



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

# Newsletter



## July 2018 Calendar

Mon., July 2, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., July 3, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., July 4

Happy Independence Day!!!

Tues., July 10, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., July 11, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

July 12-14, G2 Conference

Linfield College, McMinnville

Mon., July 16, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., July 17, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., July 18, 10:00-Noon

Diagnostics Class @ Follett's, 1210

Fisher Rd., Roseburg

Thurs., July 19, 6:00-8:00

Beer Tasting, Discovery Garden

Tues., July 24, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., July 26, 10:00-Noon

Chapter Meeting/Potluck @ Kay

Livermore's, 135 Indian Point Ln.,

Glide

Tues., July 31, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Sat., Oct. 6, 5:30PM

Annual Awards Banquet



Photo: Kish Doyle

## The President's Post

Chris Rusch

Summertime has arrived!! One of the things I love about gardening is the change of seasons. There is always something new to enjoy, like the bright zucchini flowers saying "you will get your fill of squash soon" or beautiful summer marigolds showing their many colors! Summertime also means the beginning of our summer meetings and the terrific adventure of visiting new neighborhoods. I love these summer meetings! It gives us a great opportunity to visit our Master Gardener friends at their homes and view different forms of gardening. It allows us to visit with each other in a relaxing setting. I encourage all of you to come out and enjoy our summer meetings. Bring a spouse, friend and enjoy terrific food and friendships. A large part of the Master Gardener experience is the friendships we've made. This group has some of the most fun-loving, hardworking individuals I've had the pleasure of knowing.

Thank you to Dave and Sharon Hopkins for being such a gracious hosts for our June chapter meeting. The Hopkins' yard and garden were a lovely space for our June meeting that was followed by a delicious potluck.

At the meeting we discussed the upcoming 2018 Growing gardener's Conference to be held at Linfield College, July 12-14. The DCMG's are offering scholarships for the conference. If you are considering going and want a bit of financial help, please contact me.

The Douglas County Fair is just around the corner, August 8-11. If you are interested in helping in our outreach booth, please contact Diane Smith-Lewsadder and sign up for a shift. It's a great opportunity to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County. And it is lots of FUN!!

Julie reminded us that the Fair is a great time to show off our gardens' bounty to our neighbors and friends. Often, your flowers and vegetables or canning projects are popular entries and you can do your share in educating the rest of us what can be grown here in Douglas County. You can find more information by checking out the "Exhibitors Contest Handbook and Entry Information" on the Fairground's website.

We were all happy to have John PUNCHES attend the meeting so we could share our gratitude for his many years of support and advocacy for our program. We wish him well in his new job in LaGrande.

Don't forget to mulch your garden this month! The goal during the warm to hot summer months with mulch is to help provide even moisture and cooler soil for the plant's roots. Summer mulches can be left on and never removed since they will decay over the months while providing nutrients and improving the soil at the same time. It's often said that you can't get too much of a good thing. Most gardeners would tell you that is true of mulch, and you'd get an earful about the virtues of the stuff. It is one of the easiest and least expensive things you can do in the garden that provides a plethora of benefits. By simply adding a layer of mulch to your garden right now, you can moderate soil temperature, reduce water consumption, add nutrients to the soil, reduce erosion, encourage earthworm activity, reduce weeds, and improve the garden's appearance.

Have a Happy Fourth of July with your family and friends!

## **Vice-President's Report**

### **Anne Bacon**

First of all a HUGE thank you to Sharon and Dave Hopkins for graciously hosting our June chapter

meeting. You two really went the extra mile! The buffet tables looked amazing and the flowers were gorgeous. We really appreciate you allowing us to enjoy the beautiful weather in the park-like atmosphere of your home. I heard more than one person say they wanted to move in. During our meeting a brave little rufous hummingbird zoomed up to the executive board table to inspect the flower arrangement.

Our next meeting will be at Kay Livermore's home. Kay's address is **135 Indian Point Lane in Glide**. We'll be meeting at 10:00 am on Thursday, July 26th. Please bring a potluck dish to share, a chair, and your own table service. This will be a great way to relax and hang out with your fellow Master Gardeners.

### **Directions:**

From the Extension office go to NE Diamond Lake Blvd. (OR-138) and turn right (East)

Stay on OR-138 E for 16.0 miles

Turn right onto Little River Rd. and go 7.4 miles

Turn right onto Newbridge Rd. for 0.1 miles

Turn right onto Indian Point Lane

Kay's house will be on the right.

## **OMGA Quarterly Report**

**Nancy Fuller**

(Photos: Kish Doyle & Bonnie Courter)

The 2nd quarter OMGA Leadership meeting was held on June 1st in our Discovery Garden. We had perfect weather and great attendance by the county representatives.

The focus of the meeting was how we get members, both established and new, to work in our demonstration gardens, how we interact with the public and how we



get financing for our projects. The format was a panel discussion which included members from Douglas County and

Jackson County. Ideas will be summarized and sent to the membership.

After the meeting, members toured the garden. Many positive comments and compliments were expressed.

After the tour, Steve Renquist presented information about tasting and evaluating wine. Almost everyone had a taste (or more) of the various types of Umpqua Valley wine. All the wine was donated by DCMG members and Steve.



On Saturday, June 2nd, our chapter hosted the OMGA Board of Directors meeting at the Sutherlin Community Center. It was a great venue – we had plenty of space in the meeting room, the kitchen and for parking.



We had plentiful, delicious food served under the direction of Denise Fennell and Sharon

Bordeaux. Beautiful flower arrangements for the table were made and donated by Betty Ison, using flowers from her garden.

We celebrated Gail Langellotto's (State OMGA Coordinator) newly-awarded full professorship at OSU. Everyone enjoyed the delicious, beautifully decorated cake we had made for the occasion.



The meeting updated the representatives on current and future projects. Gail is proposing a standardization of payback hours for new trainees. Sixty hours would be the maximum required. Some chapters currently require seventy hours payback.

Gail also reported that the annual required forms for OSU can now be completed online; new trainees will receive badges with the new OSU logo and current members do not have to get these new badges. The Sustainable Gardening manual is still being reviewed. There is still a workgroup looking at how to make MG classes more accessible and affordable. The next International Master Gardener Conference will be held July 17-21, 2019 in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Sue Nesbitt, OMGA president, asked for volunteers to work on writing a mission statement for OMGA. She also asked for volunteers to work on revising the representatives' handbook and to look at making it online rather than a paper copy.



Sue also requested that all chapters give thought to sharing the responsibilities of planning and presenting the Growing Gardeners conferences (now G2, formerly Mini College) in the future. Her thoughts are that the chapters could be divided into regions and that the responsibilities could be rotated through the regions. Within the regions, one chapter may be arranging speakers, one could arrange the venue, another could arrange food, and another could arrange housing. With

this plan, no one chapter would be overburdened with planning and the G2 would move around the state.

This year's G2 will be held at Linfield College, McMinnville, July 12-14. Registration is open and is not restricted to MGs. The public is invited to attend. There will be publicity notices sent to the chapters so they can be published in local newspapers.

The 3rd quarter Leadership and Board of Directors meetings will be held in Benton County, September 14-15, 2018.

## Volunteer Hours Reporting

### Vicki McAlister

Time reporting can be a real chore but it is an important part of being a Master Gardener. Our chapter is evaluated at the state level in part based on how many volunteer hours we report. So all of the hard work we volunteers do is important, but it only is noticed higher up if it shows up on our time sheets! The other reason to report your time is to qualify for updated swinger bars for your name badge.

One of the confusing things about time reporting for both our newly minted Master Gardeners and our veterans is how to categorize your time on the timesheet. On the back of the forms (available in the Plant Clinic) there are brief definitions of what you should be reporting in each of the categories. You can also find this information and more on our website in the Volunteer Time Reporting section of the Documents and Forms page. An overview of using the timesheet is posted here also. There are reports of your posted time on the website and in the Plant Clinic so you can verify what I have posted. Generally, the reports on the website are a little more current.

There are two places you can submit your completed time sheets – the Plant Clinic and the Westside Greenhouse. I usually will pick up time sheets shortly before the Chapter meeting each month and post and update the web report within a couple of days.

#### ~ IMPORTANT NOTES ~

- Please put your name on your timesheet. There are currently two time sheets in the box at the clinic for

people who did not fill in their names! If you don't see your hours in the report, one of these time sheets might be yours!

- Please report in your time in hour or half-hour increments only.
- Make sure that you total your hours for each category as I will not post your time without totals.
- Do not put your total hours in the Recertification Continuing Education box at the bottom right on the form.
- If you are still not sure what category to enter your time under, you can ask a veteran, an officer, your mentor, or send an email to me ([Vicki.McAlister@csulb.edu](mailto:Vicki.McAlister@csulb.edu)). One of us will be able to help you.

## Treasurer's Report

### Patrice Sipos

#### INCOME 5/30/2018-6/27/2018

Donation	\$20.00
Bank Interest	\$12.81
Soil Testing	\$80.00
Compost Tea	\$260.00
Plant Post Sales	<u>\$226.75</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$599.56</b>

#### EXPENSES 5/30/2018-6/27/2018

Management & General	\$274.42
Clinic & Office	-\$120.00
Discovery garden	\$522.68
HLC Expense	\$195.34
Plant Sale	\$1,375.04
Capital/Overhead Expense	\$11,572.68
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$13,820.16</b>

#### Breakdown of our accounts at 06/27/2018

NWCC - Checking	\$2,920.97
NWCC - Member Account	\$1,100.34
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$42,592.81</u>
<b>Ending Balance 06/27/2018</b>	<b>\$46,614.12</b>

## Plant Clinic Chris Rusch



Giuli & Larry Sutton ham it up with Aaron Larsen at the Farmer's Market, Roseburg (Photo: Barbara Anderson)

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 that they learned in our Winter Training Program to work. 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 month of June we had over 130 visits to the clinic. We always have an interesting assortment of questions from our visitors.

We need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic as well as in our satellite booths at the Farmer's Markets in Roseburg and in Canyonville. 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. And it is lots of FUN!!

## Scribblings from the Little Free Library Journal by Kathy Hart

I was over checking on the book situation at the Little Free Library this morning. I keep a journal in there and we get some really nice entries from our DG visitors. People have such lovely things to say about the garden. They offer up words of gratitude to our group for their hard work and for making such a special place available for all. I thought it would be nice to share the best ones with our MG group. Here's one from last summer:



*"Our family enjoys these gardens so much. We feel that discovering the outdoors and God's beautiful creation through the hands of people who are gifted with a passion for gardening and children will have a lifelong impact. In these gardens we activate joyful family memories and we are ever grateful to our community for the provision of this delightful, creative place. We are so excited for the addition of the free library to encourage and inspire the desire to read, relax and breathe here. This place sets our community apart. Thank you!"*

*"the more you read, the more you know. The more you change, the more you grow". ~ Dr. Seuss*

## An “Adios” to John Punches

### Bonnie Courter

On June 22, Douglas County OSU Extension staff joined by Master Gardeners, Master Food Preservers, friends and family met at the auditorium to say “good-bye” to John Punches who is leaving for his new gig in LaGrande, Oregon. John has been such a “rock” to the Extension organization. Thank you for all you did for Extension here. We will all sorely miss you, John!



MG's presented John with two books: “Douglas County Chronicles” and “Land of Umpqua”



will be coordinating the next class - two of us trying to fill the large, extraordinary shoes of the talented Denise Fennell who has stepped down.

Mentors are one of the most important factors in our continuing success of seeing our new students thrive and develop into enthusiastic Master Gardeners. Being a mentor is so rewarding too. Not only do you get to review all the wealth of knowledge you were taught about Sustainable Gardening, but you will make new friends and rewarding connections as well.

Class of 2018, please consider becoming a mentor to two new students next year. You will have first priority should you want to sign up.

Speaking of signing up, there is a clipboard in the Plant Clinic where you can sign up to be a mentor. You may also email or call me directly and I will add you to the list. We will need at least 15 full-time mentors and about the same number of alternates (substitutes). If a full-time commitment isn't possible, sign up as an alternate to fill in for mentors who need to be absent certain days. Or you can also team up with a friend and be co-mentors, sharing responsibilities between yourselves.

You can email me at [rbcourter@gmail.com](mailto:rbcourter@gmail.com), or call me at 541-672-3071, cell: 541-391-2890.

Any questions, please let me know. Let's make 2019 the best class yet! Thank you.

### Fred's Fav's



## You Are Wanted - And NEEDED!

by Bonnie Courter



Even though our successful 2018 Winter Training Class seems to have just ended, it's time to start thinking of volunteering to be a **MENTOR** for the 2019 winter class. Kish Doyle and I

## OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CHAPTER MEETING

June 28, 2018

(Photos: Kish Doyle & Fred Alley)

**Call-To-Order:** President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 10:10. She thanked Sharon and Dave Hopkins for hosting the meeting. Sharon and Dave welcomed the thirty-two members and gave a brief history of their home.

**Agenda:** Approved as presented.

**Minutes:** The May Chapter Meeting minutes were approved as published online. The June Executive Board minutes were approved as published online.

### Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:

The June diagnostic class at Stewart park was attended by 10 students. The class focused on identifying trees. The next diagnostic class will be July 18, at the Follett property on Fisher Road. The focus will be on ornamentals. The August diagnostic class will be on the 15th with the focus on fruit crops. Additional information will be forthcoming.



Steve has 2018 badge stickers available.



Steve thanked John Panches for being a strong advocate for the Master Gardener program and for all he has done for the Discovery

Garden. Steve asked John Panches to say a few words:

John gave kudos to all the committed volunteers with the Master Gardener program. He said the new Area

Manager, Willy Riggs, is a strong supporter of the Master Gardener program. John expressed his desire to one day return to Roseburg. John agreed to teach Botany to the 2019 Master Gardener class.



### OFFICER REPORTS

#### Membership - Diana Circle:

In Diana's absence, Chris noted that one member left. Betty Ison indicated another member is renewing her membership. Membership remains at 248.

#### OMGA Representative – Nancy Fuller:

The OMGA Leadership Forum on Friday, June 1, at the Discovery Garden went very well. Those attending were impressed with the garden, and enjoyed the wine tasting and snacks that followed.

The OMGA Board of Directors quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 2, at the Sutherlin Community Center also went very well. Those attending enjoyed the morning coffee and rolls and the potluck lunch provided by DCMG's.

#### Meeting highlights:

- Forms can now be filled out online
- Maximum payback hours for all MG chapter members is now 60 hours.
- New badges with the new logo are now available – you do not have to replace your old badges.
- The goal is to make the MG program more affordable and accessible.
- Sue Nesbitt is forming a committee to update our mission statement.
- Currently G-2 has one chairperson – the goal is to have all regions participate in putting G-2 together .
- The next International MG Conference will be in Valley Forge, PA July 12-14, 2019.

The minutes from the meetings will appear in the June newsletter.

**Treasurer – Patrice Sipos:** The financials are available to review. There are no changes.

**Vice President – Anne Bacon:**

Anne thanked Vicki Barrett for delivering the tables and chairs. She also thanked Sharon and Dave for hosting the meeting. The July meeting will be hosted by Kay Livermore and the August meeting by Barbara Horst.

The G-2 raffle items have been purchased. There will be 5 baskets and 2 stand-alone items. Betty Ison offered to help assemble the baskets.

**President – Chris Rusch:**

Chris thanked John Panches for coming.

Diane Smith is in charge of the Fair. There are still opportunities to volunteer. Contact Diane [diane@smithpoint.net](mailto:diane@smithpoint.net) to sign up.

Sign-up for the G-2 (Growing Gardeners) Conference at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon July 12-14. Online registration can be found online at <https://omga.org/growing-gardeners-formerly-mini-college/>.

\$100 scholarships are available for MG members wishing to attend the G-2 Conference. Please email your request to Chris.

Chris thanked Steve for the Diagnostics class at Stewart Park. These classes count for recertification.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Nominating Committee – Julie Stanbery, Anne Bacon, Bruce Gravens and Ruth Stafford**

Slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee:

President	Nancy Fuller
Past President	Chris Rusch
Vice President	Vicki Barrett
Secretary	Sharon Bordeaux
Treasurer	Toni Rudolph
Membership	Kay Livermore
OMGA Rep	Rosemary Brinkley
OMGA Rep Alternate	Kish Doyle

## Community Outreach – Jude Stensland:

- June 6 – Jude Stensland and Kish Doyle presented a talk at Timber RV Park (800 S. State Street, Sutherlin OR) on deer-proof plantings, container gardening, invasive plants. It was a large group (around 40) of very interested people. After the presentation, we walked around and did some problem-solving for the common areas.



- June 14, 11 am - Linus Oaks tour: Leo Grass conducted the tour with about 15 people and they had a good time. They picnicked after the tour.

## Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch:

There were over 130 contacts in June. Chris also reminded everyone there are many opportunities to volunteer in the clinic. Please sign up!

## Eastside Greenhouse-Ann Severson

Chris noted volunteers at the Eastside Greenhouse are making Hypertufa pots to be planted and sold at the Plant Sale next year.

**Awards – Betty Ison:** Debbie Finley earned her 60-hour swinger bar.

## Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:

After the panel discussion at the OMGA Leadership Forum, Julie came away feeling that DCMG has a top-of-the-line program that gives trainees lots of options.

Willy Riggs will be at the September meeting held in the Discovery Garden. He has some good ideas for us.

Julie receives many compliments on the DG from visitors.

The “Old Yellow Shed” has been cleaned out and there are free items located out front. Two canopies are



available for Farmers Market use – the Kruse Farm canopy and one in a duffle bag (condition unknown).



Julie has ordered “No Dumping” signs to discourage people from leaving old pots by the greenhouses and debris on the burn pile.

The River Forks Show-n-Shine auto

show will be on July 7 from 9AM to 4PM.

Julie thanked John Punches for all that he has done for the MG’s and the Discovery Garden. In his honor, the “New Brown Barn” will be renamed “Punches Place.”

#### **Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford:**

To date, the VG has donated 275 pounds of produce to UCAN. MG home gardeners have donated 8 pounds of produce.

Everyone is welcome to come and help in the VG on Tuesdays.

#### **Publicity/Facebook/Canyonville Farmers Market - Barbara Horst:**

Nothing to report on Publicity/Facebook  
The Canyonville Farmers Market is every other Wednesday morning. It is an opportunity to volunteer for 5 hours. Barbara submitted a request for a canopy, table and weights (for canopy legs). Barbara will look at the canopies available and perhaps revise her request.

**Newsletter – Bonnie Courter:** Please submit articles for the Newsletter by Saturday evening.

#### **Winter Program – Kish Doyle/Bonnie Courter**

The 2019 program will begin January 8.

We will need 15 mentors and 10-15 alternates. We will be sending out an email to members with all the information on mentoring.

John Punches has agreed to teach the Botany classes.

#### **Hallmark – Linda Thames:**

- Sent a thank you to Cooper Ridge Winery for donating wine to the OMGA meeting
- Sent a card to Coleen Keedah congratulating her on her promotion
- Sent a card to Ann Sedlacek

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Patrice Sipos requested funds to purchase a refurbished HP EliteBook Folio 9470m laptop computer for the MG Treasurer. The MG financials and reports would be on this computer. Currently each new treasurer has to download the information on their personal computer. Computer cost: \$348.00. The request also includes the purchase of QuickBooks Premier Edition 2018 & 3 User Licenses (includes Nonprofit Edition). Ann would like to purchase one of the licenses. Total Cost \$125.00 less 1/3 = \$83.34. Total Cost: \$431.34 plus Shipping.

Kish Doyle made a motion that we authorize \$450.00 for the purchase of the HP Computer and the QuickBooks program for use by the MG Treasurer. Sharon Hopkins Seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the members.

#### **SHOW AND TELL**

Julie encouraged everyone to think about entering items in the Fair

Bob Brindley updated everyone on the Japanese Beetle. They have placed 200 traps in a radius of one mile from the original sighting. He brought informational brochures on the beetle to the meeting.

There is an upcoming 3-day Lavender Farm tour.

**Meeting Adjournment:** President Chris Rusch adjourned the meeting at 11:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Bordeaux, Secretary

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