



Douglas County Master Gardeners



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YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

April, 2010

WOW!! What a month we have had. To begin, a big **THANK YOU** to everyone that worked in any capacity this last month to make this a great organization.

It continued from January and February with all of you who have been mentoring the new class of master gardeners. I know they will reap the benefits as they continue.

On February 27th, it went on, with the "Spring into Gardening Seminars". There were 82 paid registrations, with several more Master Gardeners helping Steve with details. As reported, all went well and I heard from a friend how much she enjoyed the sessions she picked. Steve will look at using more classrooms next year, so that registration can be expanded. Great way to kick-off spring gardening.

Then we participated in the Annual Home Show. Thank you to Leo Grass and John Denney who helped him set up the booth. We are seeing the rewards as the number of soil test requests have increased. If you did not work at or stop by the booth, you missed a great presentation. We made 455 contacts and had 9 individuals sign up for next year's Master Gardener Class. Well worth our efforts.

Our new class graduated on March 16th and we all enjoyed a beautiful afternoon with cake and fellowship. Thank you Lorena for taking care of getting such a beautiful cake and making the new members' afternoon special. This class is really ready to go. Please take the time to introduce yourself to them and make them welcome at our events.

A big thank you to Cindy Rich, Bob and Julie Agee. Our Trash to Treasure Sale was a big success and we brought in \$2087. There were many Master Gardener helpers and as I always say, this is a great group to get out and help when needed.

We had our first official Tuesday at the Discovery Garden on March 23rd. I believe there



may have been over 50 Master Gardeners in all the different areas. Just like little worker bees doing all the jobs. The hedge row got a long needed pruning and clean up. A great crew put up fence around the Victory Garden. Thanks guys for your great efforts. It really looks nice and we already have two rows of peas up and growing. Come out and see this new addition to the garden. There were many hands working in the green houses getting ready for the Plant Sale. It was great to see so many helping.

If you were not at the general meeting you missed a great presentation by Larry Sutton on a new pest – the Spotted Winged Drosophila. This is a nasty fruit fly, which attacks fruit as it begins and does not wait for ripened or rotting fruit. It is very destructive and we will be asked to help in the front to help gardeners know what to do. There is material in the plant clinic under Western Cherry Fruit Fly. We will be helping people set traps to monitor this fly. Please make yourself knowledgeable, as people will begin asking us questions.

Hope to see many of you at our activities this next month as we gear up for our Plant and Garden Expo on May 1st. Many hands make the work easier.

Judy Huntle
President DCMG



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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

Announcements and Schedule

April 6th Easy Access Garden Presentation 9:00 AM	Discovery Garden
Executive Meeting April 14th 9:30 AM	Annex Kitchen
Farmer's Market Starting April 17th	Sign up in MG Office
April 20th Butterfly Garden Presentation 9:00 AM	Discovery Garden
Diagnostics Meeting April 21st 10:00 AM	Annex Kitchen
Pre Plant Sales April 22nd and April 25th 12 - 3 PM	Discovery Garden Greenhouses
Chapter Meeting April 29th 9:00 AM	Extension Auditorium
Continuing Education—Mycology for Gardeners by Joe Yetter	
10:00 am Meeting	

VICTORY GARDEN



Our Victory Garden is now enclosed to keep deer (and buffalo) out!! Thanks go out to Richard Johnson and his crew. The construction was started (and finished) in ONE DAY! Boy, I think we ought to give those boys a raise

Noel Groshong is up to date on our watering needs and has plans already in place.

We have two rows of peas already planted and we were fortunate to be the recipient of donated vegetable seeds from two well-known seed companies. Our work will really begin after our Plant Expo and we will need crews to plant and maintain throughout the summer.

Thankfully, I have a large list of volunteers who are as excited as I am about getting started.

Tasha is scheduling educational trips for us: one to the Fish Pantry, which will be one of our food bank receivers and the other to Eugene to visit an already established community garden.

If you have not already notified me that you wish to be a part of this educational adventure, please send me an email.

Elaine Moriarty
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The MG Plant Expo is getting very close and we do have a lot of work left to be done, so this last month the big push will be on looking for all the help we can get to help with cleaning, labeling, and pricing plants.

Just want to give one last reminder that the pre-plant sale for Master Gardeners only will be Thursday, April 22/ Sunday, April 25 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Remember, everyone is expected to be at the fairgrounds Exhibit Bldg. at 8:00 am on both Friday, April 30 for setup and Sat., May 1.

Please remember to bring your potluck food both days and Friday you may park in front of bldg to take food to kitchen, but we ask you to please move your vehicle away from the bldg to allow room for vendors to park and start unloading.

It is suggested ladies that you leave purses in trunks of vehicles or wear fanny packs, since there is no place in bldg. to store them for safety.

Chairpersons for areas you signed up to work will be contacting you within a couple weeks prior to sale to say hello and give you any info or reminders necessary. If you have not signed up as yet for a place to work during sale, please just show up and we will assign you to an area.

We hope that this will be an enjoyable experience for all you new members. This is what we work very hard for all year and now you get the opportunity to help us make it another successful year.

Please remember to wear your badges. If anyone has any questions, please e-mail me toma@mcsi.net or call 541-672-4869.

Gloria



Worm Bins & Compost Tea

Time to start thinking about your garden, especially following the excellent Spring into Gardening seminars.

If you have a worm bin the worms are beginning to move about and beginning to work. It is time to pay more attention to them.

Begin feeding your worms in small amounts, watching how much they are eating and adding more food as the days grow warmer.

The moisture level can be evaluated by scooping up a handful of worm castings, giving it a good squeeze. The worm castings should clump together effortlessly and only a few drops of water squeezed out.

Do not allow your bin to be water logged and turn anaerobic (no oxygen going through), the worms will not live in this environment.

The Tea Brewer will be brewing shortly with the majority of the tea going to the plant sale plants.

If you should want some compost tea early, to order contact -

541-673-3818 or hopover@gmail.com

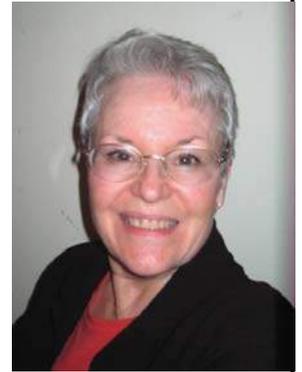
Sells for \$2.00 a gallon - use within 8-12 hrs. Available on Tuesdays after 9am.



Shirley

HALLMARK

It was announced at our March membership meeting by Julie that one of our very active members, Bill Maule, is no longer active because he has Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS). He is unable to talk, so visiting and talking on the phone would be stressful for him. He would, however, welcome cards and hearing from his friends that way. Bill worked hard for years on many of the major projects out at the Discovery Gardens and he misses us as much as we miss him.



Robin Thompson had surgery in Portland.

It was announced that Debbie Haynes will be having hip surgery 3/30/10.

Debbie Gaedecke's broken wrist is still in a cast but Susie Robbins reported she's helping with an MG project she can do one handed.

Ken & Charity Hays are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary March 27. They must've been married very young. They don't look old enough but I am assured that they are. See what good living does for people! We are so happy for both of them! I sent a card expressing our congratulations!

Belated reporting of another 50th Anniversary. Joanne & Conrad Lakey celebrated theirs in February and at the time I did send them a card. Congratulations to the Lakey's also.

I love having HAPPY news to report!!! Keep the info. coming in so I can keep the cards going out! Normally, unless I get permission I don't print details in the newsletter, unless, as in some cases, it's been announced publicly. I prefer to know from the people involved that it's OK to announce that a card has been sent.

Just phone or email me. Your help is appreciated.

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DCMG GENERAL MEETING

March 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President **Judy Huntley** at 10:12 AM. Approximately 58 members were in attendance. President **Judy Huntley** asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. There were no additions.

Agent Report: **Judy Huntley** said that the graduation of the new class was nice and went well. She welcomed the new MGs to the meeting.

Officer Reports

Membership: **Mik Carlson** said the roster was sent out and if you did not receive it contact her and she can email one to you or pick up one in the Plant Clinic.

OMGA Representative: **Judy Huntley** reported that she received two labels for the new PNW manuals and she gave them to **Judy Mercer** for the Plant Clinic manuals. **Carolyn Register** reported that MGs need a background check if they are working as primary leader with children under 18. OMGA will pay for the background check. She said **Gail Langelloto** will not be the head of Mini-College starting with the 2011 Mini-College. MGs will takeover and the locations will change. **Julie Stanbery** was thanked by OMGA for her help on the Kit Carlson Fund history. There is still a need for photographers and site registrars for Mini-College. She passed around a proposed OMGA logo and said the OMGA is still taking entries for the new OMGA logo. Several people showed interest in making a new logo. Entries should be submitted to **Carolyn Register** by June 6th. That is the date of the next OMGA meeting. It will be in The Dalles. Any MG may attend. A request was made for silent auction items and door prizes for Mini-College.

Treasurer: **Karolyn Riecks** reported that the Overall Total funds are \$11,114.62. The Income and Expenses were reported. Trash to Treasures made \$2086.96. She will send in OMGA dues April 1st.

Vice President: **Liz Zamba** said April's Continuing Education topic will be "Micology for Gardeners" presented by **Joe Yetter**.

President: **Judy Huntley** said that **Mary Van Assche** will be the new librarian. She reported that **Doug Holloway** is collecting gallon and bigger pots to recycle for the Plant Sale. Pots can be dropped off at Sunrise in the bin that is marked for MGs. **Bill Howitt** volunteered to make two 4'x4'x4' wooden boxes to collect recycled pots.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: **Leo Grass** thanked everyone who worked in the booth at the Home Show. There were 455 contacts made at the Home Show and 9 people signed up to take the 2011 training. **Ken Hays** gave a presentation to the Sutherlin Garden Club. **Teresa Sayler** said she and her students were doing some landscaping in Canyonville.

Plant Clinic/Farmers' Markets: **Judy Mercer** said **Yvonne Henderson** has finished the research to find out what was being done right and wrong in the Plant Clinic and she handed out the report. There were 1478 contacts in 2009. That is 390 more than 2008. She went over the report (attached). **Suzie Robbins and Debbie Gaedecke** are compiling the most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the list will be placed in the front of the Plant Clinic notebook. There are some Lost & Found items. They will be given to Goodwill if not picked up by the owners. The Farmers' Market will open on April 17th. There is a protocol to follow for working the Farmers' Market booth.

Discovery Garden: **Julie Stanbery** lost her calendar. Please watch for it and return it if found. There will be a DG organizational meeting on March 30th at 9:00AM in the DG. The Hedgerow garden was pruned and there has been some headway made on getting rid of the bittercress, Some spraying has been done. On alternate Tuesdays **Larry Sutton** will give a talk on the different garden area. **Bill Maul** is ill but would like to see MG friends. **Judy Mercer** volunteered to clean the stain on the Annex carpet. **Julie Stanbery** reminded everyone to close the DG gates as they were all left open on Tuesday.

Plant Sale: **Gloria Amorde** said the flyers and bookmarks advertising the Plant Sale are here to distribute. The MG Pre-sales are 12noon-3PM, April 22nd and 25th. Workers should arrive at 8AM on both April 30th.

(set up) and May 1st. (Plant Sale) days.

Awards: **Betty Ison** had nothing to report.

Hallmark: **Linda Thames** has sent a card to **Robyn Thompson**.

Publicity: **Theresa Saylor** reported that the Plant Clinic calendar is in the News Review paper on the first Sunday of each month. The Plant Sale ad is in the Home and Gardens section of the News Review this Wednesday.

Victory Garden: **Elaine Moriarty** reported that the fence was up around the VG. She thanked everyone who helped. The VG expenditures are for fencing and water. Almost everything else is contributed. The garden will serve MG primary purpose of education as **Tasha King** is planning educational tours of FISH and a community Garden in Eugene. If MGs have too many seedlings please contribute them to the VG.

Saturday Market: **Suzie Robbins** said the Farmers' Market is opening on April 17th and volunteers are needed. Farmers' Market signup is on the same calendar as the Plant Clinic. She went over the protocol for working at the Farmers' Market. There will be a practice booth awning set up April 3rd in the parking lot. Time will be emailed. **Julie Agee** is the Farmers' Market manager and can help set up if needed. **Judy Mercer** said the Plant Clinic positions are full for April. She said that **Debbie Haynes** will have a hip replacement on March 30th.

Old Business

Time Keeping System Online: **Judy Huntley** said there are 400 MGs doing online time keeping. There were some changes to the recording of hours online. We still need to do online and paper hours recording here in Douglas County.

Trash to Treasure sale: **Cindy Rich** thanked all the people who worked on Trash to Treasures and donated items for sale.

New Business

Mini-College: Mini College is in Corvallis at Oregon State University on July 28-31. The General Meeting for July is changed to July 22nd. There was a question concerning MG participation for Arbor Day. The question was referred to **Steve Renquist**.

Growing Healthy Kids: **Judy Huntley** gave an overview of the Growing Healthy Kids program of the Winston Area Community Partnership at the Winston Middle School. The report is attached.

New Fruit Fly: **Larry Sutton** reported that there is a new fruit fly in our area called the Spotted Wing Drosophila. He described it and it's habits. It is very harmful to soft fruit crops and there should be zero tolerance of it. Traps need to be set out at the fruit level as soon as the fruit appears and if there is even one male drosophila, spraying should be done. He gave out a paper with the recommended pesticides to use on each fruit. The paper also has a picture of the drosophila. The paper is attached. On March 30th in Portland there will be a meeting/discussions of this pest and concerned growers may attend.

Show and Tell/Good of the Order: None.

Announcements:

Grafting Class: March 31st 10:00 Annex

Executive Meeting: April 14th 9:30 AM Annex kitchen

Farmers' Market opens: April 17th

Pre-Plant Sales: April 22nd & April 25th 12noon-3PM HLC

Chapter Meeting: April 29th 10:00AM Annex

Continuing Education; April 29th 9:00AM Annex

Diagnosis Class: April 21st 10:00AM Annex kitchen

The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Benice - Secretary



Treasurer's Report As of 3/26/2010



Account Balances

CD - Reserves - \$4,247.05
Checking - \$1,249.76
Money Market - \$1,294.59
Money Market Reserves - \$1,000.00
Reserves - \$300.00
Bulk Mail - \$129.65

Total \$8,221.05

Income for the month was \$2,506.96 with \$2,086.96 coming from the Trash-To-Treasure sale. Expenses for the month were \$4,964.01. The largest expenses were \$1,701.00 for OMGA membership dues and \$1,131.00 for Exhibit Building costs for the Plant Expo.

Karolyn Riecks, Treasurer



The Victory Garden—thru the new deer fence



Donor Board displays in the Discover Garden



The Master Gardener Graduates: Class of 2010

(+ Steve)



"Spring Into Gardening" at UCC. Signup and Jim Leet teaching "Vegetable Gardening"



MG's Home Show Booth

Plant Clinic Calendar

April 2010

Plant Clinic Coordinator: Judy Mercer 672-4338
 Alternates: Gayle Ward 672-5818, Jackie Carpenter 464-8163

OSU MG PLANT CLINIC SCHEDULE					KRUSES	FARMERS MKT
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sat
			1 Susie Robbins Tia Nihart Harold Nihart	2 Beth Brown Yvonne Henderson Jamie Century Sheila McDowell	3	3
5 Susie Robbins Mike Hendricks Anne Nicholas Mickie Schuyler	6 Lauren Liz Sydney Greg	7 Larry Sutton Joe Yetter Ruth Stafford Chris Rusch	8 Pam Barrows Barbara Leeb Terry Strecker Sam Noonkester	9 Judy Mercer Susie Robbins Jamie Gentry Stacey Buell	10	10
12 Larry Sutton Mike Hendricks Mickie Schuler Ann Nicholas	13 Lauren Liz Sydney Greg	14 Karolyn Riecks Myra Weber Judy Goeckner Don Goeckner	15 Carol Thrower Kay Serbu Merrill McFarland	16 Judy Mercer Maureen Benice Paulette Helsley Viviane pulis	17	17 Susie Robbins Tia Nihart Harold Nihart Debbie Hesseltine
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NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

I'd like to send out a big thank you to Yvonne Henderson for compiling the statistics from last years Plant Clinic. I gave a report on the results at the last general Meeting. If you were unable to attend you can see the breakdown in the front pages of the Log Book.

To briefly recap: we made improvements in all categories. We still need to make our entries more complete as 6% were lacking all of the needed information.

The April calendar is full but there are still available slots in May. It is very important for all of the apprentices to schedule their two training sessions. At this point we are holding these open for the two initial sessions but starting in June the available spots will be open to all apprentices and it will become more difficult to schedule.

Farmers Market will be opening on April 17th. If you have completed your training sessions in the Clinic you can also sign up for the Market. These hours will count toward your Clinic hours.

To all MG's: a green plastic tub was left in the Clinic. This is not a storage area guys. We have a storage area up-stairs. As you know we are very cozy and we only have room for Clinic related items. Please pick up your tub.

Current items in the lost and found box: Brown seat cushion/gray zippered jacket/ glass serving dish and silver serving dish. These items will be taken to Goodwill at the end of April if they have not been retrieved.

Happy gardening and I will see you in the Clinic.

Judy Mercer
 Plant Clinic Manager

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Executive meetings: second Wednesday, 9:30am, 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
OSU Extension Service**

Important internet links:

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

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

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Articles for the May 2010
Newsletter are due Noon
Saturday, May 1.
Please email articles to
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