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YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

What a fun and delightful month we've just had...July passed by in a flurry of field trips, mini-college and music concerts.

I'm finally making progress in my newly established micro-watering system, thanks to the guidance of my son, who looks forward to those "honey-do" visits down from Portland.

I spent an afternoon at the Plant Clinic with two terrific trainees, Liz Zarbano and Jim Ivy, who are dedicated new Master Gardeners. We are fortunate to have them in our organization.

Speaking of which (brace yourselves, Mother is about to launch into a lecture). I realize there are circumstances beyond which you have no control...family issues, employment, other avenues of involvement; however, for those of you who do not, I would like you to ask yourself...can I afford four hours of Plant Clinic a month? It does not make sense to me that an organization consisting of 264 dues-paying members cannot fulfill its obligation to educate and assist a community that only recently voted to pay a portion of their annual paycheck to support us for the next 91 years.

I invite you to take a trip down your conscience and if you find that paying your \$10 membership dues and NOT spending one hour of payback time, per year, qualifies you as a member in good standing, think it through again. Is this really supporting Master Gardeners? Can I honestly say I don't have four hours a month to devote to the good of the organization? We need your help...please contact the office and we'll be happy to sign you up.

One of my goals in the next year is to work with Steve in developing an annual Recertification Program for all Master Gardeners and, hopefully, it may involve some Plant Clinic time.

On to a happier note, mini-college was great! We (all eight of us) had a wonderful educational and social visit to the OSU campus meeting Master Gardeners from all over the state. One

of the things brought home to me was the importance of planting native as much as possible; saves water, healthier plants, encourages more wildlife and lessens the loss of native insects (which is becoming quite a problem).

A big thanks to Barbara Leeb for organizing our field trip to Sutherlin where we visited an enterprising couple who are developing a lavender farm in addition to both working full time jobs. It was an educational day as well as enjoying lunch at White Horse and some shopping excursions.

Those of us who volunteered at Music on the Half Shell were treated to some terrific music in addition to being able to pay back some community outreach hours. Thanks, Miz Judy, for giving us this opportunity.

A big thanks also to Rusdee Chastain, Len Lanza and Maureen Benice for serving up some delicious grilled chicken (talk about a macho grilling machine...way to go, Len). We all enjoyed Rusdee's hospitality in hosting July's Summer Garden meeting along the beautiful North Umpqua River and taking tours of her garden, orchard and the "nutworks".

It is such a treat to mix business with pleasure during the summer months. Whoever came up with this idea (before my time) is brilliant!!

Last (and I hope I haven't lost your attention by now) and certainly a treat, it is my personal honor to offer congratulations to this year's Master Gardener of the Year, Shirley Purcell, and Behind the Scenes recipient, Irene Thomason. This was announced at Mini-College...certificates to follow...and we'll honor them both officially later. Both of these ladies are dedicated and well deserving of this recognition.

Enjoy the rest of the summer,

Elaine Moriarty, President

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OUR MISSION

- EDUCATE HOME GARDENERS IN THE DOUGLAS COUNTY AREA WITH THE MOST PRACTICAL AND SAFE HOME
- HORTICULTURAL PRACTICES BASED ON A PROGRAM OF KNOWLEDGE UPDATE AND REGENERATION, AND,
- CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE OF ENJOYMENT FOR ALL

Agent's Report by Steve Renquist

Help Us Protect the Courthouse Elm

Recently the Roseburg City Parks Arborist dropped by my office to alert me to a potential problem. The large Elm tree in front of the pavilion in Stewart Park was showing signs of rapid limb dieback. The tree had looked fine just a week to ten days earlier but now three or four main scaffold limbs and branches were dying rapidly. The visual symptoms of the tree led me to believe that this rapid dieback could be Dutch Elm- Disease.



Dutch Elm disease came to the U.S. in 1930 from logs imported from Holland. The disease originated in the orient and that is why many species of Chinese Elm are resistant to the fungal organism. European and American species of elm are all susceptible at varying degrees. After arriving in North America the disease spread to nearly all areas of the country. The fungal pathogen is spread by elm beetles from tree to tree. When introduced to a tree the fungus enters the xylem and grows downward toward the roots. Eventually nearly all water and nutrient flow is blocked. Gums and tyloses build up in the xylem and eventual death occurs to the tree. You will usually see brown streaking in the wood of a diseased tree where dieback has occurred.

I sent sample tree limbs from the dying elm to the OSU plant diagnostic clinic in Corvallis. The pathologist at OSU plated 15 pieces of the tree in agar to see if they could culture the fungal organism that causes Dutch Elm. The lab got back to me within a few days and all 15 samples were positive for the Dutch Elm fungi. It is critically important that we begin to be very proactive in our community to adopt the best practices to prevent the spread of Dutch Elm. This is especially important because of the historical and esthetic value the Courthouse Elm has in our community. If we would like to improve the odds of our Courthouse Elm surviving for many more years we Master Gardeners should keep our eyes open in the community for any dieback going on with elm trees. If you spot an elm with some dieback please contact me asap. You should also follow the suggestions below if you have an elm on your property.

Here are some of those best practices to reduce the spread of this disease that were developed over the past 40 years.

Sanitation: If you have an infected tree get it cut down quickly and either burned or buried. You can use the wood for firewood if you strip the bark off. If you spot one limb dying back and you catch it early you can prune about 10 feet below the wilting limb and remove the disease before it gets into the trunk and roots. Spraying the elm beetles would be a good combination step in this situation.

Insecticides: The use of insecticides to kill the elm bark beetles will work if you time it when they are present.

Preventive fungicide injections: Some fungicides will prevent the infection, but the process is very expensive and will last only a couple years. Drilling holes in the root flare of the tree can open the tree to infection. This is what the county is going to do to the Courthouse Elm since the fungus and vectors are in our community.

Resistant Cultivars: If you wish to plant elm trees there are a number of new cultivars of American Elm that have been bred for greater resistance to Dutch Elm disease. The cultivars are referred to as Princeton, Independence, Valley Forge, Jefferson, and American Liberty Elm.

News From Your Extension Service Office...

Have you wanted to take the Master Food Preserver training class? The **2008 Master Food Preserver class** registration has begun and is limited to 24 class registrations. Registration *and* the \$100.00 class fee are due by August 20, 2008. These Tuesday classes begin September 2 at the Sutherlin Community Center and end on October 28. (You are required to attend all of the classes.) To find out more about the MFP volunteer program, classes, requirements, and to print the registration form, go online to:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/food>

Or, come to the OSU Extension Service office for a copy of the class information registration packet.

State Representative –Larry Sutton

More people, more classes and more fun

A small but energetic group of Douglas Countonians traveled to Mini-College on 23 July this year for the biggest mini-college yet. Going Green on our Silver was the theme, representing 25 years of MG training and education. There was even one person, Lane County's Pat Patterson, who had attended all 25. In addition to the expected classes, some of the additional highlights included a satellite OSU book store, seed exchange, chapter displays, the ever so much fun and overly eventful silent auction, and a magnificently catered closing banquet.

If you are looking for any books on gardening, the mini-college book store is one place you want to look. For starters anyone there was given a ten per cent discount on the books purchased. And my book tab still put a dent in my new credit card. Evidently there were a few others taking advantage of the same thing as the book store sold over \$8,000.00 in books to MGs. They then returned ten per cent of the total sales to OMGA. Talk about your win-win situation.

Each year chapters are invited to prepare a visual depiction of what they have accomplished. This is an ideal way to let the rest of OMGA know what the chapter has been up to for the past year. We didn't have one this year but it is something that we may want to look into again next year. Each entry is judged by a three member panel and by the MGs at large. Winner's this year were 3rd place, Linn County, 2nd place Lane, and 1st place Benton County. The Gardener's choice award which is decided by the vote of all MGs present went to Lane County. The judges almost got it right.

The Search for Excellence Awards this year went to four counties. Yamhill County demonstrated their work at the Newberg Library Water Wise Gardens. Josephine County highlighted their work at the Schmitt House Gardens. Lane County was recognized for the work they have done in customer service triage and computer based service options. And finally Lincoln County, in what can more aptly describe a pageant than a presentation demonstrated their community gardens. Now is the time to start thinking about our entry for next year. Any ideas?

County Master Gardeners of the year were recognized during Thursday's OMGA meeting. This year is was managed sooooo much better and we were able to recognize all and still make it to classes on time.

The highlight of the Friday night banquet is the presentation of the OMGA Master Gardener of the year and the Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the year. The year the Behind the Scenes award went to a husband and wife team from Curry County, Hoberley and Robert Schuller. The Master Gardener of the Year Award went to Pat Smith of Clackamas County.

All in all it was a great week. Douglas County received thunderous applause when we announced that we had beat the odds and gotten voter approval for tax based funding. Trying to express in mere words the experiences of camaraderie, learning, and sharing falls so short of the actual experience. The University spared no expense in making our stay memorable. If you have never experienced the thrill of heated flushing water in the commode you should have been in Bloss Hall this week. If you have ever wondered what epicurean delight each county is known for you should have been to the kick-off banquet. If you have never experienced over three hundred people sharing the

tears of victory, you should have felt the response when Lake County announced that they had, Phoenix like, risen from the ashes to once again be an operating chapter in OMGA.

SUMMER GARDEN TOURS; PHASE II: THURSDAY, AUGUST 14th

Betty Ison and Tricia Creswell have added an evening tour: 6:30 - 8:30. Billy Russo and Mark/Lori Salars are 9-2

BILLY RUSSO: 4560 Willis Creek Rd, Winston, 679-9703

West on Brockway Rd just south of Dillard on Hwy 99. First left is Willis Creek Rd. Four and one half miles to fork in the road. Take right fork. First drive on the left. Rock garden surrounding a three year old house (solar) built on south side of a bluff. Work in progress. Open to suggestions and ideas. Refreshments will be served (Elaine's note: worth the drive)

BETTY ISON; 1591 NW Keasey, Roseburg, 672-7118

At YMCA turn at light onto Harvey Ave. Immediate right onto Keasey. OR from Stewart Pkwy turn onto Valley View Dr (by Staples), turn left onto Keasey. Cream colored house, chain link fence, diagonally across from Colony Market. LOTS of annuals and perennials....and a little of everything else (Elaine's note: bring your camera)

TRICIA CRESWELL: 1532 NW Rachael Ave, Roseburg, 673-1766

Follow directions to Betty's (see above). From Harvey Ave directions, turn left onto Rachael before getting to Betty's house. From Valley View directions, past Betty's and turn right on Rachael. Second house on right. Perennial beds. (Elaine's note: new trainee who has graciously opened her garden at Betty's urging)

LORI/MARK SALARS: 1260 Karma Lane, Roseburg, 378-4237

East on Diamond Lake Blvd (Hwy 138). Approx five miles, turn right on exit posted "Dixonville next right" Drive past Dixonville Store (on left) to just short of mile marker 5, turn right on Karma Lane. Up (way up) into hills one mile to fork in road. Take left fork with the number 1260 on gate post. "Green garden" is a plain and simple garden (landscaping is all natural) but the unique quality is self-sufficiency of "living off the grid". Solar energy, wood cooking, wild crafting and the unique simple lifestyle that is now available.

Thanks to all our garden hosts. We look forward to another successful garden tour.

Elaine

MG News Continue

JUST SO YOU KNOW.....

The Master Food Preservers have some interesting classes coming up in August and September that you might want to mark your calendar for.

Sat., Aug. 16th, 10 to 1:00- Peach & pear products, canning pie fillings, more. Recipes & lots of samples.

Thurs., Aug. 21st, 11:30 to 1:30- "Keen On Zucchini". Complete meal will be served, based around Ed's Zucchini Lasagne, plus other delectable uses for "Z".

Sat., Sept. 6, 10 to 1:00- Canning meats and poultry. Beef, elk, chicken, various methods and recipes.

All classes are \$15., pre-registered w/Mary Hoffman

"LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD....."

Volunteers!!! The Master Food Preservers are finally able to offer a new training class in Do. Co. If you have a particular interest in foods, food safety, nutrition, preserving of foods by canning, freezing, dehydrating, fermenting, smoking or pickling, we can use you!

If you are willing to deliver classes to the masses, or provide support for those who will teach classes, this is your official invitation to check us out. Applications are available NOW. Training begins Sept. 02, with classes held for the next 8 consecutive Tuesdays, and graduation scheduled for Oct. 28. Deadline for applications is Aug. 20, and class is strictly limited in size., so you must act quickly if interested. Info. and form online or in Extension office.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

NEWSLETTER EDITOR; Our current editor (Rebecca) will be resigning that position with the publication of the September newsletter, due to personal reasons. If you are interested, have some experience, know Publishing, we have a couple of people that will assist in getting you started.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CHAIR; Schedules speaking engagements (we have several Power Point speakers); recruits volunteers for Home Show, County Fair. Jack Wright has done a superb job in this position for many years. Please contact Jack or me if you are interested in this important position. Could be co-chair.

Elaine efmoriarty2@gmail.com

NEWS FLASH; BREAKING NEWS....THIS JUST IN:

Ted Benice has offered his services as Editor of our newsletter. He will take over from Rebecca in October, after the September newsletter has been published. Many thanks go out to Rebecca Richardson for her good work these past months.

Elaine

Do you want an Awards Banquet this year? If you do, we need a volunteer to step forward to coordinate the event. Please contact **Carol Gray** at cgray@ffsnet.net

Hallmark

The dates noted are the days I sent the card.

7/14 - Geri Johnson's mother was ill in Arkansas and Geri went there hoping to see her very likely for the last time.

7/15 - Judy Dake had back surgery.

7/15 - Robyn Thompson was having knee replacement surgery.

7/17 - Greg Grosz - sent a thinking of you card. He was having a display of his photography but it was the same Saturday as Mini-College, unfortunately.

7/21 - Former MG Leon Olson died. He was Garden Valley Dahlias. Sent a sympathy card to Mrs. Olson.

7/30 - Pam McCarley lost her sister.

Don't forget, if you know of a Master Gardener who would appreciate receiving a card, pls. let me know.

Linda Thames

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linhill2@charter.net

FARMER'S MARKET.....

A couple weeks ago, I stopped in at the Farmer's Market where two trainees were ably staffing the booth. One said, "I feel so inadequate" – we all feel inadequate, but luckily we have good resources and back up, but it would have given them more confidence to have a veteran as a mentor. Questions that can't be answered there or items to be identified can be referred to the Clinic on Monday.

The Farmer's Market is a very good place to recruit new members for next year's class. Also, about 30-32 contacts are made each week, this is about equal to a week at the Clinic office. A great time and place to promote the next class, and who better to do it than the Class of 2008 with veteran guidance? At the outposts, we have more time and space to talk the program.

If we read our mission statement on the first page of each newsletter, it says our mission is to educate. The Market, the Clinic, the Fair booth, and others is where we recruit. Let's volunteer and do it!

Thanks to Leo Grass for keeping the Clinic running while I have taken time off, I hope to be able to spend some time in the Clinic soon.

PLEASE NOTE: The Clinic will only be open on Monday during Fair Week and the Sat. Mkt. booth will not be open on Saturday of Fair Week.

Veterans, take a day or two in the clinic, I think you will enjoy it. **Mildred Gum** lerigamid@msn.com

**Continue Plant Clinic News
A Note From Maggie Nichols
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MG News & Events

Maggie Nichols writes:

Starting in August we will discontinue clinic hours at Kruse Farms. The OSU Ext. Clinic office is in need of more support from our numerous members. This was decided by the MG Exec. Board on July 9, 2008. Many of the volunteers who have served at Kruse Farms are going to be disappointed, but we will be back again next spring.

Brosi's Sugar Tree Farms has requested Master Gardeners to set up a booth at that facility. It was voted by the MG Board that we could do it with the help of Geri and Doug Johnson as they have the Master Food Preserver's booth there every Saturday. A veteran will be welcome to work with the Johnsons who were in the class of 2008.

The place to sign up for clinic hours at Brosi's is in the plant clinic – use the old Kruse calendar. Please feel free to sign up for the new location – especially if you live near Winston. The same resources will be available as other sites.

COMPOST TEA

Available from 9:00 until 11am on Tuesday at the Discovery Gardens.

It is best to plan ahead for maximum benefit from the tea. Aerated tea should be used quickly, since it contains living organisms. Ideally, the tea should be used within 6-8 hours after decanting.

Benefits:

Studies show the microbes in CT can be extremely beneficial in creating and maintaining healthy soil and plants.

Some microbes fix nitrogen out of the air and transform it into something that can be taken up by plant roots.

Other microbes, the article states actually help a plant fight off disease.



During the fall months it is recommended soil drenching of your shrubs – rhodies, azaleas etc in preparation for the winter months. Then in the early spring give them a couple more soil drenches before blooming. **The difference shows.**

Cost:

\$2.00 a gallon

\$854.00 has been added to the MG bank account from CT. **Thank you.**

To Order:

Please email Shirley hupover@gmail.com or call 673-3818 or just place a standing order.

August 2008

Plant Clinic Coordinator: Mildred Gum 673-3112 OR
 Leo Grass 679-5971
 Clinic Hours: 1:00 to 4:00 pm
 Saturday's Farmer's Mkt. 8:30-1:00
 (** = VACANT & VOLUNTEER NEEDED.)

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August 2008 Brosi's Farms

Time: 10am-2pm

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volunteer

DCMG GENERAL MEETING

July 31, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by **President Elaine Moriarty**. Approximately 52 members were in attendance. **Elaine** thanked **Rusdee Chastain** and her husband for hosting today's meeting and potluck.

Reports

Treasurer: **Debbie Fenzl** reported account balances as of 7/30/08 of \$77,499.82.

Vice President: **Bill Howitt** thanked **Rusdee Chastain** for hosting today's meeting. **Pat Vaughn** will be hosting the August meeting. Directions will be published in the newsletter. The September meeting will be at the Discovery Garden.

Alternate State Representative: **Barbara MacPherson** reported that Mini-College attendance was up 21% this year with 335 attending. The quality of presentations was up as reflected in the presenter evaluations. Yamhill, Josephine, Lincoln and Lane counties were each recognized with a "Search for Excellence" award. **Hoberley** and **Robert Schuller** of Curry County were honored as "Behind the Scenes" Master Gardeners. **Pat Smith** of Clackamas County was recognized as "Master Gardener of the Year". The on-line Master Gardener program will debut in September 2008. Participants will be awarded certificates and will not be recognized as Master Gardeners. In January 2009, participants will be given the option to perform payback hours and upon completion will be recognized as Master Gardeners. Cost for the on-line program will be \$400 for the certificate program and \$300 for the Master Gardener program.

Membership: **Chuck Aiello** said that there are 254 active members.

Plant Clinic: **Leo Grass** said that there are blank slots on the August calendar. He talked to **Mildred Gum** and she had a good report from her doctor. **Elaine Moriarty** advised members of the new satellite location at Brosi Farms in Winston. Anyone interested in working there should talk to **Doug** or **Geri Johnson**. **Elaine** said that not enough veterans are signing up for Plant Clinic.

Outreach: **Jack Wright** said that tickets for those members working the MG booth at the Douglas County Fair can pick up the tickets from **Mary Hoffmann** at the Extension office. The MG booth will be combined with the MFP booth and will be a Garden to Market program. Set up will be Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Discovery Garden: **Liz Zamba** reported that there was great volunteer support in July. Special thanks went out to **Ted Benice**, **Dave Hopkins**, **Connie Gomes**, **Barb Taylor**, **Jim Ivey**, **Richard Johnstone**, **Noel Groshong** and **George McIntyre** as well as all participants in the new garden areas. Because the fair falls on the first Tuesday of the month, the next general garden workday will be Tuesday, August 12th. There will be a DG meeting that same day at 9 a.m. The meeting will go on no matter how many members attend. The primary discussion will be about irrigation and **Noel Groshong** will have a report and suggestions for improvements. With **Larry Sutton** gone taking care of his mom, someone is needed to help with the mowing around the pavilion and behind the xeriscape area. Contact **Fred Muir** for questions about the mowers.

Awards: **Betty Ison** explained the hours' system. **Pam Barrows** inputs the hours into the computer while **Betty** gives out the swinger bars. **Pam** advised that she has not entered a few timesheets because of hours not having been added up in the right hand column as well as timesheets with no name entered. **Betty** explained that even if a member has more than 60 hours completed, if the 36 hours of Plant Clinic have not been completed, no new swinger bar will be given out. **Betty** gave out 60 hour swinger bars to **Tricia Creswell**, **Beverly Guyton**, **Dave Hopkins**, **Doug Johnson**, **Geri Johnson** and **Sandra Medina**. **Betty** then announced local awards that were reported at Mini-College. **Shirley Purcell** is the Douglas County "Master Gardener of the Year" and **Irene Thomason** is the Douglas County "Behind the Scenes" MG.

Newsletter: **Elaine Moriarty** said that articles for the next newsletter are due at midnight this Friday, August 1st.

Hallmark: **Elaine Moriarty** reported that cards sent this month were to **Geri Johnson** whose mother is ill, **Judy Dake** who had back surgery, **Robyn Thompson** who had knee replacement surgery, **Greg Grosz** who had a photography display on July 26th in Elkton, **Mrs. Leon Olson** in sympathy for the loss of her husband, former MG **Leon Olson**, and **Pam McCarley** in sympathy for the loss of her sister.

Agent's Report: **Steve Renquist** said that the Elm tree at the Stewart Park Pavilion died of Dutch Elm disease. He asked members to be alert to the disease as it causes Elm trees to deteriorate rapidly. He reported on a survey the state did on chemical use, showing homeowners representing less than 1% of the total pesticide use in the state. **Steve** gave out tickets to the fair for those people working the Extension booth.

Old Business

Garden Tours, Phase II: **Elaine Moriarty** advised that the next garden tours are Thursday, August 14th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at **Billy Russo** and **Lori** and **Mark Salars** homes. **Betty Ison** and **Trisha Creswell** will be giving tours of their gardens as well from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

New Business

Endowment: **Elaine Moriarty** explained that **John Panches** gave a talk to members about long term funding of Douglas County Extension through endowments. **Debbie Fenzl** will talk to the state treasurer about any legal ramifications. **Elaine** will set up a committee to do research on setting this up in Douglas County to report back to the Executive Board. The vote whether to do this or not will be made by the membership. Contact **Elaine** if you are interested in being on the committee.

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Audit: Judy Huntley reported that she and Roger Sawyer met on July 28th with Debbie Fenzl to audit the books. Unfortunately the 2008 Quicken file could not be downloaded to the office computer. The committee looked at the bank statements and several transactions and found the books to be in good order while using accepted accounting practices. Four recommendations were made. Those recommendations are included on the attached Audit Report.

Position Open, Editor/Outreach: Elaine Moriarty advised members that Rebecca Richardson will be resigning as newsletter editor after the publication of the September newsletter. One of the members has agreed to handle the position temporarily and will be available to train a permanent editor. She also reminded everyone that Jack Wright is resigning as chair of the Outreach committee. Since the position is very important to the group and is a big responsibility, two people could co-chair the committee. See Elaine if you are interested in either position.

Election of Officers: Irene Thomason reported for her committee the slate of officers for next the year. They are Elaine Moriarty – President, Roger Sawyer – Vice President, Karolyn Riecks – Treasurer, Maureen Benice – Secretary, Carolyn Register - State Representative, Larry Sutton - Alternate State Representative, and Mik Carlson - Membership Director. Irene asked if there were any other nominations from the floor for the positions. There were none. Betty Ison made a motion to accept the slate as submitted. Barbara MacPherson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Oakleaf Hydrangea: Bud Cruger brought an Oakleaf Hydrangea to the meeting for everyone to see. The flowers are normally white, but this year the flowers are pink.

Sutherlin Water: Paulette Zwirn reported that there are new developments with the arsenic in the water and those members from the area should be aware of that.

MG Magazine: Steve Renquist brought the newest edition of the Master Gardener magazine for members to take for free.

BBQ: Rusdee Chastain, Maureen Benice and Len Lanza are providing BBQ chicken and ribs for members today. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karolyn Riecks



SEPT. 2008 VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT UCAN CALL: 541 492-3509

We've Moved: Take NE Stephens/Hwy. 99 North, to 280 Kenneth Ford Drive.

Gardeners needed: Help maintain our new UCAN facility at 280 Kenneth Ford Drive, Roseburg. Help needed with maintenance of our landscaping. Hours are flexible. We also have plans for a community garden at our new site on the hill.

AMERICORP VISTA Volunteers. Call Jane Larsen, VISTA Supervisor at 541 492-3525. VISTA Members receive a living allowance and an educational award for one year of service to the community. Make a difference in your community! Over age 18.

Head Start needs volunteers to distribute flyers at various recruitment functions call Larissa at Head Start 673-6306 ext.114 for information about the Head Start program.

Glide Transfer site Wood-lot – Physical and outdoors—provide firewood for low-income families. Move donated wood to our site to split and stack for future use.

UCAN Food Shares warehouses and distributes USDA and donated food to food pantries and kitchens throughout Douglas County. Must be able to lift 50 lbs repeatedly.

UCC Jobs & Community-service-hour's projects that UCAN offers: Cleaning vacant UCAN housing units; washing and cleaning UCAN vehicles and Umpqua Transit buses; landscaping; maintenance and all the openings listed above.

***What you need to do first to be a UCAN Volunteer:**

Download a volunteer application on our webpage www.ucanep.org or call me at 541 492-3509 to schedule an appointment for an intake. I will gladly mail you an application; an intake appointment is necessary for all volunteers, excluding one-time events. For additional information about volunteering opportunities: email me at nancy.southerland@ucanep.org. Become a catalyst for UCAN'S MISSION:

"Creating Solutions to poverty. Improving lives in our community."

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Executive meetings: second Wednesday, 9am, kitchen conference room; Chapter meetings: last Thursday, Jan thru May: 10am, annex auditorium; June, July, August: member's gardens, 10am; Sept: Pavilion, Discovery Garden, 10am; Oct, Nov: 10am, annex auditorium; (no December meetings)

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