



Feb. 2019 Calendar

Mon., Feb. 4

Westside Greenhouse Crews, 9-12
Insect Committee, 10-12

Tues., Feb. 5., 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Feb. 7, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crews

Mon., Feb. 11, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crews

Tues., Feb. 12, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Wed., Feb. 13, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

Thurs., Feb. 14, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Fri., Feb. 15, 1:00-4:00

**Pruning Shade/Flowering Trees,
Discovery Garden**

Mon., Feb. 18

Westside Greenhouse Crews, 9-12
Insect Committee, 10-12

Tues., Feb. 19, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Feb. 21, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crews

Mon., Feb. 25, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crews

Mon., Feb. 25, 1:00-4:00

Pruning Roses/Hydrangeas, DG

Tues., Feb. 26, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Feb. 28

Continuing Education (9:00)

Chapter Meeting (10:00)

Sat., March 9, 9:00-3:00

Trash to Treasure Sale

The President's Post

Nancy Fuller



We had a great turnout for our first continuing education session this past week. After hearing Bruce Gravens describe how to build a germination box and how to start seeds for tomatoes and peppers, I'm sure many of us have begun our own seeding. Since it hasn't been really cold outside, it's even more incentive to start digging in the soil and getting things going.

Many of our new trainees attended our first Chapter meeting for 2019. It was nice to see new faces in the audience. I hope to continue to see many of you at all our Chapter and Executive Board meetings.

We are about to begin the fourth week of our Winter Training program. Our trainees are enthusiastic and eager to participate. They have completed the propagation and plant identification sections and will be completing their seeding training in the next few weeks. Thank you to all the mentors who are giving their time and knowledge to our trainees.

Out in the greenhouses, work has begun to get plants ready for our annual sale in May. The work done by the core groups is greatly appreciated. Before we know it, we'll be getting ready to move all the healthy plants over to the Fairgrounds for sale.

Out in the Discovery Garden, clean-up is in progress, bulbs are being planted, and tiny shoots are popping up in many areas. Spring is coming!

Keep in mind that our first fundraiser of the year will be held in March. The Trash to Treasure event is a great way to help the chapter, make new friends, and get great bargains. Watch for more information in the coming Newsletters.

Vice-President's Report

Vicki Barrett

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you who Love Gardening. Our Continuing Education Presentation in January featured Bruce Gravens. He gave us an education in growing difficult-to-start seeds. Now, we should all be able to grow a much greater variety of tomatoes and peppers in our backyards.



Our program for February 28, 2019, will be a presentation by Mike Winters of Wintergreen Nursery, Landscaping and Florist in Winston. Mike has been in the nursery and landscaping business for over 40 years where he acquired skills and knowledge in just about every aspect of gardening. You may also know him from his work in our local government as County Commissioner as well as the Winston City Chamber of Commerce. He writes a weekly article for the "Beacon" and has his own local radio talk show program on KQEN called the Mike Winters Lawn & Garden Show on Wednesdays at 4:00 PM.



Most of us have some sort of problem with our lawns that we just haven't been able to figure out how to solve. Mr. Winters has the answers so I want you to come with your questions. He will talk to us about how to prepare your soil in order to establish a healthy lawn. Once the turf grass is growing, you need to know how to care for it. Watering, mowing, de-thatching and aeration are important steps in keeping a lawn healthy.

Choosing the type of grass to plant can be confusing. It is important to choose a turf grass that is suitable for your site's soil, light and drainage conditions. Of course, making sure your soil has proper nutrients is key to keeping it healthy. And keeping it free from weeds, insects and diseases is essential.

Our Continuing Education programs are free to all Master Gardeners as well as the general public. Come and bring a friend. Our presentations always start at 9:00 on the last Thursday of the month at the OSU Extension auditorium. Bring your questions and we will do our best to answer them.

New Hour Swinger Bars for 2019

Betty Ison, Awards Chairman

The following volunteers have earned new swinger bars for 2019. 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: Brian Bell-Irving, Jackie Burt, Damien Czar, Robin Hendry, Clarence Maxwell, Beth Vagness

200 HRS: Earnest Amabisca, Evelina Amparo, Tracey Berry, Linda Brunanchon, Carol Dalu, Lenore Drake, Garry Gerlach, Dave Grensky, Carolyn Ruzicka

500 HRS: Diana Circle, Barbara Hamby, Kay Livermore, Janet Parkerson, Mark Schmoll, Jude Stensland

750 HRS: Sharon Bordeaux, David Clark, Bill Fuller, Ray Warren

1000 HRS: Betty Bean, Bonnie Durick, Nancy Fuller, Kathy Hart, Steve Hart, Jan Kirchner, Jeanie Owen, Ann Severson, Patrice Sipos

1500 HRS: Kish Doyle, Bruce Gravens, Ruth Stafford

2000 HRS: Fred Alley, John Denny, Elva Sellens

2500 HRS: Bonnie Courter, Ken Hays, Linda Thames, Chris Rusch

3000 HRS: Anne Waddington

3500 HRS: Leo Grass

4500 HRS: Barbara Robinson

8500 HRS: Larry Sutton

9000 HRS: Gloria Amorde

9500 HRS: Tasha King

10,500 HRS: Julie Stanbery

17,000 HRS: Betty Ison

OMGA

Rosemary Brinkley

I received an e-mail from OMGA President Eric Bosler stating there will not be a Mini-College in 2019. The reasons were: 1) "commitment to the fall conference in Bend demanded a contract with a deadline of Dec. 31, 2018 which carried significant penalties if the conference was cancelled." 2) The lack of individuals who could commit to chairing a committee to lead the project.

OMGA still needs a 1st Vice-President. The responsibilities of the office are being redefined to make it more manageable. OMGA is also seeking to form a standing committee to take on Mini-College and transition 1st Vice-President into a more supervisory role.

Since there will not be a Mini-College this year, Master Gardeners can consider attending the MG International Conference in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania in June. Pre-conference tours start June 16-17, conference starts

June 18-20, and post-conference tours are June 21, 2019. Conference and hotel registration is open. You can learn more about the conference by going to www.internationalmastergardener.com.

The next OMGA leadership and board meeting will be March 1-2, at Marion County Extension Office in Salem.

Trash to Treasure Ann Severson



Trash to Treasure is the first fundraiser of the year...it's HUGE! We can't do it without the help, support and donations of fellow Master Gardeners.

To participate, you must have your dues paid along with the required OSU forms, and wear your name tag. Bring your lunch or snack with drink with a safe lid. Ladies, leave purses in cars as we have no place to put them that would be safe.

Your hours for this event would be put under "Fundraising" on your time sheet.

If you wish to purchase anything from the yard sale early, you must work at least 4 hours on Friday. We don't have a working till until Saturday, so you must bring cash or check.

Thursday is setup day of tables in the Annex. Only about 8 people will be needed for this. Time is from 1:00-3:00 PM.

Friday is donation day. There are two different shifts for this day. Sign up for the one that fits you: 8:30-12:30 and 12:30-4:30 or until we get done.

Volunteers will be needed as greeters, cashiers, helpers to total up goods, helpers to wrap and bag items, helpers to man the jewelry table, walk around and assist customers, help in the holding area, assist with large purchases to their cars, also to keep tables clean and organized, and box up and clean Annex when done.

We are looking for good, clean usable items - no junk. We take household items, gardening, tools/hardware, plumbing/electrical, crafts, electronics, books, collectibles, linens, toys, jewelry, dishes/glassware, furniture (clean), outdoors/camping, sports, pet items, purses, CD's and records, office and business supplies. We **DO NOT** take: clothing, shoes, plants, food, baby furniture, exercise equipment, holiday items, old TV sets and mattresses.

Sign up sheets will be available in the Plant Clinic and at the Winter Training Class. Thanks for volunteering!

Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

INCOME 01/01/2019 - 01/23/2019	
Contributions	\$10.00
Membership Dues	\$1,770.00
Newsletter	\$140.00
Soil Testing	\$100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,020.00
EXPENSES 01/01/2019 - 01/23/2019	
Management & General	\$256.16
Soil Testing	\$415.57
DC Fair Outreach Booth	\$58.81
Discovery Garden	\$17.02
HLC	\$1,263.93
Propane	\$535.23
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,546.72
Breakdown of our accounts at 01/23/2019	
NWCC - Checking	\$1,648.29
NWCC - Member Account	\$1,100.97
NWCC - Savings	\$27,654.31
Ending Balance 1/23/2019	\$30,403.57

Donation Programs

Nancy Fuller

We have enrolled the DCMG program in both Amazon Smiles and the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Thank you to Toni Rudolph for her work in getting these accounts set up.

Both these programs will allow our members to make financial donations to our chapter when shopping with either of these merchants. The amounts donated are not large, but every penny spent will earn our chapter some money. Both programs deposit the reward earnings directly into our bank account so we'll be able to track how much is earned by our members shopping with these merchants. Please consider signing up for these programs. The instructions follow.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program:

Visit <https://www.fredmeyer.com>. Once logged into your Fred Meyer account, you can search for Douglas County Master Gardener Association either by name or IR390 and then click "Enroll". New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.



*Customers must have a registered Fred Meyer rewards card account to link to your organization.

*If a member does not yet have a Fred Meyer rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Fred Meyer.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for our organization until after you register your rewards card.

Participants must swipe their registered Fred Meyer rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Fred Meyer rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Amazon Smiles program:

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to the charities selected by customers. You can generate donations for our



DCMG organization when you enroll. To enroll into the Smile program, use the unique charity address below.

Enter it into your browser and you'll be taken to smile.amazon.com and are automatically asked if you want to support Master Gardener Association.

Our unique charity address: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0064559>

Once you are enrolled, look for the "smile eligible" words on products you wish to buy.

Plant Clinic Chris Rusch

Welcome to the new class of Master Gardeners for 2019! This year's class is yet another group of curious gardeners eager to apply sustainable gardening knowledge in our community. We are now 4 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.

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 plants and 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 2019 starting on Monday, February 4th.

We are lucky to have a great training team this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Chris Rusch, and Karolyn Riecks. Ernie Amabisca, Barbara Horst and Jude Stensland are sharing our Thursday training position!! They will be an excellent addition to our Training Team. We had a meeting of all our trainers in December. We discussed the past year, made a few changes, and shared some great advice and stories. All of us are looking forward to our new 2019 class of volunteers!!

The clinic will be open in February officially on Mondays and Wednesdays 1-4. During the rest of the week we will be devoting our efforts towards the training of the new class. Veterans can begin signing up to volunteer at the clinic again in mid-March, after all the students have completed their initial training.

The Plant Clinic records show we had 16 visitors in December and so far 25 for January.

If you're in town, stop in and say hi to our new students.

Plant Clinic Data 2018

Contacts

Month	Call-in	Walk-in	email	Totals
January	18	15	4	37
February	26	22	4	52
March	33	44	1	78
April	32	49	4	85
May	56	64	1	121
June	47	81	5	133
July	36	70	3	109
August	44	75	3	122
September	27	35	3	65
October	24	40		64
November	20	9		29
December	13	3		16
Totals	376	507	28	911

Question categories

Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Disease	3		9	8	13	18	12	8	6	4	1		82
Insects	1	7	4	10	20	42	16	24	11	14	4	3	156
Pesticides			1	8	3	1	1	1	1	2	1		18
Lawn	2	1	3	4	3	2	3	5	3	4			30
Orchard	8	6	11	7	11	12	9	7	9	7	4	1	92
Plant ID	3	5	8	22	15	10	14	30	7	4	3	1	122
Wildlife	2		2		2	1		5	1		1		14
House plants	1	2	2	1	2		1						9
Gardening	1	8	19	13	20	26	24	15	11	16	1	2	156
Weeds	2	1	2	2	3	5	6	4	4	2	1		32
Pruning	1	1	1			1			2		1	2	9
Trees/Shrubs	1	6	9	7	14	7	13	15	5	5	5	1	88
Water				1		1	2				1		5
Misc.	12	15	7	10	10	5	8	8	5	6	6	6	98

Top Five most cited references:

- 1) Ext. Search website
- 2) Sustainable Gardening Handbook
- 3) PNW Disease Management Handbook
- 4) PNW Insect Management Handbook
- 5) Steve Renquist/Master gardener knowledge

Plant Sale

Bonnie Durick, Plant Sale Chair



It is getting time to start thinking about the Plant Sale. This year's sale is Saturday, May 4, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds with set up on Friday, May 3. As usual, we will have two MASTER GARDENER ONLY sales. One will be on Thursday after the April 25th meeting and again on Sunday, April 28th in the afternoon. More details will be coming in the months to come. Sign-up sheets for where you would like to work will be available at the Winter Class sessions on Tuesdays and in the Plant Clinic beginning February 5. Be sure to come in and sign up. For the new students, this is a great opportunity to work off some pay-back hours.

Work has already begun to get ready for this event. The Westside Greenhouse has started seeding and cleaning up their plants and the Eastside Greenhouse is pruning, root pruning and getting plants ready to come out of their dormant state. Diana Circle has put out PSA's announcing our sale, put the information on our website and has bookmarks ready for the printers. She has asked our "artist in residence", Sharon Hopkins, to design our flyer so I know it will be wonderful. Also, now is a good time to start gathering boxes. We need 900 - 1000 boxes.

For our new people, here is a short Plant Sale History provided by Betty Ison: The Plant Sale was born out of a plant exchange among MG's. It used to be in the foyer of the Extension Annex, but not everyone had plants

they could trade for other plants. So a plant sale was created so members could buy each others' plants. It was then decided to try and do this for the public and create a small fundraiser for the organization. In about 1990, we had our first sale in the Annex auditorium. It was mainly tomatoes and peppers and some annuals. From there it consistently evolved and eventually we outgrew the Annex and moved it to the National Guard Armory. We then outgrew the Armory and moved to the Fairgrounds, where we had space to add vendors who also wanted to sell garden related items. It has been a win-win ever since.

Speaking of vendors, if you know of anyone who has garden-related items they would like to sell at our plant sale, contact Jen Bailey or go the Master Gardeners website and Jen has already added the vendor information and contract.

Thank you in advance for signing up to work. All hands are really appreciated to get this great job done well.

Fred's Fav's



Organic Does Not Mean Pesticide-Free

By: **Dennis L. Patton, M.S., County Horticulture Agent, K-State Research and Extension/Johnson County**
(contributed by Bonnie Courter)



I was flying home after attending a recent conference. Seated next to me was a very pleasant person. We struck up a typical causal airplane conversation. Where are you from? Heading home? What was the reason for your travel? We've all had these conversations. Usually they end with an innocuous comment such as, "Oh, that's nice." Or, "Sounds like fun." But this one lasted longer than normal as my row mate explained her occupation and destination.

The conversation piqued my interest with her telling me she worked for a grocery chain and was traveling to their conference. She headed up their organic food division. As a person in support of the local food movement I started to ask a few more questions. I was hoping to learn more about the business and how crops make the trip from farm to table.

Common misconception: organic produce is not treated with pesticides

As the conversation went on she made a comment that stopped me in my tracks. She made an offhand comment about how organic produce is not treated with pesticides. Interested, I asked her to explain more. Once again she indicated that at the conference she was going to talk about the benefits of organic fruits and

vegetables because they had not been treated with pesticides. At this point, with me being me, I pushed back and said that's not true, the term organic does not mean not treated with pesticides. This time she pushed back. So I pushed a little harder.

Now before I go any further, let me explain. My point is not to judge or come across as not supportive of organics. But my scientific mind, background and training requires me to explain that the idea that organic produce is not treated with pesticides is actually a common myth about organic food. Let me attempt to explain so that we are all better informed consumers.

What is a pesticide?

By legal definition, pesticides are a substance that kills a pest.

- Insecticides kill insects.
- Herbicides kill weeds.
- Fungicides kill diseases.

Pesticides can be made through chemistry in a lab or derived from natural sources. Those created from natural sources are often called organic products. But no matter whether they are created in a test tube or are derived from a plant, if they are labeled as killing a pest, they are a pesticide. That is the law.

Organic does not mean pesticide-free

The bottom line is, organically produced fruits and vegetables may not be pesticide-free. The truth is, in some cases, organically produced crops could have been sprayed many times and many pesticides could have been used on them before they reach the store shelf. This was the point that my seatmate did not understand. Like many when they hear the word organic they think pesticide-free.

Remember a pesticide is a product labeled to kill a pest. Therefore, organic products that kill pests are chemicals, just like their non-organic counterparts. The main difference is how they were created. Now we can debate chemistry, chemical breakdown, safety and all the other issues surrounding this conversation. But I've found that a lot of the organic VS non-organic discussion is rooted in personal beliefs along with science. This is not the point of my rambling nor do I want to debate the topic. My goal, as always, is to provide factual information.

Surprise! Organic produce has pesticide residue

Why did I indicate that organic produce may be treated with more pesticides than conventional produce? The simple answer is that organic products breakdown more rapidly, providing a shorter period of protection before another application must be applied for control. This shorter interval is what can account for a greater number of applications and more product being applied to a specific crop.

The debate then comes into how these pesticides breakdown, how easy they are to wash off before consumption, and a personal judgement of the information. The bottom line is both conventional and organically grown food has pesticide residues on them when they come home from the grocery store or farmers market.

Organic versus pesticide-free

What people often think when they purchase and consume *organic* food is that it is really pesticide-free. That is not the case. Organic and conventional food that has been treated with a pesticide has residuals of that pesticide on the food item. What people should really look for is the term *pesticide-free*.

Pesticide-free would mean that no pesticide of any type has been used in the production cycle. The marketing buzz words would be something along the lines of "never been sprayed" or "pesticide-free". Rarely do you see these words used because an honest organic grower cannot legally claim pesticide-free if an application has been made during production.

Just because it says "organic" does not mean it's safe

Let me restate my purpose in writing this article: it is not to undermine one's personal choice to consume organic food. It in no way is meant to insinuate that growers are underhanded or not truthful in marketing their product. It is meant to serve as information for you, the consumer, about the definition of pesticides. So many people, including my airplane friend, think that organic pesticides are safe because they are derived from nature. **The truth is that many organic pesticides are more toxic than those developed in the lab.**



We should always be smart and use safe handling practices when applying any type of pesticide, whether organic or conventional, in the garden. We should also use smart food handling and safety practices when preparing our food, whether it's conventionally or organically grown. Lastly, we should understand what the labeling really means so we can be informed consumers.

Thanks for allowing me to share this story and information with you. Education is key, and my role as an agent is to just help you when you're making decisions about your family's well-being.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS CHAPTER MEETING

January 24, 2019

President Nancy Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM. President Nancy Fuller, Past President Chris Rusch, Vice President Vicki Barrett, Secretary Sharon Bordeaux, Treasurer Toni Rudolph, and Membership Kay Livermore attended along with 45 chairpersons and members.

Agents Report – Steve Renquist:

Steve invited MG veterans to attend the Winter Program, not only to satisfy their recertification hours but also to review information they learned in the class. He encouraged them to ask questions that may not be covered in the basic class.

Steve announced that due to scheduling, Spring Into Gardening would not be held this year. He will try to have smaller Saturday classes throughout the year.

Steve reviewed information received from the USDA on Integrated Pest Management (IPM). They have been evaluating the program since 1984. The goal has been to reduce the usage of broad-spectrum pesticides and use targeted use pesticides. Another focus is on educating the public regarding the use of organic products, which do contain pesticides. The Organic products are becoming more effective while the regular

products are becoming less severe. Weed control is the next focus.

Julie will be handing out a schedule of the upcoming pruning classes. He indicated that the general public is welcome, but there will be no fee/sign-up. Jude will announce to any garden club members who wish to attend that there is a “suggested donation.”

OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership – Kay Livermore:

Two hundred and three (203) returning members have paid their dues. The total membership is now 235 (this includes the new class of 32). Of the 18 packets sent to 2018 members who did not return the required forms, 10 have returned the forms (signed) and paid their 2019 dues.

OMGA Representative – Rosemary Brinkley

Eric Bosler, OMGA President, announced that the October 2019 Mini College has been cancelled. The OMGA Board is looking for a 1st VP and Standing Committee to chair the Mini College in the future.

The International Master Gardener Conference registration is \$350 until April 14, 2019. It will be held in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. After April 14, the registration is \$390. Pre-conference tours are on June 16 – June 17, Welcome Reception on June 17, Main Conference June 18 – June 21, Post Conference Tours June 21. To see a complete overview of the upcoming conference at internationalmastergardener.com.

Treasurer – Toni Rudolph

Toni has made the final changes to the financial statement and will be sending it out to the account signers.

Toni is looking for someone to shadow her and become the future treasurer. Please contact President Nancy Fuller if you are interested.

Vice President – Vicki Barrett

In February Mike Winters from Wintergreen Nursery will present the Continuing Education program on lawns. The program is at 9 AM (prior to the Chapter Meeting at

10 AM) in the OSU Extension Annex Auditorium on February 28, 2019.

President – Nancy Fuller:

We are reviewing the Policies and Procedures, Bylaws, and Job Descriptions in January and February and will vote on the changes in March. Please forward any suggestions regarding the P&P or Bylaws to Nancy. If you have not updated your job description, please forward changes or an email stating “no changes” to Nancy or Jen Bailey, the Policies Coordinator.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards – Betty Ison

Congratulations to all who earned new swinger bars in 2018. Hours are compiled from January 1 – December 31, 2018. The complete list of recipients will be printed in the Newsletter.

Community Outreach – Jude Stensland

Jude could use volunteers to help with the many requests. Three upcoming events are:

- February 7, 30-40 minute talk on pruning hydrangeas, Japanese Maples, roses and general winter pruning.
- March 2 – Umpqua Home Builders would like the Master Gardeners to give a 45-minute talk on “Fire Resistant Landscaping,” and possibly a second talk on “Maximizing Your Pollinators.”
- Kish Doyle will be giving a presentation to the Sutherlin Garden Club on planting, spraying and pruning fruit trees at the Community Center in Sutherlin on February 14, 2019. Jude received a note from Dean Fernandes thanking Jude for providing speakers for the Garden Club.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:

Julie passed out the 2019 Discovery Garden pruning schedule:

Thursday, Jan. 31, 1-4 PM Fruit Trees
Friday, Feb. 15, 1-4 PM Shade Trees, Flowering Trees and Shrubs

Monday, Feb. 25, 1-4 PM Roses and Hydrangeas
Thursday, Mar. 7, 1-4 PM Shrubs in Ornamental Garden
Thursday, Mar. 14, 1-4 PM Japanese Garden

If you work, you may count the hours as volunteer payback hours. If you observe, it is just more classroom education.

Discovery Garden Work Days begin Tuesday, March 26, 2019. Workdays are from 9 AM to noon, rain or shine. Come and stay as long as you can.

Condensation is dripping from the ceiling of Punched Palace. Those with storage should check to make sure it is not getting wet.



Julie is looking for tractor drivers and equipment drivers. There will be information at Tuesday's Concurrent Session.

Greenhouse East – Bruce Gravens:

The East Side Greenhouse is in full operation on Thursdays, 9 AM to noon (while the MG Winter Program is in session). They are currently planting sedums in pots made by MG's at the greenhouse.

Greenhouse West – Barbara Robinson:

Greenhouse West workdays are Mondays, 9 am to noon (while the MG Winter Program is in session). Veterans are currently seeding for the plant sale. New members will be welcome once they have completed the seeding class.

Jackie Carpenter taught the class on propagating to the new members.

We will be ordering new aprons, caps, and shirts. An email will be sent out to all members. The orders will not be back by the end of class, but will be back in time for the Plant Sale.

Newsletter/Winter Program – Bonnie Courter:

Bonnie reported articles for the Newsletter are due Saturday, January 26.

The Winter Program is going "great guns" with great students.

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch:

2018 contacts totaled 911, 100 more than 2017. The full report will be in the Newsletter.

There have been 26 contacts in January.

The sign-up sheet for Plant Clinic is at the back of the room. Each mentor/students need to sign up for their required one-time training in the Plant Clinic. Once everyone has scheduled the required time in the clinic, sign up will be open for veterans and students.

Ernie Amabisca, Barbara Horst and Jude Stensland will be sharing the Trainer position on Thursdays in the Plant Clinic.

Aaron Larsen has stepped down as chairperson of the Farmer's Market booth. Chris is looking for a new chair. The hours are 8 AM to 1 PM on Saturdays. There is a budget for a new awning, table and chairs.

Plant Sale – Bonnie Durick:

Bonnie will not hear from U-Haul regarding their grant for 4 – 6 weeks.

Costco generally gives a voucher for \$50 to use for the purchase of products needed for the event.

Sign-ups will begin February 5 and go through March.

There will be a team members meeting after the chapter meeting.

Publicity – Diana Circle:

Articles were published regarding the Bake Sale with compliments to Sherm's for supporting MG, and on the election of Chris and Patrice to OMGA.

Diana will submit information on MG continuing education each month. She will also submit hours for

the Plant Clinic to the Community Calendar each month.

Articles submitted - Six PSA's (Public Service Announcements), 2 online, 1 magazine. The focus for the next few months will be Trash to Treasure and the Plant Sale.

Trash to Treasure – Ann Severson:

Nancy reported for Ann that Trash to Treasurer will be held March 9, with set up on March 7, and donations accepted on March 8. If you have donations for Ann, call her at 541-817-4983 or email her at grannieannie_56@yahoo.com.

Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford:

Carolyn Ruzicka reported for Ruth that the garden is still resting. Planting will begin the last week of February or the first week of March.

OLD BUSINESS

Nancy reported Toni has signed MG up on both Amazon Smiles and Fred Meyer donation programs. Instructions will be in the newsletter. Fred Meyer reported we have 3 families donating and are due a check for \$1.34.

NEW BUSINESS

The review of the Policies & Procedures Manual and the Bylaws is underway. Forward changes to President Nancy Fuller or Policies Coordinator Jen Bailey. A job description is needed for the Douglas County Fair event before February 13.

Changes will be discussed at the February Executive Board meeting and the February Chapter meeting. The changes will be voted on at the March Chapter meeting.

At the January Executive Board meeting, Toni proposed reinstating a Reserve Fund and seeding the fund with \$5,000. Each year, after the Plant Sale, our financial position would be evaluated, and funds designated to the fund based on the evaluation. These funds would only be used in case of a catastrophe. After discussion by the membership, Toni moved that we set up the Reserve Fund, seeding it with \$5,000. Kish seconded

the motion and the membership passed the motion unanimously.

There has been a proposal to change the election date for Board members from August to November. This would make an easier transition for new officers. Another proposal was to change the criteria for some of the offices. No further action was taken.

SHOW AND TELL:

Jim Leet brought packets of Gargantuan Tomato seeds to pass out to members. He will also be providing seeds to the Westside Greenhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon J. Bordeaux, Secretary



D. C. Courthouse Annex/1134 S. E. Douglas Ave
One day only. Mark your calendars.

March 9th
9:00 - 3:00



Scenes from Winter Training Class

(Photos: B. Courter)



John Punches lectures on Botany I the first day of class.



Photo: B. Robinson



Getting down and dirty during Propagation Class (left)

Digging in to deliciousness at our first class day potluck (above)

Keying out some conifers in Chris Rusch's Plant Identification class (below)



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