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## YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

—Judith Huntley

Well! I do believe summer is finally here. After the newsmen gave the report that this spring was the 2<sup>nd</sup> wettest in history, which I think was 100 plus years, it put everything into perspective as to how frustrated we have all been. Hopefully we are all finding ways to salvage our gardens and yards.

In the last week, I was reading a newsletter from June 2005. As I read the General Meeting minutes and other articles I had many thoughts. My first thought was how much things stay the same and how some things change. I realized the losses we have had over the years.

Several very active gardeners have gone to the eternal garden in the sky. They are dearly missed.

The pictures of the discovery garden show how far we have come in its development. It is hard to believe that in just six years the Easy Access Garden and the Xeriscape Garden have been completed. Bill Decker was moving 20+ yards of fill to establish the Container Garden.

Watering was to begin on Tuesday and Friday. Lighting and Gutters were discussed for the Pavilion. The sand box and arbor were constructed in the Children's garden. It was reported by Judy Huntley, Treasurer, that we had \$29,000 in all accounts as of May 30, 2005. Toni Rudolph, our current Treasurer, reported that we had \$28,873 in all accounts as of June 8, 2011. Looks like the economy has not hurt us much, we are holding steady. It was moved to allow Judy Huntley to complete a 3<sup>rd</sup> term as Treasurer. Motion passed. Hope we will have to make that motion again next year for Toni, she is doing such a great job.

It was reported in June 2005 that we needed more veterans to volunteer in the Plant Clinic. Judy Mercer brought the calendar for the Plant Clinic for July and August and had the same request. Also Debbie Haynes had the Saturday Market calendar with slots to be filled in the next two months. Please step up and do at least one day in each month. These are our community obligations and we need to be mindful of fulfilling them.

Home tours were being planned in August of 2005, and there were six homes on the list. We are looking for someone to step forward and coordinate home tours for August. We also need members to volunteer their homes for the tour. Please give me a call if you are interested in helping. A fun trip to the Thyme Garden was being planned and the bus was totally full with a waiting list. We need more fun trips and I hope there might be someone who would like to help plan a few. It would be

fun to go to the Thyme Garden again. Let me know.

The June, 2005 summer general meeting had 55 MGs attending. WOW! Where were some of you at June 2011 at Shirley Purcell's. We had a great meeting with 40 members and many toured the Glaser Estate Winery next to Shirley's. Shirley has an opening in the fence, which allows her to go next door to the winery. Don't some of you wish you had this in your backyard? Thank you Shirley for setting the tour up with the Glasers. Our potluck was wonderful as usual. Hope to see more of you in July at Eileen Kelley's in Drain. We could car pool from Roseburg and Sutherlin if you wish.

July is going to be a very busy month for me. I will be in Sisters, OR for the Quilt Affair from July 3 – 9, then in Overland Park, KS from July 16 – 24, then in the Eastern Oregon wilderness from July 28 – 30. If there are problems please call Leo or Steve while I am gone. Remember most of the board will be at Mini College from July 13 – 16, so the July 13<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting is canceled. See you all on July 28<sup>th</sup> at Eileen Kelley's. Have a great month.

Judy Huntley  
President DCMG



**Judith Huntley**  
**DCMG President**

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## YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

—Leo Grass

Summer's finally here. Hooray!  
Our July business meeting/ potluck lunch will be hosted by Eileen Kelley, one of our new 2011 graduates. Eileen lives in the beautiful village of Drain at:  
118 Moreland, Drain.



Leo Grass

Directions: take the Drain/Yoncalla exit (through Yoncalla to Drain, about 5 miles). Drive through Drain until you come to the stop sign (at the Shell Station), which is Hwy 38.

Turn right. Stay straight across the railroad tracks (don't turn left at the market to Eugene). Turn right at the stop sign on Main Street. Go about 2 1/2 blocks...turn right at North Douglas High School which is Moreland. We are the last 2 story green house on the right with the cedar fence around it. You can park in the high school parking lot across from our house.

If you get lost in the big city of Drain, call Eileen at 670-9410.

This will be our second potluck this year, so you all know the drill by now: bring something to sit on, utensils to eat with, a dish to eat from, and something good to eat, and share with your fellow gardeners. I'll bring some drinking water, and have the coffee pot perking.

### Community Outreach

If there's anything more American than a county fair, it would have to be painted red, white and blue, and play the Star Spangled Banner.

The Douglas County Fair will happen on August 9<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year will be hazards in the garden, landscape, and our countryside. We will highlight topics such as: poisonous plants, pesticide safety, and pets in the garden. We need some good visuals that depict those subjects to display on our 'Master Gardener Tree'.

If you would like to help with the display, call me.

We are coordinating with the other Extension services this year to present a continuous series of short informal presentations. We Master Gardeners have four time slots per day to fill: 12:30 – 1:30 – 3:30 – 4:30. Each presentation will be from ten to thirty minutes in duration. Ideally, each will be hands on and be practical in content. Presentations will probably be to a small handful of fair-goers. A big THANK YOU to all of you who stepped up to perform our presentations. We still need folks to sign up to work in the booth. I believe three people per shift will be sufficient. We should have at least one veteran per shift. There is a signup sheet in the plant clinic. You will receive a free ticket to the fair on the day you work in the booth. Thanks...Leo

## AGENT'S REPORT

—Steve Renquist

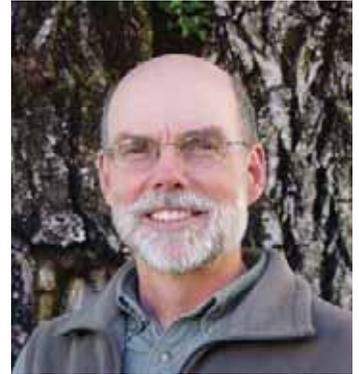
### Tracking Growing Degree Days

Last month we discussed the fact that we have entered our second consecutive year with a cool wet spring. It is hard to believe but this year is considerably cooler than last year.

Since I keep track of the accumulating heat units it takes to mature crops, it is easy for me to see how far behind our growing season is falling in relation to a more average year. At last count Roseburg has accumulated 486 GDD versus an average for the year to date of 641 GDD. Last year at this time we had accumulated 553 GDD.

The formula to calculate Growing Degree Days is  $GDD = \max \text{temp} + \min \text{temp} / 2 - 50$ . The system of tracking heat units called "Growing Degree Days" is calculated by adding the daytime high temperature with the daytime low temperature and dividing the sum by 2 (getting a daytime average). Then subtract 50 from the sum. The only adjustments you need to make when calculating GDD is to remember that the maximum temperature you can record for any day is 86 F. Why? Because plants are not growing better at temps over 86 F, they are transpiring more than growing and using their energy to cool off. Why subtract 50 from the daytime average? Because plants are not growing under 50 degrees, either so you eliminate those degrees. Here is an example of GDD. The daytime high is 76; the low is 54. We add the two numbers to get 130 and divide by 2. Our average temp is 65 minus 50 degrees giving us 15 GDD accumulated on this day. Most systems track GDD from January 1 through the year. The beauty of a system like this is that you can compare one year or part of a year to each other to know how you stand versus average.

As of June 24, 2011 Roseburg has accumulated 486 GDD. Our normal growing season is about 2500 GDD. Last year we only made it to 2388 GDD. If you play with the percentages a little you notice we are only about 20% along toward our average total. If we have nearly perfect weather with a high of 86 F and a low of about 60 every day for the next three months we can make 2500 GDD. Unfortunately that is not going to happen. The forecast for the next week or so has our highs near 75 F and the lows closer to 50 F. I think it is pretty likely we will have another year at least as cool as last year. So get ready to enjoy



Steve Renquist

the cool season crops again and plan for some light yields on the warm season crops.

So you know how to calculate GDD how can the numbers be used? When tracking GDD from January 1, these numbers will let you know when to expect flowering of ornamental and crop plants. For example crabapple and apple begin flowering at 50-80 GDD. You can monitor when certain insects, especially pests, will be emerging. For example codling moth is usually first sighted at around 200 GDD. This allows you to time your pest control and be pretty accurate with controls if you are not trapping insects. People also know what crops they can expect to ripen in various regions by following GDD. Grape growers know which grape varieties need how many GDD. Not many people try to grow Cabernet sauvignon in our area because it requires about 3000-3500 GDD to ripen well. On the other hand Pinot noir, Riesling, Pinot gris, and Chardonnay all mature nicely around 2500 GDD. Field crop farmers can more accurately forecast when they will be harvesting their crops if they follow GDD. Field corn is not a big crop in our area because it takes about 2700 GDD to mature nicely. Wheat takes about 1550 GDD so it is a better match for Western Oregon. If you planted a winter wheat crop last fall, and you followed the GDD accumulation through 2011 you can plan pretty accurately when to have your machinery ready for harvest. And you will know pretty well in advance if you will have enough time left in this season to plant a summer crop and get it ripe.

You may want to start keeping track of GDD for your gardening activities. To simplify the process the weather channel online has an easy to use calculator for GDD. Just go to [www.weather.com/outdoors/agriculture/forecast](http://www.weather.com/outdoors/agriculture/forecast) Once at this site click on the left column "Growing Degree Day Calculator".

Steve Renquist

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## DCMG General Meeting June 30, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President **Judy Huntley** at 10:02 a.m. There were approximately 40 people in attendance.

Thank you **Shirley Purcell** for hosting our meeting.

**Agent Report:** **Steve Renquist** announced he and **Larry Sutton** have discussed an interview process for the new enrollees for next year's winter program to enhance the understanding of new member participation. They hope this will help new members follow through with payback hours. **Steve** also has surveys for 3 segments of our membership - members new to the program this year, mentors this year that were new to the program last year, and members of the Advanced Diagnostics class. This information will enable us to measure our progress to apply for the Search for Excellence program for next year. **Steve** contacted Pete Nisilla from the City of Roseburg at **Judy Huntley's** request. Pete would like to have a plant swap with the Master Gardeners. **Steve** will contact **Gloria**

**Amorde** to set up a meeting with Pete. **Steve** is working on a monthly Community Outreach program with **Leo Grass** where presentations would be available to the public each month. The biochar group would like to do several additional demonstrations. The group met at Helleck Hall May 31<sup>st</sup>. They demonstrated 2 types of burners producing high quality char. The char was then moistened and distributed in several areas of the Victory Garden. These areas will be monitored for future results.

## Officer Reports

**Membership:** None

**OMGA Rep:** **Maureen Benice** recently returned from the OMGA meeting in Bend. Gail Langeletto has announced the new training manuals will be ready in time for Winter Class 2012. The notebooks will be hardbound, in color, and cost approximately \$50. For those members who signed up for Mini College, your receipt printed out all information entered. Please be sure to delete credit card info before turning in receipts for reimbursement. **Maureen** also advised the OMGA Newsletter has been called the Gardener's Pen. That name will now change to the NW Newsletter, which will be sent out in 2 formats. One format will have all the links and the color photos. The other format will be in black and white. There is a new chapter, Blue Mountain Master Gardener Association. Now 31 of 36 counties have Master Gardener chapters.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Toni Rudolph** reported we have \$27,560.72 in our multiple accounts. **Toni** also advised OSU has been slow in billing us for our portion of the electrical service at the Discovery Garden. They are trying to become more up to date and have sent us a bill for over \$400. With late bills from last year and this bill, we are now over budget for electrical YTD. **Toni** made a motion and **Maureen Benice** made a second that we authorize the bill be paid. Motion carried. As another note, **Toni** made us aware we will receive additional bills through the rest of the year.

**Vice President:** **Leo Grass** is busy at 4H camp this week. We will be meeting next month at **Eileen Kelley's** home in July.

**President:** **Judy Huntley** received an email from Gail Langelloto thanking the MG chapters for their support for the bills pending that could release funds for extension. **Judy** also mentioned we received a thank you letter from UCAN for our canned food drive during the Plant Sale. A big thank you to the 17 members who helped at Chuck and Diane Aiello's house.

## Committee Reports

**Community Outreach:** Even though **Leo** is absent, we know **Rebecca Drew** gave the Sutherlin Garden Club a tour of the Discovery Garden.

**Plant Clinic:** **Judy Mercer** announced that **Chris Rusch** and **Marilyn Klingbiel** will take over the Librarian duties as **Mary VanAssche** has accepted a position out of state. **Judy** still needs more sign ups at the clinic. **Judy** has received a new packet of current pest alerts and has them in the file. The teaching core group met and have some ideas. There is a very full

Lost & Found box in the Plant Clinic. Please stop by and take a look - items will be donated to Goodwill in the next several weeks.

**Awards:** **Betty Ison** is waiting for updated hours in order to pass out more swinger bars.

**Discovery Garden:** **Julie Stanbery** had knee surgery yesterday, however, had comments to pass along through **Judy Huntley**. A huge thank you to the 10 people who have shown up to help get the Discovery Garden ready for the Show and Shine. There is one more Tuesday for clean up. A swarm of bees was removed from an apple tree in the Discovery Garden.

**Farmer's Market/Kruse Farms:** **Debbie Haynes** and **Maureen Benice** still need help at the Outreach clinics. **Debbie Hayes** said they need more help at the Farmer's Market and having problems because the market decided to stay open until 2 p.m. **Jim Leet** who is also involved in the Farmer's Market advised this is a trial basis for approximately 5 weeks. If it doesn't generate more sales for the vendors, they will return to the old schedule. **Judy Huntley** also added there was some discussion regarding splitting the hours into 2 shifts. **Debbie** also advised the Farmer's Market clipboard (the list of people interested in joining Master Gardeners) is missing.

**Plant Sale:** None

**Compost Tea:** **Shirley Purcell** reported things are going well and thanked all the people participating. There is a waiting list.

**Victory Garden:** **Mik Carlson** and her crew have delivered 151# to UCAN so far this year. She would also like to continue the offer - if any member has extra produce they would like to donate to UCAN, deliver it to the garden on Tuesday mornings. (No lettuce or leafy produce that doesn't keep well.)

**Hallmark:** With regret, **Linda Thames** gave her report. Past member, **Ida Baird**, passed away. **Jack Wright's** wife, **Judy**, passed away. **Julie Stanberry** had knee surgery and is on the road to recovery.

### Old Business

**Mini College Chapter Display:** **Sharon Hopkins, Eileen Kelley, and Karen Orr** are working on the chapter display for Mini College. I hear it's a masterpiece! Hope they will set it up for a meeting after they get back from Newport.

**Mini College Auction Items:** **Debbie Haynes** has received about 25 donations so far. Thank you so much to the donors.

**Mini College Scholarship Requests:** **Judy Huntley** received 9 applications for scholarship reimbursement. The board voted to fund \$100 toward each application.

**Native Plant Society:** **Judy Dake** is working with Rod Trotter from the Native Plant society to move some plants from the VA to the Discovery Garden.

### New Business

**Nominations:** **Judy Huntley** thanked the nomination committee of **Debbie Hesseltine, Larry Sutton,** and **Karolyn Riecks** for presenting a slate of officers in record time. The following slate of officers are presented to the DCMG:

President

**Larry Sutton**

Vice President

**Barbara Robinson**

Secretary

**Debbie Hesseltine**

Treasurer

**Toni Rudolph**

Membership Director

**Cindy Rich**

OMGA State Representative

**Debbie Haynes**

OMGA Alt. State Representative

**Maureen Benice**

Past President

**Judy Huntley**

Nominations were accepted from the floor. There being none, **Karolyn Riecks** made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented. **Judy Mercer** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Douglas County Fair:** Per information from **Leo Grass**, all slots are filled for presentations during the fair. He still needs a little help at the booth. The sign up board is in the Plant Clinic.

**Fun Trip Rock Garden:** No information.

**Audit Committee:** **Judy Huntley** advised its time for the annual bookkeeping audit. **Roger Sawyer** and **Ted Benice** volunteered.

**July Executive Board Meeting:** Cancelled due to Mini College.

**Summer Home Tour:** **Judy** is looking for any volunteer who would be interested in setting up a tour of several homes this year.

### Show & Tell

**Betty Ison** brought some iris starts for anyone interested.

**Ruth Stafford** spoke on the immediate danger of our Douglas County Library system due to budget cuts. If interested in helping, contact **Ruth**.

### Announcements

July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Executive Board Meeting - cancelled
July 13 - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Mini College - Newport
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Location TBA
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter Meeting - Eileen Kelley's home
August 9 - 13	Douglas County Fair
August 10	Executive Board Meeting - 9:30 a.m. Annex kitchen
August 25 <sup>th</sup>	Chapter Meeting - Rosemary Brinkley's home
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Awards Banquet - First Methodist Church on Harvard

## Treasurer's Report as of 6/30/11

Toni Rudolph

### INCOME 5/26/11 - 6/30/11

Pavilion - donation	\$50.00
Dues	\$10.00
Interest - Umpqua Bank - MM	\$18.89
Soil Testing	\$15.00
Plant Sales - Entry Fee	\$100.00
Plant Sales - Post Sales	\$270.25
Compost Tea	\$363.00
Cookbook	\$90.00

**TOTAL INCOME 917.14**

### EXPENSES 5/26/11 - 6/30/11

OMGA Travel	\$96.80
Dues	\$42.00
Scholarships - mini college	\$800.00
Discovery Garden - easy access	\$72.17
Discovery Garden - xeriscape	\$137.00
HLC	\$96.97
Plant Sales Expenses	\$337.51
Plant Sales - Vendor Costs	\$415.15

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,997.60**

### Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$2,684.15
Money Market - Reserves	\$5,664.39
Money Market	\$20,013.60
Bulk Mail	\$136.96

**Ending Balance 6/30/2011 \$28,499.10**

The new handbooks will be ready for the 2010 training classes. They will include color photos, be bound, durable, waterproof, about 300 pages and likely sell for about \$50 a book.

### Mini College: Important!

If you registered online and paid with a credit card, your receipt will show the credit card number, expiration date and security code. You need to blank/erase these from your computer ... for security reasons. After printing the receipt and before giving the receipt to the Treasurer, Toni Rudolph, for a scholarship, blank out this information.

There is a new Chapter in OMGA: Blue Mountain Master Gardener Association. Now 31 of 36 counties in Oregon have Master Gardeners.

The OMGA newsletter, The Northwest Newsletter (changed from "The Gardeners Pen") is online. <http://www.oregonmastergardeners.org/GardenersPen/June2011NorthwestNewsletter.html> is the direct link to the file and it will download it to your computer and will have photos and be in color.

[www.oregonmastergardeners.org/docs/GardenersPen/June2011NorthwestNewsletter.pdf](http://www.oregonmastergardeners.org/docs/GardenersPen/June2011NorthwestNewsletter.pdf) is the place to go if you want a black and white, no photo version that will be faster for those on dial-up internet.

If you don't have email or just need a printed copy there are black and white copies in the Plant Clinic.

That's all for this time ... Maureen

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## June OMGA Rep Report

Some interesting things were discussed at the OMGA meeting in Bend on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Gail Langelotto, our Statewide Program Leader said an Updated Plant Clinic policy will be published in the next OMGA newsletter and it will be online in the Master Gardener Coordinator's Handbook. The Coordinator's Handbook is no longer password protected and is accessible to all Master Gardeners (MG). The link is:

<http://groups.hort.oregonstate.edu/content/mastergardener-coordinators-manual>

(editor's note: this site appears to be password protected as of 4 July 2011)

The policy regarding the use of the MG name and logo is being revised and should be posted now. The insurance and liability issues are being reviewed and will be posted ASAP. This is in regard to the coverage of educational vs social nature of Plant Sales, Garden Tours, etc.

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## KRUSE FARMS Satellite Clinic Update

All of the Master Gardener slots for Kruse Farms are filled!! **HOORAY !!!**

I want to thank all of you for signing up AND for showing up to work at Kruse Farms and representing our OSU Extension Master Gardeners.

Working at Kruse for the month of July are:

July 2<sup>nd</sup>....Diana Pierce and Pat Dinsmore

July 9<sup>th</sup>. .... Shirley Purcell and Diane Billings

July 16<sup>th</sup> ...Cindy Rich and Sydney Shapro

July 23<sup>rd</sup> ... Lisa Gosciejew and Sydney Shapro

July 30<sup>th</sup> ... Rusdee Chastain and Beverly Guyton

A Master Food Preserver trainee will be there each

Saturday, too.

Thanks again,  
Maureen Benice

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## NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

Summer is finally making an attempt to arrive, and the areas gardeners are champing at the bit.

We are getting lots of call about fungus on trees and shrubs. Willows seem to be having a hard time this year. Many Gardeners are concerned about slow growth in their tomatoes, peppers and squash. Corn has also been slow to start. Most of these problems are weather related; and as with taxes there isn't much that we can do about it.

We have a new file in our reference materials. You will find it under Pest Alerts. I will be keeping the most current alerts in the file. Check it out when you are in the Clinic. There are some excellent pictures that will help you if you encounter these new visitors in your garden. We want to keep track of these fellows and keep them on a visitor basis as opposed to permanent residents.

Our new students are stepping up and filling most of their slots in the Clinic. We Veterans, however, are falling behind. For the month of July we have 6 open slots for trainees and 18 for Veterans. I will be sending out emails with the dates that need filling. There are 4 days when we have no Veterans at all. If that remains the case we may have to close the Clinic on those days. I would really hate to see that happen, as we would be letting down the community and OSU.

Well, on that note I will close and wish you sunny days and warm nights.

Happy Planting  
Judy Mercer  
Plant Clinic Manager  
Alternates  
Plant Clinic  
Jim Leet & Liz Zamba

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### ***A Special Plea From Steve Renquist:***

Master Gardener Volunteer Sighting

*I asked the Master Gardener volunteers to all help this summer for at least two days in the plant clinic to take a little pressure off our regular clinic workers. That was about three weeks ago and I haven't seen a Master Gardener since. I don't get any respect around here. So*

*I go over to the clinic and look at the sign up calendar. The last time I saw this many blanks was in a spaghetti western. I'm starting to feel a little like Rodney Dangerfield. I can tell you guys are getting tired of me asking for more of your time, I received a present the other day marked bath toys. Inside the box was a toaster and radio. It has been so long since I saw many of you Master Gardeners it reminds me of when I was a kid and couldn't find my parents. I stopped a policeman and asked him if he could help me find them, he said I don't know there are so many places to hide. The other day the depression of having so many openings in the plant clinic was setting in so I went to a psychiatrist who told me I was crazy. I told him I wanted a second opinion, so he said, ok, you are ugly too. Then I told him that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous, everyone hasn't met me yet. I get no respect, the way my luck is running if I was a politician I would be honest.*

*Between Rodney Dangerfield and me, we are reminding you that we do have openings in the plant clinic for both veterans and apprentices. Please come by the Extension office so I don't feel so lonely, and sign up for a couple days. If you feel like you need a little training or refresher course before working, come in on a day that Judy Mercer, Leo Grass, Larry Sutton, Chris Rusch, or Carolyn Riecks is working. These are our five plant clinic trainers for 2011, and they will enjoy your company. Thanks for your help.*

—Steve

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## Your Badge

By Mary Hoffman  
OSU Extension Service Secretary

It's important for all the secretaries at the Extension Service office to recognize you. Please wear your DCMG name badge when you come into the office. There's a variety of reasons why this is important. There are approximately 280 MG's in Douglas County and it's difficult for us to remember everyone's face and name. If you borrow the office key and fail to return it, we might not know who took the key and who to call. Or, if you become ill or in need of assistance, your badge is a starting point to help us assist you. Or if you receive a call here at the office, we would know you were in the building and look for you. And, most important, we want to recognize each of you as a valuable OSU Extension volunteer.

## Thank you note to the Master Gardeners

Friday afternoon a band of MGs assembled at Chuck and Diane's former home known to them as the "Alpenhaus" to help clean up the garden areas of leaves and weeds, uncover the garden elves buried under new growth and weed-whack a defensible space around the house. The afternoon was pretty well spent as the job was completed and only one minor incident – a bee/hornet didn't like the disturbance and Judy Huntley was sore afraid and later just sore. Sore especially at Chuck for harboring the critters in the first place!

Thanks go to the hearty band and to the entire Master Gardener effort. The friendships built up over the years help to bring about good things like this.

*Chuck Aiello*

### Editor's note:

This newsletter is your publication. Your editor solicits articles, essays, and photographs. I'd love to have reviews of books and other arts related to gardening, alerts to new techniques and developments, and any feedback you can offer to improve this publication.

And, if you have gardening websites that you find valuable, I'd be happy to include them in "Links to Other Sites" so you can share with the rest of this community.

[joeleeyetter@yahoo.com](mailto:joeleeyetter@yahoo.com)

("Links to Other Sites" is on vacation this month. You can access the links by going to the May newsletter)

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## *Lycopersicum praecox*

*Shirley Purcell's tomatoes in mid-June 2011. I am green with envy. Ed.)*



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Mac users: Pages  
Font: Arial 12pt  
Include "Newsletter" (one word) in subject line. Include permission if you want your telephone, email, etc published. Include hyperlinks.

Executive meetings: second Wednesday, 9:30am, kitchen conference room; Chapter meetings: last Thursday, Jan thru May: 10am, annex auditorium; June, July, August: members' gardens, 10am; Sept: Pavilion, Discovery Garden, 10am; Oct, Nov: 10am, annex auditorium; (no December meetings)

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Important internet links:

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

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

MG Plant Clinic Email: [douglasmg@oregonstate.edu](mailto:douglasmg@oregonstate.edu)

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