



Douglas County Master Gardeners



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YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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Thank you, Judi and Al Danielson, for being such gracious hosts at our June Chapter meeting in their lovely backyard garden.



I love these summer meetings, not only because it's summer and we have the opportunity to visit a few of our member's homes and view different forms of gardening, but it allows us to visit with each other in a relaxing format (and not worry about pulling weeds!).

I encourage all of you to come out and enjoy our summer meetings. Bring a spouse, friend and enjoy food and friendships. Maybe you'll meet a new best friend. A large part of the Master Gardener experience is the friend-ships we've made. This group has some of the most fun-loving, hard-working individuals I've had the pleasure of knowing.

A major concern to many of us is our volunteer hours in our Plant Clinic office. Judy Mercer has done an outstanding job in reorganizing the office and making it more user-friendly. This is where we shine and where we learn. I often hear excuses, such as "I don't know everything" or "I don't know very much"...no one expects us to go through eleven weeks of class and graduate a "plant genius"! That is reserved for only a few of us....just kidding! There is a LOT I don't know, trust me, but I'm willing to

learn something every day, and each time I spend time in the Plant Clinic I learn at least one more thing I didn't know...maybe two, if I'm paying close attention.

I realize we all have very busy lives and I encourage each of you to take time (now would be a good time while you're reading this newsletter), look at your calendar and pick just one afternoon (four hours) each month and give the office a call and sign up. The Plant Clinic is where we give service as part of our Master Gardener obligation to our community.....you're welcome, Mildred!!

A BIG thank you to all of those who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!

Enjoy the summer and those gorgeous annuals that add so much color to our landscapes.

See you in the garden,

Elaine

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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

www.search.extension.org

Whether we are working in the plant clinic or at home just trying to find some valuable advice, we often struggle to verify the source of our information. The website listed above now searches for information from just extension and university materials that are science based and thoroughly researched that we can trust. Since 2004 several universities have been working to create this system that is now operational.

I have added this link to the favorites list in MS explorer on the plant clinic computer. Please use this site first when searching for information. You can be much more confident in the answers you are giving people when you use this site. I tested the site for a few days and it works very well. You don't get thousands of sources for each of your questions. Instead you get dozens of sources and they are all land grant universities or Extension offices. What a pleasure it is to not have to read through chat pages and commercial sites trying to sell you something. So now you have one more reason to come join the plant clinic teams helping our fellow gardeners. Getting information to answer questions has never been easier.

Our group of Master Gardeners continues to grow. The last membership number I heard was 275 dues paying members. We have a great group of people but probably less than half of our members are regular volunteers. I would really like to get more members helping with our 3 core projects which include the plant clinic-farmers market-Kruse-Brosi, the Discovery Garden and greenhouse, and outreach programs. These core programs offer something for everyone, diagnostics, gardening, or presentations.

Lately our veteran signups for the clinic and farmers market, and the Discovery Garden crews have been a little light. I would like to encourage veterans to share your experience, even if it is just one or two days a month. With 200 plus Master Gardeners in our group we should be able to get at least 50 people focusing on each of our 3 core projects. I would also like to let our new Master Gardeners know that your participation is really needed. During the first few years you may not know the organization well enough to know where you are needed. It may seem at times that we have plenty of people helping and that veterans are in control. Be advised that there is always room for additional help since our activities are very far reaching. Come in and talk with me about your areas of interest or visit with veterans and we will help you find your place in the organization. To have a successful Master Gardener chapter we need to spread the work load over our broad membership base. You know when we ask too much of the same people year after year we create burnout and lose our friends and knowledge base.

Have a good gardening month.

Steve

Program Policies Inside and Outside Our Service District

If you are working in the plant clinic and you talk with people from outside our service district (inside the city of Reedsport, inside the city of Canyonville, or another county) here are a few helpful policy reminders. Everyone is welcome to participate in our programs. We do however have a higher price for those outside our district. The Master Gardener

program will be \$200 for those outside and \$150 inside the district for 2010. To have a soil sample tested the cost is \$15 for those inside our district and \$25 for those outside the district. If you get a call from people outside our district, please do your best to help them with their problem over the phone. We never want to turn away phone calls or walk ins from people inside or outside our district.

Thanks,
Steve

Monthly Garden Calendar for July 2009

- Control hollyhock rust by sanitation, picking affected leaves, or spraying with a recommended and registered fungicide. Read and follow label directions.
- Early morning is the best time to water vegetable and flower gardens to reduce evaporation. Water deeply and infrequently.
- Hanging baskets of flowers or vegetable plantings need careful attention to watering and feeding during extended periods of hot weather.
- Watch for cutworm damage in the garden. (In July, climbing cutworms become a problem, and large portions of foliage will begin to disappear on established plants.) Use barriers, remove by hand, use beneficial nematodes when soil temperature is above 55°F, or spray with Bt per label directions.
- Midsummer plantings of beets, bush beans, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, kale, and peas will provide fall and winter crops.
- Place traps to catch adult apple maggot flies. You can use pheromone traps to monitor presence of pests.
- July 10: spray filbert trees for filbertworm.
- July 10–15: spray peach and prune trees for root borers.
- July 17–23: third spray for codling moth in apple and pear trees.
- Cover blueberry bushes with netting to keep birds from eating all the crop.
- Stake tomatoes, watch for blight (prune for air circulation, pick off affected leaves, treat with approved fungicide).
- First planting of Chinese cabbage, kohlrabi, rutabagas on Oregon coast.
- Monitor camellias, holly, and maple trees for scale insects. Treat if necessary.
- Monitor rhododendrons for root weevil adults. Look for fresh evidence of feeding (notching). Try sticky trap products on plant trunks to trap weevils.
- If a green lawn is desired, make sure lawn areas receive adequate water. Deep watering less often is more effective than frequent shallow watering.
- Check leafy vegetables for caterpillars. Control with Bt or Sevin. Never use Sevin during bloom period or in the presence of bees.
- Weed and fertilize rhubarb and asparagus beds, water deeply to develop crowns for next year. A mulch of compost or rotted cow manure works well.
- Mulch with paper, plastic, sawdust, etc. to conserve soil moisture.
- Mound soil up around base of potatoes, gather and eat a few “new” potatoes from each hill.
- Dig spring bulbs when tops have died down; divide and store or replant.
- Stake tall-growing flowering plants such as delphinium, hollyhocks, and lupine.
- Aerate lawns for better water and fertilizer usage.
- Spider mites can become a problem on ornamental plants, vegetables, and fruit plants during hot, dry weather. Watch for dusty-looking foliage, loss of color, presence of tiny mites. Wash infested areas with water or spray with appropriate pesticides.

OMGA State Representative's Report

Greetings from your St. Rep.

The focus of the June 6th quarterly OMGA board meeting was Mini-College.

This year they are promoting a food drive for Lane County and will accept cans, boxes, and fresh produce. They also have openings for volunteers to be gofers. I am still looking for door prizes and silent auction items and must report what they are by July 15th, so if you are thinking of something please let me know. I do not have to physically have the item until around the 3rd of August. Don't forget that you can still register for Mini-College until July 15th.

Mini-College is open to any interested persons, they do not have to be a MG, so bring your friends and relatives and enjoy the fun and exchange of ideas. There are scholarships available to our local MGs and anyone interested should contact Elaine Moriarty.

Mini-College begins August 5th and ends on August 7th. You may attend just one or two days if you can't manage to get away for the whole time. Many of us are car pooling so gather your friends and join us in Corvallis.

Hope to see many of you there,
Carolyn AKA Reggie

ST. Rep CAROLYN



MG News

July meeting news and location

The July, pot luck meeting will happen at the home of Shirley Purcell. That will be on July 30th, the last Thursday in the month. Unfortunately this happens to be my birthday and I will be celebrating this memorable event at Crater Lake. All of the preparations will be passed on to other able members of this organization so the meeting will still be a not to be missed event.

Shirley's home is very close to the Discovery Garden and should be easy to find. The address is 1428 Old Garden Valley Rd. Just head out Garden Valley Road as if you were going to River Forks Park. About one half mile before you make the turn toward our Discovery Garden you will see a long driveway leading down to the River, look for a larger than normal string of cars, I suspect those who know where Shirley lives will get there early and provide the cars. She must have a mailbox showing the address number, be on the lookout.

Don't forget to bring your contribution to the lunch your plate, eating tools, chair and pleasing smile.



Happy Birthday Roger



Discovery Garden

It's time to prepare for our big work day Tuesday, July 7 from 8am to noon. Come with tools to weed, dead-head and spread mulch. Be sure to read the minutes of our monthly meeting for details of the DG report. See you in the garden!!!

Julie

HALLMARK

Word came early last month that our beloved Dorothy Roberts had passed away in May up in Newberg. She was a dear, classy lady and a great supporter of Master Gardeners.

A stepping stone she once made is positioned by the east side of the Pavilion and all of us who were lucky enough to have known her will happily keep her in our hearts.

Ironically, a memorial service for our only other life-time member, Marvin Cox who died late last year, was held at the Pavilion in June as well. Both are greatly missed.

Have sent out Sympathy cards to members who have had recent losses as well as a Thank You card to David Reerslev, Marge Orr's son, for the great gift of another truck load of peppermint mulch he brought us all the way from Junction City. It's excellent mulch. I know Betty Ison has used it under all of her flower border surrounding the raised beds area. It's dark, rich color makes those gorgeous flower colors POP!

Stay well! Let me know if any cards should be sent. The recipients do appreciate it, I know.

Linda Thames
541-673-3978



COOKBOOK REMINDER !

Have you been thinking about which of your favorite recipes you are going to contribute to the MG/MFP Cookbook???

Please fill out the form (in the Plant Clinic) and submit it (in the box marked "RECIPES" in the Plant Clinic).

Get your name in print !

The Cookbook Committee



Stepping Stone Class June 12 and 13



Stepping Stone created for the Silent Auction at Mini-College

by Marjorie Orr and Kathren McIntyre

DCMG GENERAL MEETING

June 25, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM. at **Judi Danielson's** by **President, Elaine Moriarty**. Approximately 44 members were in attendance.

Reports

Treasurer: Karolyn Riecks reported overall total balances as of 6/24/09 of \$37,287.56. The June income was \$3124.45 (Trash to Treasures) and the June Expenses were \$2490.64

Vice President: Roger Sawyer thanked **Judi Danielson** and her husband for allowing us to have the June meeting at her house. He reported that next month's will be held at **Shirley Purcell's** and the directions will be in the Newsletter. The August meeting will be at **Susie Ann Robbins'** outside of Winston and the September meeting will be at the Pavilion in the Discover Garden. **Elaine Moriarty** thanked **Betty Ison** for putting together the "Fun Day" at **Bill and Sally Town's** home.

State Representative: Carolyn Register reminded everyone that it is OK to sign up for one day at Mini-College. The last day of early registration and reduced fee is June 26th and the final registration date is July 15th. She still needs raffle prizes and silent auction items for Mini-College. These are the only fundraisers for OMGA Mini-College

Membership: Elaine Moriarty reported that there are 275 paid members.

Committee Reports

Plant Clinic/Farmers Markets: Judy Mercer reported that the Plant Clinic was very busy this month and volunteers are needed for July in the Plant Clinic. **Debbie Haynes** said the Farmers' Market needed more volunteers and that the volunteers need to remember that they should get replacements if they can not be at the Farmers' Market on the date they signed up for and that they must bring their chairs and layered clothing. **Carolyn Register** said Kruse Farms booth needs volunteers and alternates, also.

Discovery Garden: Julie Stanbery sent sign-up sheets around for the Major Garden Work Day, July 7th, starting at 8:00AM. This workday is to prepare the garden for the Show 'n' Shine and the remainder of the Summer. On June 30th, people who arrive early are requested to help with the moving of pallets from next to the Green Shed to the area between the new greenhouses. **Noel Groshong** is working on the pump. **Roger Sawyer and Steve Renquist** are to clean the area around the intake of the pump in the river on next Tuesday. Two new wheelbarrows were purchased. **Mary Lou Davidson** has been doing all the upkeep at Hellek Hall. **Eloise Aguirre** has been tending the Raised Beds Garden and would like to have some help. **LaVerne Bailey** would like more help in the Entry Garden. A "green board" will be set up in the Green Shed listing chores that need doing so anyone can come to the garden on their own time and can do the chores listed. **Roger Sawyer** said he purchased some tools for Discovery Garden use and he painted part of them orange for identification. If tools are purchased at garage sales please paint them with the orange paint and give him the receipt for reimbursement.

Awards: Betty Ison said there were no awards.

Hallmark: Linda Thames reported that she sent no cards this month. She also talked about the death of **Dorothy Roberts and Marvin Cox**.

Agent Report: Steve Renquist taught "Potty Training 101" and showed signs made for inside the toilets. A plumber was called as there was a plug in the drain due to paper towels being flushed. It cost \$127 to get it repaired. He also said he was at the Discovery Garden spraying and when he got the key for the shed he found water had been coming through

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a valve in the Hardening Off greenhouse and some of the sand in one of the heated beds was washed away. He said there will be a storm water management class taught live from OSU on September 15th and he will set it up to be seen at the Extension office from 9-11:30. He said he has written an article for the newsletter discussing how to handle "out of the extension service district" calls and requests for classes. He requested feedback on the possibly of having new MGs choose and be assigned to the garden, outreach, plant clinic to get them connected better with our group. He made a handout, "Fast Facts About the OSU Extension" funding showing the number of faculty and staff (FTE) and the number of volunteer hours equivalent to FTE. It also showed the number of Oregonians engaged and grants awarded.

Old Business

Art Festival: Elaine Moriarty said volunteers were needed on Saturday, June 27th, at 2-6PM and 6-8PM.

2009 Officers: Julie Stanbery made a motion to nominate the list of officers that were announced at May's meeting and listed in the newsletter. Linda Thames seconded the motion. It was discussed and a vote taken, which passed.

New Business

Fair Booth: Elaine Moriarty said the signup sheet for the Fair was in the back with the Plant Clinic signup sheets.

Josephine County Visit: Elaine Moriarty said that a Josephine County MG saw the greenhouse setup at the HLC and was impressed and wanted to visit and talk with the Plant Sale people. This has been setup for July 23rd with Tasha King and Gloria Amorde.



Good of the Order-Show and Tell: Bob Brindley He had a piece of a plant to identify. It was an escalonia. It is in front of the Winston City Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Benice
Secretary

**Treasurer's Report
As of 6/26/2009**

Account Balances

CD - Reserves - \$4,200.00
Checking - \$3,690.36
Money Market - \$28,288.61
Reserves - \$300.00
Bulk Mail - \$231.44

Total \$36,710.41



Income for the month was \$3,158.45 of which \$2,510.20 came from the Trash to Treasure sale. Expenses for the month were \$3,101.79 with the new greenhouses, Discovery Garden and Plant Sale accounting for the majority.

Plant Clinic Calendar

July 2009

Plant Clinic Coordinators: Judy Mercer 672-4338
 Leo Grass 679-5971
Clinic Hours: Mon-Fri, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Sat 9:00-1:00 - Farmers' Market

**** = VACANT & VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ** ** Y. Henderson	2 ** ** Y. Henderson	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED
<i>(Updated as of June 24, 2009)</i>						
5	6 J. Wright, ** A. Berry, **	7 L. Sutton, ** S. Robbins R. Drew	8 L. Robinson ** ** **	9 ** ** L. Whitlock Y. Henderson	10 J. Mercer D. Haynes P. Carroll N. Meyer	11 D. Haynes P. McCrley T. Rudolph T. Stehlik
12	13 ** ** P. Kastrop, **	14 L. Sutton, ** D. Gaedecke S. Robbins	15 ** ** L. Whitlock, **	16 ** ** ** **	17 J. Mercer, ** ** **	18 ** ** T. Stehlik, **
19	20 J. Wright, ** A. Berry, **	21 L. Sutton, ** G. Ward L. Whitlock	22 L. Robinson ** ** **	23 ** ** Y. Henderson, **	24 J. Mercer, ** K. Cooper, **	25 ** ** G. Zalunardo D. Neavall
26	27 ** ** P. Kastrop, **	28 L. Sutton, ** S. Robbins, **	29 ** ** ** **	30 ** ** Y. Henderson, **	31 J. Mercer, ** ** **	

NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

I have some good news and some bad news.

The good news first! Due to the campaign for 1086 and our victory to obtain public funding there is a greater awareness of our service to the community. As a consequence the clinic has really been busy this season. At times the phone has been so busy that both lines are tied up and the office staff has been taking the overflow messages and walking them down to us. This is wonderful but it means that there is a greater importance to be fully staffed at this time of year.

The trainees that have been working the clinic have been doing a great job and I am really proud of the way they have stepped up. Some of them have already completed their required clinic hours and are continuing to come.

It has been expressed to me by some of the students that they just don't feel that they have enough knowledge to work the clinic effectively. The clinic is where you gain that knowledge. None of us have all the answers but we have the resources to find them. It is a group effort in which everyone participates and you are not expected to know everything.

I want to thank all of the veterans and students that have been carrying the load in the clinic.

Now for the bad news. Our volunteer participation has been light. There have been several days when the clinic has only been staffed by two people and that is just not sufficient as this time of year. On occasion both students and veterans have signed up and not showed up. They have not arranged for alternates to cover their time. This is not acceptable.

Being a Master Gardner is more than wearing a badge. We need your participation! Now, more than ever, we owe it to

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the community.

Please consider signing up for one or two days a month. If each member does this we would have more than enough coverage for the Clinic and all of our outposts.

If it is not convenient for you to drop by the clinic; call during business hours and we can let you know what times are available and sign you up. We are in real danger of having to close the clinic where there is no coverage. I don't think any of us want to see that happen. Let's all pull together and make and make this the best year ever.

Alternates for the Month of July

Clinic

V Judy Mercer 672-4338

V Janet Bitter F 440-2304

V Eloise Aguirre 672-1015

T Beth Brown 673-5172

Kruse Farms No alternates Brosi's No alternates

The first outdoor General Meeting of the season in the beautiful gardens at Judi Danielson's home.

A tour of her gardens followed a sumptuous pot-luck lunch.



Steve's home is nearby

Jackie Carpenter's also



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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)

**Douglas County Master Gardeners of
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Important internet links:

Website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/mg>

Discovery Garden: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/discovery-garden>

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