



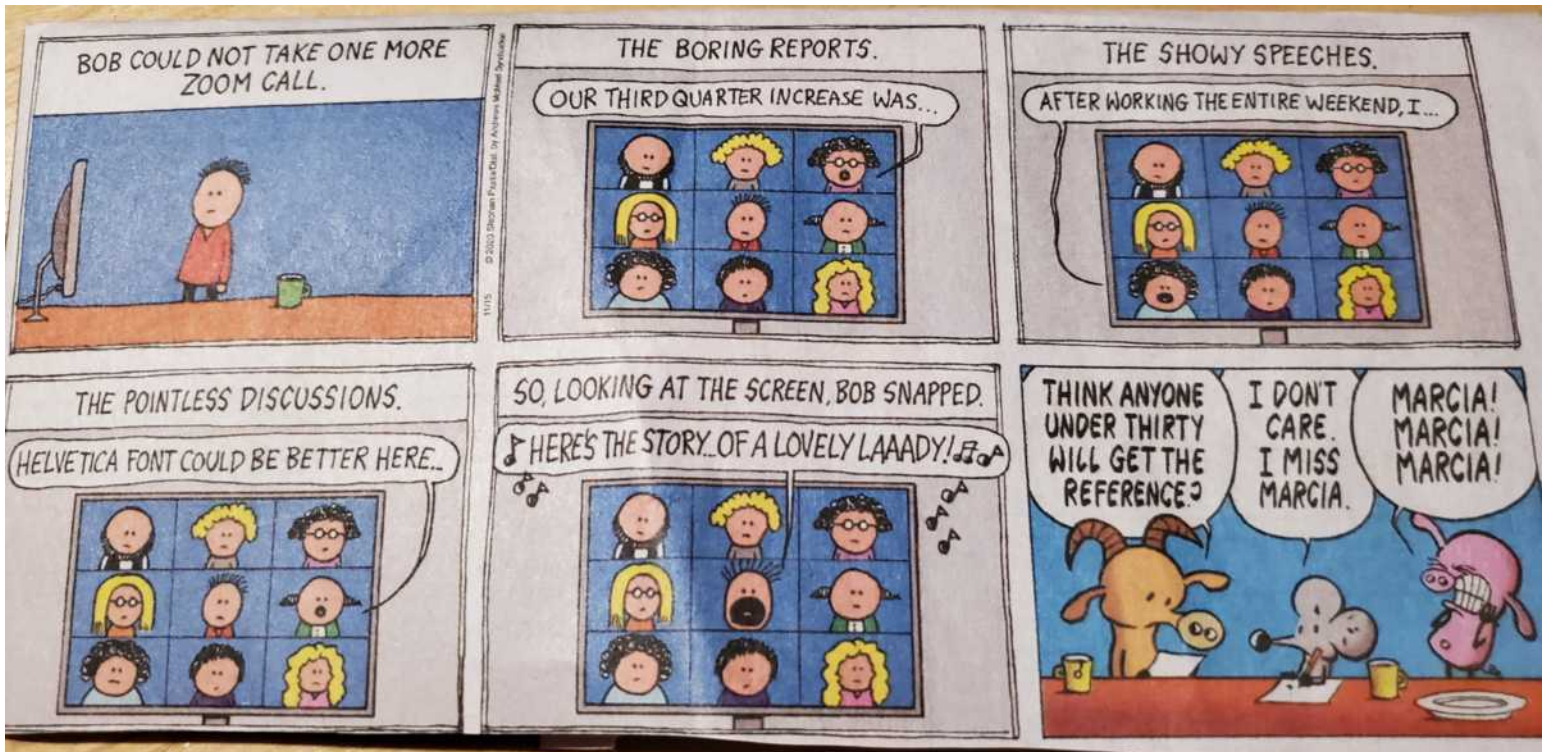
Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter

December 2020

The Prez Sez... Julie Stanbery

It's said a picture's worth a thousand words. I think the little critters say it all for me.



Happy Thanksgiving to all our great volunteers!



A Pretty Poo Pile

Beth Brown



On Saturday, October 31, there was not only a Blue Moon, a Hunter's Moon and lots of ghouls and goblins about in the Valleys of the Umpqua, but also a

gathering of folks who treasure the virtues of well-composted bird poo. Master Gardeners teamed up with members of the UVAS (Umpqua Valley Audubon Society) to clean out the chimney at the Art Center's clay place.

This is a very special chimney that is used by migrating Vaux Swifts as they travel from the American northwest to their wintering grounds as far south as Venezuela. On their trip both going north in the spring and returning south in the fall requires that they each eat thousands of flying insects every day and have a warm, safe place to spend the night. Historically they roosted in hollowed out old growth snags. There are very few of those left so these small



birds now have adopted chimneys, especially large ones that are no longer used for fires. As part of a citizen science project, members of the local Audubon chapter count the birds who roost in the chimney as they come through Douglas County.

As you might suspect, thousands and thousands of birds spending the night in a chimney can contribute

quite a few droppings of organic material. The local Audubon group first pried open the door at the bottom of the chimney two years ago and discovered a treasure trove of well-decomposed "poo". Master Gardener Bill Fuller had the composted matter analyzed by the MG soil testing team who discovered that it had the nutritional content in the range of well-rotted chicken manure or Miracle Grow. Good stuff indeed!

UVAS decided to open the chimney and clean it out again this year. In the intervening two years, a very nice pile of compost and material had accumulated in the chimney once again. About one dozen Master Gardeners answered the invitation to come and collect some for their gardens. Members of the Audubon Society also helped in the collection, and took home some to use in their own gardens and landscapes. We estimate that 15 five-gallon buckets were removed and distributed. And a good time was had by all.

Our local Audubon chapter was thrilled to get to share this resource with our local gardeners and look forward to doing it again, perhaps in two years.

Treasurer's Report

Diane Smith-Lewsadder

10/28/2020-11/12/2020

INCOME

Interest	\$5.50
Soil Testing	\$40.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$45.50

EXPENSES

Administration	\$32.89
Liability Insurance	\$499.50
HLC	\$951.24
Propane Tanks	\$4.00
Utilities - Electricity	\$154.13
ESG - 2020 Cow Creek Grant	\$39.92

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,681.68

Breakdown of our accounts at 11/12/2020

NWCC - Checking	\$855.43
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,006.36
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$31,023.93
Ending Balance	\$36,885.72



Ask Fred "the Tool Man" Alley

Question: What is the best spade/digging fork I should have for my garden?

Answer: The honest answer is there is no one best spade/digging fork for your garden. I fully understand that for years we simply went to the local hardware store and purchased the only one type of garden spade in the store. Maybe you just decided to restore your Dad's or Granddad's old spade because you really did not want to spend the money for a new one and/or the old spade had sentimental value and worked just fine.

Today we have many things to consider when selecting "the best" garden/digging spade. The considerations may include:

- What task(s) do I intend to use the spade for? Digging? Working in organic material?
- What soil conditions do I have in my garden? Clay soil? Sandy loam? Hard pan? Rocky?
- Will I be using the spade for composting only?
- Do I garden in only raised gardens, or all directly in native soil, or a well-worked garden?
- Do have differing soil conditions where I might want to use the spade?
- Will I be only using the spade to lift/divide plants?
- Will I be using the spade in the garden to harvest vegetables?
- Do I want several forks/spades or one multi-purpose fork/spade?
- How much do I want to pay?

After considering all of the possible conclusions to these considerations you will find there is no one best spade/digging for garden. Over the years I have found there are many, many different garden spades and digging forks. Many are so similar it is hard to distinguish one from the other. Many are designed and constructed for single uses. I have selected my top three spades from my garden tool inventory: #1 **Standard Garden Fork**, 41 inches high, plastic D-Handle, oak handle, 8-inch steel collar and four 1/2 inch x 10" steel blades. #2 **Digging/Border Fork**, 38" inch high, plastic D-

handle, 11 Inch steel collar and four 3/8-inch steel tines. Spears & Jackson Neverbend, Carbon Steel, made in England. #3 **Long Handle digging/cultivating spade** 60 Inch oak handle, 3/8-inch x 12 steel tines, and 8-inch collar.

You will find the old **standard garden fork** is typically what most of us think of when we imagine the classic garden fork, commonly referred, incorrectly, as the "potato fork". This garden fork was made in Austria. Nice quality. A garden fork is made with four, flat 1/2 inch wide blades that have pointed tips. The wider tines provide added leverage when you are prying old roots and rocks out of the soil. It is the most common of all garden forks. The garden fork will cut through harder soils easily. It is the best tool in heavy, compact clay soil as well in rocky soil. The garden fork is a good multitasker because you can use it to lever crops out of the soil, to dig soil and lifting out many different crops. The potato fork is a scoop-shaped fork with flat blades designed to dig up and scoop-up potatoes. It is not designed for digging soil. I can be, however, used nicely for composting.



My most favorite **digging /border fork** is the Spears & Jackson Neverbend fork. There are a number of digging/border forks. I was fortunate enough to find this fork at a garage sale last year. It was used only a few times. What makes this my favorite is the quality of construction, the size of the 3/8-inch tines, the height of the fork, and the hefty D-Ring plastic handle, making it a multitasking fork. The size of this fork is ideal for composting, particularly when using a compost bin. The smaller 3/8-inch tines allow for ease of

soil penetration. It is a great tool for flower gardening. Again, there are a number of forks that are designed and constructed like the spears & Jackson, but if you need a multitasking tool, go with this one or a similar one.



My last fork, the **long handle digging/cultivating spade** is a favorite of mine, because I have mainly raised gardens. The pros for this fork are the 60-inch-long handle, providing a lot of leverage. The 3/8-inch tines by 12inch steel tines are perfect in digging up the raised garden or well-worked garden soil. The tines go effortlessly into the soil at a good 12 to 14 inches, providing deep soil aeration. Composting is accomplished easily and the long handle provides a long reach and great leverage. This fork is not good in heavy clay, compacted soils or soils which include rocks. At 60 inches long, this garden fork is not quite a pitchfork but it might as well be. Again, ideal for raised or wel-worked gardens, composting and soil aeration.

The last considerations that one must make is the cost of garden tools. Interestingly there are many Standard Garden forks available in our local stores, and at estate and garage sales, making them accessible and inexpensive. I have never purchased a new spade/fork. Average cost is less than \$6.00. That being said, I would suggest you seek out used garden forks, particularly during the spring and summer months. Most likely you will have to be prepared to do some major clean-up and sharpening.

The long handle digging/cultivating spade and the digging/border fork are hard to find and both are expensive. Average cost is \$40.00 to \$65.00. I have found only three long handle digging/cultivating spades during the last several years and only one digging/border fork. I suspect the only place you will find either are on-line or a specialty garden store. If I were to pick the one to purchase it would be the digging/border fork. By far it's the most multi-tasking tool. Additionally, many have at least a ten-year warranty and they will last a life time.

Enjoy seeking out your favorite digging fork. Fall is not the best time to search, so you may want to wait until spring. Douglas County's age and significant reliance on farming and agriculture makes the area ripe with an abundance for discarded yard, garden and farm tools. I continue to be amazed at the amount and wide variety

of tools I find. Many stores have already put their tool inventory away and replaced them with our "favorite" Christmas decorations. We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving dinner - apple smoked grilled turkey, grilled potatoes, squash and a nice green salad, served with a favorite local wine. Yes, we are staying home for this unusual Thanksgiving together. Stay home and stay safe.

If you have more questions about tool tips, give me a call or email me. 541-733-6232, hasla@msn.com



Unfortunately our Plant Clinic has taken another set-back with the recent COVID restrictions. The Plant Clinic was not very busy in November - however, interesting insect and garden questions continue to come in. We had a few trainees willing to work in the Plant Clinic this month. They are always so

enjoyable to get to know, and it is fun to introduce them to our Plant Clinic.

We were lucky to have a great core training team this past year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Karolyn Riecks, and Chris Rusch. We send A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic and stepped up to help on Thursdays. I especially want to thank Doralee Hayden, Barbara Horst, Ernie Amabisca and Linda Estep.

We had 20 contacts in the Plant Clinic this month. This is a bit less than last year this time.

We will begin our winter hours in December. The clinic will only be open on Mondays for the months of December and January (COVID restrictions willing).

Funnies from B.Robinson & K.Doyle



Dormant Sprays for Fruit Trees

Steve Renquist

Anyone who wants to raise tree fruit crops needs to know that dormant sprays are extremely helpful to control overwintering insect pests and tree fruit diseases. What they may not realize is that if you have a dormant spray program, you make your summer pest control job about 80% easier. Reducing the amount of overwintering disease inoculum, or insect eggs and pupae heading into spring truly makes a sustainable low input summer pest control program possible.

Dormant sprays with orchard crops are generally applied from about 50% leaf fall in November to bud break in late February, depending on the type of fruit trees you are raising. In the dormant season when plants have lost many or all of their leaves, protective sprays can do a much better job of hitting and covering all of the tree surfaces

where pests are overwintering. It is also very important to use horticultural oil or spreader stickers with all tank mixes when making dormant sprays to help products stay on the target areas during our wet winter. To minimize spray runoff or wash off, make sure to check the weather forecast before you spray. Don't spray anything if the tree surface is wet or if rain is forecast to fall before the products have a chance to dry on the tree surface.



Apple Scab



Peach Leaf Curl

If you are raising stone fruit crops (apricot, peach, plum, prune, nectarine, cherry) you will want to start your dormant spray schedule with an application of fixed copper in fall when trees have dropped about half of their leaves. Fixed copper materials have many different brand names, so just read the label closely on the product your garden store sells to make sure it is registered for fruit or ornamental trees. Fixed copper is used to control diseases like shot hole fungus, peach leaf curl or

Anthracnose cankers. The stone fruit trees will also require a dormant oil spray in January or February before bud break to help control overwintering insects and insect eggs, and the final dormant spray for stone fruit trees should be sulfur or Ziram at delayed dormant when the buds of the trees just begin to swell. Don't wait until the buds are opening since many fungi can enter the buds in late winter and infect the tiny new leaves. This late spray timing is critical to control peach leaf curl.

If you are raising pome fruit (apple, pear), or nut crops (hazelnut, walnut) you should inspect your trees for Anthracnose and other cankers in late fall and prune out any infected wood. After pruning out cankers, start your dormant spray schedule with an application of fixed copper to control Anthracnose canker spore release. In January or February apply a dormant oil spray to control pear psylla, scale, mite eggs, and aphids. Pear, apple, and nut trees will benefit from a delayed dormant, late winter sulfur spray to control fungal disease, moss, and lichen, especially on old fruit trees. Remember to always follow the labels of all your spray products closely.



Pear Fireblight Canker

During the late fall and winter, it is very helpful to your overall pest control program to encourage the decomposition of old fruit and leaves still in the orchard by mowing or raking up debris. This will limit disease spore dispersal in the coming season.

OSU Extension has a helpful publication called, "Managing Disease and Insects in Home Orchards" (EC 631). Access the publication online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/>. Click on gardening, and then tree fruit and nuts. Then enter EC 631 in the search box. The publication has spray schedules for apple, pear, stone fruit, hazelnut and walnut trees.

With the "stay safe and stay at home" directives we are getting, implementing a good pest control program for your fruit trees will be a timely alternative to travel.



DECEMBER GARDEN CALENDAR

- Spread wood ashes evenly on your vegetable garden. Use no more than 1.5 pounds per 100 square feet per year. Don't use if the soil pH is greater than 7.0 or if potassium levels are excessive.
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- Protect new landscape plants from wind. Use stakes, guy wires or windbreaks as needed.
- Yard sanitation: rake leaves, cut and remove withered stalks of perennial flowers, mulch flowerbeds, and hoe or pull winter weeds.
- Turn the compost pile and protect from heavy rains, if necessary.
- During heavy rains, watch for drainage problems in the yard. Tilling, ditching, and French drains are possible short-term solutions. Consider rain gardens and bioswales as a longer-term solution.
- Check stored flower bulbs, fresh vegetables, and fruits for rot and fungus problems. Discard any showing signs of rot.
- Tie limbs of columnar evergreens to prevent snow or ice breakage.
- Make sure that landscape plants in protected sites receive water regularly during the winter.
- This is a good time to plant trees and landscape shrubs.
- Use chemical controls only when necessary and only after thoroughly reading the pesticide label. First consider cultural, then physical and biological controls. Choose the least-toxic options, and use them judiciously. Some examples include insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, and organic and synthetic pesticides.
- Monitor landscape plants for problems. Don't treat unless a problem is identified.
- Check for rodent damage around bases of trees and large shrubs. Remove weeds to prevent rodents from using them as hiding places. Use traps and approved baits as necessary.
- Avoid mounding mulching materials around the bases of trees and shrubs. The mulch might provide cover for rodents.
- Monitor spruce trees for spruce aphids. Treat if present in large numbers. Read and follow pesticide label directions.
- Protect poinsettias from cold. Place them in sunlight; don't let the leaves touch cold windows. Fertilize with houseplant fertilizer to maintain leaf color.
- Monitor houseplants for adequate water and fertilizer. Water and fertilizer requirements generally are less in winter.

Helleck Hall Helpers

This summer, Julie asked for some volunteers to clean up the landscape around Helleck Hall. Becky Carlson and John Oltman answered the call along with others who chipped in to help. You can see by the before and after photos the results of all their hard work. Thanks to Becky and John especially for heading up this effort!



Photos: Fred Alley



Fred's Fav's



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS
Chapter Meeting via Zoom
November 19, 2020

Continuing Education discussion on digger pests

video: Not many saw the video as the link was embedded inside the agenda sent out in the email to membership. It was suggested that next time Julie should send out the link in the email body instead of embedded in the agenda. Ruth viewed the video and said though it was helpful, she wished it were more specific in controlling the digger pests. A few others found it very informative.

Call to Order: The meeting via Zoom was called to order at 10:10 AM. There were 24 in attendance including President Julie Stanbery, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Past President Nancy Fuller, Treasurer Diane Smith-Lewsadder, Membership Kay Livermore, OMGA Rep Barbie Hamby, Alt.OMGA Rep Kish Doyle and Secretary Bonnie Courter.

Agenda Approval: Approved

Minutes Approval: Approved as posted on the website.

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:

Meeting protocol for Zoom: always put yourself on mute unless speaking.

Starting yesterday, the Extension office is closed for 2 weeks. There was an incident where someone came into the office who had COVID, so the office is now closed to public visitors.

The Discovery Garden and greenhouses are also closed for 2 weeks as per the Governor's freeze. The front gate will not be locked. Steve encouraged anyone living close by to check on things occasionally as a security measure.

The only thing that's interactive right now are online videos and webinars by OSU. Steve will forward any links to these if anyone wants to participate. He will start some small pruning sessions when COVID flattens down. We can organize some groups to care for the facility requiring sign ups, and maybe limiting work details to 10-12 people at a time.

Steve sent an article to Bonnie for the Newsletter on dormant sprays. We should focus on a fall dormant spray for fruit trees, even landscape bushes like lilac, using copper. If you have lime sulfur still, you can use it til it's gone. If you don't, use just plain sulfur as a rotational product on fruit trees. Ziram works well, but comes in large quantities. Kay Livermore asked if you can mix copper and sulfur together in a spray. Steve said you can't mix copper and sulfur as it will burn the bark. Use them 2 weeks apart. This time is a good time of year for applications, again in January, and finally just before bud break in late winter.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Kay Livermore:

OMGA decided not to charge \$7 for dues this 2021 year. Of the \$10 we charge for dues, \$3 goes to the Chapter to cover liability insurance for each member and \$7 to OMGA. Someone said we shouldn't charge the \$10 as it was taking advantage of our members. The Executive Board recommended that we keep the full \$10 for the chapter. Chris Rusch said OMGA's reasoning is that most chapters lost a lot of revenue not having fundraisers this year. To help chapters out, they said the chapters should go ahead and collect the full amount to alleviate loss in revenue.

Kish asked where will the funds go? Toni Rudolph said it's on the line item under Dues and goes into the general budget. Julie's issue is that since we aren't very active, maybe we would retain more members if we only collect the \$3 or no dues at all. Kish says we already sent out dues forms for the \$10 and it will be a nightmare if we have to refund dues already sent in. Ruth said she always looked at the \$10 as a MG dues and says we should go ahead with the \$10 as normal. Kay reminded everyone that returning any dues money would include the cost of postage as well.

Julie decided that when voting for a motion via Zoom that she will take a roll call of those present, then simply ask for opposing votes. **Bonnie Courter made a motion to keep the full \$10 dues which will all go to the chapter. Kay Livermore seconded the motion.** There were no dissenting votes. The motion was passed unanimously.

57 members have sent in their dues already. Students usually make up for membership losses in a normal

year, so we can probably count on membership numbers dropping down to the 230 mark.

OMGA - Barbie Hamby:

The OMGA 4th Quarterly Meeting was held via Zoom on Friday, November 6, 2020.

Douglas County continues to be well represented at the OMGA meetings as we have three members on the board, including Chris Rusch as President, Patrice Sipos as Treasurer, and Sharon Bordeaux as Secretary. They have all agreed to serve a second term for the 2020-2021 year. OMGA still needs a president-elect and an editor for the quarterly publication "The Gardener's Pen."

The virtual "Celebrate Master Gardeners" week, held October 26 through October 30, was a success and received mostly positive feedback, according to OSU Extension Program Coordinator Gail Langellotto. 620 people registered for the event, and between 400-500 viewed the films.

She also reported that Sara Runkel has accepted a job in North Carolina, so her position in Josephine County will be open.

Mini-College is slated for Wednesday, July 14 through Thursday, July 15. It will be virtual, and the cost is \$49. There will be keynote speakers, concurrent sessions, a silent auction, a bookstore, and an awards presentation. The theme is "Connect-Collaborate-Cultivate." There was discussion about the days it is scheduled for, as some thought it would be better if it were on Friday and Saturday in order to attract more people, especially those who work and for younger people.

Volunteers are still needed to moderate the sessions and organize the silent auction. If you are interested in helping, contact Sue Nesbitt at sue.nesbitt1231@gmail.com.

OMGA Dues: The OMGA Board voted to not collect its annual chapter dues of \$7 from its members for the 2020-2021 year due to COVID restrictions and lack of fundraising opportunities, events, workshops, etc. However, each chapter may decide how to collect their own dues.

Plant Sale: Some chapters are trying to organize plant sales. Benton County had a fall plant sale and it was run by the community Evening Garden Club. Master Gardeners delivered the plants and club members operated the event. Customers had times reserved and limited people into the sale area, following COVID protocol.

Another chapter held a Winter Plant Sale in March and its representative said that the biggest problem was the quality of the plants, which suffered due to lack of care, except for watering.

OMGA Annual Planning Retreat: The annual retreat is scheduled for December 1, 2021 from 1:30 to 4:00 pm and all are invited to **ZOOM** in! Agenda items include plant sale for 2021 and how can we help other chapters, as well as making plans for the upcoming year.

Also on the agenda is a review of OMGA priorities, which were set at last year's retreat. They are:

- Priority One: Advocate for Extension in general and Master Gardener Program specifically.
- Priority Two: OMGA should continue its financial support for "Educational Content".
- Priority Three: Identify and recruit people to take on the tasks/jobs that need to be done now and in the future.
- Priority Four: Form a working committee to continue developing a better understanding of our "legal" standing.
- Priority Five: Search out ways to enhance membership retention/diversity.

OMGA International Conference is being planned by the Virginia Master Gardener Association. It will be totally virtual and begins September 21, 2021. Registration opens on April 5, 2021, and will be capped at 2,500.

Treasurer - Diane Smith-Lewsadder: Diane is still working with Toni and expressed her gratitude for her help. The \$12 under "Board supplies" went to purchase antivirus software. Vicki got it through her organization which saved us money. The \$913.83 under the Eastside Greenhouse was for heaters.

Vice-President - Diana Woodward: We discussed the educational video. In the future, don't embed the link to the videos in the agenda. There was less participation

because members couldn't find the link to the video. Diane will find new educational videos for the future.

Past President - Nancy Fuller: Deer netting works well. She cautioned that it will go down to freezing this weekend, so protect vulnerable plants.

President - Julie Stanbery:

Julie recognized Karine Gabrielle attending the meeting as our new member transfer from Jackson County. She has already paid her dues and will audit our winter class when we have one. Recognized also was Ed Cole participating in the meeting. Kudos to Joy Keeling, the only new trainee attending the meeting.

Hours still need to be turned in. Mailing them to Vicki McAlister is the best route.

When we get hard copies for grants, the Treasurer will keep them on file. Vicki was uncomfortable putting them on the website as they could pose a security risk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards - Diana Circle: No report.

Community Outreach - Leo Grass: No report. Not present.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery: The recent wind knocked down lots of limbs in the garden. Lots of cleanup is needed. She took down all the field pipes by the Eastside Greenhouse.

Fundraising - Nathan Baily: Yesterday we were approved for BottleDrop bags. We will set up a place to distribute them and notify everyone through Shirley next week sometime. Bag distribution will be in the green shed. Members fill bags with their cans/bottles and return them to the redemption center. Scan the barcode label and put the bags in the bin outside the entrance to the center. We may start after the 2 week COVID freeze. Fundraising is a team effort to explore any new ways to raise funds for the chapter. Any ideas, let Nathan know.

Greenhouse East - Bruce Gravens: Not present. Ivor has been working on repairing the heater in the sun greenhouse. Bonnie Durick reported they have been

cleaning tops and doing root pruning, but everything is on hold now. They may just take a day and have a minimal number of workers sign up.

Greenhouse West - Barbara Robinson:

Westside crew continues to work on disgruntled plants slated for 2020's plant sale. They would much rather be thriving in someone's garden.

A big thank you to Steve Hart who has been building plant tables for the Westside patio area. We are also thankful for the materials donations for this project from Steve and Kathy Hart and Georgia and Tim Richards. No dipping into the budget thanks to these generous Master Gardeners.

Hallmark - Linda Thames: Not present. Her report:

Linda sent a "Thinking of You" card to Janet Parkerson who has been under the weather and a "Speedy Recovery" wish card to Marianne Major who had shoulder surgery last week. There are two planned surgeries coming up - Dave Hopkins is having hernia surgery, and Ken Hays is scheduled for knee replacement surgery in January.

Insect Committee - Richard Johnstone: Not present. No report. Richard and Roger Djemal had a meeting recently where they threw out a lot of samples and ordered new tubes, but now further work has been postponed.

Newsletter - Bonnie Courter: Articles for the December Newsletter are due this Saturday. The January Newsletter will be a normal one since we do not have an incoming training class. December 15 will be the deadline for the January Newsletter.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch: The Extension office shut down again, so no Plant Clinic. Chris will monitor emails during the shutdown and send responses from home. Steve will monitor phone calls. We were training some 2020 students. Clinic is open on Mondays only in December. Chris will work the clinic on Mondays unless the freeze is extended.

The Extension office staff have been wiping down surfaces and clinic staff have been disinfecting after each day.

Julie asked why the office staff doesn't communicate to Shirley if they're going to close down. Steve said it's just a lack of communication. OSU expects agents to pass on that kind of information to our volunteers. He will make sure that happens in the future.

Plant Sale - Bonnie Durick: She measured the Eastside Greenhouse to see how many we can accommodate at a time for the sale, and it worked out to 109 people, but that's too many at one time as it would also include workers. There's a danger that we could be shut down again right before the sale, so everything's still in flux. Bonnie obtained a lot of hand sanitizers and glove supplies from a source for free. She still will need to figure out registration and sign ups. It was suggested that she contact other chapters to see how they do that. Westside will have limited seeding due to budget restrictions.

Publicity - Cheryl Caplan: Not present. She usually comes to Board meetings, but is still working so can't always make it. Cheryl sent out PSA's about the Plant Clinic change in hours on FaceBook and our website. She may send out something once the Bottle Drop program gets in gear. She put out a radio PSA about the Celebrate Master Gardeners Week.

Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson: Not present. Her report:

Well, my trailer is full and I will need to find a place to store the donations that I am getting. I took in 2 truck loads on Friday. At present I am pricing and boxing items up. I hope to find a place to store these donations. I did have a MG last year that allowed me to store stuff at her home. I will be asking her again.

I will be looking at making new signs for Trash to Treasures to be put in yards and roadsides.

With having no new students for 2021, I will need many more of our Master Gardeners to help. I can actually say that I've been blessed with having dozens of volunteers over the years. However, over half of the volunteers were the new students. I'm not too worried though.

I will also have sign up sheets for each table or tables to watch over and to price. Each table/tables will have a head person with 2-3 helpers to assist.

This is usually the time of year that I start reminding you to start gathering your donations. Many have already done so. (Thank you)

Donations: Please remember what we take and don't take. NO old TV sets, beds, clothes, plants, food, wine glasses, exercise equipment, baby furniture. Items must be clean and in working condition.

If you have a question or if we can take an item you have, text or call me at 541-817-4983.

Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka/Linda Brunancho: Ruth met with Carolyn and Linda to outline the 2021 garden. Mark Christensen from DC Coop is helping Julie with getting better filters for irrigation. There is still money left from the grant for irrigation and needs to be spent by April.

Winter Training - Kish Doyle/Bonnie Courter: Kish will send out an email to the prospective 2021 students giving them the option to purchase the textbook, but will have to wait til the COVID freeze is over.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

SHOW AND TELL: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(No more 2020 meetings)

Executive Board meeting

January 13 2021

Chapter Meeting

January 28, 2021

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Courter, Secretary

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2021 DUES

(Please pay **BEFORE** January 1, 2021)

Print ALL information EVEN if nothing has changed:

Name: _____

Street / PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Land Line: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Responsibilities/Title: _____

___ Enclosed is \$10 for my 2021 Dues which includes an E-mail MG Newsletter.

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

Do not write below above line:

Date: _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

2021 Dues: \$10.00

Due to Covid-19, access to the Plant Clinic is restricted. Therefore, we are asking that all dues be mailed to the Membership Director. If you need a copy of the dues form you may pick one up at the OSU Extension office.

Make checks out to DCMG. Print this form and mail with dues 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
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Douglas County Master Gardeners

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OSU Gardening Information: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening

OSU Master Gardeners Program: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/mg

Oregon Master Gardeners Association (OMGA): www.oregonmastergardeners.org



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