

## **DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS**

## NEWSLETTER

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## February 2018

#### Feb. 2018 Calendar

Thurs., Feb. 1
Eastside Greenhouse Crew (9-12)
Pruning Workshop, Tribal
Gardens, Canyonville
(1:00-4:00)

Mon., Feb. 5

Westside Greenhouse Crew (9-12) Insect Committee (10:00-Noon)

Tues., Feb. 6, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Wed., Feb. 7, 8:00-5:00

Weed Day, DC Fairgrounds

Thurs., Feb. 8, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Fri., Feb. 9, 1:00-4:00

Pruning Large Trees, DG

Mon., Feb. 12, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Feb. 13, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Wed., Feb. 14, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

Thurs., Feb. 15, 9:00-Noon

Thurs., rep. 13, 7.00-140

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Mon., Feb. 19

Westside Greenhouse Crew (9-12) Insect Committee (10:00-Noon)

**Pruning Roses, DG** (1:00-4:00)

Tues., Feb. 20, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Feb. 22, 9:00

Cont.Ed/Chapter Mtg. (10:00)

Sat., Feb. 24, 8:30-4:00

Spring Into Gardening, UCC

Mon., Feb. 26, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Feb. 27, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class



## The President's Post

#### **Chris Rusch**

Greetings Everyone,

Welcome to the new class of Master Gardeners for 2018! This year's class is yet another group of curious gardeners eager to apply sustainable gardening knowledge in our community. We are now 5 weeks into the class and our new volunteers are learning all about the great programs and projects DCMG's are involved in. So far our new volunteers have already had a Discovery Garden tour and been through the Concurrent Sessions. Many have already begun to volunteer in the garden and greenhouses. I want to send a special thank you to all the veterans who have stepped up to participate as mentors, in the Discovery Garden tours, concurrent sessions and workdays.

I encourage you to put the "Spring into Gardening" seminar, February 24<sup>th</sup> on your calendar. This is an annual event for our Douglas County Extension and is held at Umpqua Community College. We offer interesting workshops on all kinds of gardening topics. Also mark your calendars for our Trash to Treasure fundraiser, March 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be opportunities to sign up to help at both events. Look for sign-up sheets in the Plant Clinic.

For any of you Master Gardener veterans who want to keep up on your certification, you are welcome to attend the current winter classes held each Tuesday, 9-4. OSU Extension Douglas County is also offering lots other interesting programs this winter. For more details about each event and links to register on-line visit: <a href="http://calendar.oregonstate.edu/advanced/today+60/douglas">http://calendar.oregonstate.edu/advanced/today+60/douglas</a>. Check it out!!

Despite all the cool weather and rain recently, our gardening season is just around the corner. I am already planning my garden for 2018. This includes my annual seed order. I hope you too are getting your seeds ordered or shopping for them at your local garden shop! Sugar Snap Peas are always part of my order. Peas are a rare treasure in the early garden. I will be planting these on February 15, a tradition in my family for many generations.

Happy gardening dreaming!

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

# Vice-President's Report Anne Bacon



Our previously scheduled programming has been interrupted. Steve Reustle from Reustle Vineyards had a scheduling conflict and had to reschedule to March. In his stead our January class was conducted by DCMG Vice-President Anne Bacon (that's me) and covered Gardening in Small Spaces and Container Gardening. I had fun making the presentation

and hope it was informative and enjoyable.

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

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

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

May - To be announced. I'm thinking water features or houseplants.

It's seed starting time. Are you all buried in catalogs? Will someone please remind me not to plant 12 varieties of tomatoes this year?

## NEW HOUR SWINGER BARS FOR 2018

#### **Betty Ison-Awards Chairman**

The following volunteers have earned new swinger bars for 2018. Come see Betty Ison to get your new swinger. You **must** turn in your old swinger to get a new one. Just as a reminder new swingers are only given out **once a year in January**, so if your name is not on this list, you have not earned a new bar and will have to wait until January of next year should you earn the hours to get one during the year.

**60 HRS:** Robert Burns, Linda Brunanchon, Larry Case, Hanna Deacon, Madalyn Dixon, Michael Dixon, Steven Erickson, Roxy Fester, Lindy Follett, Susan Garcia, Rick Kreofsky, Bruce Lewsadder, Connie Page, Nancy Sheiner

**200 HRS:** Sharon Bordeaux, Kay Livermore, Beth Olson, Mark Schmoll, Stormy Speaker

**500 HRS:** Barbara Horst, Janet Parkerson, Georgia Richards

**750 HRS:** David Clark, Bonnie Durick, Nancy Fuller, Kathy Hart, Steve Hart, Darlene Morey, Jeanie Owen, Ann Severson, Patrice Sipos, Jon Thran

**1000 HRS:** Anne Bacon, Kish Doyle, Noel Groshong, Janet Wicka

1500 HRS: Carol Bolt, Denise Fennell

2000 HRS: Dave Hopkins, Sharon Hopkins,

Richard Johnstone, Vicki McAlister

2500 HRS: Mik Carlson, Linda Thames

3000 HRS: Gale Robinson

4000 HRS: Maureen Benice, Barbara Robinson

4500 HRS: Barbara MacPherson, Karolyn Riecks

8500 HRS: Gloria Amorde

**16,500 HRS:** Betty Ison

## **Shortcut to Biennial Seeds**

Diana Cason (Douglas County Seed Stewards)

Several years ago I experimented with three handsome Walla Walla sweet onions, bought at the end of their season, to see if I could use the cold climate technique of replanting lifted and over-wintered root crops for seed production. They



were planted in a 5 gallon bucket in February with an upside-down tomato cage to support possible seed stalks. (Tape sharp cage tips together for safety). They grew happily, attracted crowds of cute, tiny, pollinating flies and yielded good seed.

Other biennial root veggies can be tricked into producing seed in less than a year in our climate. Beets, rutabagas, and carrots (don't do whites) are all prime candidates. Variety names don't matter. Most farmers know if they have hybrids, which will still produce seed, but maybe variable plants. A big, uniform root vegetable with a healthy bit of taproot that is sleeping in a local grower's basket is full of sugar, vigor and life. Plant them about 2 feet apart in a square or circle, add a few stakes, and watch nature work. Six of any root crop should yield good seed. Twenty or more are needed for genetic diversity, but that's a different subject.

Give it a try! Have fun, and learn seed-saving.

#### Growing Tomatoes in British Columbia Barbara Anderson

Thought you all might be interested in how a gardener in North Vancouver, BC, grows his tomatoes. The first picture was taken on May 25, 2016, and the second on June 17, 2016. His biggest complaint was that the tunnel/mini hoop was too low for the tomato growth. Looks like something I'd like to try for an early start. (photos taken from tomatoville.com)







Shirley Purcell accepting her "Cooperator Award" plaque at OSU. Well deserved, Shirley! Congratulations!

## Fred's Fav's



## **Treasurer's Report Patrice Sipos**

#### INCOME 01/01/2018 - 01/24/2018

Contributions \$25.00 Membership Dues \$1,160.00 Newsletter \$140.00 \$40.00 Soil Testing Grants Paid 2017 \$450.00 TOTAL INCOME \$1,815.00 EXPENSES 01/01/2018 - 01/24/2018

Victory Garden \$80.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$80.00

#### Breakdown of our accounts as of 01/24/2018

**NWCC - Checking** \$2,676.84 NWCC - Member Account \$100.07 **NWCC - Savings** \$33,060.80 Ending Balance 01/24/2018 \$35,837.71

One of Fred Alley's gorgeous Amaryllis plants.



#### Plant Clinic Data 2017

#### **Contacts**

Month	Call- in	Walk- in	Email	Totals	
January	17	9	2	28	
February	13	37	3	53	
March	24	22	1	47	
April	33	39		72	
May	76	54 3		133	
June	39	92	2	133	
July	54	40	6	100	
August	35	63	2	100	
Sept.	38	30	2	70	
October	27	21		48	
November	6	8		14	
December	2	3	1	6	
Totals	364	418	22	804	

#### **Plant Clinic**

#### **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 will begin training our newest volunteers from the class of 2018 starting on Monday, February 5th. We are lucky to have a great training team this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Larry Sutton, Chris Rusch, and Karolyn Riecks.

During the months of February and March the Plant Clinic calendar will be devoted to training. Veterans can begin signing up to volunteer at the clinic again in April, after all the students have completed their initial 2 sessions of training. Mentors and new students need to sign up for their training now.

The Plant Clinic statistics for 2017 showed a total of 803 visitors - fewer than we had last year - but still an incredible effort by all of our volunteers. Thank you to everyone who continue to be a part of our outreach objectives. I have attached the data at the bottom of this report if you are interested in looking at the details.

We had 28 visitors in the Plant Clinic in January. This is more than last year at this time.

The clinic will be open in February officially on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-4. During the rest of the week we will be devoting our efforts towards the training of the new class. 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.

#### Question categories

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Disease		3	3	13	19	37	13	18	6	3	1	1	117
Insects	5	8	13	16	20	29	32	26	14	10	1		174
Pesticides			1	1	3	2	2	3	1	1			14
Lawn		1	1	1	6		2	3	6	1	1		22
Orchard	8	5	4	3	12	10	6	3	5	5	1	1	63
Plant ID		13	4	10	18	19	11	9	4	2		2	92
Wildlife		1	1	1	7	2	1	3	2				18
House plants	1		3								2	1	7
Gardening	8	10	3	10	21	15	5	7	15	8	3		105

#### **Top 5 Most Cited References:**

- 1. Extension Search website
- 2. Sustainable Gardening Handbook
- 3. PNW Disease Management Handbook
- 4. PNW Insect Management Handbook
- 5. Steve Renquist/MG Knowledge

## **Scenes from Winter Training Class**













Photos: Kish Doyle



The Class of 2018 jumped right into learning all they can through lectures in our new, remodeled auditorium and out at the greenhouses, getting some hands-on experience in propagation.

They also were introduced to our Discovery Garden - thanks to the many garden heads who shared their enthusiasm and expertise.







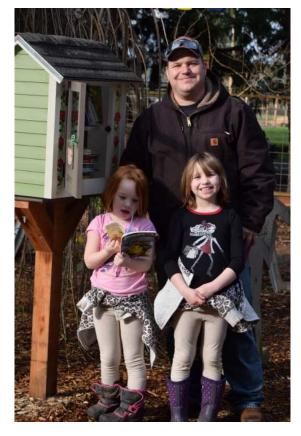




Kay Livermore has some eager beaver narcissus that have insisted on blooming in **November** in her yard three out of the last four years! I guess they just didn't want to wait til February like most of their "normal" cousins. Bet Kay is grateful for the touch of Spring she enjoys during the dark days of winter.

Fred Alley
happened to
catch new
student,
Brooke
Taylor, with
his girls,
Tami and
Isabella,
enjoying our
Little Free
Library in the
Discovery
Garden.

Spring Into



## **Gardening Seminars**

The annual "Spring into Gardening 2018" Workshops offer the opportunity for you to enjoy a single day to take up to 4 classes designed especially for the home and specialty gardener plus classes covering topics on food preservation and food storage. All 4 classes for \$25.00, total! Pick one class from each Session.

Session 1: 9:00am to 10:30am

- How to Build Great Garden Soil
- Water Wise Plants and Xeriscaping
- Fermenting Foods

**Session 2**: 10:30am to 12:00pm

- Vegetable Gardening
- Growing Berry Crops
- Home Wine Making

**Lunch break** – Bring your Own: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

**Session 3**: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

- Mistakes to Avoid in Your Gardens
- Container Gardening
- Basic Vegetable Preservation

**Session 4**: 2:30pm to 4:00pm

- Tool Time for Gardeners
- Gardening Ideas in Low Rainfall Years
- Home Beer Brewing

**Location:** Umpqua Community College in Bonnie Ford Health, Nursing and Science Center (HNSC)

**Check in time:** 8:30 am. **Class times:** 9:00am to 4:00pm

Pre-registration with payment required (cash, check, or credit card). Deadline: 11:59pm, Thursday, February 22, 2018. Class sizes are limited by room size, so first come, first served. Online registration will soon be available. Check the Douglas County OSU Extension Service webpage and "Upcoming Events":

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/

CORVALLIS, Ore. – For MASON BEES, the wait for their first meal is a long one, nine months if it's a day.

There's no TV, no smartphone, not even a book to while away the time as these solitary bees hang out in their tight cocoons waiting for the cool temperatures of early spring to break them out of lethargy, to convene at the floral banquet waiting for them among the branches of fruit trees.

And because honeybees and other pollinators haven't made an appearance yet, there's more sweetness for the native mason bees.

"Mason bees fill a spot in the season when other pollinators like honeybees are not out," said Brooke Edmunds, a horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service. "They're really important for fruit trees, especially in cool, wet areas."

After emerging in March, the small, bluish bees start foraging for food for the next generation and combing for suitable nesting sites.

"They're solitary, non-aggressive bees, so they're very different from honeybees; they don't form hives," said Edmunds, author of the OSU Extension publication Nurturing Mason Bees in Your Backyard in Western Oregon.

Instead, mason bees, most commonly the native blue orchard mason bee (*Osmia lignaria*), look for cracks and crevices that fit their need for small spaces where they crawl in and lay eggs. They might find the appropriate spots in wood bored by other insects, siding on buildings or nesting blocks filled with tubes containing cocoons.

As a way of introducing new mason bee populations to their yards, gardeners can purchase tubes of cocoons containing adult bees – and should do so soon. Keep them in the refrigerator until late February or early March. Then insert cocoons in homemade or purchased nesting houses and hang out in the yard, preferably in morning sun under an eave so that it's sheltered from rain and wind.

You can get elaborate and remove the cocoons each fall, clean them of frass and mites, store them in the refrigerator over winter and reinsert them in the tubes in

spring. Or choose the easy way; hang the tubes and wait for the bees to find them and lay their eggs. Or you can buy new cocoons each year. Instructions for each method are included in Edmunds' guide.

By far the mason bee's preferred food comes from early-blooming fruit trees like apples, pears, plums and cherries. So, plant one or two to attract them to your garden to pollinate other plants. If you've got a small lot, choose columnar or dwarf cultivars.

Though not as dear to the bee's palate, other plants qualify to attract them. Look to crabapples, flowering currant, elderberry, huckleberry, forsythia, Pieris and Oregon grape. They'll head straight for dandelion, Edmunds said, which are in good supply in spring.

Since mason bees travel only short distances, about 200-300 feet, their favorite plants need to be planted near nesting spots or away they'll go. You'll also need to provide small patches of clay mud, something in abundance in the Willamette Valley. But if you've covered your soil with mulch, it's a good idea to push away a little bit to create a mud pool for them. If the soil dries out, give it a misting. Alternately, put a tray out and fill it with moist clay soil.

The female mason bees use the clay soil to wall up their eggs, which are deposited in the tubes or crevices with nectar and pollen they've rolled into little balls, Edmunds explained. They'll continue to alternate wall, food, egg and wall until they come to the end of the tube or crevice and then wall it up for the next nine months. The eggs develop into small larva that spin cocoons where the adults form. Come spring when temperatures rise to 50 to 60 degrees, the adults break through the cocoon, chew through the clay and fly out to start the process all over again.

In their short three-month life, these single-minded bees do an important job for gardeners. Most significantly they efficiently pollinate prized fruit trees, giving a markedly increased yield. But consider a more altruistic reason, Edmunds said. Mason bees, like other beneficial insects, help diversify the garden, leading to a healthier backyard ecosystem, healthier humans and a healthier planet.

Author: Kym Pokorny Source: Brooke Edmunds

# OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER MEETING

January 25, 2018

**Call-To-Order:** President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 10:05. Fifty-six members attended.

**Agenda:** Approved as presented.

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

#### **Agent Report - Steve Renquist:**

Steve thanked all those who helped with the Tuesday class Concurrent Sessions.

The following classes and events are on the calendar:

- 2/01/18 Tree pruning at the Tribal Gardens near Canyonville from 1-4 PM. Take I-5 South to Exit 101 to access the garden. Steve sent out an email on 2/18/18 with driving instructions.
- 2/07/18 Weed Day at the Douglas County Fairgrounds from 8-4. Core session will be from 8-12, general education from 1-4. Information at extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas. The cost is \$15 and the event counts for continuing education hours.
- 2/09/18 Pruning in the Discovery Garden (large trees) 1-4 PM.
- 2/19/18 Pruning in the Discovery Garden (Entry Garden roses and shrubs) 1-4 PM.
- 2/24/18 Spring Into Gardening at the UCC Betty Ford Health Science Building from 8:30 to 4:00. The cost is \$25.00. A meeting for volunteers will be held at 10 AM in the Extension Conference Room on 2/16/18. Sign-up sheets will be at the Tuesday class and in the Plant Clinic. Details at extension.oregonstate.edu/ douglas.

- 3/01/18 Greatest of the Grape, Seven Feathers Casino, Canyonville. Evening event information online at umpquavalleywineries.org/ news-events.
- 3/08/18 Pruning in the Discovery Garden (Ornamental Garden) 1-4 PM.
- 3/27/18 Pruning in the Discovery Garden (Japanese Garden) 9-11 AM.

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Membership - Diana Circle:** 189 registered members. Members not renewing by 01/31/18 will not be on the new 2018 roster (02/01/18).

#### **OMGA Representative - Nancy Fuller:**

- Nancy received the following reports from OMGA: 2018 Meeting Dates, List of Officers & Appointed Positions, & a Short Survey; Statewide Program Leaders Report, 1st Quarter OMGA Executive Committee & Board of Directors Meetings; NICH (National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture) Accomplishments & 2018 Meeting Plans. The reports are posted on the bulletin board in the Plant Clinic.
- Nancy reported the International Conference did not make the hoped for \$40,000, but was close to breaking even.
- The next OMGA quarterly meeting is March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Marion County.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Beevent Pollinator Conference, Linn County Expo Center. More information at www.linnmastergardener.com.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter OMGA meeting will be held at the Sutherlin Community Center. As hosts, we will provide a potluck lunch on Saturday. Signup sheets will be in the Plant Clinic.

**Treasurer – Patrice Sipos:** Year-end reports have been sent to OMGA. The transfer of the financial reports to QuickBooks is complete and copies available at the meeting. Monthly financials will now have a P & L Statement, Budget, and Cashflow. Patrice indicated that

there are four uncashed checks from 2017. Please cash or, if over 6 months old, return so she can issue a new check. The credit union will not accept a check over 6 months old.

**Vice President – Anne Bacon:** Anne thanked Barbara Hamby, Hospitality Co-Chair, for the coffee and donuts.

- Summer meetings are held at members' homes, and Anne encouraged members to consider hosting a summer meeting.
- The February Continuing Education will be presented by the Douglas County Beekeepers.
- The March Continuing Education will be presented by Stephen Reustle, Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards.
- Contact Anne if you have ideas for future continuing education programs

Past President - Judy Huntley: Nothing to report

Secretary – Sharon Bordeaux: Nothing to report

#### President - Chris Rusch:

- Please send updated job descriptions to Sharon or Chris as soon as possible. They will be reviewed at the February Executive Meeting.
- Members are encouraged to review the chapter by-laws and contact Chris with any suggested changes.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Community Outreach – Jude Stensland:**

 1/24/18: Contacted by Mary Brown, phone number: 541–496–0142, regarding rejuvenation of aging fruit trees. Called Steve Renquist and he recommended taking them out, as rejuvenating aging fruit trees generally requires chainsaws and ladders and not a good fit for Master Gardeners. I called her about this and she seemed somewhat relieved about the decision.

- 1/24/18 Michael Towles, a biology teacher in Riddle, wants help with botany class, seeding and seed choice, and planning of raised beds. Irrigation systems to check. Chris Rusch will do the botany. Call out to other volunteers to see who wants to help. Will make a drive out there the first Thursday of February to see what it looks like.
  - 1/24/18 Chrisette with Westside Garden wants a pruning class. Planned for 2/17/18, 10 AM.

#### Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:

- There have been 25 contacts in January.
- 2017 year-end data shows 804 contacts (calls, emails, walk-ins), down +/-100. The number of walk-ins is up. Steve indicated that Ask The Expert online inquiries is up by 20%, indicating a shift from calls to email inquiries. The three top inquiry subjects: Disease, insects, and general gardening questions.
- Beginning in February, the Plant Clinic will be open 4 days a week (M,W,TH,F). Sign-ups for February and March will be for new students only. Beginning in April, the Plant Clinic will be open 5 days a week and all members can sign up to work.

#### Westside Greenhouse – Barbara Robinson:

- The Westside Greenhouse crew has been providing classes for the new students. Barbara thanked all members who have volunteered time to teach and help with the classes.
- 14 weeks to the Plant Sale (May 5<sup>th</sup>). Sign-up sheets will be at the Tuesday class and in the Plant Clinic.
- A new heater has been installed in the main greenhouse.
- Workdays are Mondays, 9-11.
- This is Barbara's last year as Plant Sale Chair and she is looking for a replacement to work

with her this year and take over next year.

Black T-Shirts and Aprons will be on sale soon...
more information to come.

#### Awards - Betty Ison:

- Betty Ison reported on those receiving swingerbars for DCMG hours worked. The list is impressive and extensive. See the Newsletter for a complete listing.
- 2017 hours not reported by 1/31/18 will not be accepted for recording.
- Chris congratulated the membership for all the volunteer hours.

#### Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:

- The 2018 MG class shows great enthusiasm and participation. There were 11 students and 4 veterens at the first workday in the Discovery Garden.
- The next workday is Wednesday, 1/31/18 from 9-12. Work will focus on the Shade Garden, Hedgerow, and Japanese Garden.
- The Butterfly Garden has been divided in 11 sections. Ten of the new gardens have been adopted: Kathy Hart, picnic table circle & sedum hill; Jan Kirchner, sign circle; Gwen Graham, rudebekkia; Kay Livermore, shade pieris; Fred Alley, asters; Janet Bitter, sedums; Barbara Zastrow, butterfly house; Robin Hendry, coreopsis; Jerry Gentile, day lilies; Doralee Hayden, anemones. The Canna/Milkweed garden needs a Garden Head.
- At 8:30 AM on Sunday, 1/28/18, John will be taking down more trees. He would like assistance and anyone helping is welcome to take home firewood.
- Yellow Barn update The trench is scheduled to be dug and the concrete removed.
- Judy Mercer has decorative rock to give away.
- Professional photographers are standing in the gardens. Please remind them to stay on the

path.

- The new entry education sign is in development, a "poop station" and bike rack ordered.
- Active MG's can take chips for personal use.

**Publicity/Facebook – Barbara Horst:** Barbara welcomed new members. There are 902 followers on Facebook. Barbara contacts the newspaper when hours change at the Plant Clinic.

**Newsletter – Bonnie Courter**: Please have your articles in by Saturday, 1/27/18.

Winter Program – Denise Fennell: Chris reported that Denise Fennell is in California caring for her mother and Linda Brunanchon will be filling in until her return.

**Trash to Treasure – Ann Severson:** Chris reported for Ann that Trash to Treasures, March 10, sign-up sheets are in the Plant Clinic. Many volunteers are needed for this fundraiser.

**Hallmark – Linda Thames:** Linda is out of town. Chris noted that Linda makes all the cards she sends.

#### **SHOW AND TELL**

Kay Livermore asked members if they could save baby food jars for her. She is using them to make butterfly feeders for the Butterfly Garden.

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by President. Chris Rusch at 11:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Bordeaux, Secretary



## **Douglas County Master Gardeners**

Newsletter: The deadline for the March 2018 Newsletter is February 26th. 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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