



Nov. 2022 Calendar

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

Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Mon., Nov. 7, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

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

Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., Nov. 9, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

Fri., Nov. 11

Veterans' Day

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

Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., Nov. 17

Continuing Ed, Annex (9:00)

Chapter Meeting, Annex (10:00)

Mon., Nov. 21, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

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

Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., Nov. 24

Thanksgiving Day

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

Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

The Prez Sez...



Eighteen big smiles from our newly minted DCMG volunteers! Congratulations on the successful completion of your training program and welcome to an adventure that will be fulfilling in many ways.

2022 is the second season of scheduling the MG training program in the fall rather than in the dead of winter as we had done for the past 36 years! We have so many very dedicated veteran volunteers who toiled for months to present a quality yet streamlined program. The marvelously supportive class mentors are the cornerstone of our program. Year after year, we find that the relationships developed between student and mentor add immeasurably to the personal satisfaction derived from being part of the OSU/Extension volunteer community and to membership longevity.

Our chapter has the distinction of being known as innovative trailblazers with many novel approaches to enhancing the volunteer experience. In particular, I want to commend the Executive Board officers who worked relentlessly to bring the 2022 training to fruition. It is their strength of character and determination that allows us to continue to thrive in an uncertain environment.

For the past four years as Training Program Leaders, **Bonnie Courter and Kish Doyle** have managed every aspect of volunteer training. They have fine-tuned the training process to become the program of distinction that it is today. As they move onto new challenges, we offer many thanks for all they have done to promote the continued growth of our chapter.



Thankfully, we have two volunteers eager to step-up to the challenge. **Cynthia Moyer** and **Patrice Glasscock** will oversee the training program in the upcoming year(s?). We appreciate their enthusiasm and look forward to working with the new team.

So, graduated students and veteran volunteers alike, give yourselves a "pat-on-the-back" for a job well done!!

Julie Stanbery
Chapter President

Membership Report

Kay Livermore

We are now accepting 2023 dues. Dues are \$10.00 if paid by January 1, 2023, or \$20.00 if paid after January 1, 2023. To have the Newsletter mailed to you, include \$18.50. To order a replacement or spare badge, include \$6.00.

Dues forms will be emailed out via Shirley next week for you to print at home and attached in this Newsletter. Copies of the dues form are available in the Plant Clinic.

Place your dues form and payment in the locked drawer in the Plant Clinic or mail them directly to me. My mailing address is on the dues form.

Payment by check or cash is accepted. Make checks out to **DCMG**. Remember, if you pay by check, the check will not be deposited in our bank account until January.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Phone: 541 496-4111 or email: kay.livmr@gmail.com

The OSU required, "Conditions of Volunteer Service" DocuSign form will be sent via email by Anita Clark on November 15, 2022. Please complete and sign the form as soon as possible. Remember to click the green 'finish' button at the bottom of the documents. You will receive a reminder email every Friday until you return the signed form. If you need help with signing the forms, contact Anita Clark in the OSU Extension office.

Treasurer's Report

Dawnetta Loomis
09/27/22 - 10/25/22

INCOME

Soil Testing	\$240.00
Interest	\$22.20
Plant Sale Post	\$1,014.25
Other - Insurance Refund	\$108.00
Tee Shirts	<u>\$638.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME **\$2,022.45**

EXPENSES

Management & General	\$173.62
Clinic & Office	\$121.40
Discovery Garden	\$640.25
HLC	\$1,623.92
Fall Training	\$14.64
Utilities	\$1,730.33
Class Deposit Return	\$300.00
Toilet Repair	<u>\$4,800.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$9,404.16**

Breakdown of our accounts at 10/25/22

NWCC - Checking	\$1,001.93
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,011.15
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$55,010.36
NWCC - Waddington Fund	\$71,905.46
NWCC - 6 Month CD	<u>\$17,735.72</u>

Ending Balance **\$150,664.62**





There are around 250 different types of aloes and species. Many come in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes. The aloe vera that we all know has healing properties

and is 96% water, and the latex in it is used as a laxative. This aloe vera is used for many different purposes including as a skin and beauty lotion and used mostly for burns and skin problems. One must be reminded that not all aloes have the same properties and some can be toxic. The aloe (*A. arborescens* Burm.f) is best suited as a house plant as it can not tolerate full sun. It can survive with very little light and doesn't require a lot care or watering either.



Some people get aloes and haworthia plants mixed up as they tend to look similar. Aloes have jagged teeth along the margins of the plant. The young aloes do not start getting their teeth for some time, but will when they are a much more mature plant. And yes, they are sharp. Haworthia plant margins are smooth and not jagged like the aloes.

The aloe vera is a tender houseplant that does need some special care not to bump the leaves as they are tender and will break easily. The leaves have white spots and as the plant ages the spots will disappear. Propagating this plant is easy as it puts off pups around the base of the plant over time. They can be removed when they are a few inches tall. This gives them enough time to have root hairs. But if you remove one and it doesn't have any root hairs visible, just use a rooting hormone. (Wear gloves when using any rooting hormones.)

One of my favorite aloe varieties is the Black Gem Aloe. It doesn't tend to get large like the aloe vera. It too makes a very nice houseplant and doesn't require a lot of care. The Black Gem Aloe does well in the sunlight and will turn a dark shade of black or dark



purple with the correct lighting. If you choose to have this plant and not have it in the sun, it will retain its beautiful emerald green coloring. This variety of aloe is quick to make pups around the mother plant and grows much quicker than the popular aloe vera.



Some smaller houseplant aloes are Donnie (also known as Bright Star) and White Fox. Donnie is a small dwarf aloe that grows only to about four inches wide and has spotted white leaves and toothed edges

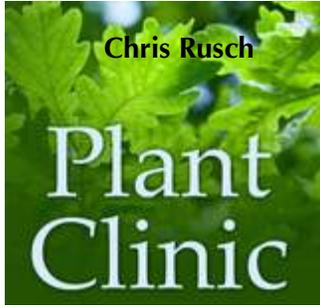
with dark pink to red. This variety does not grow fast, so re-potting it will not be necessary for many years. This aloe, like the Black Gem Aloe, can tolerate the sun and likes bright light. It does best in temperatures of 70 to 80 degrees.



White Fox Aloe has thick green and sometimes purple hues with white markings. It blooms with a stalk of coral-colored flowers. This variety likes to have bright light to thrive and does well with direct sunlight too. Like most aloes, it doesn't require watering much as it is drought-tolerant. Over-watering these aloe varieties can cause root rot. It is best to wait for the soil to dry out before watering.

So, if you love aloes there are many to choose from - from your large common aloe vera to your smaller Donnie and White Fox. There is bound to be one that can fit your home style and make you smile.

Until I see you in the garden.



First of all, I want to thank everyone who worked in October at our Plant Clinic!! 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. We

are lucky to have had a great

staffing team this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Chris Rusch, Barbara Horst, Diane Smith-Lewsadder, Doralee Hayden, Linda Estep and many others. Our Plant Clinic team is looking forward to begin training for our new volunteers in the clinic starting in February 2023.

During the month of October we had over 50 calls, visits or emails to the clinic. Questions for October were included orchard management, cover crops, lawns, plant and weed identification and lots of insects.

The Plant Clinic will be reducing hours beginning in November. We will staff the clinic on Monday and Wednesdays from 1-4 PM.

October 2022 Swinger Bar Report

Kay Livermore

Members who have swinger bar updates for September 2022:

2020 Trainees who have completed their 60 payback hours: **Lynda Harding, Mark Ramp**

2021 Trainees who have completed their 60 payback hours: **Ellen Porter**

200 hours: **Judy Ode**

300 hours: **Bobbi Schneider**

750 hours: **Doralee Hayden**

Special Gardener's Supply Company Standard 3-Tier SunLite Garden for sale to Master Gardeners



At the Oct. 27 Chapter Meeting, I announced former veteran Master Gardener Judy Mercer had donated a wonderful SunLite Garden unit she had purchased from the Gardeners Supply Company in Vermont, to members of our Master Gardeners Association. I have attached a photograph and the link to the

Gardeners Supply Company in Vermont illustrating the 3-tier garden. In viewing the site, the unit sells for \$799.00. The unit is in exceptional condition. It's four feet across, fourteen inches deep and six feet in height. The unit is completely assembled and comes with two extra bulbs and a Globe eight-day timer outlet power strip.

The notice of the donation and offer for sale will be sent to all of our Master Gardeners. We are asking a **Minimum bid of \$400.00**. The funds received from the sale will go into the Association's General fund, per the organization's policy and Judy Mercer's request. The link to the Gardeners Supply Company in Vermont is: <https://www.gardeners.com/buy/t5-grow-light-stand-three-shelves/39-357.html> If you are interested, it is worth your time to review this link. It's a great price and a good chance to raise funds for the MG Program.

Since the unit is completely assembled and ready to go, I have volunteered to deliver the unit to the winning bidder. All bids should be sent to my email address: fhasla@msn.com **The bids must be received no later that Wednesday November 5, 2022, 5:00PM.**

Donation coordinator: Fred Alley 541-733-6232 fhasla@msn.com



Ask The Tool Man Alley

Ok, tell me the truth. The last time you used your hand pruners, did you place your pruners back into your garden organizer bucket without cleaning them? If you are like most of us, gar we would say YES. Now, we are ready to do some more pruning of the few last

tomatoes or some late shrub pruning and we say, “Darn, I can’t use these hand pruners in this condition”. Right? Been there. Done that.

I have prepared a number of articles, and given many presentations on how to restore hand tools. Often, I’m asked, “What is the easiest and quickest method to clean and sharpen hand tools like hand pruners, loppers, hedge clips, and hoes?”

Well, this article is especially prepared to answer that question. **Four Easy Step 20-minute Clean-up of Hand Pruners** (and many other garden tools). If you implement this simple regiment, you will be more inclined to do more regular, well-timed pruning, be pleased with the results and your plants will love you. These four easy steps take little time and require simple household materials.

Step 1. Materials required:

- Plastic wash tub – 1–2-gallon size, filled with hot soapy water
- Dish soap – any kind
- Ajax cleanser
- #2 or #3 Steel wool
- 2”x 4” hand brush
- Rubber Gloves
- Apron

Place the hand pruners in the hot soapy water. Dip hand brush is hot water, sprinkle some Ajax onto the brush and scrub the entire pruners. While focusing on the cutting blades, the brush and soapy water will remove most the dirt and grim from the entire pruners. (Photo 1)



Step 2. Materials required:

- Plastic wash tube. Separate from the tube in step 1.
- #2 or #3 Steel wool
- Rubber gloves
- Bottle of spray Goo-Gone
- Apron

Place your hand pruner in the bottom of the tub. Spray the entire pruner with Goo-Gone, on both Sides. Spray the steel wool with Goo-Gone and scrub the entire pruners, focusing on the cutting blades. This action will remove almost all dirt and grime left after Step 1. Place the pruners in the hot soapy water left over from Step 1. (Photo 2)



Step 3. Materials required:

- Rubber or garden gloves
- Paper Towels
- Corona AC8300 Sharpening-Sharpener tool

Thoroughly dry off the pruners, particularly the cutting edges. Holding the pruners in your left hand pointing towards you, place the sharpener at the end of the cutting edge and slowly pull the sharpener towards you along the entire blade. You should made 3 to 4 passes, noting the cutting edge will become shiny and sharp. Turn the pruners over, keeping the pruners in your left hand. This time with the blades pointing away from you. Take one to two passes of the sharpener away from you. Make sure the sharpener is flat against the back of the blade. You are not sharpening this side, only removing any burrs created when sharpening the blade. (Photo 3)



Step 4. Materials required:

- Garden Gloves
- 2”X 4” brush

- 3-In-One oil and any other fine oil. Gun lubricating oil is excellent because it has high viscosity and penetration.

Spray the entire pruners, front and back, with the oil. Take the brush and thoroughly brush the pruners, working the oil into the pruners. This is the last step! Properly store the pruners for the next use. Before you use the pruners, wipe the oil from the pruners. (Photo 4)



Once you get into this regiment after each use, you will notice the efficiency and improved results when using the pruners. The last thing I do after these four steps is to stack the two tubs, place all the materials I used into the tubs and place all of them under my work bench for my next cleaning. In this manner, everything is ready to go for my next cleaning and sharpening.

If you have questions, or need any assistance, please feel free to contact me. Happy gardening and keep those garden tools clean, sharp, oiled and properly stored.



One of Elva's dahlias with a bumble bee friend.

Photo:
Kathy Hart



Soil Testing

Patrice Glasscock & Gloria Cettina

Early in October Logan Bennett offered a soils class for the community that was well received. Participants had great questions and connected with Logan afterwards about small farms. Soil testing was a topic that garnered a lot of attention. As a result the Master Gardeners Program with Logan's help have worked to give soil testing a higher profile with more accuracy.

Several individuals from the current MG class have stepped up to be trained in soil testing. This will help us immensely because we have quite a few soil tests waiting to be performed. Soil testing can take from 1 to 1-1/2 hours to complete and, with the interest shown in the community soils class offered by Logan, we anticipate more requests to come in. Thank you to our 9 new students Curt McCracken, Ryan Phillips, Colleen Baida, Marianna Sieroncinska, Maurie Hallauer, Dawn Shumack, Scott Damschen, Andrea Collins, Julie Burchstead, and from the class of 2021 - Abigail Hotovec and Judy Ode!

Also a hydrometer will be purchased after the first of the year which will give us more accurate readings of soil texture - sand, silt or clay. It is a more complex test and we are looking forward to adding this to our arsenal of tests for the community. We have been training with Logan on this new process and will implement it as soon as we have all new equipment.

So, as you can see, the Soil Testing Lab is a happening place to participate in and it is so nice to be located at the HLC.

A new form on how to take a soil sample is now available on the computer at the Plant Clinic if you would like an emailed or hard copy.



NOVEMBER GARDEN CALENDAR

- Service lawn mower.
- Check potatoes in storage and remove any going bad.
- Place a portable cold frame over rows of winter vegetables.
- Place mulch around berries for winter protection.
- Cover rhubarb and asparagus beds with composted manure and

straw.

- Rake and compost leaves that are free of diseases and insects. Use mulch to prevent erosion and compaction from rain.
- To protect built-in sprinkler systems, drain the system and insulate the valve mechanisms.
- Drain and store hoses carefully to avoid damage from freezing.
- Protect tender evergreens from drying wind.
- Tie limbs of upright evergreens to prevent breakage by snow or ice.
- Trim chrysanthemums to 4 to 6 inches after they finish blooming.
- Leave ornamental grasses up in winter to provide texture in the landscape. Cut them back a few inches above the ground in early spring.
- Last chance to plant cover crops for soil building. You can also use a 3-to-4-inch layer of leaves, spread over the garden plot, to eliminate winter weeds, suppress early spring weeds and prevent soil compaction by rain.
- Take cuttings of rhododendrons and camellias for propagation; propagate begonias from leaf cuttings.
- Prune roses (tea and floribunda, but NOT climbers and ramblers) to around 3 feet in height to prevent winter damage.
- Plant a window garden of lettuce, chives and parsley.
- It's a good time to plant trees and shrubs. Consider varieties that supply food and shelter to birds, such as sumac, elderberry, flowering currant and mock orange.
- Still time to plant spring-flowering bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses. Don't delay.
- Good time to plant garlic for harvest next summer, and to transplant landscape trees and shrubs.

- Rake and destroy leaves from fruit trees that were diseased this year. Remove and discard mummified fruit.
- Treat peaches four weeks after leaf fall spray for peach leaf curl and shothole diseases.
- Moss appearing in lawn may mean too much shade or poor drainage. Correct site conditions if moss is bothersome.

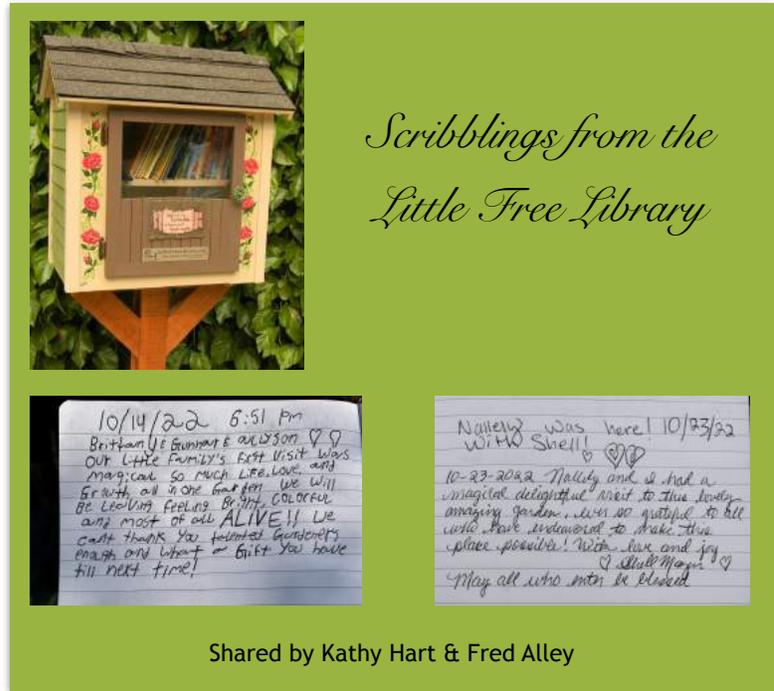
Facelift for An Old Friend - by Kathy Hart

Potos: K.Hart & Karin Seder



One of the Westside greenhouses recently got a new make-over. Greenhouse #3 (also known as the "Hardening off Greenhouse") had seen its better days. Carol Bolt spoke to Steve Hart about coming up with a plan to replace the greenhouse film material as well as the deteriorating flooring. It was getting more challenging to maintain a proper temperature inside for plants destined for our annual plant sale. Concerns also arose about the torn and tattered landscape fabric that covers the floor.

Steve recruited Bruce Gravens who had previously replaced greenhouse film on the Eastside greenhouses. Bruce and Ivor Chapman ordered up the materials and the crew set to work. With the added help of Ray Warren and Ernie Amabisca, a new double-layered poly roof, fan and sturdy flooring were installed. This also gave the team the opportunity to repair parts of the greenhouse structure and frames around the hot water grow beds. The plants and workers are all much happier. Many thanks to our team of DCMG of handymen!



After the Chapter Meeting, a whole crew of eager MG's joined Logan to tidy up the ornamental garden outside the OSU Extension building.
 (Photos: B.Courter & K.Doyle)



Karin Seder: "Here is a photo of my raised beds with a winter crop of cabbage, broccoli and cilantro. The raised beds are built from recycled highway guard rails and I lay hog wire over the top to discourage the neighborhood cats."



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting

October 27, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:18. There were 47 in attendance including President Julie Stanbery, Past President Nancy Fuller, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis, OMGA Alt. Rep. Patrice Sipos, Membership Kay Livermore and Secretary Bonnie Courter. There were also 12 from our new graduating class in attendance!

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved as posted.

Minutes Approval: The minutes were approved as posted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Past President - Nancy Fuller: Nothing to report.

Membership - Kay Livermore: We have 227 members. Kay is accepting dues now for 2023,. Dues are \$10 if paid by January 1 and \$20 after that date. The paper edition of the Newsletter is \$18.50, and a new badge \$6. Dues can be mailed to Kay, put in the locked drawer in the Plant Clinic, or you can give them to her in person. Everyone needs to sign the DocuSign form which Anita Clark will send out by email November 15. Be sure to scroll down to the bottom and hit the "Finish" button when completed.

OMGA - Patrice Sipos: Nothing to report.

Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis:

- She is still working on the Waddington Fund. Every local investment company charges 1.5% interest annually to manage funds. Fidelity or Schwab (which has an office in Eugene) do not charge. Toni Rudolph will look into Schwab, and there were no objections for her doing that.
- Insurance - Dawnetta updated our membership numbers with them and we were refunded \$108.

- The water bill looks like we're over budget, but we're already at \$148, so probably another \$300 will come on budget for water.

- She has checks on hand - come see her after the meeting. Receipts are due by December 15 for the end of the year.

Vice-President - Diana Woodward:

- We had a fantastic session on inoculating oak logs with shiitake mushrooms presented by Alicia Christiansen this morning. Next Continuing Education will be by Ken Carloni who will speak on oak trees.



- Be thinking of offering your home for chapter meeting/potlucks this summer, June-August.
- Diana and four other MG's gave a tour of the Discovery Garden for a couple of busloads of 5th graders. She read some of the thank you letters from students.

President - Julie Stanbery:

- Julie wanted to compliment our writers of Ask A MG articles. She received a letter addressed to Linda Estep in praise of one of her articles.
- At the Executive Board meeting, Julie mentioned that different MG chapters do their training at different times of the year. Some chapters are struggling to find presenters since they are without an agent, so maybe we can have some of our presenters help out these chapters by filling in the gaps.
- Julie reminded everyone to turn in their time sheets and recertification hours in a timely manner.

MG Program Coordinator - Logan Bennett: Recertification hours need to be turned in as soon as possible for the annual impact statement. In order to work in the Plant Clinic or do any outreach, 10 hours of Continuing Education and 20 volunteer hours are required each year to recertify.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Social/Black Apparel - Ann Severson: Kristin Jennings will take over Judy Huntley's job. The new class wants to help with the event. Ann suggested they could help come and decorate and greet people. March 4 is the date of the Awards Social. It will be in the afternoon with finger foods at a venue yet to be announced. The theme is "By the Sea".

The black aprons are not in yet. T-shirts and hats are in.

Community Outreach - Leo Grass: Logan and Leo met with 30 folks at Camas Valley Grange and presented a workshop on winterizing the garden. Camas Valley would like us to do a whole series on gardening.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

- Julie says the new class is really stepping up to help. Laura Corder is taking on the honeysuckle arch area in the Butterfly Garden. Sue Waite and Andrea Collins will take over the iris garden. Julie Burchstead will take on the milkweed island. Chambermaids for cleaning the toilets are Mugsy Kolb and Rebecca Taylor. Ryan Phillips and Marianna Sierocinska will help with the Awards Social.
- Elva Sellens will dig dahlias soon, and will send out an email with the details. She limits it to 6-8 people.

Facebook - Barbara Horst: Not present. No report.

Fair Booth - Diane Smith-Lewsadder: The original painted sign is deteriorating. At the Board meeting we discussed three options: keep it as is, pay \$200 to have a banner made, or totally replace it for \$1200. The Board recommended to membership that we make a banner out of it for \$200. **Toni Rudolph moved that we have it made into a banner for \$200. Fred Alley seconded it. Discussion ensued. All voted for it except for two who were opposed. The motion passed.**

Fall Training Program - Bonnie Courter: Graduation was Tuesday - 18 students passed the Fun Field Test and Final Exam, and we celebrated with certificates, cake, joined by family and friends. Kish and I leave the program in good hands with Patrice Glasscock and Cynthia Moyer taking over next year.

Fundraising - Nathan Baily: Not present. Julie noted that Nathan may have to back off due to health reasons, so he is looking for someone to take over BlueBags. Dawn Shumack from the new class volunteered to help Nathan.

Greenhouse West - Carol Bolt: Curt McCracken from the new class has been helping in propagation and cleaning. They meet on Tuesdays, 9:00-Noon. Everyone welcome to come out.

Greenhouse East - Bonnie Durick: They need help getting plants ready for winter. Meeting Tuesdays, 9:00-Noon. Bring pruners, a serrated knife, and a heavy fork for root pruning.

Hallmark - Linda Thames:

- Noel Groshong, who joined DCMG's in 2009 and worked many years for us in the Discovery Garden, passed away unexpectedly at OHSU in September due to complications from surgery.
- Susan Turner, a MG in 2004, also passed away during surgery in late September. She contributed many gifts to the Discovery Garden including a huge gunnera leaf bowl for the Sun Garden.
- Steve Hart's mother died at the age of 96 after contracting COVID-19.

Insect Committee - Diana Woodward: They are still catching up identifying insects in the Plant Clinic, putting them in a solution of hand sanitizer in vials.

Newsletter - Bonnie Courter: Submissions for the Newsletter at due Saturday, October 29.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:

First of all, I want to congratulate the new class of 2022! What a great achievement you all have made for the advancement of our program.

I want to thank everyone who worked in October at our Plant Clinic!! 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. Fall is traditionally the beginning of a slowdown for visitors to our Plant Clinic. This month was no exception. During the month of October we had about 50 calls, emails and even some visits to the clinic. Questions for October were diverse, including questions regarding lawns, powdery mildew, plant and weed identification and lots of insects. In addition, we have been helping clients with landscaping and fruit tree questions.

The Plant Clinic will be moving into our fall hours beginning in November. We will staff the clinic on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-4 PM.

Plant Sale - Bonnie Durick: This is her last year chairing the sale, and would like someone to take over for her, shadowing her this year. May 6, 2023, is the next Plant Sale. Signups for positions will be online

only, starting in February. They made \$1000 for their first fall sale last month.

Publicity - Cheryl Caplan: Cheryl reviewed what she does for publicity and welcomes any ideas or anything upcoming that she can advertise.

Soils - Patrice Glasscock: They have trained 11 new students so far who are interested in working in the soils lab. They will have a couple more sessions before they can be fully trained. So far this year they have done 85 soil samples. Patrice posted a PDF on how to take a soil sample that is on the Plant Clinic computer.

Spring Into Gardening - Chris Rusch:

This is a terrific community education event where we can bring our OSU Extension program on sustainable gardening to our greater community. It is also an opportunity for MG's to get recertification hours by attending classes. We have set a date for March 11, 2023. So far we are working on scheduling speakers. If you are interested in participating, please send me an email.

Lastly, I am working hard for our MG program at the state level. I am on a task force that will focus on securing financial and other support for the OSU MG Program. We will be holding some focus groups and surveys throughout the state in the coming months.

Thanks to all of you for all your great work toward our program.

Swinger Bars - Kay Livermore: Vicki McAlister, who does the time sheets, has been out of town, so Kay doesn't have updates yet, but will have a report for this upcoming Newsletter.

2020 students Linda Harding and Mark Ramp got their 60 hours. Doralee Hayden has 750 hours, Judy Ode 200 hours, Bobbi Schneider 300. Ellen Porter has competed her 60 hours.

Kay has "bling" lanyards for \$2 for anyone who wants to buy one.

Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka: Not present. Her report:

This next Tuesday, November 1, we are needing help putting the Victory Garden to bed for the winter. We will be putting compost down on all the beds. Lots of strong hands are needed to lay down and spread the compost. If planting seeds is your thing, then after the compost is spread, the cover crop needs to be planted to prepare the soil for next year's planting. We will meet at 9:00, rain or shine (I'm hoping for shine), to get the Victory Garden ready for next year. Come help out even if you are unable to come for the entire time.

OLD BUSINESS: Budget Review - Dawnetta Loomis. She reviewed the 2023 proposed budget. This budget will be posted in the Newsletter, and we will vote on it at the November chapter meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

SHOW AND TELL:

Karin Seder: She brought some cherry tomatoes called "Brad's Atomic Tomatoes" to share. She said they're delicious and a purplish/reddish color.

Julie Stanbery: Ivor Chapman said to pick any green tomatoes you have left now and they will ripen inside in a box or paper sack. The Elkton Butterfly Garden is selling native plants.

Fred Alley: MG Judy Mercer was Fred's mentor when he took the class. She is donating a 3-tiered garden box that she had bought from Gardener's Supply to DCMG. Fred will send out an email through Shirley and put it also in the Newsletter for anyone who wants to buy it. The minimum bid is \$400 and the proceeds will go to DCMG.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:52.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Courter, Secretary

Fred's Fav's



Fall Training Class Photo Album



**CLASS
OF
2022**



Plant Disease with Jay Pscheidt

IPM with Gail Langellotto

Berry Crops with Logan Bennett

Vegetables with Jim Leet



MG 2023 BUDGET			
INCOME		Community Outreach	
Donations		Spring into Gardening	300
Contributions	0	DC Fair Outreach Booth	420
Grants	250	Printing materials 4 Outreach	600
Amazon Smiles	100	TOTAL Community Outreach	1,320
Bottle Drop	1,000	Discovery Garden	
Fred Meyer Community Awards	75	Butterfly	300
TOTAL Donations	1,425	Children's	300
Dues & Membership		Compost/Biochar/Worm Bins	80
Membership Dues	2,070	Easy Access (Container Garden)	300
Newsletter - Income	222	Educational Kiosk	150
Class Fees	2,000	Entry	50
TOTAL Dues & Membership	4,292	Herb	150
Interest Income - Bank	150	Hummingbird	80
PSP Income		Iris	0
Soil Testing	1,400	Irrigation	300
TOTAL PSP Income	1,400	Japanese	60
Plant Sale		Kiosk - donor board	100
Drawings	1,200	Maintenance - DG	900
Entrance Fees	3,000	Mulch	300
Sales - Event	28,000	Orchard & Ornamental & Pavilion	0
Sales - Post	1,000	Perennial Border	150
Sales - Pre	3,500	Raised Beds (Dahlia/Lily)	300
Vendor Booth	3,000	Rock Garden	235
TOTAL Plant Sale	39,700	Shade & Sun Garden & Signage Project	150
Special Events Other		Xeriscape	150
OMGA Host Reimbursement	300	TOTAL Discovery Garden	4,055
Compost Tea	900	TOTAL PSP Expense	7,525
Misc Events - Tee-Shirts ETC.	0	HLC Horticultural Learning Center	
Trash-to-Treasure Sale	3,500	Annual Pumping Expense (diver)	300
TOTAL Special Events Other	4,700	Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	1,000
TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS	44,400	Eastside Greenhouse Supplies	1,200
TOTAL INCOME	51,667	Garbage Dump Fee	150
EXPENSES		HLC Fire Extinguishers	300
Awards & Banquet		HLC Maintenance	1,200
Awards	350	HLC Orchard	500
Banquet	500	Toilet Supplies and Repairs	150
Swinger Bar	200	Tree Trimming Professional	2,000
TOTAL Awards & Banquet	1,050	Victory Garden	750
Conferences		Victory Garden Signage	70
OMGA Travel/Meetings	1,300	Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	1,200
TOTAL Conferences	1,300	Westside Greenhouse Supplies	375
Dues-OMGA	1,484	TOTAL HLC - Expense	9,195
Grants/Gifts/Scholarships		Plant Sale Expenses	
4-H Donation	80	Advertising	2,000
Hallmark	100	Contributions/Plant Sale Volunteers	400
Officer Gifts	100	Exhibit Fees	3,700
Scholarships - Mini-Col 2022	400	Next Year Seed	1,200
TOTAL Grants/Gifts/Scholarships	680	Plants - Eastside	800
Other Management & General		Plants - Westside	1,200
Computer Supplies	600	Supplies (combining this and next yr)	7,000
Print Check Charges	100	Vendor Costs	200
Hospitality	200	TOTAL Plant Sale	16,500
Liability Insurance	1,000	ESG house Tank #1	1,000
Newsletter Printing & Postage	250	ESG house Tank #2	1,000
Postage for Exec Board	112	WSG house Tank #3	700
Supplies / Copies for Exec Board	100	WSG house Tank #500	700
TOTAL Other Mgmt & General	2,362	TOTAL Propane Tanks	3,400
		Special Events Other	

MG 2023 BUDGET			
(PSP) Expenses/ Program Service Project		Tee Shirts	80
New Class Supplies	200	Compost Tea	160
Fall Program	600	Trash-to-Treasure Sale	600
TOTAL Advanced Training	800	TOTAL Special Events Other	840
Clinics and Office		TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSES	20,740
Farmers Market - Canyonville & Roseburg	0	Electric - meter 82346502 - HLC	3,000
Insects	100	Electric - meter 81156829 - pump	150
Library	100	Water - Heleck Hall meter #30015613	1,500
Plant Clinic and Office Supplies	300	Water - Caretaker meter #69151311	50
Soil Testing	700	TOTAL Utilities	4,700
Website	150	Expenses Approved Not Budgeted	
TOTAL Clinics and Office	1,350	Waddington Memorial	124
		Victory Garden - Stafford	786
		Extension Educator Grant - 2020/2022	323
		Class Fee reimbursement	2,000
		Total Expenses Approved Not Budgeted	3,233
		TOTAL EXPENSES	52,269
		NET INCOME (LOSS)	-602

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2023 DUES

Print ALL information EVEN if nothing has changed:

Name: _____

Street / PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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___ \$10.00 if paid before January 1, 2022 (50% early bird discount)

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___ Please mail my newsletter: include \$18.50 to cover printing & postage.

___ \$6.00 badge order. Name: _____ Class Year: _____

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Date: _____ Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

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