



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter



June 2019 Calendar

Mon., June 3, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., June 4, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Victory Garden Crew

Tues., June 11, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., June 12, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

Mon., June 17, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., June 18, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Tues., June 25, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., June 27, 10:00

Chapter Meeting/Potluck @ home of Steve Renquist, 331 Thora Circle, Winchester.



The President's Post

Nancy Fuller

We seem to have all recovered well from the winter storm. The spring rains were most welcome. We've been enjoying near perfect weather since the rains have stopped. The gardens are looking spectacular – color everywhere!

We have some plants blooming for the very first time in five years out in the Rock Garden. All the rain seemed to be what they needed. If you haven't yet come out to see the Rock Garden, please plan to do so – it's quite lovely.

We also have a new woodland seating area out in the Rock Garden. It's all "recycled" materials, from the log seats to most of the plants surrounding them.

I'd like to congratulate Bonnie Durick and all her crews on a fantastic Plant Sale. Amazing teamwork was evident throughout the entire event. We made more money and had more customers than last year. The bar is now higher for next year!

We are looking for members to become officers for next year. We need to fill the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and OMGA representative positions. If you are interested in any one of these, please contact Fred Alley, Ann Severson, Patrice Sipos, or me, and we'll be happy to discuss the positions with you. You can also review the position descriptions on the website.



Our first summer meeting will be held at Steve Renquist's home on June 27th, 10am. The summer meetings include potluck lunches so plan to bring your favorite recipe to share. You'll also need to bring your own chair, tableware, and drinks. These meetings give us a chance to see our colleagues' home gardens, sit in the shade, relax, and visit with each other. Directions to Steve's home will be sent out later. I hope to see you all there.

Vice-President's Report

Vicki Barrett

Summer snuck up on us this year. I suspect we've all been rushing around trying to get our flowers and vegetables planted before the real heat moves in. Summertime cries out to us to go outside and enjoy the beauty of Mother Nature. During the months of June, July and August, the Continuing Education Program is suspended. So, rather than having a guest speaker at the Extension auditorium, we traditionally meet in the homes and gardens of a few of our Master Gardeners for our Chapter Meeting and a potluck picnic. Everyone is invited to come out, bring a potluck dish and visit with some of the nicest people you will ever meet. Bring a spouse or a friend and enjoy the terrific food and great company.

You will need to bring the following items if you attend: a potluck dish to share (please include a label listing ingredients so people with dietary restrictions can make safe choices), your own eating utensils and plate, your own beverage, and a chair.

Our first summertime meeting will be held at the home of Steve Renquist and his wife, Cita, on June 27. Their address is 331 Thora Circle in Winchester. More explicit directions will follow. Summer meetings begin at 10:00. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Our July 25 Chapter Meeting and Potluck will be held at the home of Debby Finley. She lives at 4849 Melqua Rd. in Melrose. On August 29, Ron Owens has invited us over to see what he has been up to in the yard at 1510 Gem Dr. in Roseburg.

Many thanks to Kyle Reed, a Fire Prevention Specialist from the Douglas Forest Protective Association. He was

the guest speaker at our continuing education program in May. We learned how to keep our home and property safe from wildfires.



Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

INCOME

Contributions	\$7.00
Interest	\$1.97
Soil Testing	\$200.00
Plant Sale	\$35,279.81
Compost Tea	\$236.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$35,724.78

EXPENSES

Discovery Garden	\$65.44
HLC	\$1,030.37
Plant Sale	\$538.80
Propane	\$257.28
Black Apparel	\$702.00
Utilities - Electricity	\$983.59

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$3,577.48

Breakdown of our accounts as of May 29, 2019

NWCC - Checking	\$2,060.33
NWCC - Reserves	\$5,001.35
NWCC - Savings	\$41,271.74

Ending Balance

\$48,333.42



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF UMPQUA VALLEY

2019 SPRING GARDEN TOUR

10 to 5, SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019



TOUR FIVE GARDENS WITH LIVE MUSIC AND WORKING ARTISTS

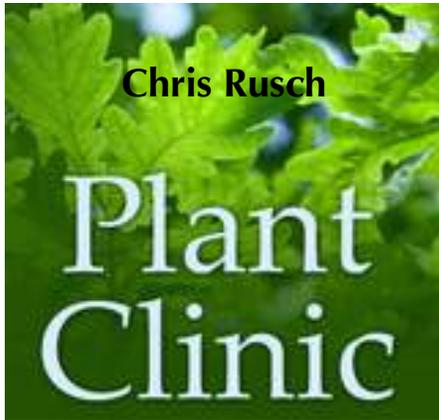
Tickets available for \$15.00 on May 15

at While Away Books, My Coffee, and Umpqua Sweets and Treats in Roseburg,
at Atom Espresso and Coffee Bar in Glide, and
at Central Feed and Supply in Sutherlin

Tickets available on the day of the tour

at the Fink garden, 131 Forest Hills Lane (off Old Melrose Road)

Questions? Contact Nancy Farris at 541-643-8113, or visit our website at www.lwvuv.wordpress.com.



What a wonderful organization we have! I am always amazed at the commitment and dedication of our membership. Thanks to everyone who helped out with our terrific Plant Sale. Our "Reference Table" was busy with lots of questions about

our Master Gardener Program and diagnosing gardening issues. It was so enjoyable to be a part of this outreach opportunity.

The Plant Clinic has been really busy in May. We have been helping folks plan their gardens and landscapes by answering a wide range of questions. This includes diagnosing plant problems and identifying insects. We continue to have a plethora of questions about tree and shrub damage left by our winter storm. We had over 120 visitors this month!

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. The Plant Clinic training program is a great opportunity for our new members to put their knowledge of sustainable gardening to work. We are lucky to have a terrific Plant Clinic training team this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Barbara Horst, Ernie Amabisca, Anne Bacon, Chris Rusch, and Karolyn Riecks.

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 coming up in our summer months ahead. 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 lots of FUN!!

Thank you to all of our enthusiastic Plant Clinic volunteers!

New to the Perennial Border

Betty Ison

I have a new addition to the Perennial Border/Easy Access Area---this beautiful kiosk. I would like to send out a very special and big Thank You to my builder, Steve Hart, for getting this done for me. He did a wonderful job and I really appreciate all his hard work. I would also like to thank Ray Warren for helping Steve get it installed. This has been in the works for quite some time, but one set back after another delayed it until now.

I intend for this kiosk to be an educational teaching tool for the Discovery Garden. My intent at some point is to create enough educational displays so that it can be changed every few weeks to keep it fresh and new. In the future there will be more seasonal displays. To get things started, I have created a display on "Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden". I'm limited for time now, but hope to start creating the next display on "being fire wise". I have a whole list of ideas for future displays, just need the time to work on them. I hope everyone will come by and check it out when you are in the Discovery Garden.



Plant Expo - Success!

Bonnie Durick

Wow! What a great plant sale we had this year! I want to thank everyone who helped before, during and after our sale. I especially want to thank the great team I had. This sale could not have come together without them.

It never ceases to amaze me how we can go from an empty building to a building full of tables, plants and vendor exhibits all in the matter of about 10 hours. Then after the sale, it is all cleared out within 90 minutes. It is great teamwork that makes this happen.

Speaking of the team, there are some team leaders who have been working the sale for years in the lead capacity and are stepping down. Their shoes will be hard to fill. Sharon Hopkins and Diana Circle are going to co-chair the raffle as Rosemary Brinkley is stepping down. A great thank-you to Rosemary for all the years she managed the raffle. In the fall I will be sending out requests for volunteers to fill other spots. In the meantime, we can all relax - except for the people working in the greenhouses getting plants started for next year.

If you are able to get some boxes, we would appreciate you bringing them to Punches Palace and put them in the closet in the area where the tractor is stored. Bringing them on Tuesday would be great since there will be people there with keys to let you in. We need a ton of boxes and I would like to get a great head start on collecting them.

Again, thank you to all who helped make this plant sale a success.

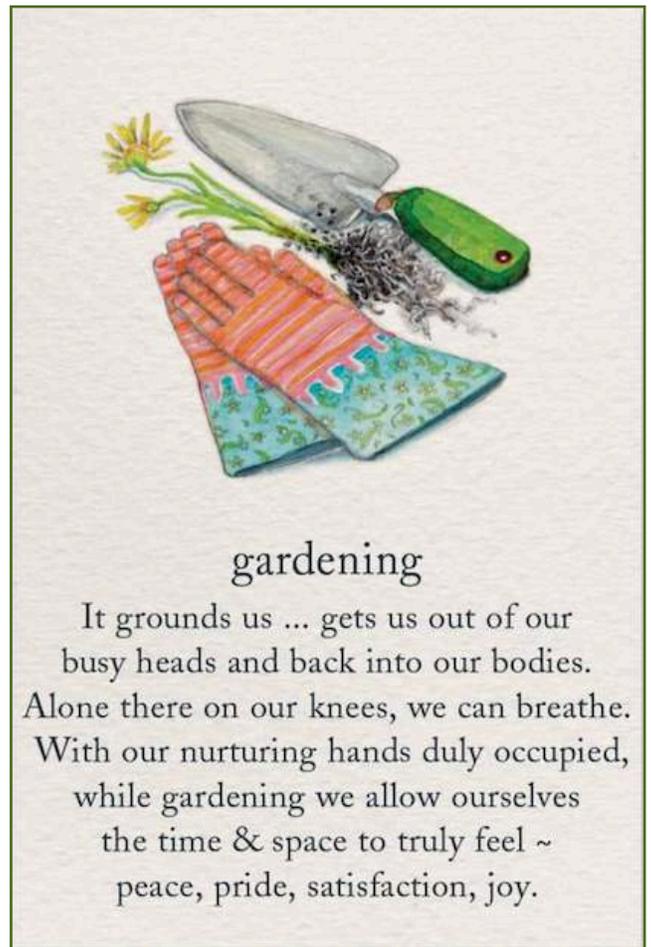
Raffle Kudos

Rosemary Brinkley

I would like to thank the wonderful crew who helped out with the Raffle this year at the Plant Expo. On Friday we had Sharon Hopkins, Debby Finley, Iva Grey Wolf and, Larisa Dollens. Saturday the following people helped out. They included Iva Grey Wolf, Sharon Hopkins, Diana Circle, Deborah Orwick, Debby Finley, Lenore Drake, and special volunteer Charity Hays. Dennis

Moore volunteered his big, clear voice to announce the winners, and Barb Robinson's grandson, Jacob Smith, helped with the drawings of the winning tickets. Thank you all for the time you spent getting the job done. I appreciate you all.

Also a big thank-you to those Master Gardeners who donated to the plant sale raffle. They include: Sharon and Dave Hopkins, Sharon Bordeaux, John Thran, Ray and Marilyn Warren, Ken and Charity Hays, Georgia Richards, Debby Finley, Bonnie Courter, Karolyn Riecks, Iva Gray Wolf, Dave Clark, Diana Circle, Gerald, Buerer, Les Karcher, Barbara MacPherson, Judi Danielson, Bob Brindley, Ann Severson, Randy Briggs, Janice Bunyard, Scott McKain, Eastside Garden, and Rosemary Brinkley. There were orchids, a black afghan, a pioneer woman teapot and some books from Master Gardeners who donated but, we didn't know who you were. Thanks to all for the generous donations. They were greatly appreciated.



Plant Expo 2019



Set up crew quickly got tables up



Delivering plants a snap thanks to U-Haul rentals



Curtains - UP!



Above: Verge, Ruth & Jan sort plants



Above: Ruth & Bobbi unpack shrubs



Bruce helps a customer



Above: Line forming early



Above: Vicki & Barbara H. summing it all up

Below: Carol & Sylvia at Reference Table

Below: Hat Contest Winner: Donna Abare



Sharon & Cheryl model their hats



A “Boring” Tale

Excerpted from OSU Extension website
by Bonnie Courter

You may have encountered white, segmented “worms” or grubs when chopping firewood and wondered what



they were. Common questions include, did they kill my tree? And are they a danger to other trees? The quick answers are no, and no.

The “worms” are the larvae of wood-boring beetles. With few exceptions they infest trees that are already dead or dying from other causes and are not threats to healthy trees. Two major families of wood boring beetles in conifers are:

- The flatheaded borers
- The roundheaded or longhorned borers.

Flatheaded borer adults tend to be torpedo-shaped with



bright metallic coloring, such as the golden buprestid. Roundheaded borers typically have antennae that are longer than their bodies

(hence their other name: longhorned borer).

Adult longhorned borers may be up to 2” in length; flatheaded borers are generally smaller. Some wood borer larvae can reach large sizes. The larvae of the ponderous borer, for example, reaches nearly 3” in length. Its chomping action and large mandibles are said to have inspired the design of the modern chainsaw.

Looking at the Wood and Bark

If you look at a tree that has recently died and pull off a piece of bark, you will often see a winding gallery pattern on the inside of the bark and on the surface of the wood. These galleries are created by wood boring beetles or by bark beetles.

Borer galleries are mostly unbranched while bark beetles galleries are branched with the main galleries wider than the branches.

Flatheaded borer galleries are packed with fine, rounded material whereas roundheaded borer galleries contain more loosely packed, coarser-textured material.

Often wood borers will invade a tree that has been killed by bark beetles and their galleries will obscure or “overwrite” the bark beetle galleries. Note that wood borers generally invade the wood itself while bark beetles do not.

Wood borer larvae are food for hungry woodpeckers. They also help degrade and recycle wood back into soil by turning it from solid wood into sawdust.

Assessing the Threat

From a wood products standpoint, borers can cause a lot of damage by tunneling into solid wood. Borer larvae can live for many years and the adults sometimes emerge from framing lumber or other material inside houses, much to the consternation of the inhabitants. But these beetles are not a threat to standing trees, or to seasoned lumber.

Some flatheaded borers have the ability to detect smoke from long distances. Where there’s smoke there’s fire, and where there is fire there are dead trees, or dinner for the beetles. A story is told that in a previous generation, certain species of flatheaded borer would swarm attendees at football games in Memorial Stadium in Berkeley, occasionally landing on them and even biting exposed flesh – apparently attracted to the haze of smoke from thousands of cigarettes hanging over the stadium on game day.

Wood boring beetles are large and often spectacular in appearance, but as noted above aren’t generally threats to live trees, in contrast to the mostly small and inconspicuous bark beetles. The one exception to this rule is the flatheaded fir borer, which is the insect

responsible for much of the Douglas-fir mortality in southwest Oregon. The flatheaded fir borer aggressively attacks Douglas-firs on harsh, low elevation sites, especially in drought years.

To reduce the chances that beetles will invade your firewood, harvest and process green material (such as standing madrone) during the fall and winter, when the beetles are not in flight.

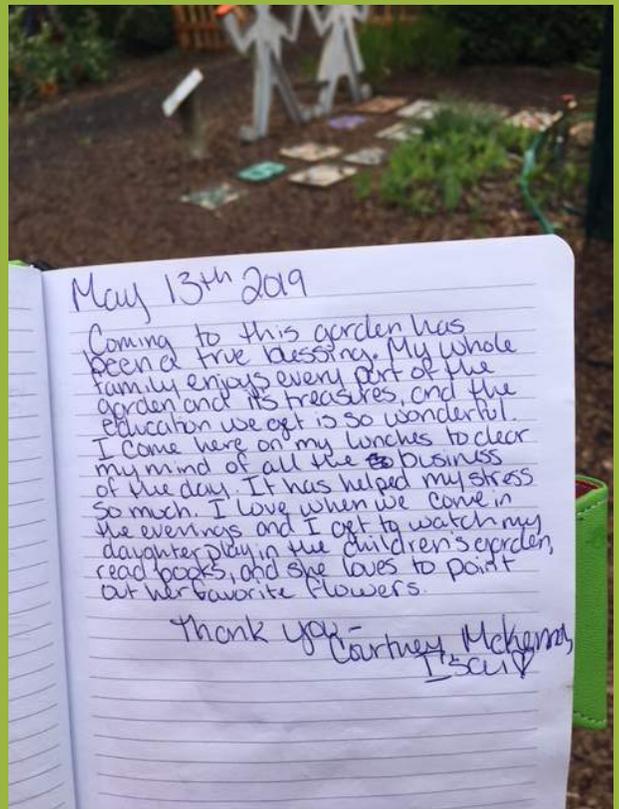
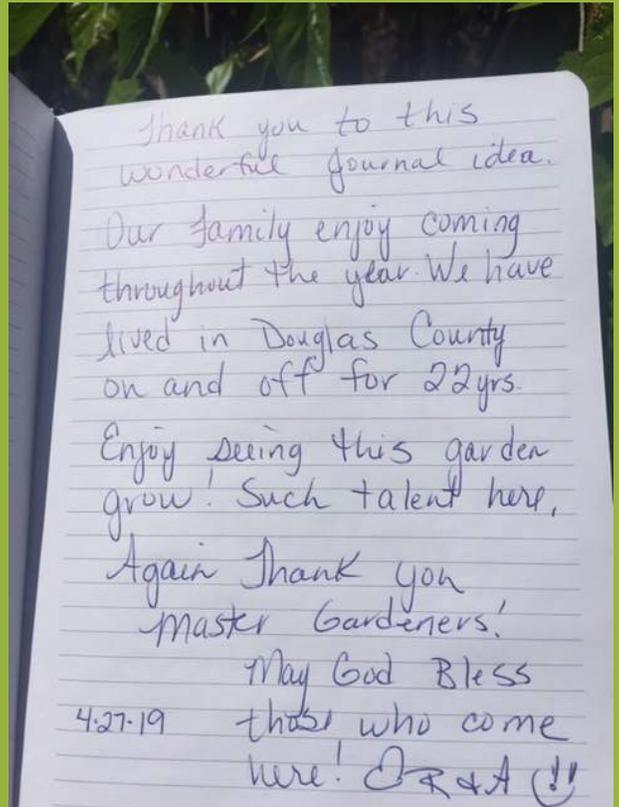
Don't move firewood. Since unseen woodborer larvae can "hitch a ride" in pieces of firewood only to emerge later as adults, there is major concern about transporting firewood across state lines or even long distances within states. Damaging pests such as the emerald ash borer and the Asian longhorned beetle have been spread throughout the eastern US via firewood. Thankfully, they have not been found in Oregon, but the potential is certainly there. Here's another reason to "buy local".



Photo: Kathy Hart

Swallowtail found on Annie's Pink Verbena in DG

Scribblings from the Little Free Library



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting

May 30, 2019

OSU Extension Annex Auditorium

Call-to-Order: President Nancy Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. President Nancy Fuller, Vice-President Vicki Barrett, Treasurer Toni Rudolph, Past President Chris Rusch, OMGA Rep. Rosemary Brinkley and Membership Kay Livermore attended along with 38 chapter members.

Agenda: The Agenda was approved as presented.

Minutes: The Minutes posted on the website were approved.

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist

- The Umpqua Valley Farmer's Market booth is in need of more veteran support. Sylvia and Christian Andino are coordinating it, and will begin this Saturday, June 1st. The Andino's are committed to manning the booth every other Saturday, so are asking for more people to sign up. Steve Renquist will join them there this Saturday to mentor them and go over the routine. Sign ups are on the Plant Clinic calendar.
- Advanced Diagnostics: Steve will be hosting four Advanced Diagnostics classes this summer. June 11, 9-12, at the Discovery Garden on "summer pruning"; July 18, 10:00-Noon, August 15, 10:00-Noon; September 12, 10:00-Noon (locations for July-September to be announced). Steve suggested the membership start thinking about putting together a core group to continue these diagnostics sessions once he has retired.
- Speaking of retirement, Steve, Kish Doyle & Bonnie Courter will be meeting soon to discuss finding new lecturers for our Winter Training Class to replace those lectures Steve usually gives. Another program that will need MG's to take over is our annual Spring Into Gardening classes in February.
- Steve discussed how many of the Extension horticultural agents are retiring and may not be replaced. The process for replacement will not even start until Steve has retired in December, and even then, the new agent will probably be a "generalist", not someone specific to horticulture. Willy Riggs, the regional manager, is also retiring this summer.

Membership - Kay Livermore: Membership totals 248. Kay introduced a new member, Robin Oki, who is a transfer Master Gardener from Pierce County, Washington. Robin intends to audit next year's Winter Training course and is already working at the greenhouses. Welcome, Robin!

OMGA - Rosemary Brinkley:

- The quarterly OMGA meeting will be June 7-8 at Jackson County.
- Patrice Sipos will be giving workshops for MG's interested in taking on the office of Treasurer. See Patrice for details.

Treasurer - Toni Rudolph

- Financials are available to view online and at the meeting. They are updated twice a month on the website.
- Toni encouraged everyone to sign up and use Amazon Smiles and Fred Meyer's programs for getting contributions to our chapter from purchases made.
- Plant Sale - we made \$2600 more this year.
- On a personal note, Toni says if you've never tried roasted radishes, you should! They're delicious!

Vice-President - Vicki Barrett: Our June 27 chapter meeting/potluck will be held at the residence of Steve Renquist, 331 Thora Circle Dr., Winchester. Bring a potluck dish to share, folding chair, and eating utensils. July's meeting will be held at Debby Finley's and the August meeting at Ron Owan's home.

Past President - Chris Rusch: OMGA will be hosting an educational workshop which will rate different plants for fire resistance. The workshop will be at 1:00 at the Central Point Extension Office, June 7.

President - Nancy Fuller

- After resolving the propane issue for the greenhouses, Farrell Gas will make no more trips out to the HLC until fall. A box will be affixed to the Greenhouse East for receipts to accommodate billing.
- Nancy is going to apply for the Karl Carlson grant for educational signage in the Rock Garden. Kish Doyle is looking into Extension Educator grants.

- We desperately need nominees to fill the outgoing posts of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and OMGA Rep. We will be voting on these in July and they will be installed in August. Please contact our nominating committee (Fred Alley, Patrice Sipos & Ann Severson) if you would be willing to serve in any of these positions. Job position descriptions can be found on our website.

Awards - Betty Ison: No report.

Awards Banquet - Judy Huntley: The annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 12, at the First United Methodist Church on Harvard. Mark your calendars.

Community Outreach - Jude Stensland: Not present, but later sent in report to Secretary:

- Julie Stanbery will be giving a garden tour tomorrow for about 11 Willamalane members.
- May 9th, Sutherlin Garden Club, Discovery Garden. Richard Vander Velden came along and helped guide. 8 people present.
- Saturday, May 11: Request for table at Glide Kids Fair/food bank. Jude, Kay Livermore and Margo Roten helped out. Kids made newspaper pots, filled with soil, and planted sunflower seeds. Adults had a display of Master Gardener brochures. We were available to discuss gardening issues. Not a lot of adults, but plenty of sunflowers were planted.
- Saturday May 18: Request for table at LDS/Pacific Power function. Kish and Diane put up a table describing MG function and a slideshow of the Discovery Garden.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery

- Julie passed around a signup sheet to help spread chips next Tuesday around the worm bins, bio char and ornamental shrub areas. Thanks to Nathan Baily for cleaning up the paths surrounding those areas.
- Our irrigation crew now consists of Bonnie Durick, Janet Parkerson and Sylvia Andino. Betty Ison and Elva Sellens have taken on the iris beds, Julie Bell the coreopsis bed, Bobbie Schneider the rudbeckia bed.



Check out the “**gnome home**” created from a stump by Doralee Hayden!

Facebook/Canyonville Market - Barbara Horst: We will again be manning a booth at the Canyonville Farmer’s Market starting Wednesday, June 5. Jennie Compton stepped up to be in charge of that. The market is located in the Seven Feathers Casino parking lot. Our booth will

be there every other Wednesday. This counts for 5 hours of Plant Clinic time. There’s a need for a storage place for the booth equipment, so if someone who lives in that area could help with that, it would be greatly appreciated.

Greenhouse East - Bruce Gravens: Not present. No report.

Greenhouse West - Barbara Robinson: Not present, but gave her report to Nancy. Westside greenhouse is busy maintaining our current inventory with cleanup, repotting, dividing and fertilizing. Thanks to Carol Bolt, Barbara Zastrow, Kathy Hart and Tasha King our plants are kept well-hydrated. Also thanks to David Clark for getting all the outdoor lines connected and ready for auto-watering, and to Ivor Chapman for putting up the outdoor sunshade.

They have sent several flats of tomatoes and peppers to FISH Pantry who are always appreciative for the contributions.

They still have seedlings available for free in the transplant greenhouse - also some annuals that are available for planting in the Discovery Garden. They will be emptying the greenhouse after next Tuesday, so if anyone is interested in what is available, come by Tuesday morning. Garden heads should also pick up any plants they have in the greenhouse Tuesday as well as watering will be turned off that day.

Hallmark - Linda Thames: Linda sent out two sympathy cards this month for two former Master Gardeners who passed away: Dianne Billings and Eileen Kelly.

Newsletter - Bonnie Courter: Newsletter articles are due this Saturday, June 1. If anyone has any pictures they took at the Plant Sale and would like to share them for the Newsletter, please send them to me by Saturday as well.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch: We've had 120 visitors in May, about the same as last year at this time. The trainees are busy getting in their hours.

Plant Sale - Bonnie Durick: Bonnie gave a huge thanks to all the MG's who helped make the sale such a success and to all the team leaders. There are some positions that will be open for next year. She urged everyone to collect boxes for the sale year-round as we ran out at the sale. Boxes can be stored in Panches' Palace - through the door on the right of the "big cage" area. We had 143 more in attendance this year.

Publicity - Diana Circle: Not present. Nancy Fuller acknowledged there was a great article in the newspaper this week inviting the public to our Continuing Education class.

Victory Garden - Ruth Stafford: Gophers have been very destructive this year. They have eaten a lot of the re-planted plants, almost all of the garlic, 30 head of cabbage, and half of the butternut squash. They've managed to trap two of them so far. Nine pounds of produce has already been contributed to UCAN - rhubarb, radishes and some herbs.

OLD BUSINESS

Printer for Master Gardener use: We are now being limited on the quantity of printing we may do on the Extension office copier. After much discussion, the Executive Board decided not to buy our own printer. Therefore in the future, the costs for all fundraising brochures, flyers, etc. will need to be figured into the respective budgets for commercially copying these. Patrice Sipos said that Staples will provide a discount to non-profits.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Policy, Procedures and Bylaws: The changes to the Policy & Procedures and Bylaws of the chapter are posted on our website and need to be approved. Toni Rudolph made a motion that the

changes to the Policy & Procedures and Bylaws be approved as posted. Julie Stanbery gave the second. It was voted for approval unanimously.

SHOW AND TELL

- Julie Stanbery had a very fun and successful garage sale hopping adventure recently with Lynn Foster in Washington. At one sale, the homeowner donated a lovely painted rock with a garden-themed saying to our Discovery Garden as well as lots of children's books for our Little Free Library.
- Betty has an awesome new kiosk in her DG area built by Steve Hart. She showed off a model of it which she put together as a guide for Steve. She will be posting different educational topics in it, the current one being on pollinators. She encouraged everyone to check it out.
- Garry Gerlach, in partnership with ODOT, is taking on the Mt. Nebo roses which were planted years ago along the south onramp to I-5 off Harvard. They are in need of rejuvenation or replacement. He will be asking for help from membership and will begin the project in October.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Courter for Sharon Bordeaux



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