



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

# Newsletter



## May 2018 Calendar

Tues., May 1, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Fri., May 4, 8:00-5:00?

Setup for Plant Expo, Fairgrounds

Sat., May 5, 9:00-4:00

**Plant & Garden Expo**

Mon., May 7, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., May 8, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., May 9, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

Sun., May 13

**Mother's Day**

Tues., May 15, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Mon., May 21, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., May 22, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Tues., May 29, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., May 31, 9:00-10:00

Continuing Education, Annex

Thurs., May 31, 10:00

Chapter Meeting, Annex

Fri., June 1, 1:00-4:00

Hosting OMGA Leadership Forum at

Discovery Garden

Sat., June 2, 10:00-4:00

OMGA Quarterly Meeting.,

Sutherlin Community Center

## The President's Post

Chris Rusch

Greetings Everyone,

The DCMG's have been really busy this month. 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 in on 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. To all of the volunteers that worked tirelessly for the past year preparing for this big event, we say THANK YOU!!



Photo: B. Robinson

We were reminded at our Chapter meeting April 26 of several vacancies upcoming on our Executive Board. The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to serve in these important positions. If you are interested, please contact Nominating Committee members Ruth Stafford, Ann Severson, Bruce Gravens or Julie Stanbery.

Our Douglas County MG chapter will host the Oregon Master Gardeners' quarterly meeting June 1 and 2nd. The June 1 meeting will be at the Discovery Garden Pavilion from 1-4. The discussions will be centered on Demonstration Gardens. There may even be some wine tasting involved! The next day's meeting will be at the Sutherlin Community Center from 10-4. Our DCMG Chapter will provide the pot-luck lunch. Look for sign-ups at the Plant Clinic. Our members are invited to attend both days.

At our Chapter meeting Steve told us about 2018 Webinars available for Master Gardeners. An important part of being a Master Gardener is staying current on the latest horticultural science. The webinars will focus on IPM and each topic is

presented by OSU experts. Each webinar in the series is approved for 1 hour of continuing education and can be viewed at your home. See Steve for details.

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.

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.

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>

Happy Spring!

## Vice-President’s Report

Anne Bacon

I really enjoyed Gabby Allen’s presentation on medicinal herbs and hope you did too. I will be adding calendula to my garden soon and have a new appreciation for lavender.

Phil the Bee Guy from Oregon State Beekeepers Association will be talking about bees at our May CEU class.



Our June meeting will be in the garden of Dave and Sharon Hopkins. Remember, our summer meetings will be potluck lunches. Everybody brings a dish to share, a chair, their own utensils, and water.

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.

## Westside Greenhouse Report

Barbara Robinson



The Westside Greenhouse has been feverishly working to get everything ready for the Plant and Garden Expo, as well as the Master Gardener pre-sales.

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Special thanks go out to Tasha King and Betty Ison who are doing a huge amount of behind the scenes work, and to our veterans who have stepped up to guide and run crews. We can’t forget our winter and spring watering crew, including Carol Bolt, Tasha King, Kathy Hart and Barbara Robinson.

Stay tuned for the results of a successful Plant and Garden Expo!



**Marathon finish line rapidly approaching....**  
Barbara Robinson



As you read this, the countdown to our Plant and Garden Expo on May 5th 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 at Fairgrounds 8 a.m. sharp Friday AND Saturday unless your committee chair has designated otherwise.

Wear your name tag. You CANNOT work without it. Put it in your car now.

We will have lunch potlucks both Friday and Saturday. Please bring a potluck item for each day you are working.

Remember our garden-themed hat contest. Put your imagination to work to win one of two prizes!

Wear your biggest smile AND comfortable shoes!

If you have not signed up for a committee, simply show up and we will assign you to the job of your dreams!

Bring food donations for UCAN to benefit the less fortunate in our community.

Questions? Contact your committee chair or Barbara at [barbararob@gmail.com](mailto:barbararob@gmail.com).

Lastly, thanks to everyone for your hard work and dedication. See you at the Fairgrounds!

# WANTED!

**LOOKING FOR**

**Raffle Items for  
Plant Expo!**

**Contact**

**Rosemary Brinkley**

**541-673-8814**

**[mikeandrb@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandrb@gmail.com)**

## Fred's Fav's



# John's next ADVENTURE...

After working in the Douglas County OSU Extension office for 24 years, it is time for his next chapter to begin!

Please join us in celebrating and appreciating John Punches' hard work and dedication to our Extension office and community.

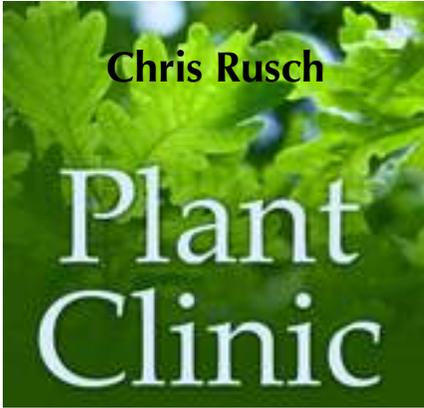
**Friday, June 22, 2018**  
**OSU Extension Auditorium**  
**1134 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg**  
**4 – 6pm**  
**Refreshments served**

RSVP by calling 541-672-4461

Come share your stories  
and friendship!



**John Punches, Botany** will never be the same without you! You will be sorely missed.



The Plant Clinic was really busy in April. We had 75 visitors in the Plant Clinic in April. This is more than last year this time. Many insect, weed ID, and garden questions came in to

challenge our volunteers. The Plant Clinic training program is a great opportunity for our new members to put their knowledge of Sustainable Gardening to work. Our trainees are always so enjoyable to get to know, and it is fun to introduce them to our Plant Clinic. We are lucky to have a great training team with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Karolyn Riecks, Larry Sutton, and Chris Rusch. A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!

The Plant Clinic will be open Monday through Friday in May through September. We will be devoting our efforts to training the new class. 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 encourage each of you to pick just one afternoon each month, give the office a call and sign up. We are also in need of a few veterans will to be on the list of substitutes to work in the Plant Clinic when veterans are not available. If you can serve as an alternate please let me know.

The Plant Clinic is where we give service as part of our Master Gardener obligation to our community. And it's lots of FUN!!

## Treasurer's Report Patrice Sipos

### INCOME 03/27/2018 - 04/25/2018

Membership Dues	\$40.00
Bank Interest	\$7.01
Soil Testing	\$290.00
Tee Shirt Sales	-\$414.00
Plant Sale Booth Sales	<u>\$2,710.40</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,633.41</b>

### EXPENSES 03/27/2018 - 04/25/2018

OMGA Dues	\$1,526.00
Management & general	\$45.55
Plant Clinic	\$8.75
Discovery Garden	\$580.38
HLC Expense	\$176.72
Plant Sale	\$2,043.41
Trash to Treasure	\$0.40
Water - Pitchford	\$62.06
Propane Eastside	\$387.19
Propane Westside	\$231.24
Overhead - Electricity	<u>\$650.58</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,712.28</b>

### Breakdown of our accounts at 04/25/2018

NWCC - Checking	\$3,194.10
NWCC - Member Account	\$1,100.16
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$26,074.18</u>
<b>Ending Balance 04/25/2018</b>	<b>\$30,368.44</b>



Shared by Barbara Robinson

# Oregon Master Gardener™ Association's Growing Gardeners Conference

July 12th - 14th, 2018

at Linfield College in McMinnville

Fun, friendship and fellowship plus fabulous  
classes await you this year at the OMGA's  
Growing Gardeners Conference.

(formerly OMGA Mini-College)

Remember that this annual conference is open to all MG's  
and individuals interested in a variety of educational,  
horticultural and gardening topics, including advanced  
classes for recertification. Careful consideration and  
thought has been given to the selection of interesting and  
experienced speakers for the Friday and Saturday classes,  
workshops and educational tours.

Check out the OMGA website for detailed information:

[www.omga.org](http://www.omga.org)

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GROWING GARDENERS 2018

Work on the “Yellow Shed” progresses nicely thanks to our hardworking work crew!

**Thanks, Guys!**



Photos: B. Robinson

**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER  
CHAPTER MEETING  
April 26, 2018**

**Call-To-Order:** President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 10:15. Forty-one members attended.

**Agenda:** Approved as presented.

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



**Agent's Report -  
Steve Renquist**

- The city "mini Arbor Day" celebration will be held on April 27, from 12 – 1 PM
- Steve received a handout from Gail Langellotto regarding Advanced Webinar Training for Master Gardeners.
- Steve gave statistics from the Extension Master Gardener Report, compiled in 2017 from 2016 data

and just released. The data is from 43 reporting states: Extension Master Gardeners, 90,871; training hours, 704,509; continuing education hours, 1,018,092; volunteer hours, 5,829,034.

- Survey at Farmer's Markets in Portland Metro area, Salem, and Eugene found that 80% of the shoppers are looking for Organically Grown produce and 68% thought that if the produce is organically grown it is pesticide free. The younger demographic (30 and under) think that organic pesticide means no pesticides. Discussion followed and it was agreed that this is an opportunity to have community training on organic pesticides followed up by an article in the newspaper. The tentative date is Saturday, May 12 at the Westside Community Gardens at 11 AM with Steve following up with an article in the paper.

- Gail Langellotto continues to work on the issue of "The Forms." For now there are 3 forms that will need to be completed by MG's every year.
- Work is scheduled to begin on Helleck Hall this summer for the foster care program with completion in the fall.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Membership** - Diana Circle: 220 renewed plus 28 graduates for a total of 248.

**OMGA Representative** – Nancy Fuller

- The grant application deadlines are fast approaching. This is an opportunity to receive funds for special projects.
- Sign-up for Growing Gardeners (G-2, formerly Mini-college) Educational Conference will begin on May 1. Information and a schedule of events can be viewed at [omga.org/growing-gardeners-formerly-mini-college/](http://omga.org/growing-gardeners-formerly-mini-college/)
- Nancy will be sending out an email regarding volunteer sign-ups to help with the OMGA quarterly meeting June 1-2.

**Treasurer** – Patrice Sipos: There were no significant changes to the financial report and copies are available to anyone wishing to review them. Patrice indicated she updated the Cash Flow to make it easier to read.

**Vice President** – Anne Bacon

- The May presentation will be by the Douglas County Beekeepers. The June, July and August meetings will be at member's homes with no continuing education speaker and a potluck provided by members following the meeting. Sharon and Dave Hopkins volunteered to host the June meeting. It was suggested that we invite John Panches to join us that day.

**President** – Chris Rusch

- Chris encouraged members to apply for available grants, especially the Karl Carlson Memorial Fund grant.
- The nominating committee members are Ruth Stafford, Bruce Gravens, Ann Severson, and Julie Stanbery. If anyone is interested in volunteering for a

position on the Executive Board, please contact someone on the nominating committee.

- \$100 scholarships are available for MG members wishing to attend the Growing Gardeners (G-2, formerly Mini-college) Educational Conference in McMinnville, Oregon July 12-14.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Community Outreach – Jude Stensland

April 11, Headstart did a Discovery Garden tour at 1:30 PM with Leo Grass presiding.

April 12, Sutherlin Garden Club DG tour, 6 people attending.

April 17, Garden tour for Headstart (in the rain) with about 20 kids attending.

May 10, Linus Oaks will tour the gardens at 1 PM. Volunteers welcome.

### Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch

- The most recent Advanced Webinar Training was held on April 12, 2018 with specialists from the National Pesticides Information Center (NPIC) presenting a webinar that discussed topics including protecting pollinators from pesticides, comparing organic and conventional pesticides, how to minimize exposures to pesticides, and how individual risk perception influences behavior. Questions could be submitted and answered during the webinar. The webinar can be viewed on YouTube. These 1-hour webinars count for recertification.
- Chris announced that there were 76 contacts in April, up from 66 the previous year.
- Volunteers are needed to serve as alternates to work in the clinic when veterans are not available. Chris also reminded everyone there are lots of opportunities to volunteer in the clinic. Please sign up!
- Chris reported that Andrew Taylor will be the coordinator for the Farmers Market with Aaron Larsen helping. Larry Sutton has volunteered to help once a month.

**Westside Greenhouse** - Barbara Robinson: In Barbara's absence, Patrice read a report from Barbara:

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thank everyone who has joined this effort, including those who have generously offered up their backs and knees to weed the ground around the greenhouses. We still have a ways to go but a big dent has been made! Special thanks go out to Tasha King and Betty Ison who are doing a huge amount of behind the scenes work, and to our veterans who have stepped up



to guide and run crews. We can't forget our winter and spring watering crew, including Carol Bolt, Tasha King, Kathy Hart and Barbara Robinson. Stay tuned for the results of a successful Plant and Garden Expo!"

**Eastside Greenhouse** – Ann Severson: Ann thanked all those who helped prepare for the plant sale. Come to the pre-sale today (4/26) or the 29th. The sale is for Master Gardeners only.

**Awards** – Betty Ison: Nothing to report

**Awards Banquet** – Judith Huntley: The Awards Banquet is scheduled for October 6th.

**Discovery Garden** – Julie Stanbery

On May 8 the river water will be turned on. All garden heads should plan to be there to check their sprinklers to be sure they are working or let us know if they need some attention.

Work on the yellow shed is progressing.

**Publicity** - Barbara Horst: The power ad for the Plant Expo will begin running each day starting April 28 for 7 days in the News-Review. We also have a radio ad on



B r o o k e Communications radio stations for the week. Facebook has over 900 followers.

**Newsletter** – Bonnie Courter: Articles are due by Saturday, April 28. She also brought Plant Expo yard signs for members to put up on Sunday. Signs should be returned to the Plant Clinic after the sale.

**Plant Sale** – Barbara Robinson: In Barbara’s absence, Betty Ison gave Barbara’s list of “Things to Remember”:

- Arrive at 8 AM or time designated by your chairperson
- 8:30 AM on Saturday the vendors are allowed to shop
- 11:30 Friday and Saturday the potluck starts – Not before 11:30. Please go in shifts so your area is covered during lunches.
- Parking – not in front of the building please (This means you, Sharon Bordeaux)
- Attire – Master Gardener Shirts, Hats, Aprons, and NAME TAGS.
- There is no secure place for purses – think about leaving them home or in the car.
- Non-Master Gardener workers must sign a release form. Jen Bailey is making badges.
- Master Gardener dues must be paid to work.
- Shopping time for Master Gardeners begins at 2:30 PM.
- UCAN is collecting food donations. There is no ticket discount for donated food.
- Remember the Master Gardener Hat contest. Enter your creation and win a prize.

**Hallmark** – Linda Thames

A reception for John Punches will be held on June 22, 2018 from 4 – 6 PM. Come share your favorite

memories and stories and wish him well as he moves to his new position in beautiful Wallowa County. Save the date and plan to attend.

Prints Charming fixed our damaged sign at the Fairgrounds for free. Thank you, Prints Charming!

**NEW BUSINESS**

Vote for changes to DCMG By-laws and Policies and Procedures: Julie Stanbery moved and Betty Ison seconded that the changes to the By-laws and the Policies and Procedures be approved as posted. The motion passed unanimously.

Jude reminded us that the Douglas County Fair is August 7-11. The theme for our table needs to be submitted by May 1. One suggestion was Xeriscape Gardens. If you have any suggestions, contact Jude ([jude999s@gmail.com](mailto:jude999s@gmail.com) or 541-430-2080). We will be downsizing the use of the trees (4 of the 14 will be used) this year.

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by President Chris Rusch at 11:25 PM.



Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Bordeaux, Secretary

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**Newsletter:** The deadline for the June 2018 Newsletter is June 2nd. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: [rbcourter@gmail.com](mailto:rbcourter@gmail.com)

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**OSU Master Gardeners Program:** [www.extension.oregonstate.edu/mg](http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu/mg)

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