



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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Dec. 2017 Calendar

Mon., Dec. 4, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Dec. 5, 10:00

Mentor Training, Courthouse,
Room 310

Fri., Dec. 15

Reimbursement receipts due to
Patrice

Sat., Dec. 16

January Newsletter articles due
to Bonnie

Mon., Dec. 18, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Mon., Dec. 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Tues., Jan. 2, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class starts
Potluck at 12:00 PM

Sat., Feb. 24

Spring Into Gardening, UCC

Sat., March 10

Trash to Treasure Sale



The President's Post

Chris Rusch

Hello everyone,

'Tis the season to be thankful! What a terrific year our organization had due to the hard work of many of our DCMG volunteers!

First, we hosted an outstanding winter program for our new members thanks to Steve Renquist, Denise Fennell and our awesome crew of mentor volunteers.

We also had three terrific summer meetings at the homes of Linda Brunanchon, Connie Page and Rick Kreofsky, and Tracey Berry. Thank you for opening your homes to us!

Next, thanks to greenhouses East and West. Thanks to Barbara, Bruce and so many others on the crew! We had an extremely successful Plant Sale, our most important fund-raising event of the year. Thank you to all our terrific and dedicated volunteers making this a successful event for us. Thank you to Rosemary Brinkley for always doing such a terrific job organizing our raffle.



In addition we are thankful for the amazing work of all our volunteers at the Discovery Garden under the direction of Julie Stanbery. Our Discovery Garden is an amazing place that is enjoyed by our community. Thank you to Julie for organizing our open house for the International Conference visitors. We are thankful the important work of Ruth and her crew in the Victory Garden, growing lots of vegetables that help support the outstanding work of UCAN in our community.

Oh, and we can't forget another successful fundraiser dubbed "Trash-to-Treasure" with Ann Severson. And then there is still another amazing fund-raiser, our annual Bake Sale that was supported by Janet Parkinson and many incredible volunteers.

Also, thanks to Vicki for keeping our hours up to date and our website current and user-friendly. Thanks to Barbara Anderson for organizing our table at the Umpqua Farmers' Market and to Barbara Horst, and Michael and Madelyn Dixon for introducing us to the Canyonville Farmer's market. A special thanks to Jude Stensland for all her work on outreach.

Lastly, we all enjoyed another terrific annual Banquet in October, thanks to Judy Huntley and Betty Ison. Congratulations to Tasha King for making us proud receiving the "State Behind the Scenes" Master Gardener Award.

Our Plant Clinic continues to be a great way to reach out to our community and train our new members. Thank you to our dedicated training core: Larry, Leo, Karolyn, me and Bonnie.

Our Hallmark program, under Linda's guidance, continues to keep our members in need supplied with our thoughts and prayers. We are so thankful for our messenger, Shirley, who keeps those emails coming. Bonnie has done a great job of making our newsletters something we all look forward to each month. Thanks to Barbara Horst for keeping our Facebook up to date and taking on Publicity. Thanks to Carol Bolt for her dedication to keep the soil testing service available to our community, even with the remodel disruption.

Our Executive Board, past and present, keeps us organized thanks to the efforts of Larry and Judy, Patrice, Diana, Anne, Nancy and Kish, Barbara and Sharon. And especially a big "thank you" to Steve

Renquist for his terrific leadership and guidance. Wow! Thank you, EVERYONE, for making our DCMG organization so successful.

Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Vice-President's Report

Anne Bacon

Our resident "Mad Scientist" Carol Bolt did a fun and interesting presentation on soil testing at our November Chapter Meeting. Who knew soil tests could explode? Apparently Carol does! It turns out that worm castings generate a lot of nitrogen which can cause a test tube top to burst open. Carol got a face full of testing solution and a memorable demonstration of why one should always wear protective eyewear when using chemicals. Many thanks to Carol for her mini seminar.



Photo: Fred Alley

Seminars for the first quarter of 2018 have been scheduled and we can look forward to the following sessions:

January - Steve Reustle from Reustle-Prayer Rock Vineyards will be sharing what goes into the planning of a vineyard.

February - The Importance and Practice of Beekeeping will be delivered by Ivory from Douglas County Bees.

March - Roseburg herbalist, Gabby Allen, will share her knowledge of medicinal herbs.

I hope everyone has a joyous holiday season. See you next year.

OSUEA Cooperator Award Winner

Steve Renquist

Congratulations to Shirley Purcell on being chosen for the OSU Extension Service Cooperator Award. This award is sponsored by the Oregon State University Extension Association (OSUEA). The award honors individuals and businesses who have made significant contributions to Extension programming in Oregon.



Extension cooperators include 4-H Leaders, Master Gardeners, Master Food Preservers, farmers and ranchers engaged in agricultural research, Master Woodland Managers and many other individuals, organizations and businesses who work in collaboration with Extension professionals to benefit all Oregonians.

Shirley was nominated by Sara Runkel, Nellie Oehler, and me for her outstanding effort helping deliver OSU Extension programming in Douglas County for 19 years. Shirley was selected as the award winner statewide in the category for individuals with 10 years or more service. Shirley will receive her award in early December at our annual gathering of Extension agents in Corvallis, from our OSU Vice-Provost Scott Reed.

The cooperator award evaluation scorecard is shown below to give you an idea how nominees are evaluated and chosen. Shirley knocked it out of the park and had the highest score of all nominees.

Evaluation Criteria - OSUEA Cooperator Awards (In the category of Individuals with 10 years or more of service)	Points
Program involvement...with Extension volunteer programs, time contributions with significant impact and leadership. For business or organization's, actions beyond what is normally done to conduct the business or activity.	60
Support...for Extension such as advisory councils, committees, fundraising, financial contributions, political support, etc.	30
Community service...other than Extension	10
Total points	100

If you are new to the OSU Extension Master Gardener organization and don't know Shirley, what impressed the evaluation group was her volunteer effort as a Master Gardener, a Master Food Preserver, and as a volunteer in our community with the food pantry helping to coordinate food distribution and preparation. This award to Shirley is certainly well deserved and brings great recognition of her volunteer efforts, and highlights the wonderful work that all you volunteers do for our community.



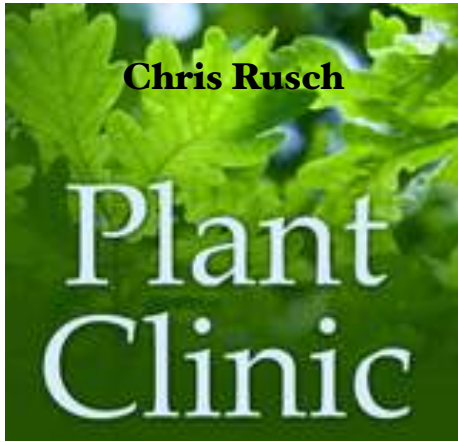
Trash to Treasure Sale

Please save the dates of March 8, 9 and 10 for our annual **Trash to Treasure** sale. March 8 and 9 will be setup days, and the sale on the 10th.

As a reminder, start saving your good, clean donations as well as paper and plastic bags.

We will not be taking Christmas decorations, clothes, shoes, baby furniture, old computers or TV's, food, or mattresses.

Any questions, please call or text Ann Severson at 541-817-4983



The Plant Clinic was not very busy in November, however, interesting 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, Karolyn Riecks, and Chris Rusch. A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!

We had 20 visitors in the Plant Clinic this month. This is a bit less than last year this time.

We will begin our winter hours this month. The clinic will only be open on Mondays for the months of December and January.

We need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic both in continuing to help our new volunteers and keeping up with the work load of assisting our visitors to the Plant Clinic. We have plenty of openings. I realize we all have very busy lives, but, I encourage each of you to take time, look at your calendar and pick just one afternoon each month and give the office a call and sign up. The Plant Clinic is where we give service as part of our Master Gardener obligation to our community. Please try to volunteer your expertise at least once a month to help out in this important outreach program. 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 and say hi!

OMGA Report **Nancy Fuller**

The Leadership meeting was held on Friday, November 3rd. Hart Wilson returned to finish her presentation on developing projects. The workshop included practice sessions on developing projects and then reviewing the phases of project management. Ms. Wilson will be sending all handouts to the OMGA so that all chapters can use them.

The Board of Directors meeting was held on Saturday, November 4th. There was an update on the 2018 G2 program – formerly known as Mini College. G2 stands for “Growing Gardeners”. Many members felt that the word “college” was intimidating and maybe kept members from attending the program. The program will again be held at Linfield College. Anne Geyer (Lincoln County) is already lining up speakers/presenters.

The highlight of the meeting was the election of officers for 2018. The following were elected:

- President - Sue Nesbitt, Yamhill County
- President-elect – vacant
- 1st Vice President – Anne Geyer, Lincoln County
- 2nd Vice President – Jeanine Johnson, Central Oregon
- Secretary – Marcille Anson, Tillamook County
- Treasurer – Katherine Johnson, Columbia County

There was a motion presented and passed to allow Katherine Johnson to continue as Treasurer for another year.

Appointed positions included our own Chris Rusch as the chairperson for the Search for Excellence committee. Seamus Ramirez, the current president, will become the data base manager in 2018 as well as the Past President.

There will be an OMGA ExCom (Executive Committee) Retreat on December 4-5, held in Oregon City. This is a meeting for the outgoing ExCom to collaborate, answer questions, and pass on knowledge to the incoming ExCom. Plans for the coming year will be discussed. For the first time, all chapter presidents,

representatives and alternate representatives have been invited to attend.

The next meetings will be March 2-3, 2018. Location to be determined.

Eastside Greenhouse

Bruce Gravens

I want to start by highlighting the core team (Gloria Amore, Bonnie Durick, Sandy Grindle, Ann Severson, and Anne Waddington) that have been working hard all year to make our plant sale a success by bringing great well-cared-for plants to market. I also want to thank those that have come out to help out when we need it and when they can. All of the plants that need winter protection are in the greenhouse, sheds, or on tables that will get frost cover as it gets colder. They are all weeded, root pruned, divided, and ready to rest before the wake in the spring to become someone's favorite plant sale purchase.

This effort has been made much more pleasant due to Ivor and his team's efforts to rebuild both greenhouses, redoing the grow-out yard and tree racks, upgrading the entire river and Umpqua Water irrigation systems, adding a third shade shed and putting doors on all three sheds, building replacement tables in both greenhouses and building a water-tight storage cabinet that would look good at anyone's home. Thank you, Ivor and team. The Eastside Greenhouse operation now has world-class facility that will serve us well for years to come. I am working hard to come up with projects for 2018.

If you missed out on helping out with Eastside Greenhouse operations in 2017, please consider joining us in 2018, enjoy contributing to the organization, learning how to care for potted plants and how to propagate plants from division and cuttings.

Happy Holidays, and we will start 2018 operations on Thursdays (during the training class) January 4, 2018. Thanks to everyone that helped out and hope to see more folks helping next year.

Bake Sale Results

Janet Parkerson

The Bake Sale totals are in. This year we are down a little from last year, but we still had a great year!

Total Revenue:	\$1,504.36
Change:	\$ 120.00
Expenses:	\$ 13.05
Total	\$1,445.15

I would like to thank all of you who baked and volunteered your services for the Bake Sale. I could not have been done without you.



Treasurer's Report

Patrice Sipos

INCOME 10/27/2017 - 11/29/2017

Soil Testing	\$140.00
Interest Income	\$8.86
Compost Tea	\$44.00
Bake Sale	<u>\$1,445.15</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,638.01

EXPENSES 10/27/2017 - 11/29/2017

Management & General	\$409.49
Office & Clinic	\$33.14
Discovery Garden	\$846.60
HLC	\$658.90
Plant Sale	<u>\$501.46</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,449.59

Breakdown of our accounts at 11/29/2017

Umpqua Checking	\$0.00
Umpqua MMK	\$0.00
NWCC - Checking	\$3,266.12
NWCC - Member Account	\$100.04
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$35,037.17</u>
Ending Balance 11/29/2017	\$38,403.33

Winter Training Potluck & Snacks

Barbara Hamby

Hello Everyone!

The Master Gardener Winter Training Class begins Tuesday, January 2, 2018, and that means it's Potluck Time! All Master Gardeners are invited to this annual event as we welcome our new trainees on their first day of class. We hope to see you there!

POTLUCK:

- * Please bring your favorite appetizer, soup or stew, salad, side dish or dessert to share with our group. Fried chicken will be provided by us.
- * Please attach a note to your dish listing its ingredients. Those with food allergies/sensitivities/special diets thank you.
- * To better accommodate our large group, the potluck will be in the newly remodeled auditorium. All food, hot or cold, needs to be brought to the foyer by 11:30 a.m. Crock pots that need to be plugged in should be taken to the kitchen. We will bring them upstairs when it's lunch time. (We have limited electrical outlets and no refrigerator space.)

* If you're having your dish delivered, please have it dropped off at the upstairs side door. Someone will be there to accept the food.

* Please label your dishes and serving utensils so it all gets returned to you.

SNACKS:

Snacks on January 2 will be provided by the following mentors and their students. Please remember to tell your students to bring snacks when it's your table's turn.

- Table 4: Rosemary Brinkley
- Table 5: Sharon Hopkins
- Table 9: Kish Doyle
- Table 12: Larry Case
- Table 13: Garry Gerlack
- Table 17: Linda Brunanchon



Oregon State University
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2018 Winter Training Program

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

January 2	AM	Botany I	John Panches
	PM	Climate and Weather of Douglas County	Steve Renquist
January 9	AM	Pruning Trees, Shrubs, Vines	Steve Renquist
	PM	Veg Propagation*/Tree Fruit Discovery Garden orientation	Team/Steve Renquist
January 16	AM	Botany II	John Panches
	PM	Veg Propagation*/ Tree Fruit Discovery Garden orientation	Team/Steve Renquist
January 23	AM	Concurrent Sessions	Master Gardeners
	PM	Plant ID/Greenhouse Seeding*	Chris Rusch/MG's
January 30	AM	Pesticide Safety	Jeff Choate
	PM	Plant ID/Greenhouse Seeding*	Chris Rusch/ MG's
February 6	AM	Compost/Biochar	Joe Yetter/Scott McKain
	PM	Plant Disease	Steve Renquist
February 13	AM	Soils/Fertilization	Sara Runkel
	PM	Vegetable Gardening	Marjorie Neal
February 20	AM	Care of Urban Trees/Native Plants	Tal Blankenship
	PM	Weed ID and Control	Shelby Filley
February 27	AM	Berry Crops	Steve Renquist
	PM	Insects	Rich Little
March 6	AM	Vert. Pests/Xeriscaping	Leo Grass/ Geoff Puryear
	PM	IPM	Steve Renquist
March 13	AM	Discovery Garden Final*	Master Gardener Team
	PM	Final Exam Review	Steve Renquist

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

**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER
GARDENER
CHAPTER MEETING
1st United Methodist Church
November 30, 2017**

Call-To-Order: President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 10:00 at the First United Methodist Church. Thirty-seven members attended.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Minutes: The October Chapter Meeting minutes were approved as published online. The November Executive Board minutes were approved as published online.

Agent Report - Steve Renquist:

- It is time to complete the conditions of volunteer service forms. The forms must be filled out, signed and filed with OSU in January of each year. *Volunteers not returning the forms by 01/15/2018 will not be allowed to wear their badges or work at MG functions.* Steve had forms available at the chapter meeting. Forms are also available at the Extension Office.
- Steve encouraged everyone to sign up to help at the 2018 classes.
- In 2018, there will be a reduction in the number of OSU Extension regional managers. Steve encouraged our chapter to focus on our programs during the transition.
- Pruning dates have been set for 2018:
Jan. 18, 1-4 pm: Trees/fruit trees (Will be advertised in paper)
Feb. 9, 1-4 pm: Large trees
Feb. 19, 1-4 pm: Roses and other plants in the Entry Garden
March 8, 1-4 pm: Ornamental Garden
March 27, 9-11 am: Japanese Garden (tent.)
- Spring Into Gardening will be **Feb. 24** and the theme will be *Greatest Hits*. The classes will be favorites from the past 10 years.

- The remodel is ahead of schedule. The construction is scheduled to be completed by 12/14. We may be asked to help move back into the space. An email will be sent out if/when help is needed.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Diana Circle: Chris Rusch reported for Diana that there is no change in membership.

OMGA Representative – Nancy Fuller:

- The 4th Qtr. meeting was held November 3rd and 4th in Josephine County. Nancy reported the program on successful projects was informative and the information could be helpful to our chapter. OMGA will provide handouts from the program for use by the chapters.
- The new OMGA Executive Committee members were elected. The new president, Sue Nesbitt, announced her appointments – Chris Rusch is the new Search For Excellence Chairperson. The complete report on the OMGA meeting will appear in the Newsletter.
- Nancy continues to finalize plans for the 2nd quarter OMGA meeting to be hosted by our MG chapter. There will definitely be a tour of the Discovery Garden scheduled.

Treasurer – Patrice Sipos: Patrice is working on the 2017 taxes, transferring information to the new QuickBooks program, and inputting the 2018 budget. Current financial statements are posted on the DCMG website.

Vice President – Anne Bacon: The January meeting will be held in the newly-renovated rooms at the Extension Office. Steve Reustle from Reustle Vineyards will be the Continuing Education speaker.

Past President – Judy Huntley: Nothing to report

Secretary – Sharon Bordeaux: Nothing to report

President – Chris Rusch:

- Chris thanked the Methodist Church for allowing us to use their facilities while the Extension

Office was under construction.

- There will be no December meetings, board or chapter. Merry Christmas!
- Chris contacted Rocky Houston regarding the continued theft and vandalism in the Garden. He suggested that we fill out an *incident report* each time we discover a problem. This way there will be a record on file. The form will be available in the Plant Clinic office.
- A meeting will be scheduled in December for the new signage to be placed at the entrance to the Discovery Garden.
- There was discussion regarding the installation of a doggy bag dispenser and a vandalism sign.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Outreach – Jude Stensland: Jude was not in attendance but e-mailed the information for November.

- 11/01/2017 – Finished up with 3rd meeting with Elaine Warren at the church garden and drew out all the rock garden plans. It is up to her to build the garden. Estimate 4 hrs. spent in total on this project.
- 11/01/2017 – Met with students and teachers at the Cobb school planning for a school garden. Will have ongoing plans for this project.
- 11/06/2017 – DG tour for Phoenix School at 9:30 am. 8 students and a teacher attended.

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch: The Plant Clinic has been slow. The clinic is only open on Mondays and there are openings if anyone is interested in volunteering. She will be compiling the totals for Plant Clinic visits (this includes Saturday Markets, Fair, and other events where the MG's had a presence).

Eastside Greenhouse – Ann Severson: Ivor completed new cupboards for storage in the greenhouse. Doors have been installed on the outdoor

succulent plant greenhouse. They are looking at the possibility of another greenhouse. Beginning in January, the crews will work on Thursday mornings.

Awards – Betty Ison: Be sure to have your hours in by January 15th so they will count for the new swing bars.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:

- Jan is stepping down from head of the Butterfly Garden. Julie and Kathy Hart met and have decided to divide the garden into 11 sections. Kathy will take the section with the picnic table and the elevated rock garden. By dividing the Butterfly Garden into smaller sections, it will be easier to care for and hopefully attract new volunteers to the garden. Contact Julie if you are interested in adopting a section to maintain.
- Workdays: Saturday, January 13th and Wednesday, January 31st. These workdays will be for volunteers and new students.
- March 20th will begin the 2018 Tuesdays workdays.
- There is a pile of wood behind the yellow shed....please, help yourself. Before renovations begin on the shed, we will need volunteers to help with cleanup. An email will be sent out.

Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Chris reported for Bonnie. The cutoff for articles is 12/02/2017. Job descriptions for officers and chairpersons are due by 12/15/2017. Remember these are published in the January newsletter that is given to all new MG students.

Bake Sale – Janet Parkerson: Janet thanked all the "Bake Sale Warriors" for making the sale a success. The sale netted \$1,445.00 for MG and 100 pounds of food for UCAN. Janet would like to look for a new site for next year's bake sale.

Winter Program – Denise Fennell: There are 32 new students and 3 persons auditing the class. She has all the mentors and substitutes she needs. The last mentor/substitute training is 12/10/2017. The first day the MG's provide a potluck lunch so if you are attending remember to bring a dish. Barb Hamby will be the "Hospitality Hostess" again this year.

Fred's Fav's

Trash to Treasure – Ann Severson: Ann reported that she is already receiving donations for Trash to Treasures to be held March 8, 9, and 10, 2018. Ann will not be accepting holiday items this year, and as in past years, no baby items will be accepted. She asked that all items be clean, and in good condition.

Hallmark – Linda Thames: Gloria Amorde's husband, Tom, passed away; Vicki McAlister had foot surgery; David Grensky sent a card of appreciation for all the support he has received from fellow Master Gardeners; Julie Stanbery had ear surgery.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2018 MG Budget was presented for approval. A motion was made by Julie Stanbery to accept the motion as presented and published. The motion was seconded by Betty Ison and Anne Bacon. All members were in favor, and the 2018 Budget passed as presented.

SHOW AND TELL

Linda Thames brought two sweet potatoes from her garden – one about 2 feet long and another very large and plump. Chris Rusch mentioned the Riddle Truck Parade that travels from Riddle to Myrtle Creek. The parade begins at sunset. Both Riddle and Myrtle Creek offer free coffee, cider, chile and entertainment.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by President, Chris Rusch, at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Bordeaux, Secretary



Newsletter Reminder

Bonnie Courter, Editor

Just a reminder that I need your articles introducing yourself and your MG job description to the new class for the January Newsletter along with a photo of yourself by **Saturday, December 16.**

If you want to use the same as last year's, **please let me know.** Also if you have a good photo of yourself, send that to me to include. Thanks for your timely submissions.

Bonnie: rbcourter@gmail.com

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2018 DUES

and REPLACEMENT NAME TAG

(Please pay **BEFORE** January 1, 2018)

PRINT ALL information below EVEN if nothing has changed:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE: _____ CHECK # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

RESPONSIBILITIES/TITLE _____

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, 2018.

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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541-672-0925

Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: The deadline for the January 2018 Newsletter is December 16, 2017. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: rbcourter@gmail.com

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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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