



### March 2022 Calendar

Tues., Mar. 1, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews  
Discovery Garden workday  
Victory Garden Crew (10:00)

Fri., Mar. 4, 1:00-3:00

**Pruning Hedges, DG**

Mon., Mar. 7, 1:00-3:00

**Pruning Roses & Hydrangeas, DG**

Tues., Mar. 8, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews  
Discovery Garden workday

Wed., Mar. 9, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

Fri, Mar. 11, 1:00-3:00

**Pruning Japanese Garden, DG**

Sat., Mar. 12, 9:00-5:00

**Spring Into Gardening seminars @  
Phoenix School**

Tues., Mar. 15, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews  
Discovery Garden workday

Tues., Mar. 22, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews  
Discovery Garden workday

Tues., Mar. 29, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse crews  
Discovery Garden workday

Thurs., Mar. 31

Continuing Education (9:00)  
Chapter Meeting (10:00)



## The Prez Sez...

**Julie Stanbery**

Attending the funeral of my dear friend, Jack Wright, (MG 1989) has put me in the mood to reminisce. I've been re-reading his DCMG Newsletter columns from the two years he was chapter president, 1996-1998.



Jack was born to the forests and an outdoor lifestyle. His many years as a forester instilled his love for all aspects of a gardener's life: good soil, clean water and his dedication to sustainable gardening. This appreciation for nature was tempered by his struggle to accept insects in his veggie bed and the constant war he waged on his clay soil! Despite his tussles with Mother Nature, he grew beautiful flowers and thriving fruit trees. His favorites were his well trained clematis and the rose bed he planted for his wife, Judy.

Jack was so positive in his outlook and appreciation for OSU Extension and the Master Gardener program. He was ardent in his appreciation of his fellow MG volunteers. His constant concern was addressing our mission of education through community outreach - were we meeting our obligation and how could we better attain our goals?

In his July 1998 column, Jack wrote:

*...browsing through my dictionary I happened upon the word "extension" and the definition: the act or power of extending. Thoroughly enamored by this revelation, I hastened to find the meaning of the word "extend". The definitions were substantive excerpts: "To widen or enlarge the range, area, scope, meaning of. To hold out or put forth, as the hand, and to give or offer to give, to extend hospitality." So where are we going with this? The obvious answer is if we as Master Gardeners are going to fulfill our mission to support Extension programs, we should pay some attention to what these definitions say and what they may mean.*

*To me they shout, "pro-action". Taking the Extension education program to the public. It means spending the time to become proficient in specific aspects of home horticulture to be able to instruct others both formally and informally. And it means extending our public relations program to the point where expertise in gardening matters is synonymous with the OSU Master Gardener organization in our community.*

Jack was honored as OMGA Master Gardener of the Year in 2001. In the nomination essay submitted by Betty Ison, she wrote of his dedication to the program and his leadership abilities. In his later years, he assigned himself the task of maintaining the sand box in the Children's Garden, rarely missing a Tuesday in the Discovery Garden. I miss his enthusiasm and good common sense. His warm, kind smile will always be in my memories. Julie

*"What means something is if you do something that you can feel good about. That you can help people with, that you can incorporate into the rest of your life. That's what you need."* .....Jack Wright

## OMGA

Chris Rusch, President

We will have our first quarterly meeting for 2022 on March 4 via Zoom.

There are many important topics to discuss and decisions to be made. Please try to attend or send your alternate.

Thanks for your commitment

[Link to our meeting Friday March 4:](#)

Extension, Oregon Master Gardener Association is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: OMGA 1st Quarter Meeting  
Time: Mar 4, 2022 02:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/j/95714985242?pwd=K2Y4N29odHILRUNraElxeDRnT2hSdz09>

Password: 340310

## Treasurer's Report

01/27/2022-02/23/2022

Dawnetta Loomis

### INCOME

Kroger Community Rewards	\$35.49
Bank Interest	\$16.32
Soil Testing	\$100.00

### TOTAL INCOME

**\$152.81**

### EXPENSES

Soil Testing	\$182.56
Awards	\$134.16
Victory Garden	\$90.59
HLC	\$52.09
Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$18.27
Propane	\$1,313.17
Utilities	\$546.97

### TOTAL EXPENSES

**\$2,337.81**

### Breakdown of our accounts at 02/23/2020

NWCC - Checking	\$633.05
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,009.49
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$32,943.96
NWCC - Waddington Fund	\$71,833.78
NWCC - 6 Month CD	\$17,708.45

### Ending Balance

**\$128,128.73**



Shared by K.Hart

# Spring Into Gardening

## Educational Gardening Classes

Saturday, March 12th 9:00am to 5:15pm

Phoenix Charter School

3131 NE Diamond Lake, Roseburg OR

**Keynote: 9:30am-10:45am: Why Natives?**

**Session 1 11:00am-12:15pm**

- A. Managing Vertebrate Pests
- B. Principles of Xeriscaping
- C. Growing Berry Crops

**Session 3 2:30pm-3:45pm**

- G. Garden Soil Advanced
- H. Growing Peppers & Tomatoes
- I. Managing your Home Orchard

**Lunch 12:15pm-1:00pm Bring your Own**

**Session 2 1:00pm-2:15pm**

- D. Garden Soil Basics
- E. Growing and Propagating Succulents
- F. Principles of Permaculture

**Session 4 4:00pm-5:15pm**

- J. Growing and Propagating Succulents
- K. Growing and Managing Olive Trees
- L. New Vegetable Varieties from Territorial Seed Co
- M. I have tomatoes, now what do I do with them

\$25.00 for 1 or more classes

Registration deadline Thursday, March 3, 2022

Masks are required

Registration will be complete with payment

Cancellation policy: No refunds.

The registered participant may invite another person to substitute in their place. Please notify us at 541-672-4461.

To Register go to <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/county/douglas/events>



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## Plant Sale

Bonnie Durick

The behind the scenes workings for the Plant Sale are moving right along. Here are some dates for you to mark on your calendar:

**Thursday, April 28**, from 1-3 and Sunday, May 1, from 1-3 will be the "Master Gardener only" plant sale out at the greenhouses. The Thursday sale is after the April chapter meeting. For the new Master Gardeners, this is your opportunity to get first dibs on the plants we are raising for the sale. There isn't a discount, just first dibs. There will be more information to come about this part of the Plant Sale.

**Thursday, May 5**, our Transportation team will be loading the tables and plant sale supplies from the Extension Annex and Punches Palace at the Discovery Garden into trailers and trucks to be ready to take them to the fairgrounds on Friday.

**Friday, May 6** is a big day. Some jobs will be starting at around 7:00 at the Fairgrounds to start setting up for the sale. Then the majority of help comes at 8:00 to get the rest of the setup completed. It is pretty amazing how quickly this all comes together.

**Saturday, May 7** PLANT SALE DAY!!!! This is the day we have all been working hard to see. We haven't been at the Fairgrounds for 2 years so it will be great to return and see our plants being sold.

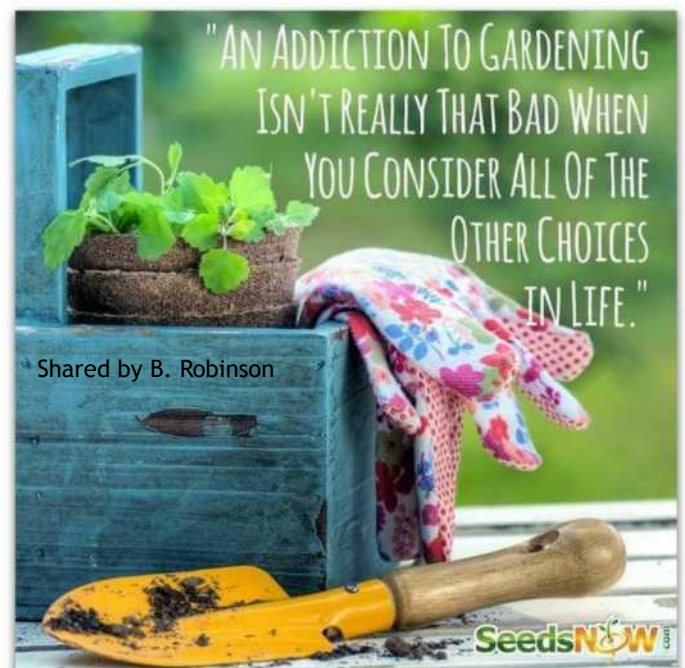
A couple other items regarding Plant Sale include:

- Sign-ups - Online sign-ups seem to be progressing well. An email will be coming every 10 - 14 days through Shirley with the link to the sign-ups. This will continue until we close it down mid April. Paper sign-up forms are also available in the Plant Clinic. Please consider signing up for more than one job as we have positions available on both Friday and Saturday. It takes a lot of hands to pull this all together. (You can even sign up your spouse to help in non plant-related areas such as setup, take down, transportation etc.).
- Raffle - Please consider donating something for the raffle. If you have small items, our Raffle team can bundle them into baskets to raffle off. Anything you

have can be given to Diana Circle, Sharon Hopkins or Toni Rudolph.

- Vendors - Right now we have around 24 vendors signed up but we would like to see a whole lot more. If you know of anyone who might be interested that has plant or garden related items they would like to sell, please let Jen Bailey or Ann Severson know and they will take it from there.
- Publicity - Cheryl Caplan has put out a request for the number of flyers and/or bookmarks anyone would like to have to distribute. If you have not already given her an estimate for what you would like, please let her know.
- Potluck - In the past, we have had a great potluck lunch on both Friday and Saturday. Right now, I am in need of someone to take the lead in this area. Barbie Hamby has sent out an email with some of the information about what the duties entail, but so far we don't have any takers. If no one steps up, we won't be able to have our potluck and will have to brown bag it for lunch. If we get any kid volunteers, I will provide pizza for them, but everyone else will have to bring their own.

I'm looking forward to a great Plant Sale this year. Thanks for all your help.



## Membership Report

Kay Livermore

We currently have 208 members.

I am still accepting 2022 dues. However, since we are past the January 1 deadline dues are now \$20.00.

Make checks out to DCMG and place in the locked drawer in the plant clinic or mail to:

Kay Livermore  
135 Indian Point Ln  
Glide, OR 97443

## Swinger Bars

Kay Livermore

Swinger bar upgrades are available at Board Meetings and Chapter Meetings.

The replacement badges ordered by members have arrived and will be available for pick up at the March Chapter meeting. The 2021 trainee badges have also arrived. Trainees trade in their trainee badges when they complete their 60 payback hours.

At the February Chapter Meeting members approved a policy change as follows:

"The Chapter provides members with one hour bar and one year bar. Members pay for additional or replacement swinger bars."

Replacement or additional swinger bars are \$3.00 apiece. These swinger bars are then traded in for upgrades as usual.

## Mini-College

July 29-30

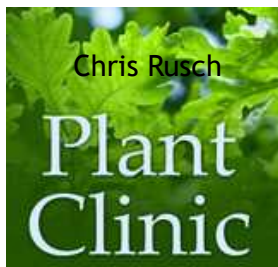
Designed in 1983 to help Master Gardeners connect and learn new skills, this summer's Mini-College at OSU should be a high priority for all of us.

**Topics** include Native American traditional ecological knowledge, helping native bee populations and amazing things about soil.

**Fun events** include a Corvallis Knights Baseball game at Goss Stadium where we have reserved the Omaha Room overlooking the field; tours of a research farm and nursery; a marimba band that will entertain us at the Friday night banquet, and a fabulous array of items available for bidding at the **Silent Auction**. Donated by each of our chapters, the Silent Auction is the only event at the Mini-College that garners a profit for the OMGA - the rest of the event is priced to just cover costs.

Mini-College is **open to all** interested gardeners, not just MG's. So put it on your calendar, come meet new friends or renew acquaintances with other MG's from around the state, and fulfill your continuing education hours with a lot of fun!

[omga.org/mini-college-2022/](https://omga.org/mini-college-2022/)

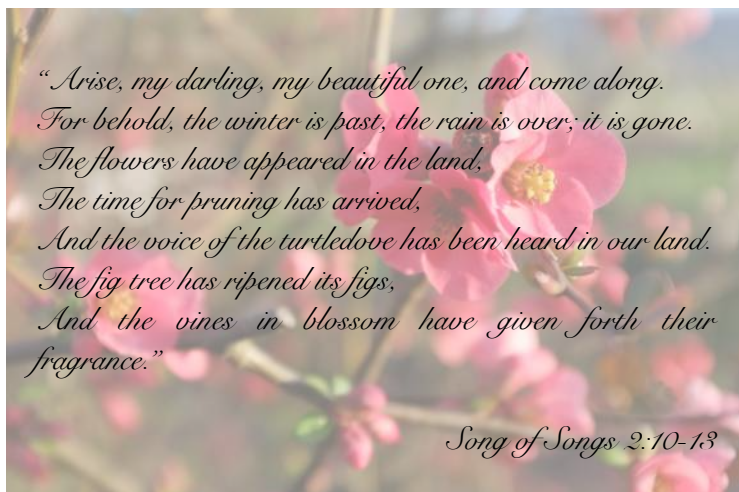


The Plant Clinic was surprisingly busy in February. We answered over 30 emails, phone calls and questions from visitors. We started training our new group of volunteers this month. Many insect, plant identification and garden questions continue to come in.

We are lucky to have a great training team for 2022 with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Linda Estep, Diane Smith-Lewsadder, 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. Starting in April, we will 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. I realize we all have very busy lives, but I encourage each of you to take time, look at your calendar and pick just one afternoon each month and give the office a call to sign up. 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 besides, it's a fun way to get to know fellow MG's as well as a chance to learn new things!

Call me or send an email if you are interested; [crusch3837@gmail.com](mailto:crusch3837@gmail.com) or 541-825-3827.



*“Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, and come along.  
For behold, the winter is past, the rain is over; it is gone.  
The flowers have appeared in the land.  
The time for pruning has arrived,  
And the voice of the turtledove has been heard in our land.  
The fig tree has ripened its figs,  
And the vines in blossom have given forth their fragrance.”*

*Song of Songs 2:10-13*



Several years ago while going to an event in Coburg with my daughter and granddaughters, I purchased a String of Pearls. Now, I wasn't really going to buy this succulent, but my

daughter had one that I just loved. Hers was this beautiful cascading String of Pearls that sat in her big bay window, facing the south end of her home. Yes, I was jealous. I'm the succulent lady, and she has one - I don't. Well, until now.

As time went on I found that with the popularity of many different types of string succulents, I had to step outside the box.

Henceforth, introducing you to The String of Pearls, *Senecio Rowleyanus*. The String of Pearls looks just like it says. Or like peas on a vine. They can cascade over the pot for several feet. They prefer to be grown in an east-facing window, getting at least 6-8 hours of indirect sunlight. However they can be outside in the summer months and do well in Zones 9 or higher. They are not frost-hardy like many succulents, so bring them in before the frost.



Propagating String of Pearls is not too difficult. It is best to use about three cascading vines that are a few inches long and have several pearls on each vine. You will need to have at least one inch of the vine without any pearls on it to place in the soil. Take the pearl vine and lay it on the top of the soil. The pearls of the plant will eventually send root hairs down into the soil. In time, the pearls will start to trail over the top of the pot. If any of the pearls come off the vine, just place the pearl in the soil in an empty spot. The String of Pearls has a small flower that is white and, if you are lucky, you might be able to pick up the scent of cinnamon from it.

I have had many people in the last few years ask me if the succulent they are going to buy is pet safe? With a lot of research, this succulent, like many, is TOXIC to pets and people. Don't let your pet eat it. The plant



itself also can cause a rash to people. Now I've been propagating this succulent for a few years now and have had no issues with it. But if you are sensitive to saps in plants, then this little plant might not be the one for you. Remember if you are looking for a new plant to do research on it, be sure that it is safe for you and your furry friends.

The care for these is like most succulents - you do not over water them. I water mine in the winter about once or twice a month. In the summer months it will be about once a week depending on where your plant is located. The String of Pearls doesn't require any fertilizer once established. Give them the right type of soil and sun and you will have a wonderful String of Pearls for years to come.

## Discovery Garden Peace Tree Julie Stanbery



Just about one year ago we planted a young Ginkgo Biloba tree given to DCMG through the Green Legacy Program. Jim Gersbach, a specialist from the Oregon Dept. of Forestry contacted me in a

followup call. He is leading a study to last the length of his tenure and maybe longer, to track the success of the trees. He will map vigor, failure, and conditions that would affect the growth of the trees. The results will be charted in an ongoing format for interested observers.

Below are two of the websites he included in our conversation. One wonders how long the survey will survive? It will be interesting to follow the timeline.

"It was so nice getting to talk with you today, Julie, and learn more about the MG Discovery Garden in Roseburg and its connection to Chiaki Koyama.

Thought you might be interested in this profile Green Legacy Hiroshima has published online of Hideko Tamura-Snider, the atom-bomb survivor who was the inspiration for the peace tree planting effort in Oregon.

[https://glh.unitar.org/site/assets/files/1554/pip\\_-\\_22\\_dr\\_hideko\\_tamura\\_snider-2.pdf](https://glh.unitar.org/site/assets/files/1554/pip_-_22_dr_hideko_tamura_snider-2.pdf)

You may also be interested in reading more about the Hiroshima Botanic Garden, which prepared and shipped out the seeds for the peace trees. (See the attached link below.) It is part of a series Green Legacy Hiroshima has written online with people involved in the peace tree effort. [https://glh.unitar.org/site/assets/files/1554/pip17\\_s\\_h\\_e.pdf](https://glh.unitar.org/site/assets/files/1554/pip17_s_h_e.pdf)



## *Scribblings from the Little Free Library*

Feb 15, 2022  
My buds spring to life when they feel the golden light. Even when the flowers are dormant, they are ready we enjoyed a morning garden walk and read a couple books

2022-2-16  
we grow a lot since the last time, whole in general like this we gotten so much better at the things I love and I have an amazing friend named Kefe and I have amazingly done my best who I love with all my heart so much has changed and I will always remember this park and all the times we been here this park and its flowers will always hold a special place in my heart.  
I have watched my two children grow so much in this beautiful garden and I am so grateful to the people who maintain this place I hope this place forever brings happiness to them with and without



## Ask The Tool Man Alley

This is the time of year we Master Gardeners start thinking about what garden tools we will most likely use this coming spring and what we need to do to get them ready to use. One of the questions I'm asked this time of year is, "What is the best oil to

**keep the rust and corrosion off the metal parts of my garden tools once I get them cleaned this spring?"** Keeping rust and corrosion from occurring on the metal parts of garden tools requires constant maintenance, especially in the fall when we are storing garden tools for the winter. Regardless the time of the year, one should keep a thin coating of oil on all metal tool parts anytime when not in use.

In our May 2021 Master Gardener Newsletter, I prepared an article on Tool Maintenance centered around the question, "What is the best oil I can use on my garden tools to prevent rust and corrosion?" That article covered the entire cleaning, sharpening and long-term maintenance of garden tools. My answer then and still is the **best product to use is Rem Oil, made by Remington.** The **second-best product to use is Renewalube Oil, made by Birchwood Casey.** Yes, it is spelled Renewalube. I know that many of us have very nice and some very expensive garden tools, so I recommend the use of Rem Oil or Renewalube Oil, or a similar product on all our tools.



Both oils are an exceptional high-performance cleaner, lubricant and corrosion-protectant for maintaining all steel parts of gardening tools. Both oils penetrate into the smallest metal pores, then leave a tough, long-lasting film helping keep rust and corrosion from occurring. The oil quickly displaces even microscopic traces of water from advance moisture resistance. Moisture is the tool's worst enemy. Unlike some products, both of these oils have minimal odor. Renewalube Oil is even biodegradable and environmentally friendly. Both products are available in aerosol and pump, and Rem Oil is available in handy wipes. Price ranges from \$8.96 to \$13.00, depending on

the size of the container. Both of the products can be purchased locally at hardware or sporting goods stores. Rem Oil, however, is becoming less available. In addition, they are available, along with many other similar products online.

Here's one of my smaller spades that I have maintained for years using Rem Oil. The shovel blade has a very nice finish, smooth surface and very sharp. The shovel is just a pleasure to use.



Each time I prepare these articles, I'm reminded how easy it is for you to follow-up with me if you have any questions and need any assistance. It is not like watching a You-Tube presentation and never get a change to follow-up or ask again for clarification. You can call me, e-mail me or catch me at the Discovery Garden on our Tuesday workday. You can even bring your tool with you and we may be able to address your need/question in our Green Shed work shop.

Happy gardening, and continue keeping those garden tools clean, sharp, oiled and properly stored.





## “Love them or leave them: Fruit trees take plenty of work”

(Steve’s interview by Kym Pokorny,  
posted at OSU Newsroom, Jan. 14, 2022)  
Shared by Bonnie Courter

People tend to have a love-hate relationship with their fruit trees. The fruit they love; the work they hate.

The regimen of spraying turns off home gardeners, said Steve Renquist, recently retired horticulturist with Oregon State University’s Extension Service. But times have changed. Research has resulted in easier methods of dealing with pests and diseases, from resistant trees to low-toxicity products. For years, OSU’s Extension horticulturists, including Renquist, have been advocating for integrated pest management or IPM, an approach using the most effective, least-toxic methods first.

“You don’t need to coach people nearly as vigorously as in the past,” Renquist said. “Everyone wants to minimize spraying. Low input means it’s better for the people eating the fruit, better for the environment in the backyard, better for the safety of the pets and family running around out there. It’s a pretty easy sell.”

When Renquist teaches classes in what he calls low-input gardening, he starts by recommending that home gardeners choose the most disease and pest-resistant varieties. Extension Master Gardeners can recommend relevant trees, as can nurseries with expertise in fruit trees.

“If you start from that point, you’ve got a much better chance of having a low-input orchard,” he said. “You don’t have to be constantly spraying for something.”

Apples and pears are the two most common fruit trees grown in Oregon because they can be grown throughout most of the state. But everyone seems to want to grow cherries, even though they’re not the easiest choice.

“Everybody has the desire to grow cherries,” Renquist said, “but after you try to grow them and keep the birds away, you realize you’re putting a lot of effort into feeding the birds. And they get a number of diseases,

too, which compounds it. One of the real tortures of home gardeners is wanting to grow cherries.”

So, he advises sticking to apples, pears, plums and, if you’re in the right areas, stone fruits such as peaches and nectarines. If you’re partial to figs and persimmons, by all means plant them; those fruits are almost entirely carefree.

After choosing an appropriate variety, the next step is to be vigilant about monitoring for insect pests – like the ubiquitous coddling moth – with pheromone traps, which can be purchased from farm stores or online. Pheromone traps are also used for peach tree borer in

peaches, nectarines and apricots, and filbert worm in hazelnuts. The tent-shaped traps have bases smeared with a sticky substance. On the trap bottom, place a lure with pheromones that waft a scent to attract certain insects. Starting in late spring, hang



“Bagged apples keep coddling moth at bay.”  
Photo: Chris Branam

the traps in the trees and check each week. If there are more than the target level of insects caught in the trap in one week, spraying with the least toxic spray is recommended. If not, knock off the ones trapped and start counting again in the new week.

“Scientists make it pretty simple,” Renquist said. “That’s the beauty of the system. They determine the number of insects to look for. It’s something hard and fast you can follow; you don’t have to extrapolate. You’re applying on the basis of need rather than the basis of prevention.”

On top of that, the recommendations for sprays are for low-impact sprays, many of them organic, though Renquist points out that even some organic products have risks. A good reference for disease and pest control is Extension’s [Managing Diseases and Insects in Home Orchards](#), which has a list of cultural practices and least toxic products for various pests and diseases. For information on specific products on the list contact your local Master Gardeners.

Renquist stresses that home gardeners need to rotate sprays – three per season is best – to avoid resistance. For instance, if your apple, pear or plum tree has coddling moth, he recommends Cyd-X, a virus that is non-toxic to anything but the moth; the organic form of spinosad; and Surround, which is a kaolin clay compound that irritates the moths and keeps them away.

Another strategy, Renquist said is to apply low-input dormant oils during the dormant season before trees have budded out. The oils smother the eggs and larvae of many insects and decrease problems down the line. Of course, keeping your trees in top shape is key.

“A lot of it is the health of the tree,” he said. “Well-timed sprays, good pruning, good fertilization. You really can have fruit produced with far fewer inputs than people lead you to believe.”

For more information, refer to [Growing Tree Fruits and Nuts in the Home Garden](#) and [Training and Pruning Your Home Orchard](#).

## MARCH GARDENING CALENDAR

### Some tips for your March Gardening Calendar:

- Practice preventive pest management. Apply horticultural oils now before bud burst.
- Plan your vegetable garden. Plant cool season crops such as peas, lettuce, spinach, and kale.
- Spread compost over the garden and landscape areas.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs after blossoms fade.
- Plant berry crops.
- Fertilize rhododendrons, camellias and azaleas with acid type fertilizer.
- Protect new plants from slugs.
- Start rose blackspot control beginning at bud break.
- Register for “Spring into Gardening” on March 12!

## Upcoming Pruning Workshops

**Friday, March 4 - Hedgerows & Misc.**

**Monday, March 7 - Roses & Hydrangeas**

**Friday, March 11 - Japanese Garden**



## DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting Minutes  
February 24, 2022

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:12 in the Extension auditorium. There were 34 in attendance, including President Julie Stanbery, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis, Membership Kay Livermore, Past President Nancy Fuller, and Secretary Bonnie Courter.

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

**Minutes Approval:** The Minutes were approved as posted.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Past President - Nancy Fuller:** Her rosemary is blooming already.

**Membership - Kay Livermore:** We currently have 208 members.

**OMGA - Kish Doyle:** Not present. Julie reminded us donations are needed for the silent auction for Mini-College which will be July 29-30. Small donations can often be combined in a basket. Other ideas are certificates, wine, garden tours, yard art, etc.

**Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis:** Financials are posted. \$17,708.45 was transferred from the Waddington Fund into a 6 month CD (20% of Waddington Fund). Prices are going up on everything as well as propane. We have used more than half the budgeted amount for propane already. We may have to approve more funds this year to cover the increased costs.

**Vice-President - Diana Woodward:** Jim Leet presented a great talk on seed starting at the 9:00 Continuing Education. The next CE will be Fred Alley on tools. Leo Grass may do something on watering systems, and there's always the online LevelUp series. Diana will send out a link to those after they've been posted.



### President - Julie Stanbery:

Julie welcomed the three new MG's attending the meeting.

A problem has cropped up with the Vanguard Mutual Fund we wanted to use for the Waddington Fund. Vanguard requires any MG authorized to be in control of it provide their Social Security number on the document. Julie is not willing to do that, so if there's anyone willing to take on that authorization and submit their Social Security number, please see Dawnetta or Julie.

*(Addendum to the minutes: Barbara Zastrow has agreed to be the person of record for the Vanguard Fund - thank you, Barbara!)*

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Awards Team - Ann Severson:** There is still no date or location for the awards banquet. It will be on a Saturday afternoon in April. Certificates will not be given out, but instead special awards will be given. Garden chairs are asked to please let Ann know of any volunteers who have done something outstanding, deserving of an award. They will rename the banquet as the "MG Awards Social". There will be games and other fun activities.

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

### Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

Julie recently got a call from Jim Gersbach, ODFW from Salem, who is tracking all the Hiroshima ginkgo trees distributed in Oregon. He is tracking their growth, vigor, and those that fail through a "story map" on his website. Jim would like to visit our tree in the Discovery Garden.

Robin Hendry, who is in a wheelchair now, is coming back to volunteer, helping at the Discovery Garden. She emphasized that the paths in the Discovery Garden are inaccessible for wheelchairs. Renting a compactor to get the paths in better shape might be done in April.

Monday there was no water at the Greenhouse. The Parks Department said there was a leak, so they turned off the water. There was a big leak near the HLC backflow device, so Julie turned that off. It was clear

that a parks employee had backed his mower into the backflow meter box and knocked out the underground pipe. Stratton Bros. came out within 20 minutes and fixed it. Julie told the Parks Department we could pay for the repair, but asked them to pay for the extra water charge which will result. However they said it's on our side of the meter and refused. The total cost for the repair was \$519. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that we should document everything in a letter or incident report, and send it to the Parks Department when we get the water bill. The water system was down for about 18 hours. We should read the meter now to compare. We might have damaged the pump, but water is now restored. **Toni Rudolph moved that we approve to pay the over-budgeted cost of the repair. Maureen Benice seconded the motion. A vote was taken and it was passed unanimously.**

#### **Facebook - Barbara Horst:**

We have 1,743 followers and have reached 3,391 in the last 28 days, up 278% from last year. We have 26 new likes this month.

The most-liked posts were the Spring Into Gardening flyer (2,181, up more than 44% than the last 50 posts with 10 shares); Ask A MG articles on rose pruning (618) and seed starting (942).

The FB audience is mostly 65+ in age, though ages 35-44 are close in numbers. 85% are women, 98.5% from the USA, 40% from Roseburg with other countries being Canada, Iraq, Egypt, India, Italy, Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Africa and the United Kingdom.

**Fundraising - Nathan Baily:** \$452.60 was deposited from BottleDrop, putting us on track for a \$1000 year. Nathan reminded us to look on the back of the can or bottle to make sure it's recyclable - sometimes it's indicated on the top lid. If you order items from Amazon, make sure you register with and use Amazon Smiles.

**Greenhouse West - Carol Bolt:** Crews are transplanting, seeding and cleaning plants.

**Greenhouse East - Bonnie Durick:** Crews are propagating and seeding a lot. They have 5,000 plants for the sale.

#### **Hallmark - Linda Thames:**

These are the cards sent since our January meeting:

- Jan Kershner is on hospice.
- Jon Thran was in Bend hospital for heart procedure.
- At the end of January, Richard Livermore, husband of Kay Livermore, passed away suddenly.
- Philip Nasset is home from hip surgery and rehab and Nancy Nasset had pneumonia.
- Former DCMG president Jack Wright died 2/11. He was also a former president of the OMGA. A card was sent to his wife, Leslie Sherman. A Celebration of Life will be held at Wilson's Chapel of the Roses on Friday, February 25 at 1 PM.
- Maureen Benice mentioned that Kish Doyle had hip replacement and will be returning in 2 weeks from Southern California.

**Insect Committee - Richard Johnstone:** Not present. His report. Roger and he have met twice, identifying insects that have been stashed in the freezer. He reminded clinic workers to place the date the insect was received along the client's name and phone number on the specimen container.

**Newsletter - Bonnie Courter:** Articles are due Saturday, the 26th.

**Plant Clinic/Spring Into Gardening - Chris Rusch:** Not present - her report:

The Plant Clinic was busy in February training our new group of Master Gardener volunteers. 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. In February we trained many of our new volunteers and answered over 30 emails, phone calls and questions from visitors.

We are lucky to have a great training team for 2022 with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Linda Estep, Diane Smith-Lewsadder, and Chris Rusch. A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!

Spring into Gardening is scheduled for March 12. Registration is open. We have a great selection of speakers on all sorts of gardening topics. Our final planning meeting will be March 9 after the Executive Board meeting. Please register or volunteer for this

event. We need more registrations! Thanks to everyone who volunteers for our programs.

**Plant Sale - Bonnie Durick:** The committee had some meetings already. Online signups are working well. She brought the clip boards to the meeting as well. She will send out the signups link every 2 weeks. They need donations for the raffle. Small things can go into a basket. Barbie Hamby won't be at the plant sale, so she needs someone to take over the food service area. We also need more vendors - contact Jen Bailey. Right now we have 24 with room for 60. Jen extended the early bird discount to March 15. Instead of the grandstand banner, our sale will be posted on the lighted marquee for 2 weeks.

**Publicity - Cheryl Caplan:**

Cheryl sent around a signup sheet to see how many posters and/or bookmarks members would like for the Plant Sale.

Spring Into Gardening signups end next Thursday. Only 17 have signed up so far. If we don't get at least 30 registrations by March 3, we won't have the event, which would be a shame. We'd like to get 60 is possible.

**Soils - Patrice Glasscock:** The soils team is working on setting up the new lab at the HLC. They have completed 7 tests so far this year.

**Swinger Bars - Kay Livermore:** No report for this month. Replacement badges are in - they just need holes drilled in them. She will have them by the next chapter meeting.

**Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson:** The sale is June 4th at the Winston Community Center. She will have plants to sell as well. Her husband paid for the rent. Donations are coming in - contact Ann. Toni Rudolph suggested having handouts at the Plant Sale to help advertise.

**Victory Garden - Linda Brunancho:** Their first meeting will be Tuesday, March 1, at 10:00. They will be spreading bark in the aisles and moving a few panels. We will need a few strong backs for pushing wheelbarrows. Larry Rich has kindly offered to operate the tractor, bringing bark to the fence where he will dump it into our waiting wheelbarrows.

**Steve's Minute:** Not present - no report.

**OLD BUSINESS: Bylaws & Policy revisions vote**

Revisions to the Bylaws were printed in the February Newsletter. **Bonnie Durick moved we accept the Bylaw changes. Toni Rudolph seconded the motion. A quorum was present. The vote was unanimous.**

Julie then discussed the policy changes. **Toni Rudolph moved we approve the policy changes and Kay Livermore seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**SHOW AND TELL:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:26.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Courter, Secretary

(Due to Fred's computer being hacked, here's some photos taken by Bonnie Courter instead.)



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