



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

# Newsletter



## Dec. 2019 Calendar

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

Insect Committee

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

Greenhouse Crews?

Wed., Dec. 4, 10:00

Mentor Training, Annex Auditorium

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

Greenhouse Crews?

Sun., Dec. 15

**Reimbursement receipts due to Toni Rudolph**

**January Newsletter articles due to Bonnie**

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

Insect Committee

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

Greenhouse Crews?

Wed., Dec. 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

Wed., Jan. 1

**Deadline for Dues & Signed Documents to be a MG member**

Mon., Jan. 6, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Jan. 7, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class begins

Potluck at 12:00 PM

Fri., Jan. 10

**Deadline to turn in 2019 hours to Vicki**



Money Girls: Patrice Sipos & Lindy Follett

## The President's Post

Nancy Fuller

It has been a great year for our organization! In January, we welcomed 33 new trainees, all excited to learn and eager to volunteer their time.

In February, we experienced the worst snow storm in the past 50 years. There was extensive damage in our Discovery Garden (DG) and throughout the county. Thanks to all the members who helped with the DG clean-up then and throughout the rest of the year.

March brought one of our major fund raisers of the year. The Trash to Treasure Sale, under the guidance of Ann Severson, earned almost \$3600 for our chapter. Congratulations to Ann and her team of many MG volunteers! We also hosted the graduation celebration for 33 new trainees.

April found us working to get our plants ready for the annual sale in May. The plants were being fed, watered, and pampered in order to be at their peak. The Discovery Garden was welcoming new plants, blossoms, and trainees.



In May, we held our largest fundraiser of the year, The Plant & Garden Expo. Chair Bonnie Durick and her many, many volunteers did an outstanding job of presenting beautiful, healthy plants for sale to the public. The sale earned more than \$35,000 for our chapter and had the most attendees we've ever seen. Congratulations to all!

June was a busy month for our chapter. Our gardens were all looking well. The new sun gardens (created by the snowstorm) were in bloom. The Victory Garden was already donating produce to UCAN and went on to donate 7,235 pounds of produce during 2019. This sum was 972 pounds more than in 2018. Congratulations to the entire VG crew!

In July, we were trying to deal with very warm temperatures and keeping our gardens watered. The highlights of the summer were the chapter meetings held at the homes of our MG volunteers and our Extension Agent, Steve Renquist (June), and Ron Owan (August). They graciously opened their homes and gardens for us all to enjoy. Debby Finley was set to host us in July, but due to circumstances beyond her control, she couldn't, so our July meeting was at the Discovery Garden.

Our outreach activities included the farmer's markets in Roseburg and Canyonville, numerous programs presented by Jude Stensland and her team, and the booth at the Douglas County Fair.

The Fair was the debut of a beautiful hand-painted sign done by Diane Smith-Lewsadder and her friend Shirley Reade. The sign has fruits and vegetables pictured throughout the growing season. Thank you to all of you for making these activities fun and educational!

September saw us holding our last outdoor meeting of the year at the Discovery Garden Pavilion. It was a beautiful morning for us to enjoy good food and friendship.

Our annual Awards Banquet was held in October. The "All American Picnic" themed event was enjoyed by all. Betty Ison and Judy Huntley did a great job of coordinating the event. We honored Fred Alley as our Master Gardener of the Year and Steve and Kathy Hart as our Behind the Scenes Master Gardeners of the Year. Betty Ison received recognition for her 30 years of

volunteer service to Douglas County. Richard Johnstone and Linda Thames were honored for 20 years of service. Steve chose two MG's for his Agent's Award this year: Kish Doyle and Bruce Gravens. Congratulations to these MG's!

We learned that Steve would not be leaving us until March of 2020. We are so pleased that he'll be with us for a longer time! During the banquet, we honored him with an engraved wine glass.

Our annual pre-Thanksgiving Bake Sale was held in November. Co-chairs Janet Parkerson and Sharon Bordeaux did a great job of coordinating this event. There were so many great-looking items for sale! The total sales amount was \$1827.89. Thank you to all the bakers, sellers, and donors who made this event a success!

Most of our garden work was completed by early November. I'd like to thank all the volunteers for their thousands of hours they gave to our chapter this past year. From the smallest of jobs to the largest, we have outstanding folks who give their best to our chapter and gardens.

As the year comes to a close, I'd like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season, filled with family and friends, good food, and many seed catalogs!



Photo: Fred Alley

## Vice President's Report

Diana Woodward



We had a great continuing education on Friday at our monthly chapter meeting. Our own Master Gardener, Fred Alley, gave us a very good class on garden tool care. He

taught about cleaning and sharpening all our various garden tools. He shared what materials to use and demonstrated sharpening all kinds of tools, always on the back side of the blade, including shovels! He even included a prize drawing for 4 participants to win a cleaning and sharpening of their own garden tools by Fred. Winners were Toni Rudolph, Nathan Baily, Kim Pleich and Jim Leet. Fred will be teaching this class (only longer and more detailed) in the Spring Into Gardening seminar on February 29, so if you missed it Friday, you can catch this fabulous class then.

This will be our last continuing education and chapter meeting of the year. Next year in January we will have a class on either beneficial bugs or fermenting. Both will be terrific! Please come, and if you have any subjects you would like to learn more about, let me know. I can find someone to teach it to all of us. Until then, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## Awards

Diana Circle

The Awards Chair and Committee would like to give an enormous thank you to Betty Ison for her years of service as Awards Chair. She has given twenty-two years of service, recognizing DCMG membership for their volunteer hours of service and co-chairing our Annual Awards Banquet. Thank you, Betty, for your commitment to DCMG. You have done a great job! As one of our



committee members wrote to me, "Betty left a pretty big pair of shoes to be filled". I hope I can be as successful as Betty has been.

I am Diana Circle, DCMG's new Awards Chair. Please help me recognize your volunteer service in the coming year by getting your service hours recorded. Your volunteer service is the strength of our program - let's celebrate it!

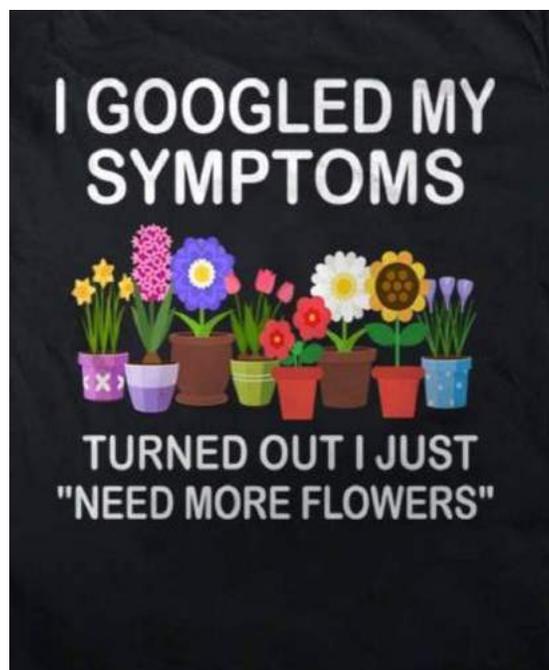
Anyone who did not attend the Awards Banquet in October, you may have an awards certificate with your name on it. Please stop by the Plant Clinic to pick up your certificate.

## Membership

Kay Livermore

Anita Clark in the Extension Office reports that the response to the OSU DocuSign annual forms has been terrific so far. The 2020 dues are coming in a bit slower. The Chapter appreciates your willingness to print the dues form from the email sent out on November 14. This has saved the Chapter printing and postage costs. Thank you. Thank you. Can't find that email with the dues form? The form is included with this Newsletter.

Happy Holidays! We are looking forward to a great 2020.



**DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2020 DUES**

(Please pay **BEFORE** January 1, 2020)

**Print ALL information EVEN if nothing has changed:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsibilities/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to be contacted by \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Text Msg

\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$10 for my 2020 Dues which includes an E-mail MG Newsletter.

\_\_\_\_ Please mail my newsletter. I have included an EXTRA \$17.50 to cover printing & postage.

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**For Membership Director use:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2020 Dues: \$10.00**

Please place dues form and cash or check made out to **DCMG** in an envelope labeled 2020 dues. Put envelope in the slot of the locked drawer in the plant clinic.

**Or mail to:**

Kay Livermore  
135 Indian Point Ln  
Glide, OR 97443

**Replacement Badges:**

Those needing a replacement badge should contact me before mid-January. I will be keeping a list to add to the trainee class member's order. Provide your name as you want it to appear on the badge, your class year, and your contact info (email or phone number). You will be contacted with the cost when the name tags arrive.

Kay Livermore  
DCMG Membership Director  
*kay.livmr@gmail.com*

## Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

10/31/19 - 11/22/19

### INCOME

Contribution	\$5,000.00
Interest	\$8.49
Soil Testing	\$20.00
Plant Sale - Post Sales	\$19.00
Bake Sale (change for sale)	<u>-\$117.00</u>

### TOTAL INCOME

**\$4,930.49**

### EXPENSES

Banquet	\$43.34
Gifts - Officers - Misc.	\$57.85
Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$33.70
Discovery Garden	\$69.90
HLC	\$547.23
Plant Sale	\$333.83
Propane	\$346.51
Utilities - Electricity	\$205.07

Expense Approved, Not Budgeted

Trash to Treasure \$350.00

### TOTAL EXPENSES

**\$1,987.43**

### Breakdown of our accounts as of 11/29/19

NWCC - Checking	\$5,368.74
NWCC - Reserves	\$5,003.85
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$27,327.06</u>

### Ending Balance

**\$37,699.65**

Lenore Drake shared this photo from her recent trip to China and Tiananmen Square - "The largest fake bouquet I have ever seen"



## Winter Training Potluck & Snacks

Barbie Hamby

Hello Everyone!

The Master Gardener Winter Training Class begins Tuesday, January 7, 2020, and that means it's Potluck Time! All Master Gardeners are invited to this annual event as we welcome our new trainees on their first day of class. We hope to see you there!

### POTLUCK:

- Please bring your favorite appetizer, soup or stew, salad, side dish or dessert to share with our group. Fried chicken will be provided by us.
- Please attach a note to your dish listing its ingredients. Those with food allergies/sensitivities/special diets thank you.
- To better accommodate our large group, the potluck will be in the auditorium. All food, hot or cold, needs to be brought to the foyer by 11:30 a.m. Crock pots that need to be plugged in should be taken to the kitchen. We will bring them upstairs when it's lunch time. (We have limited electrical outlets and no refrigerator space.)
- If you're having your dish delivered, please have it dropped off at the upstairs side door. Someone will be there to accept the food.
- Please label your dishes and serving utensils so it all gets returned to you.

### SNACKS:

Snacks on January 7 will be provided by the following mentors and their students. Please remember to tell your students to bring snacks when it's your table's turn.

- Table 4: Sharon Bordeaux
- Table 5: Rosemary Brinkley
- Table 9: Carol Duncan
- Table 12: Doralee Hayden
- Table 13: Verge Jones

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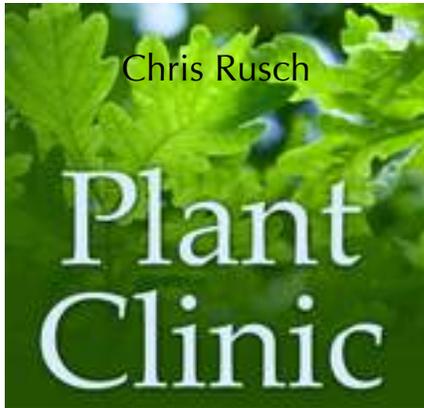
**2020 Winter Training Program**

Douglas County- Roseburg Tuesday 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

<b>January 7</b>	AM	Botany I	John Punches
	PM	Climate and Weather of Douglas County	Steve Renquist
<b>January 14</b>	AM	Pruning Shrubs and Trees	Steve Renquist
	PM	Veg Propagation*/Plant ID	Team/Chris Rusch
		Discovery Garden Orientation	
<b>January 21</b>	AM	Botany II	John Punches
	PM	Veg Propagation*/ Plant ID	Team/Chris Rusch
		Discovery Garden orientation	
<b>January 28</b>	AM	Concurrent Sessions	Master Gardeners
	PM	Tree Fruit/Greenhouse Seeding*	Steve Renquist/MG's
<b>February 4</b>	AM	Compost/Cover crops	Joe Yetter/ Steve Renquist
	PM	Tree Fruit/Greenhouse Seeding*	Steve Renquist/ MG's
<b>February 11</b>	AM	Pesticide Safety	Mark Christensen
	PM	Turf Mgt/ Weed Mgt	Mike Winters/ Chris Rusch
<b>February 18</b>	AM	Plant Disease	Jay Pscheidt
	PM	Vegetable Gardening	Marjorie Neal
<b>February 25</b>	AM	Care of Urban Trees/Seed Saving	Tal Blankenship
	PM	Soils/Fertilizer	Sara Runkel
<b>March 3</b>	AM	Berry Crops	Steve Renquist
	PM	Insects	Rich Little
<b>March 10</b>	AM	Vert. Pests/Xeriscaping	Steve R/ Geoff Puryear
	PM	IPM	Gail Langelotto
<b>March 17</b>	AM	Discovery Garden Final*	Master Gardener Team
	PM	Final Exam Review	Bonnie Courter/ Kish Doyle

Locations: Douglas County Extension Office-Roseburg  
 1134 S.E. Douglas Ave. Phone 672-4461

\*Class at the Discovery Garden (near River Forks Park) 238 River Forks Park Rd



The Plant Clinic was surprisingly busy in November even with our shortened schedule and fall weather. We had over 80 visitors in November. This is three times that of last year this time. Many insect, plant identification and garden questions

continue to come in. Our trainees are always so enjoyable to get to know, and it is fun to introduce them to our Plant Clinic and Extension activities. Many of our trainees have completed their 36 hour requirement and are now beginning to step into veteran roles.

We are lucky to have had a great training team in 2019 with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Ernie Amabisca, Barbara Horst, Anne Bacon, Karolyn Riecks and Chris Rusch. A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!

Speaking of our talented training team, we are always in need of new volunteers and alternates to step up and take on this challenging and important position on our Plant Clinic training team. Call me or send an email if you are interested. [crusch@hughes.net](mailto:crusch@hughes.net) or 541-825-3827.

We will begin our winter hours this month. The clinic will only be open on Mondays for the months of December and January.

We need still 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. However, for December and January we don't have many openings, so hurry to sign-up! The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County. And besides, it's a fun way to get to know fellow MG's as well as a chance to learn new things!

Merry Christmas, Everyone!

### Some Garden hints for December:

- Dig and divide rhubarb
- Spread some wood ashes evenly on your garden plot
- Turn the compost
- Spray your peach trees with lime sulfur for peach leaf curl
- Rake leaves, cut and remove withered stalks of perennial flowers, mulch flower beds, pull weeds
- Monitor houseplants for adequate watering, fertilizer, and humidity. Water and fertilizer requirements are generally less in the winter.
- Check stored flower bulbs, stored fruit, and vegetables like winter squash and potatoes for rot and fungus.
- Consider garden-related Christmas gifts for the gardeners you know.

### Pruning Class Schedule (All classes are 1:00-4:00)

Mark your calendars for the following pruning class dates. These count towards re-certification hours as well. Bring tools and dress for weather. All are held at the Discovery Garden.



**January 23 (Thurs.) - Fruit Trees**

**February 7 (Fri.) - Ornamentals**

**February 17 (Mon.) - Roses**

**March 24 (Tues.) - Japanese Garden**

## Advanced Diagnostics Class Bonnie Courter

On November 7th, about ten of us MG's met at Robin Oki's orchard in Myrtle Creek to learn about some pruning methods and to listen to advice Steve offered on restoring some



very old and neglected fruit trees. Most of her trees were over producing, showing breakage and wounds, but could benefit from some severe, though gradual, pruning rehabilitation. Some were beyond help, as Steve pointed out, and he happily lent his saw to a few to



put them out of their misery. It was a very worthwhile session, and everyone so appreciated Robin's offerings of homemade apple cake and cheese curds afterwards.



## Timely Time Sheets

Remember, the final day to submit your payback hour time sheets for 2019 is

**January 10, 2020.**

**Any time sheets for 2019 received after this date will not be processed.**

Please be sure to verify that your hours are correct as posted on our website or in the book located in the Plant Clinic so there is time to make any required corrections.

Thank you!

Vicki McAlister



## January Newsletter Reminder

Bonnie Courter, Editor

Just a reminder that I need your articles introducing yourself and your MG job description to the new class for the January Newsletter (along with a photo of yourself) by **Sunday, December 15.**

If you want to use the same as last year's, please let me know. That goes for your photo as well. If you want me to use one of your photos of yourself (selfie!), send it on to me.

Check out last January's issue at: <http://douglascountymg.org/docs/newsletter/dcmg201901.pdf>

Thanks for your timely submissions. Don't make me "hunt you down"! :)

Bonnie: [rbcourter@gmail.com](mailto:rbcourter@gmail.com), 541-391-2890



## Apple sleuths hunt Northwest for varieties believed extinct

By [The Associated Press](#) Posted Nov 20, 2019

PULLMAN, Wash. — The apple tree stands alone near the top of a steep hill, wind whipping through its branches as a perfect sunset paints its leaves a vibrant gold.

It has been there for more than a century, and there is no hint that the tree or its apples are anything out of the ordinary. But this scraggly specimen produces the Arkansas Beauty, a so-called heritage fruit long believed to be extinct until amateur botanists in the Pacific Northwest tracked it down three years ago.

It's one of 13 long-lost apple varieties rediscovered by a pair of retirees in the remote canyons, windswept fields and hidden ravines of what was once the Oregon Territory.

E.J. Brandt and David Bencoter, who together form the nonprofit Lost Apple Project, log countless hours and hundreds of miles in trucks, on all-terrain vehicles and on foot to find orchards planted by settlers as they pushed west more than a century ago.

The two are racing against time to preserve a slice of homesteader history: The apple trees are old, and many are dying. Others are being ripped out for more wheat fields or housing developments for a growing population.

"To me, this area is a goldmine," said Brandt, who has found two lost varieties in the Idaho panhandle. "I don't want it lost in time. I want to give back to the people so that they can enjoy what our forefathers did."

Brandt and Bencoter scour old county fair records, newspaper clippings and nursery sales ledgers to figure out which varieties existed in the area. Then they hunt them down, matching written records with old property maps, land deeds and sometimes the memories of the pioneers' great-grandchildren. They also get leads from people who live near old orchards.

The task is huge. North America once had 17,000 named varieties of domesticated apples, but only about 4,000 remain. The Lost Apple Project believes settlers planted a few hundred varieties in their corner of the Pacific Northwest alone.

The Homestead Act of 1862 gave 160 acres to families who would improve the land and pay a small fee, and these newcomers planted orchards with enough variety to get them through the long winter, with apples that ripened from early spring until the first frosts. Then, as now, trees planted for eating apples were not raised from seeds; cuttings taken from existing trees were grafted onto a generic root stock and raised to maturity. These cloned trees remove the genetic variation that often makes "wild" apples inedible — so-called "spitters."

Bencoter, who retired in 2006 after a career as an FBI agent and an IRS criminal investigator, pursues leads on lost apples with the same zeal he applied to his criminal cases.

In one instance, he found county fair records that listed winners for every apple variety growing in Whitman County, Washington, from 1900 to 1910 — an invaluable treasure map. In another, he located a descendant of a homesteader with a gigantic orchard by finding a family history she posted online.

Once he discovers a forgotten orchard, Bencoter spends hours mapping it. He has pages of diagrams with a tiny circle denoting each tree, with GPS coordinates alongside each dot. A lengthy computer database lists apples including the Shackelford, the Flushing Spitzenburg and the Dickinson— all varieties rediscovered by the project.

Apples from newly discovered trees are placed in a Ziploc baggie and carefully labeled with the tree's latitude and longitude and the date the fruit was collected. The apples are then shipped to the Temperate Orchard Conservancy more than 400 miles away in Molalla for identification.

There, experts work to identify them using a trove of U.S. Agriculture Department watercolors and old textbooks. Once a variety is identified as "lost," the apple detectives return to the field to take cuttings that can be grafted onto root stock and planted in the conservancy's vast orchard, to be preserved for future generations.

The trees could eventually boost genetic diversity among modern-day apple crops as climate change and disease take an increasing toll, said Joanie Cooper, a botanist at the Temperate Orchard Conservancy who's helped identify many of the lost varieties found in northern Idaho and eastern Washington.

She and two others founded the nonprofit conservancy in 2011, and operate it on a shoestring, after recognizing the need for a repository for rare fruit trees in the U.S. West.

"You have to have varieties that can last, that can grow, produce fruit, survive the heat and maybe survive the cold winter, depending on where you are," Cooper said. "I think that's critical."

For Bencoter and Brandt, however, the biggest joy comes in the hunt.

Brandt, a Vietnam veteran and passionate historian, last year found a homestead near Troy, Idaho, by matching names on receipts from a nursery ledger with old property maps. Three wind-bent apple trees neatly spaced along the edge of a wheat field were all that remained of the orchard.

Brandt collected the apples, hoping one was the Enormous Pippin, a lost variety he saw listed in the sales ledger.

Months later, he learned he had instead found the Regmalard, a yellowish apple with vibrant red splashes on its speckled skin. It hadn't even been on his radar.

"It's a lot of footwork and a lot of book work and a lot of computer work. You talk to a lot of people," Brandt said, savoring the memory. "And with that type of information, you can zero in a little bit — and then after that, you just cross your fingers and say, 'Maybe this will be a lost one.'"

Brandt is still looking for the Enormous Pippin.

Found this article from Associated Press quite interesting, suggesting to Steve this may be a great way to enjoy his retirement years. (ha-ha) ...Bonnie Courter

# Bake Sale

Janet Parkerson & Sharon Bordeaux

The results are in! The 2019 Bake Sale was a great success. We grossed \$1827.89!

It was one of the coldest Bake Sales we have experienced, starting the day at 31 degrees. At 1:30 the temperature had moved up only 6 degrees!

Despite cold toes, fingers and noses, the enthusiasm of our team could not be cooled. But, it's easy to be excited about selling the impressive creations from the Master Gardener kitchens. So many of our customers got visibly excited when they realized it was THE Master Gardener Bake Sale. We have developed quite the reputation!



Dave & Sharon searching for muffins.



Even "Santa" showed up! (aka Richard VanderVelden)

Thanks to all our members who also made purchases. Makes a big difference when we support all our fundraisers.



We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the time and effort from those who contributed to the success of the Sale. We are so

impressed with the talent and enthusiasm in this group!  
Thank you from the bottom our hearts.



Left: Linda Estep & Diana Circle keeping watch over the merchandise.  
Below Left: Patrice Sipos helps out a customer.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Above: Ed Hoffmann's famous home baked french bread.  
Below: Linda poses with Janet Parkerson



## DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting  
November 22, 2019

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Nancy Fuller at 10:10 AM. There were 38 members in attendance including Board members Nancy Fuller, Diana Woodward, Toni Rudolph, Barbie Hamby, Kay Livermore, and Bonnie Courter.

**Agenda Approval:** The Agenda was approved as posted.

**Minutes Approval:** The minutes as posted on the website were approved.

### Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:

Steve announced the following pruning sessions are scheduled at the Discovery Garden during the Winter Training course: January 23 - Fruit Trees; February 7 - Ornamentals; February 17 - Roses; and March 24 - Japanese Garden. All classes are 1:00-4:00. Taking these pruning sessions will count toward recertification as well, so all MG's are welcome along with the new students. Show up with all-weather gear and bring your sharp pruning tools. Steve emphasized we want to encourage good pruning practices to ensure our Discovery Garden is a healthy one - in other words, no "pom-pom" pruning!

Community Outreach: Steve is open to taking on this position vacated by Jude Stensland, but would like to do it with a team of MG's. He hopes he will be able to train others to be involved in community outreach.

Steve brought 9 leaves to act as a challenge to any MG who wants to try and identify them.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Membership - Kay Livermore:** Dues forms were sent out to the membership by email last week as well as DocuSign forms from Anita Clark. The response has been fantastic so far. Kay can take dues today, or MG's can mail them to her or place them in the locked drawer in the Plant Clinic.

**OMGA - Barbie Hamby:** The Fourth Quarterly meeting was held in Tillamook November 1 & 2. We had a good

representation from Douglas County: Chris Rusch as newly-elected President, Sharon as Secretary, Nancy, Kish and Barbie all attended. OMGA is still looking to fill the President Elect and 1st Vice-President positions. Friday was a grant-writing forum. The term, "Leadership Forum" was changed to "Educational Forum" to make it clear that it is open to everyone. The next quarterly meeting will be in March - no topic or location has been decided on yet.

Patrice Sipos held a workshop for chapter treasurers. 11 attended, and gave rave reviews.

Renee Taylor has become the editor for the newsletter, "The Gardeners Pen". All chapters are welcome to contribute.

Mini-College will be July 24-25, 2020, at the OSU campus Alumni Center. Dorm rooms or local hotels will be available. The theme is "Grow, Provide, Sustain". Classes, garden tours and a silent auction will be held. \$1900 was raised from the silent auction in Tillamook.

Barbie will post the minutes in the Plant Clinic.

**Treasurer - Toni Rudolph:** Financials are available. Bonnie Durick was awarded \$5000 from the Ford Family Foundation grant for which she applied.

**Vice-President - Diana Woodward:** Les Karcher may present a fermentation class in January or February. Diana asked membership for ideas for Continuing Education topics.

**Past President - Chris Rusch:** No report.

### President - Nancy Fuller:

- Nancy reminded everyone there will be no meetings in December. Contact Board members by email or texts if you have questions or issues.
- Receipts for reimbursement are due to Toni Rudolph by December 15.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Awards - Diana Circle:** Four trainees have completed their 60 hours: Cheryl Caplan, Jennie Compton, Verge Jones, and Deborah Orwick.

**Bake Sale - Janet Parkerson:** We are collecting baked goods today downstairs in the kitchen.

**Community Outreach - Jude Stensland:** On Halloween, Nathan Baily and Jude hosted 80 kids from Fremont Middle School on a tour of the Discovery Garden. It went surprisingly well!

#### **Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:**

- Help is needed in weed control. Julie Bell is helping with burning weeds using propane.
- Hemlock mulch will be procured by the end of the year.
- Dave Clark was putting in the new water heater for the greenhouse and noticed the pressure meter was indicating too much pressure. It has been repaired now. Frequent breaks in the pipes indicates that we may have had this problem a long time. We will put in a back flow meter and valves so this won't shut down whole system in the future.
- Pruning classes will be posted in the Newsletter.
- There is a metal scrap pile accumulating, so if you have scrap metal, bring it to contribute to the pile and we will haul it off.
- Julie's neighbor has huge bags of oak leaves available to anyone who wants them. See Julie.

**Greenhouse East - Bonnie Durick:** Everything is closed down for the winter. The Ford Foundation award will be used by Eastside to replace pallets with new tables. Ivor Chapman is making a prototype table which will be done in another week or so.

**Greenhouse West - Barbara Robinson:** Not present. Nancy reported for her that the crew is working on cuttings and getting things ready for the Plant Sale.

**Hallmark - Linda Thames:** Linda was not present, but reported that no cards were sent out this month.

**Newsletter - Bonnie Courter:** Newsletter articles are due this Saturday, November 23. Articles for the January Newsletter, which is oriented toward the new students, are due December 15. Contributors can use what they wrote last year, or send something new. Bonnie is available to take photos if you want a new photo of yourself as well.

**Winter Training - Kish Doyle:** The winter class is now full with a total of 32 students. This includes 6 young people who are enthusiastic and interested in working with community gardens as well as 5 couples. Mentors need to be sure their dues are paid and the DocuSign documents completed or you won't be able to be a mentor. December 4 at 10:00 AM is orientation training for mentors. There will be two MG's from Jackson County coming up also to learn about our mentor program.

#### **Plant Clinic/Spring Into Gardening - Chris Rusch:**

•Plant Clinic: There were 80 visitors to the clinic in November, the most we've had from any previous year in November. The clinic will only be open on Mondays in December and January.

•Spring Into Gardening: OSU will be sponsoring the event which ensures we will be covered with liability insurance, and registration and money will also be handled by OSU. There will be 4 sessions, two in the AM, two in the PM - 4 different classes in each session. Master Food Preservers will be participating as well. Hopefully registration will be open sometime in January. Cost is still to be decided upon. It will be February 29 at the Phoenix School. If anyone wants to help, let Chris know.

**Publicity - Barbara Horst:** Not present. She submitted PSA's on the Bake Sale to local media, and also posted the flyer on our Facebook page.

**Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson:** Ann not present. The fundraiser will be at the Winston Community Center this year. Donations can be taken to Ann.



A rare appearance by Steve at the Greenhouse.  
(Photo: Fred Alley)



Onion harvest at the VG. Photo: Fred Alley

**Victory Garden -**

**Ruth Stafford:** Our garden is asleep for the winter. Cover crop is in.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Liability: If we conduct an event that is educational and approved by

the OSU agent in writing, the event can be under the OSU umbrella which will cover liability insurance as well as helping with money and registration. But if it's a fundraiser such as Bake Sale, Plant Sale or Trash to Treasure, that is on our own. Our current liability insurance does cover our 3 fundraising events, but any others would add another \$300 on top of the \$500/year we already pay. So we will continue to partner with OSU on educational events.

Only half of last year's class have completed their 60 hours. In Lane County, for their winter training, they charge a regular fee for the cost of the class which goes to OSU **plus** a separate deposit of \$100. If the student finishes their required hours, they are given their \$100 back - if not, the chapter keeps the \$100. We will consider doing this for the class of 2021.

Newsletter Costs: Bonnie Courter did some research and found that ESD provides the least expensive printing costs for the monthly hardcopy of the Newsletter to mail. The Board has decided to charge \$17.50 for the annual Newsletter subscription starting January 1. Those who would like to receive the Newsletter by mail each month will then pay \$27.50 total to include the \$10 dues. The Newsletter is available free (and in color) online.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Repair job at the Discovery Garden: Julie earlier spoke about the broken regulator on the water line and the repair job that followed. The total cost was \$1,293.90 (parts \$589.75, copper pipe \$44.15, labor \$660).

Julie moved that we approve \$1,293.90 for the repair of the regulator and pipes. Maureen Benice seconded the

motion. The motion was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

2020 Budget Vote: The 2020 balanced budget was presented at the October Chapter Meeting and posted in the last Newsletter. There was a question about how do committee members project what they will bring in? Toni said that each committee head projects income and expenses by looking back at historical income and expenses. Chris Rusch moved to approve the 2020 Budget as presented. Kish Doyle seconded the motion. Membership voted unanimously and the motion was carried to approve the budget.

**SHOW AND TELL**

- Steve's leaf identification challenge.
- Diana Circle has lots of certificates to give out to those who didn't attend the Banquet. She will have the certificates in the Plant Clinic and also put a blurb in the Newsletter informing members where to pick them up.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Courter, Secretary

**Fred's Fav's**



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