



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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April 2018 Calendar

Mon., Apr. 2, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Apr. 3, 9:00-Noon

East/West Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Victory Garden Crew

Tues., Apr. 10, 9:00-Noon

East/West Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Victory Garden Crew

Wed., Apr. 11, 10:00-11:30

Executive Board Meeting

Mon., Apr. 16, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Apr. 17, 9:00-Noon

East/West Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Victory Garden Crew

Tues., Apr. 24, 9:00-Noon

East/West Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Victory Garden Crew

Thurs., Apr. 26, 9:00-10:00

Continuing Education

Thurs., Apr. 26, 10:00-11:30

Chapter Meeting

Thurs., Apr. 26, Noon-3:00

Plant Pre-Sale for MG's, HLC

Sun., Apr. 29, Noon-3:00

Plant Pre-Sale for MG's, HLC

Fri., May 4

Set-up for Plant Expo, Fairgrounds

Sat., May 5

Plant & Garden Expo



Photo: Kish Doyle

The President's Post

Chris Rusch

Greetings Everyone,

As we burst into spring amidst the rain, wind and sometimes sun, we are all making preparations in our gardens for the coming summer. The same is true for our Discovery Garden, Victory Garden and Greenhouses. Our DCMG's veterans and new members have been really busy this month! Thank you!!

32 new students graduated from our Sustainable Gardening Winter Training Class March 13th. They are now learning about all the programs and projects DGMG's are involved in. Thanks so much to Denise Fennell and her team for making this another successful Winter Training. Thank you to all the mentors who continue to volunteer and help with our new class of volunteers.

Our Trash to Treasure fundraiser was a great success. So many volunteers helped with the set-up, operations and take down. Also all the wonderful contributions from our membership made for a fantastic turn-out! Thanks so much to Ann Severson and all the hard-working volunteers that helped to make this another successful Trash to Treasure!

Preparations are being made for the May 5th Plant Sale. Barbara Robinson is heading up this event with the help of many volunteers. We will once again be at the Fairgrounds. Please mark your calendars and share with friends. The Plant Sale group is so ORGANIZED and it should be a great sale of a huge variety of plants. Jen Bailey has assured us many vendors will be returning, and more spaces are going to be available. Barbara is looking for someone to take on the leadership of this important fundraiser in 2019. Please consider volunteering!

The Discovery Garden, Greenhouses and the Victory Garden are all popular places to work on Tuesday mornings from 9-12. These are terrific opportunities for our new volunteers to attain their "pay-back" hour commitment. In addition, it is a great opportunity for veterans to get acquainted with our new volunteers and show them our diversity of work options.



The Plant Clinic is also in need of volunteers - both veterans and trainees are needed. It helps us spread the word about all the things we are doing and promotes community awareness.

We are in search of a volunteer to provide the leadership needed to staff the Umpqua Valley Farmers Market outreach table. If you are interested, please contact me or Barbara Anderson.

I am looking for volunteers to serve on our Nominating Committee

coming up in April. This is a one time commitment. You obligation is to come up with a slate of qualified officers willing to serve our

organization from August 2018 to 2019. If you have an interest in serving on the committee, please send me an email at: crusch@hughes.net.

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>

OMGA Report Nancy Fuller

The 2018 first quarter OMGA meeting took place in Salem (Marion County) on March 2nd and 3rd. The topic for the Leadership forum on Friday was Junior Master Gardener (JMG) programs. The presenters were Jim Liskey (Marion County MG) and Kelly Noack (Marion County 4H/JMG).

These JMG programs are based on 4H's Experiential Learning Model and the Master Gardener education program. To begin a JMG program, an adult leader who's passed a background check and a minimum of five children are needed. The youngest children would be in grades 3-5 and the oldest high school age. Jim and Kelly explained that the program costs, on average, \$35 per child, and community business partners can help fund the program. Leaders do not have to be MG's or 4H staff. More information about the JMG program can be found on its website: <http://www.jmgkids.us>

Jim and Kelly led the discussion and hands-on learning activities for the afternoon. They emphasized that these JMG programs can be fun for the adult leaders as well as the children. We OMGA representatives were substitutes for JMG students and did have fun with the hands-on activities.

Jim and Kelly will be sending the power point used for the forum to the OMGA representatives. Douglas County did receive a Level 1 handbook as a sample to bring to the chapter.

Saturday's Board of Directors meeting began with the election of Eric Bosler (Central Gorge) as President-Elect. Eric will be developing the Leadership forum topics during his term.

President Sue Nesbitt (Yamhill County) announced that all counties will receive printed copies of the PNW handbooks. The online version is too large to download to e-readers or tablets as many counties wished to do.

Sue also announced that the Master Gardener visors that did not sell at IMGC last year were available for free to the chapters. Douglas County received one box and will be giving them to our new trainees when they graduate.

The OMGA Conflict of Interest Policy was reviewed. This policy was last reviewed in 2009.

The new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between OMGA and OSU was reviewed and discussed. The Executive Board had already revised and reviewed the MOA with OSU over the past 18 months. The Executive Board had already voted to approve the MOA and then brought it to the Board of Directors for final approval. The approval vote was unanimous. This MOA will be posted on the OMGA website.

There are new criteria for the Extension Educator grant. These will be posted on the OMGA website. All grant requests are due by May 15th. Also due May 15th are the nominations for County and State Master Gardener of the Year and the County and State Behind the Scenes awards.

This summer's Growing Gardeners conference (formerly known as Mini College) will be held July 12-14 at Linfield College. Ann Geyer (Lincoln County) and Jeanine Johnson (Central Oregon) are the co-chairs for this event. Ann presented the preliminary schedule of classes that will be offered. Housing will be available on campus for \$35/night per person per room or \$55/night per person per apartment. Registration will open as soon as all the sessions have been confirmed. Gail Langellotto will give the keynote address.

Ann and Jeanine are recruiting assistance for the many jobs that need to be filled in order to have a successful training program. The position descriptions will be posted in our plant clinic. Please contact Ann (anngeyer@gmail.com) or Jeanine (jkjohnson@bendbradband.com) or the Co-chair public email (growinggardeners@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. "Save the Date" cards are in the plant clinic.

The Saturday session ended with Sue seeking volunteers to develop projects that were chosen during the OMGA retreat in December 2017. The projects are: a new Vision Statement for OMGA; updating the OMGA representatives' Handbook; an OMGA Road Show (a program to take to all counties).

The second quarter meetings will be held in Douglas County, June 1-2. The Leadership forum on that Friday

will be taking place at our Discovery Garden. The topic will be "Success in Staffing and Managing Projects". President-Elect Eric plans to present this as a panel discussion. We will need chapter members' assistance as we get closer to June to plan for hosting this event.



An Appeal for Little Free Library

Our children's lending library is in need of more donations. More books seem to be going out than coming in!

If you have children's books to donate, there is a drop-off box located in the Plant Clinic where you can leave them, or I am happy to come pick up books if someone wants to call me: [\(281-682-9113\)](tel:(281-682-9113) or email me: kahart2452@aol.com.

Thank you! Kathy Hart

Trash to Treasure Sale

Ann Severson



I would like to thank all the Master Gardeners who took time from their busy schedules to help make Trash to Treasures not only a success but Fun. We made \$3600.00. Not bad. The weather was very kind to us. Started raining as we left the building.

We were able to arrange the room different this year giving better accessibility and organization. There were many comments on the new design. Special thanks to Mrs. Larry Sutton, as she helped with the room design.

Thanks to all of you who donated your treasures, and then bought more.

I am truly humbled and honored to work with the best group of people ever.
You make my heart smile.

PS. Start saving for next year.

Ann Severson
Trash to Treasures
[541-817-4983](tel:541-817-4983)



Barbara & Patrice go over the "Square" while Elva helps a customer.



Les & Barbara set aside treasures for customers



Ann gets in some publicity with KPIC TV reporter

2018 Bylaws and Policies Review

Jen Bailey, Policies Coordinator

The following two amendments to the Policies and Procedures Manual will be voted on by the membership at April's Chapter Meeting:

1. Prevent the Treasurer from serving more than three years in a row.

Amend Article IV (Elections), Section 4 (Term) as follows:

Current Language:

Section 4. Term. The term of office shall be one year for officers. An officer may be re-elected without limitation unless the number of terms is otherwise limited by the Chapter. Term of office shall begin upon installation at the end of the August business meeting.

Proposed Language:

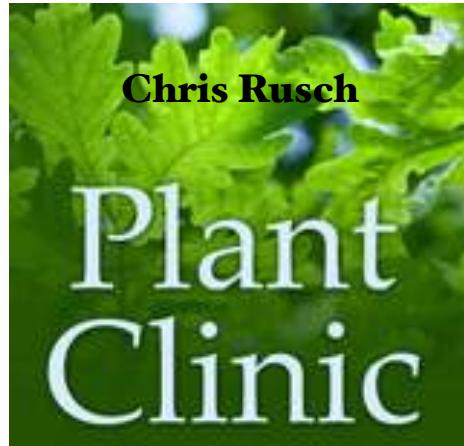
Section 4. Term. The term of office shall be one year for officers. An officer may be re-elected without limitation, apart from the Treasurer, who may not serve more than three terms in a row. Term of office shall begin upon installation at the end of the August Chapter meeting.

(Note from Jen: Removed the phrase as "limitation unless the number of terms is otherwise limited by the Chapter", because it is redundant. It is left over from the OMGA bylaws, which state, "A board member may be re-elected without limitation unless the number of terms he or she may serve is otherwise limited by his or her chapter." I also fixed some inconsistent terminology in reference to the Chapter meetings, throughout the bylaws.)

2. Move the deadline for submitting time cards to January 10th.

Amend the "Volunteer Hours Recording" policy as follows:

Members are responsible for verifying that their volunteer hours are recorded accurately. The hours are reported on the website and in the binders at the Plant Clinic. Any corrections must be made before January 10th for the prior year. Changes to earlier years are not possible.



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 2018 in February and March. Most of our trainees have completed their mandatory 2 days of training. We are lucky to have a great training team again this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Larry Sutton, Chris Rusch, and Karolyn Riecks.

During the month of April the Plant Clinic calendar will be devoted to training our new volunteers, but veterans can begin signing up to volunteer too! 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 to sign up. The Plant Clinic is where we give service as part of our Master Gardener obligation to our community. The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County. And it's lots of FUN!!

We had 60 visitors in the Plant Clinic in March. This is more than last year at this time.

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

All Things Plant Sale!

Important Plant Sale Details - Cliff Notes Version Barbara Robinson

Greenhouse crews are working multiple days each week readying the “merchandise” to produce the quality product our loyal customers have come to expect. Faithful Master Gardeners work year-round in the greenhouses. Especially important at this point is making sure all the plants are weed-free, manicured, soil-freshened, and looking their best to present at our sale. Seedlings are being nurtured, repotted, and fussed over. Pricing and labeling of each plant/pack is the final touch. Please join us on Tuesdays or other workdays, as scheduled by Westside and Eastside Greenhouses, from 9 to noon. Watch your email for weekly updates on days crews will be working. We are an equal opportunity employer and on the job training is provided!

Now onto some important details for the sale itself:

- **TIME:** Workers need to be at the Fairgrounds Exhibit Building at 8 a.m. on both Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th UNLESS otherwise directed by your committee chairperson. It is especially important to be prompt on Saturday. Vendor pre-sales in our area begin at 8:30 a.m. and you will also be gathering with your group for direction from your committee chair.
- **POTLUCK:** We will be having potluck lunch beginning at 11:30 on both Friday and Saturday. Workers will be released in shifts. Please do not leave the floor without first checking with your chairperson. We will not be having breakfast potluck. If you plan to eat lunch with us, please bring a potluck dish to share and wear your MG badge. When you arrive at the Fairgrounds, please deliver your dish to the kitchen into the hands of a worker who will in turn have you fill out an ingredient card. This will help those with allergies. No need to bring a serving spoon or eating utensils as they are provided.

- **PARKING:** Do not park in front of the building except to drop off food items, supplies, etc. Be brief. Vendors will need the space to unload. Please park in the lot across the street, unless you are handicapped.
- **ATTIRE/PURSES:** Wear your Master Gardener apparel or apron if you have purchased one. Ladies, there is no secure location to leave your purse. Leave them in the locked trunk of your vehicle. Keys, cell phones, wallets, etc. fit nicely into your apron pockets.
- **WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE.** If you forget, go home and get it. **You cannot work without it.**
- **DUES:** **Veterans, your dues must be paid to work.** Class of 2018, your dues have been paid.
- **PURCHASES:** Master Gardeners are not allowed to shop/purchase in our area until after 2 p.m. Take advantage of our MG Pre-Sales the week before Plant Sale.
- **UCAN DONATIONS:** We are once again partnering with UCAN to collect food items. There will be a collection bin in front of the building. There is NOT an admission discount to the public for bringing an item.

We are looking forward to yet another successful sale. This is a fun, rewarding event. Be prepared to have a great time while working with a wonderful group of volunteers!





FABULOUS PRIZES!

We will once again conduct our garden-themed Hat Contest at our Plant and Garden Expo on May 5th. Let your imagination go wild and design your one-of-a-kind creation.

We will be awarding two prizes to the top two contestants, as chosen by their Master Gardener peers at the sale. The public loves our hats and we love the sense of camaraderie and good-natured competition it brings to the group. Put your thinking caps on and start creating!

Worker Bees Needed!! No Experience Necessary! Plant & Garden Expo May 5th, Setup May 4th Barbara Robinson

Wow! Only a month away and we will be hauling inventory across town in preparation for our main fund raiser of the year. We need you, whether it is for an hour, half day, full day, or any time you can spare!

With the cancellation of our February meeting due to weather, we were not able to put our sign-up sheets out as early. As a direct result, we are definitely lagging in signups and still have many jobs to fill. Sign-up clipboards have been removed from the Plant Clinic and sent onto the appropriate committee chair for them to organize their group.

The following is a list of volunteer opportunities still available. Please consider signing up by contacting the chairperson listed.

- **Clean Up** – Janet Parkerson @ 541-600-6586: Need a couple more people to keep area tidy during the sale - i.e., messes swept up from floor and tables.
- **Fairground Coordination** – Elva Sellens @ 541-672-7352: Could use another strong person to help set up tables Friday morning.
- **Fairground Customer Service** – Anne Bacon @ 541-670-8365: Need another 5 or 6 people to work the floor the day of the sale, assisting customers.
- **Food Management** – Barbara Hamby @ 559-355-4199: Desperately need more workers on Saturday, the day of sale. Have enough for Friday.
- **Hall/Vendor Floor Space Set Up** - Jen Bailey @ 541-391-2130: Need one more person to work with a team from 7:30 to about 10 a.m. on Friday.
- **Security & Traffic Control** – Dave Hopkins @ 541-459-1782: Need a couple more assertive, but tactful people to work on day of sale.
- **Holding Area** – Karen Glatz @ 541-378-7854: Need 5-6 more workers to work the morning shift on Saturday, assisting customers with checking in flats and plants and retrieving held merchandise.
- **Loading/Unloading at Greenhouses** – Carol Bolt @ 541-817-6353: Need at least 6 more people to load inventory on Friday morning into transport vehicles going to Fairgrounds.
- **Transportation** – Richard Johnstone @ 541-391-4256: Need several more covered pickups and trailers to transport inventory to fairgrounds on Friday and back on Saturday.

If you are unable to reach any of the above people or have questions, please feel free to email me at barbararob@gmail.com.

Don't forget to save appropriate size boxes for customer use at our sale. Costco has great shallow, flat boxes! Boxes can be delivered to the Westside greenhouse on Tuesday mornings or placed in the closet next to the outside pot storage area in the gold shed.

Many, many thanks go out to all of you who have already signed up to work the sale. The chairperson for the area you chose will be contacting you in the near future to touch bases, give any direction necessary, and answer any questions you may have.

Treasurer's Report

Patrice Sipos

INCOME 02/21/2018 - 03/26/2018

Contributions	\$55.00
Membership Dues	\$60.00
Soil Testing	\$220.00
Tee Shirt Sales	\$437.00
Trash-to-Treasure	<u>\$3,630.48</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,402.48

EXPENSES 02/21/2018 - 03/26/2018

OMGA Travel	\$181.00
Hospitality	\$80.44
Postage	\$12.00
Soil Testing	\$270.01
Discovery Garden	\$589.96
HLC Expense	\$456.89
Plant Sale-Exhibit Fees	\$1,688.00
Trash-to-Treasure	\$70.94
Propane Eastside	\$165.73
Overhead - Electricity	<u>\$475.70</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,990.67

Breakdown of our accounts at 03/26/2018

NWCC - Checking	\$4,265.45
NWCC - Member Account	\$1,100.07
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$28,060.80</u>
Ending Balance 03/26/2018	\$33,426.32

WANTED - RAFFLE DONATIONS !!!

We are in need of items provided by chapter members for the Raffle tables at the **Plant Sale May 5th**.

In the past, members have given books, tools, plants, kneeling pads, artwork, chocolates, pet items, a basket of goodies. As you can see, we have had a variety of items donated.

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

Fred's Fav's



Working Hard at the Discovery Garden

Photos: Fred Alley, Barbara Robinson, Bonnie Courter, & Kish Doyle



(Above & Far Right): Rose pruning workshop
(Below): Fixing the fence



(Above): Filling in tree hole
(Below): “Burn, Baby, Burn”



(Below Left): Steve Renquist showing how it's done
(Below Right) :Steve Hart contemplates shed roof



(Below): Collage of worker bees by Fred Alley



Vice-President's Report

Anne Bacon



Steve and Steve

I hope you all enjoyed the presentation on cloning wine varieties made by Steve Reustle from Reustle Prayer Rock Vineyards at our March CEU/ Chapter Meeting. I was fascinated to learn about the different types of soils we have in our area and about the age and origins of some of the varieties.

In April our CEU will be presented by Roseburg herbalist Gabby Allen. She will share her knowledge of medicinal herbs.

Coming up in May Phil the Bee Guy from Oregon State Beekeepers Association will be talking about bees. Hopefully the weather will be conducive to having a live bee box for the presentation.

In June we will have the first of our "al fresco" Chapter Meetings. Summer meetings will be potluck lunches held at the homes of DCMG members. Dave and Sharon Hopkins have volunteered to host the June meeting at their home in the far east part of Sutherlin.

I have a few locations to scout for the July and August meetings but they are not finalized. So, LAST CALL FOR SUMMER MEETING HOSTS!

Call me to get your garden on the list.
Anne Bacon ([\(541\) 670-8365](tel:(541)670-8365)).

OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER MEETING

March 29, 2018

Call-To-Order: President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 10:25. Thirty-three members attended.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

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

Agent Report - Steve Renquist:

- Steve reported the structure of the leadership will be changing with the reduction of OSU Extension Regions from 10 to 6. Douglas County joins Lake, Klamath, Josephine, & Jackson Counties as one district. The Regional Director will oversee the district while the day-to-day operations will be handled by the County Leader.
- Steve continues to work with the office staff to define who needs to fill out the OSU forms when volunteering for MG events.
- Bonnie Courier and Kish Doyle have volunteered to be the Winter Program leaders.
- Steve indicated that he and Tracy Pope, Horticulturist for the City of Roseburg, will join forces to present an Arbor Day event on the last Friday in April. It will be held in the OSU Extension Auditorium at a time to be determined. Speakers will be Alicia Jones, Forestry and Natural Resources, OSU Extension, who will talk on trees in an urban setting, Steve will speak on trees in production, and Tracy will speak on the importance of landscapes in cities.
- Steve made a passionate plea for someone to step up and chair the Plant Sale as Barbara is retiring this year.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Diana Circle: In Diana's absence, Chris and Betty Ison gave a report on membership: 217 renewals and 28 new class members for a total of 245.

OMGA Representative – Nancy Fuller: In Nancy's absence, Chris reported on Nancy and Patrice's attendance at the OMDA meeting in Salem. There was a power point presentation on the Junior Master Gardener program. The program is designed for children grades 3 through high school and is based on the 4-H Youth Development Program. Patrice passed the Junior Master Gardener Handbook around. At the Executive Board Meeting, there was interest in ordering the book. Ordering information: JMG Junior Master Gardener Handbook (A 4-H Youth Development Program), agrilifebookstore.org, 888-900-2577. At jgmkids.us/curriculum you can order teachers and leaders guides for the program. There are guides available for grade school and middle school aged children. Jude indicated she would like to see the book as it sounds like a perfect fit with her kids programs.

Treasurer – Patrice Sipos: Chris reported for Patrice. There were no significant changes to the financial report and copies are available to anyone wishing to review them.

Vice President – Anne Bacon:

- The Continuing Education topic for April will be medicinal herbs. In May the presentation will be by the Douglas County Beekeepers.
- The June, July and August meetings are held at member's homes. There are no Continuing Education speakers and the meeting is followed by a potluck provided by members. Anne asked for volunteers. Sharon Hopkins volunteered to host the June Meeting and Ron Owan volunteered to host the July meeting.

Secretary – Sharon Bordeaux: Nothing to report

President – Chris Rusch:

- Chris reported that a MG member used the MG Roster to solicit personal business. Chris called the member and reminded the member that it is against policy to use names on the roster for

personal business. Barbara Robinson suggested a note be put on the roster regarding usage.

- Chris asked the membership to think about applying for a Search For Excellence grant. The SFE grant is designed to recognize outstanding group projects. Chris suggested the Children's Garden and the Victory Garden as examples. Guidelines and applications can be found at <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/mgcoordinators/2018/03/15/master-gardener-awards-season>. Applications are due May 15th.
- A Veteran and Trainee are needed each Saturday for the Umpqua Valley Farmers Market.
- Chris thanked Ann Severson for an outstanding Trash to Treasures sale. This year the sale made \$3,600.
- Chris thanked Denise Fennell for another great winter program. She may have a replacement for her position.
- MG has purchased a Doggie Way Station for the DG. It will be installed, along with a bike rack, when the new Garden Etiquette Sign is installed.
- It is time to appoint a nominating committee. Please contact Chris if you would like to serve on the nominating committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Outreach – Jude Stensland:

- In February met with Michael Towles, science teacher in Riddle, to look at their raised bed and irrigation system.
- In February met with Winston Master Gardener Paulette Roberts regarding an after school program.
- On February 17th conducted a pruning clinic at the West Side Community Garden.
- On March 17, Elva Sellens conducted a class on Dahlias at the Josephine County Master Gardeners' Seeds of Spring Seminar in Grants

Pass.

- Karolyn Riecks and Jackie Carpenter will be conducting a workshop on Garden Seeding on March 31, 2018 at the Westside Community Garden.
- April 12th the Garden Club will be touring the DG.
- Residents of Linus Oaks have invited the Master Gardeners to do a Gardening Q & A with the residents. Jude is looking for a volunteer person/team to answer questions.
- Jude announced that her partner, Lloyd, passed away on March 17th. She will be reaching out for help with the Community Outreach program.

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch:

- Chris announced that there were 70 contacts in March compared to 49 in March last year.
- Chris brought the Plant Clinic calendar – there are lots of opportunities to volunteer in the clinic. Please sign up!

Westside Greenhouse – Barbara Robinson: The Westside Greenhouse continues to plant seeds and cleanup of existing plants in anticipation of the plant sale. Please volunteer on Tuesdays and on additional days per Tasha's email requests.

Awards – Betty Ison: Nothing to report

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:

- Dave Clark is leading the yellow shed project.
- All rooms have lights and motion lights will be added to the perimeter for safety.
- There is a storage cabinet available. If someone is looking for storage space, please contact Julie.
- Once the restoration is complete, the shed will have locks matching the green shed for convenience.

- Umpqua Basin water has been turned on.
- The river water will be turned on Mid-May or June. The river pump must be cleaned to remove river silt.
- The new Butterfly gardens look great.
- Mark Schmoll is the new Japanese Garden head. Many MG's turned out for the Japanese Garden pruning session.
- Mark is also helping Jeanie Owen with the Easy Access Garden.
- In May we will be mulching the entry garden. Look for an invitation to help with that.
- Julie encouraged MG's to work in the greenhouses until the Plant Sale is over.

Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: If possible, please have your articles in by Saturday, March 31st as Sunday is Easter.

Plant Sale – Barbara Robinson:

- Barbara indicated the need for many more volunteers for the Plant Sale. The clipboards are at the back of the room today and will be in the Plant Clinic after the meeting. Please sign up.
- Barbara is still looking for a Plant Sale chairperson for next year. The program is our main source of income so we need to be sure it continues. Please consider volunteering.
- The two Plant Sale Pre-sales will be from 12 to 3 pm on April 26th and April 29th.
- Flyers are available to post at businesses in the community. Be sure to ask before posting.
- Banners will be going up and yard signs will be available.

Black Apparel Order – Barbara Robinson: The order delivery date is April 12th. Items can be picked up at the Plant Clinic.

Hallmark – Linda Thames: Linda sent cards to: Jon Thran (his wife, Janet, passed away), John Punches letting him know how much we will miss him, Jude Stensland (her partner Lloyd passed away).

NEW BUSINESS:

At the Executive Board Meeting the Board approved changes to the Policy and Procedures and By-Laws as follows:

- **Policy and Procedures:** Volunteer Hours Recording. Changes are now due by January 10th for changes to the previous year.
- **By-Laws:** Article IV, Section 4, Term of the By-Laws was changed to limit the term of the Treasurer to 3 years.

Other Changes:

- Officer Job Descriptions: President, Secretary.
- Committee Heads: Discovery Garden, Library, Plant Clinic, Policies Coordinator (New), Soil Testing (New), New Class Representative (Inactive).
- Policy & Procedures: Introduction, OMGA “Growing Gardeners” Conference Scholarships.

Changes can be viewed by going to the Master Gardener website: douglascountymg.org / For Master Gardeners / Documents and Forms / Policies and Procedures / By-Laws.

SHOW AND TELL

- Sharon Hopkins received the following email:

“Hi Douglas County MG,

I first want to thank your group for the wonderful hospitality you showed us at the MG International Conference last year. It was the highlight of the trip. In the Children's Garden, I saw a caterpillar constructed of rebar/trellis cut up and shade cloth. Could you put me in contact with the person(s) that constructed this? I have a few questions (company where purchased shade cloth and how they made the eyes) that I would like to ask as I am in charge of a butterfly house at our county fair and would like to incorporate something similar.

Thank you,
*Carolyn Murphy, MG, Johnson County Master Gardener
Iowa City, Iowa, Iowa State Extension
candmmurphy@aol.com 319-541-7079"*

Sharon called Carolyn and they spoke for an hour and a half. Carolyn had high praise for our gardens.

- Bob Brindley gave an update on the infestation of the Japanese Beetle (bright green backs). He found 15 on his property (only two alive). Hundreds of traps have been placed in Oakland and Sutherlin. A 10-year program to control/eradicate the population begins with spraying in April/May. This beetle may have been imported from Arkansas.

Bob announced that he would be selling his Ollas (pronounced “oy-yahs”) for \$5.00 at the Plant Sale.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by President Chris Rusch at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Bordeaux, Secretary



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: The deadline for the May 2018 Newsletter is April 28th. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courier: rbcourter@gmail.com

Website: www.douglascountymg.org

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

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