge. The form may be found at http://douglascountymg.org/docs/other/2017_OSU_Volunteer.pdf. There is also a Code of Conduct form. Please call the Extension office at 541-672-4461 to confirm you have a signed form on file.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership – Diana Circle: We have 269 members with 18 people on the no photo list. Kish said the Extension Office keeps her advised of that list.

OMGA – Kish Doyle: The current *Gardener's Pen* newsletter may be found online at <http://omga.org/category/gardeners-pen-newsletter/> as published by OMGA. For those attending the 2017 International Conference in Portland, there is a free smartphone app to help plan your visit and your time at the conference. Go to <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/conference-app/> for more information. Nancy Fuller will be sending out an email next month to organize a group to decorate our chapter's bicycle for the International Conference. Contact Nancy if you are interesting in helping.

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: Our May Chapter meeting will be held in the Discovery Garden Pavilion since the Extension auditorium will be under construction. There will not be a potluck at this meeting.

Summer locations for June, July, and August have been scheduled. Volunteers are needed to help with summer meeting setup, specifically transporting tables and equipment. Anne passed around a signup sheet.



Junco bird's nest found in geraniums at greenhouse

President – Chris Rusch: Our May Chapter meeting will be in the Discovery Garden. Chris reminded everyone of our Master Gardener Pre-Sale events at our greenhouses today and Sunday. She also encouraged people to attend the Glide Wildflower Show this weekend, where there will be over 600 species of wild flowers on display.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach – Jude Stensland:

- April 1, Westside Community Garden Spring Garden Workshop. Great turnout with about 25 people. Nathan Baily talked compost, Margo Roten on seeding and getting plants started and Jude on sheet mulching.
- April 21 tour for Phoenix school students (5) and teacher (Kate). Nathan talked vermiculture. They walked through the garden and visited greenhouses. They brought lunch and ate in the butterfly garden
- May has lots of good stuff coming up!

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch: Chris said the Clinic has experienced a 50% drop in contacts from this time last year. Undoubtedly this is due to the weather. There are many spots on the calendar open for volunteers.

Westside Greenhouse – Barbara Robinson: Barbara thanked everyone who helped during the final push to get ready for our pre-sales. Crews have been working many days a week the past few weeks in preparation.



Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:

- Julie suggested people take a stroll through the gardens and see the new paths which look wonderful. She reminded everyone of the amount of work, dedication, and fund raising of many people it took to make this project



Photos: Fred Alley

possible. They are waiting for the weather to dry out before doing any major work in the garden. She cautioned people using wheel barrows to tread carefully so as not to dig up the new paths while they are soft.

- Tuesday, May 9th, DG workday in Japanese Garden, 9-12.
- Two Discovery Garden work days are scheduled for Saturdays, June 3rd and June 17th.
- The tractor is broken down. Julie will advise by email when it is up and running again.
- Show and Shine is the same weekend (the day before) the International MG Tour.
- Someone with a chainsaw is needed and also someone to spray under the filberts.
- Julie has weeding projects available for people who would like to work other days than Tuesdays.
- Need a bathroom cleanup person.
- County to begin enforcing parking passes. Use them to avoid fines. For replacement passes go to Extension Office.

Publicity/Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Newsletter submissions are due on Saturday. Bonnie has been in charge of publicity for Plant Sale while Barbara Horst

has been traveling. Radio spot ads will begin this next week and ads in the News Review have also been running. Bonnie and Barbara Robinson will appear on KPIC on a segment with Donna Spicer. Air time is unknown but Bonnie will let people know. Barbara will also be doing a telephone interview with KQEN Radio on Monday, May 1st at 8:30 a.m. Bonnie brought yard signs to be put out the Sunday before the Plant Sale.

Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford:

The crew was able to lay about half of the needed wood chips a couple of weeks ago before the tractor broke down. They will finish the job when the tractor is repaired. There is a beautiful pathway from the roadway to the



Demonstration Garden. Please be aware it is there and do not drive across the path. The first date for staffing a booth at the Canyonville Farmers Market is Wednesday, May 10, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you are interested in working email Barbara Horst.

Hallmark – Linda Thames:

Ted Benice had quadruple bypass surgery in Portland. He is home and doing well.

Awards – Betty Ison:

Betty has mailed off the state awards report which is due on May 17th.

Plant Sale – Barbara Robinson:

- Dates: Plant Sale set-up: Friday, May 5th and May 6th PLANT SALE!
- Dues MUST be paid to work. You CANNOT work without your Master Gardener Badge. No exceptions for either.
- Park across the street from the Fairgrounds. Parking is limited with several events going on.



Photos: Kish Doyle

You may park in front of the building short term while dropping off supplies, potluck, etc. Please move your vehicle directly after.

- Please report to your committee head at the requested time.
 - Wear your Master Gardener apparel or apron if possible.
 - Hat Contest: There will be a garden-themed hat contest as we've had in the past. Use your imagination and create as elaborate or simple of a hat you want. Show up at the Plant Sale in your hat and prepare to be judged! Prizes will be awarded to the top two as voted by your fellow Master Gardeners.

- Potluck: We will have potluck lunch both Friday and Saturday. Eat breakfast before you come as we will not be serving breakfast either day. You will need to bring a potluck item for each day you plan to participate. Committee heads will assign staggered lunch times. Please be mindful of the amount of time you are in the dining area, especially when others are waiting.

- Raffle: Master Gardeners are encouraged to donate new items for our Plant Sale Raffle. They may be brought to the Fairgrounds on set-up day, May 5th.

- Master Gardener Pre-Sales: Master Gardeners are not allowed to purchase, shop, or set aside any of our plants until after 3 p.m., the day of the sale, no exceptions. For this reason, we offer Master Gardeners two opportunities to purchase before the general public. The first pre-sale is

on Thursday, April 27th noon until 3 p.m. Your second opportunity is on Sunday, April 30th, noon to 3 p.m. Your dues must be paid to shop pre-sales and you need to wear your badge for entry.

- Liability release forms are available for those helping who are not Master Gardeners. A form must be signed before working any part of the sale or set up. Forms will be available at our Vendor Check In table at the Fairgrounds.
- Receiving donations for UCAN at the door.

T-Shirt Orders – Kish Doyle: Several pieces of artwork were submitted for consideration on the new Master Gardener t-shirt. Today is the last day to vote on your favorite.

Farmers Market – Barbara Anderson: There will be a MG/MFP shared booth at the Umpqua Farmers Market June through September. There are between 800 and 1000 people visiting this market each Saturday. Veteran volunteers are especially needed. Plant Clinic hours apply toward this position. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., but volunteers are asked to show up at 8:30 to help set up the booth. Bring a chair, drink, and perhaps something to eat. Please call Barbara if you are interested in signing up.

Nomination Committee: Karolyn Riecks spoke on behalf of the nominating committee which also included Rosemary Brinkley and Fred Alley. They have a full slate of officers to present with only one current officer, Barbara Robinson, stepping down. They will be nominating Sharon Bordeaux as secretary and Judy Huntley has agreed to replace Larry Sutton as Past President.

NEW BUSINESS

There are two tables available in the foyer outside the auditorium which are up for grabs if needed by the greenhouses or for any other MG designation. Contact Coleen in the office if you are interested.

SHOW AND TELL

- Diana Cason invited people to a seed saving demonstration this Saturday during the Umpqua Farmers Market, inside the church, from 11 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Potluck lunch will be held.

- Jim Leet brought paste tomato plants to give away. They were part of our Tomato Taste Off competition last year. Jim would like anyone taking a tomato to save the seeds. The seeds were from Jim Lee (not Leet) and Jim Leet would like to perpetuate this seed, naming it *Gargantua*.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch. Respectfully submitted, Barbara Robinson, Secretary

Fred's Fav's



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: The deadline for the June 2017 Newsletter is May 27th. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: rbcourter@gmail.com

Website: www.douglascountymg.org

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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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