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would be to encourage the guests that we see in the garden to visit tripadvisor.com and share their experience with the world. Many of the hotels that I stay in are now asking their guests to review their hotels we can do the same thing with our garden. We can all play a part in making the Discovery Garden the **number ONE** destination spot in Roseburg.

YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Do you remember back several years ago when one of the major car rental agencies made a big advertising campaign around the fact that they were number two in the nation? Normally people would not be prone to brag about being in second place but they capitalized on the uniqueness of the situation and told the world that they tried harder.

Well, I have good news for us. Our Discovery Garden is now listed as the number-four place to visit in the Roseburg area. That is right: we are number four. According to TripAdvisor (tripadvisor.com) The Discovery Garden comes in just behind Hillcrest Winery and Distillery, Abacela Winery and Riverside Valley Farm.

How do places get rated? People visit them and then go to tripadvisor.com and share with the internet world their impressions of the site. Anyone can do it. Sites are rated by the scores given and then by the number of reviews. TripAdvisor is a recognized place to visit for people wanting recommendations on where to stay and what to see in an area. Just last week it received a write up in USA Today for the service it provides.

Now the question is, how do we try harder to be number one? One way is to encourage your family and friends to visit the garden and then log on to tripadvisor.com and write a review. Right now we are only separated from the first place by two reviews. Another way

There are a great many orchids to be given out today. First of all to the membership that turned out in mass for the March meeting. As you will notice from the minutes we had approximately 65 in attendance for the general meeting. We are a small community with interests. The monthly

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 2	Insect Committee – Plant Clinic 10 a.m. until noon
April 4	Grafting Class –Extension Annex 10 a.m. until noon
April 11	Executive Board Meeting – 9 a.m. Extension Kitchen
April 16	Insect Committee – Plant Clinic 10 a.m. until noon
April 18	Advanced Diagnosis – 10 a.m. Extension Kitchen
April 26	CE & General Meeting – 9 a.m. Extension Annex
April 26	11 a.m. Plant sale committee chairpersons meet in Extension Kitchen
April 26	Pre Plant Sale - 1 -3 p.m. Greenhouses (Master Gardeners ONLY!)
April 29	Pre Plant Sale - 1 -3 p.m. Greenhouses (Master Gardeners ONLY!)
May 4	Set up for Plant Sale – 8 a.m. – whenever – assigned positions
May 5	Plant Sale – 8a.m. until cleanup is completed – assigned positions

meeting may be the only time we see each other to renew friendships and stay in touch. Take the time this month to invite someone who wasn't there last month and watch our community strengthen. Orchids go to the Debbie Haynes crew that did all the work in setting up and preparing for the quarterly OMGA Board Meeting. Gayle Ward organized the food in a spectacular manner in spite of physical limitations. The new class each gets an orchard for their enthusiasm in getting the job done. Their final exam scores showed a mastery of the science and their completion rate in plant clinic orientation shows a dedication to putting it to work. Orchids to Debbie Haynes and Maureen Benice for all the work they did to put the training together and keep it moving.

—Larry Sutton

Vice-President's Column

Did you ever fathom there were so many different mouse and rat traps to choose from over the centuries? Carolyn Dwyer, our continuing ed speaker for this month, introduced us to numerous contraptions that squeezed, drowned, impaled, and enticed those little buggers to their demise. Thank you to Carolyn for a very unique and interesting presentation! At our April 26th chapter meeting we will be hearing from Curtis Young of Woodland Scenes Landscape Gardeners. Just in time for the upcoming growing season, Curtis will be sharing his expertise on drip irrigation systems.



Vice-President

Believe it or not, summer will soon be upon us and we will be able to come down from our high perches as the water recedes. Hopefully this will occur before our June meeting when we will be gathering at the home of Lorreen Robinson. Thank you, Lorreen, for graciously offering to host our first outdoor meeting of the summer. We are looking for other summer hosts as well. Members bring potluck, their own eating utensils, and chairs. You provide the outdoor space and ample parking. If you would be willing to welcome us to your home, or if you have questions before committing, please give me a

call at 541-677-8226 or email barbararob@gmail.com. —Barbara Robinson

NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

The Plant Clinic training is almost complete. Our thanks go out to our great Teaching Core. They will be on the job through the end of May.

The April calendar is full, HALLELULIA!!!! Some slots are still open in May so call or stop by to sign up.

Farmers Market will be opening on April 14 and there have been some major improvements. The Market has offered to let us store our equipment in their shed so there will be no more hauling back and forth. Jim Leet has generously offered to bring our canopy. The Market has also given us a corner space which will give us a lot more room as the Master Food Preservers will be joining us part time.

The Market is also giving us the use of their tent for Monthly Demonstrations. Contact Leo Grass if you would be interested in giving one. The demonstrations will be advertised by the Market in their ad. This will be another great opportunity to serve the community that has given us so much support.

We do have one small problem. We have no leader for the Market and we really need someone to step up. If we don't get

anyone we will have to forgo the Market this year and we could lose our space. They only have one free space for a non-profit.



This is really a great place for us to show a presence in the community and it would be a shame to lose it. Please give me a call if you are interested.

Judy Mercer
Plant Clinic Manager

**OSU Douglas County Master
Gardeners
Chapter Meeting
March 29, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, **Larry Sutton**. There were approximately 65 members present.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The minutes were approved as presented in the March newsletter

Agent Report: None

Officers Reports

Membership: Cindy Rich reported we have 263 members. The new roster was available at the meeting. If you know someone who was not at the meeting, please take one to them or they can pick it up in the Plant Clinic to save us the postage of mailing it to them. Big thanks to **Mary Hoffman** for doing such a nice job on the roster.

OMGA Representative: Debbie Haynes reported the OMG meeting held here on March 4 was a big success. We hosted approximately 50-60 individuals. Thanks to all who helped. This year, Mini College will be at Willamette University in Salem, July 25, 26, 27. The theme is "Grow Your Garden" and we are looking for volunteers to work on the Mini College display. Please contact **Debbie** if you are interested.

Treasurer: Toni Rudolph provided Account Balances as of 3/28/2010. Overall balance is \$12,525.68. Most of this month's income is from the Trash to Treasure Sale, membership dues and soil testing.

2012 Class Representative: None

Vice President: Barbara Robinson said our MG aprons are here and can be picked up after the meeting. They had a request for t-shirts for the men who prefer flowerless shirts. **Gale Robinson** was kind enough to model the black t-shirt with the MG logo, which is the same as on the aprons. They will sell for \$11.00 and more for larger sizes.

We have started brewing compost tea all of which has been reserved. You can put your name on an availability list in case someone doesn't pick their gallon up. **Jackie Carpenter** has agreed to back up **Barbara** when she is not available. **Jackie** will also visit the DC Co-op to see how they brew their tea and report back. The venue for the summer meetings was

discussed. **Lorreen Robinson** has agreed to host June and a 2012 graduate may be interested in hosting one. If you are interested in hosting a summer meeting, contact **Barbara**.

President: Larry Sutton said his goal was to have 60 members attend the General Meeting and today we had about 65.

Committee Reports:

Community Outreach: Leo Grass reported that the Home Show went well and thanked all who participated. The Fairgrounds wanted to charge \$450 space fee and \$100 deposit but dropped it if we would consent to do demonstrations. **Ken Hays** did a demonstration on composting. **Leo** did demos on Vertebrae pests and Irrigation. He suggested we think about if we want to continue participating in the Home Show. **Leo** mentioned that on September 14th, UCC "Conference on Extraordinary Living" is a one-hour presentation on container gardening, starting and storing seeds, and many other topics.

The YMCA is sponsoring Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 28th. They are asking for 2 volunteers to staff a booth to assist with games, hand out tomato seedling and talk gardening with kids. If interested talk with **Leo**. **Leo** will be visiting Saving Grace along with several other MG's to decide on the size of planters that will be placed in the front of the building.

The first Great Gardener Series presentation was cancelled due to lack of participation. The next one is April 21st on growing lettuce, chard, beets and strawberries. DC Master Food Preservers will present the Basics of freezing and drying fruits & vegetables.

Plant Clinic: Judy Mercer reported that 25 students have completed their Clinic training. 6 students have completed 1 session. April 14th the Farmers Market will open. They have guaranteed us a corner booth, which will be shared at times with Master Food Preservers. They have also given us space in their storage shed for our supplies except the canopy. Thanks to **Geoff Puryear** for arranging that. **Jim Leet** will transport the canopy. **Leo** said MG's will present monthly demonstrations on your choice of topics. The

Market will provide a tent, possibly the audio equipment and do the advertising. We still need someone to Head up the Farmers Market. Contact **Judy** if you are interested.

Discovery Garden: **Julie Stanbery** said Tuesday was the first workday at the Garden and we had a wonderful turn out. **Noel Groshong** will be working in the Container , Ornamental, Children's, Japanese, Rock and Butterfly garden. In the Children's Garden, **Betty Bean** brought several teenagers who helped spread mulch.

Tasha King has been working in the Rock Garden, hopes to plant in the fall. She has received a \$2000 grant from the North American Rock Garden Society. **Gale Ward** had 8 volunteers working in the Butterfly Garden, which she enticed with homemade cookies. Because **Fred Muir** will be unavailable this year, **Dave Hopkins** has stepped up to fill **Fred's** shoes. Any questions or issues, see **Dave**.

The English Brooks River Pumps is for sale, best offer. If you have questions, see **Julie**.

Julie reported that someone is putting grass clippings in the compost pile. If we see anyone doing that, ask them to stop until **Julie** or **Barbara Robinson** can talk with them.

Elva Sellens who has experience with dahlias will be working in the raised beds. New stakes and signs will be forthcoming.

Victory Garden: **Lorreen Robinson** reported that the peas are in. They have other vegetables in the green house waiting to be planted when the ground dries out.

Awards: No Report

Publicity: **Bonnie Courter** said she had placed an ad in the classified section of the News Review for Trash to Treasure. She will begin to promote the Plant Sale April 15th with an all-out blitz one week before the sale.

Plant Sale: **Barbara Robinson** said this is her first year heading the Plant Sale. **Gloria Amorde** who has done it for the last 5 years will be mentoring her. **Barbara** asked that we take flyers and bookmarks from the table at the back of the room and spread them around town. She still needs boxes and five more people to do checking. **Richard Johnstone** who is in charge of transportation reminded everyone that we can only use covered vehicles to transport plant sale items. On the Thursday before the sale, he will need volunteers to form a fire brigade line to

bring the tables down from the attic. **Betty Ison** suggested we do it after the April meeting. **Richard** is requesting help to load and unload tables & shelving. **Julie Stanbery** will transport the tables currently being used by Master Food Preservers at the Pine Grove Church to the Fairgrounds.

The Pre-Sale for Master Gardeners will be held April 26th from 1-4 after the General Meeting and Sunday April 29th from 1-4. MG's will have a chance to show off their artistic talents as the "Hats" are back this year. 2 prizes will be given out. **Barbara** said our customers enjoy seeing the MG's wearing hats.

We will be designing a MG logo, which will be embroidered on baseball hats by Prince Charming Print Shop. The cost will be between \$10 - \$15 and you will purchase it yourself at Prince Charming.

Winter Training: **Larry Sutton** mentioned we had a great graduating class and thanked **Maureen Benice** and **Debbie Haynes** for the wonderful job they did.

Hallmark: **Linda Thames** received a positive, upbeat four-page letter from **Marjorie Milroy**, which will be available for all to read.

Barbara Colebank who is receiving chemotherapy, says hello to everyone, misses the greenhouse crew and would appreciate cards. **Robyn Thompson** who just had a stent placed in her heart is doing great, having her hair done & attended the first part of the meeting.

Trash to Treasure Sale: **Julie Agee** reported we made approximately \$2400 on Trash to Treasure. This is **Julie** and **Bob's** last year. **Cindy Rich** and **Debbie Haynes** will be taking over.

Newsletter: **Joe Yetter** reported that **Clay Morrow** will be taking over as editor of the newsletter. E-mail all correspondence to both **Joe** and **Clay**. They are interested in any interesting articles, web sites, essays that you may want to appear in the newsletter.

Old Business: None

New Business: **Nan Sieck** reported that the new MG t-shirt artwork was done by **Sharon Hopkins**. She has the order forms and they will also be in the Plant Clinic. Complete the

form, attach your check and drop it in the money drawer. The shirts come in short & long sleeve. The vendor is a.j. snapper, the same vendor that did last year's shirts. Anyone interested in a new shirt must have their order in by Monday, April 9th. We want to get the order in so we can have the shirts for the Plant Sale. They will be delivered at the April General Meeting.

Show & Tell: Julie Stanbery shared her birthday present with us which was a Fiskars "Big Grip"

Judy Mercer shared that Scot McKain, 2012 graduate wrote a wonderful article about the Master Gardener Program, which appeared in the News Review. It will be posted in the Plant Clinic if you want to read it.

Judy Huntley will be selling tulips for \$5 for 10 bulbs. All proceeds to go to Easter Seals.

Toni Rudolph, chair of the Nominating Committee along with Debbie Hesseltine, Maureen Benice and Eileen Kelley are in the process of seeking interested, energetic individuals for officer and OMGA Rep positions. The positions are President, Vice President, OMGA Rep & Alternate Rep, Membership, Secretary and Treasurer. If you or anyone you know might be interested, contacted one of the committee members who can give you a job description and discuss in more detail.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Kelley for Debbie Hesseltine,
Secretary, March 29, 2010



We need you!!! The Farmers Market needs a new leader. We are looking for someone to take on one of the most fun jobs in our organization. We already have an able assistant for you; Darcy Moody, class of 2012 is ready to help in any way she can. Debbie Haynes will mentor you and walk

you through getting started. What more could you ask for?

If you are interested please contact Judy Mercer (541 672-4338 or dosgatos438@msn.com). I will explain the job description.

Judy Mercer

Membership Roster

The roster has been printed and is ready to be picked up in the plant clinic. If not picked up by April 30th, it will be mailed to you. Please help us keep our cost down by picking yours up. I will be bringing the rosters to the Discovery Garden on Tuesday, April 3rd. Please review your information on the roster and let me know if there are any corrections. In error, the title of Vice President was left off for Barbara Robinson, so please add that onto your list.

Cindy Rich
Membership Director

Plant Sale

My Plant Sale Meanderings, aka Must Know Plant Sale Details...

There's no turning back now! Final payment for the rental of our Plant Expo building at the fairgrounds was delivered today. This heralds the arrival of the month before the sale when we really do need ALL the help we can get out at the greenhouses in a myriad of jobs. Greenhouse crews work year round, but especially important at this point is making sure all the plants are weed-free, manicured, soil freshened, and looking their best to present at our sale. Pricing and labeling of each plant also needs to happen. Please join us on Tuesdays or other workdays, as scheduled by Tasha and Gloria, from 9 to noon. We are an equal opportunity employer and on the job training is provided!

We will be offering two **pre-plant sale** opportunities for Master Gardeners ONLY at the greenhouses. These are scheduled from 1 **-4pm on Thursday, April 26 and Sunday, April 29**. Remember, MG purchases are not allowed the day of the sale until after 3 pm so be sure and take advantage of the special presales offered to you.

We are bringing back our **garden-themed hat contest** this year. Let your imagination run wild and you may find yourself the recipient of one of two extraordinary rewards. And remember, have fun with it! The public loves

our creative hats!

Many, many thanks go out to all of you who have signed up to work the sale. The chairperson for the area you chose will be in touch within the next couple of weeks to touch bases, give any direction necessary, and answer any questions you may have. If you have not as yet signed up for a place to work, please just show up on Friday and/or Saturday and we will find the perfect job for you!

Now onto some **important details** for the sale itself:

Everyone is expected to **be at the fairgrounds' Exhibit Bldg. @ 8 a.m.** on both Friday, May 4 for set up and Sat., May 5 for the sale.

Don't forget your **potluck** dishes for BOTH days. Vendors are unloading at the building on Friday so please do not add to the congestion by parking in front of the building. The exception is parking for a very short time to run your potluck item(s) in.

Ladies, there is no secure location to leave your **purses**. We suggest you leave them in the trunk of your vehicle and perhaps wear a fanny pack. If you purchased one of our aprons, their handy dandy pockets are perfect for secure storage of your keys, cellphone, wallet, etc.

Wear your name badges. If you forget it, go home and get it. It's a must.

Veterans must have their **dues paid** to work.

Wear your MG apron and/or MG t-shirt if you have purchased one.

We are once again **collecting food in conjunction with UCAN.** There will be a collection bin in front of the exhibit building. Canned goods, dried foods (in sealed packages), peanut butter, pasta, etc. are all good choices. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors who are coming and let's all give back to the community who has loyally supported us over the years.

Now for the most important detail, **HAVE FUN** and enjoy the experience. We know our amazing new class will help to make this one of our more

successful years! If you have any questions on my meanderings or still need to sign up for a task, please email me at barbararob@gmail.com or give me a call at 541-677-8226.

Barbara Robinson

OMGA

WOW! It's almost April FOOLS!

News from OMGA is that you can now sign up for Mini-College! This year it is going to be held July 25-28 at Willamette University in Salem. With over 50 speakers this year and the theme, "Grow with your Garden" you are bound to find something of interest. Check out a few of the variety of tours and attractions in and around Salem: The Oregon Garden, Marion County Demonstration Garden, Hallie Ford Museum, Willamette Winery, Silver Creek Falls, Delbert H. Hunter Arboretum.

Eileen Kelley and Sharon Hopkins are creatively working on our chapter display for Mini-College again this year. After winning two awards last year, they are on a roll. If you'd like to help them, please contact me and I'll be happy to forward your information!

Our March OMGA meeting hosted by Douglas County went really well! We had about 50 people join us for the day. Lots of soups and breads filled everyone's tummy. Thanks to the many of you who donated food and drinks, to those who helped set up, serve, clean up and help host our guests. It was a job well done. I'm proud to work with you.

Enjoy our Spring and truly consider stepping up and joining one or more of the many committees we have here in Douglas County.

Deb Haynes
OMGA Rep
thedebhay@gmail.com

HALLMARK

After noted at the March Membership meeting I received a lovely, long letter from Marj Milroy to say “Hello!” to everyone and to bring us all up to date on her progress. She is a most inspirational and up-beat person and is looking forward to seeing and working with everyone out at the gardens this summer. I posted the letter in the Plant Clinic.

Robyn Thompson suffered chest pains and had another stint installed in her heart. When I called her husband to see how she was doing only days later, he said she was out having her hair done and nothing was slowing her down! She then came to our Membership Meeting looking great! Way to go, Robyn!

If you know of any Master Gardener who would benefit from receiving a greeting card from our membership, please let me know.

Linda Thames
linbill2@charter.net; 541-673-3978

Dare I eat a peach?

If you are reading this column, you are a gardener. If you are like many of our Douglas County Master Gardeners, you are also a committed foodie. (If you are neither, then you have come to the wrong column. Please leave quietly.)

Lucky Peach is a new magazine intended for serious foodies. It is extraordinarily well-written and information-dense, and much of this information is about food science—and here lies the lovely nexus of food, science, and gardening. I commend to you a recent article: *On Molecular Gastronomy*, by Harold McGee; in particular, the section: *On Handling Herbs*.

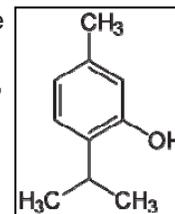
“Every cook knows the way that fresh herbs can lift the flavor of a dish. But have you ever thought about why herbs have the flavor they do—why they don’t just taste like any other green leaf?” Or why green leaves taste the way they do—say, vegetal—or why cut grass smells so different from grass that has been crushed, or not been damaged at all?



Why is a peach tasty, all on its own, but you would not really enjoy the single-note flavor of chewing on a mouthful of thyme leaves?

Turns out, a peach is an orchestra of flavors, a blend of attractive chemicals and textures, the point of which *is* to be eaten—the peach is the biological bribe that the tree offers you, in exchange for spreading its genes far afield. Or far a-orchard.

Thyme, on the other hand, like most herbs, will not profit at all if you and other herbivores devour its leaves and stems. Thyme’s single-note -flavor comes from thymol, which, for the plant, deters insects and snails and slugs, and kills fungi and bacteria, and even inhibits the germination of the thyme’s own seeds, which would otherwise compete with mom. (Thymol is an active ingredient of Vicks Vaporub® and in Egyptian mummies, too. Yum.)



Spearmint solves its defense issues with menthol and carvone, both chemically similar to thymol.

Even the milder, vegetal aromas and tastes of lettuce and spinach (and new-mown grass) are part of a plant’s defensive armamentarium. Mow your lawn, or tear a few leaves of spinach, and enzymes in the leaves’ cells begin to chop up the big molecules in the cell membranes, yielding hexanol and hexanal, and thus the “grassy” smell. But the story continues: these compounds are toxic to caterpillars and some other herbivores, and these compounds actually attract wasps that would be delighted to enjoy a nice *caterpillar tartare*. And the story goes on: neighboring leaves detect the hexanal and hexanol and related molecules, and their own defense systems are alerted, and they build up more and more aromatic, defensive compounds: precisely the ones we enjoy tasting. So, organic veggies have suffered more stress from insects and pathogens, and they taste better. But you knew that.

You should read the article. You will learn that it is better to “spank” mint than to muddle it, because the minty flavor is on the surface trichomes, and the vegetal flavor is inside the leaf—which flavor you might not want in your julep or mojito. Or you can be even more pathologically meticulous: gently rub just the undersides of the leaves together. (*OCD much?*)

I recommend this article, and all of **Lucky Peach**. You should know, though that if **Lucky Peach** were a movie, it would be PG-13 or R: strong language, and imagery that some will find offensive.

(Reviewed: *Lucky Peach*, issue 3; pp. 52-56. *Harold McGee in Outré Space*.)

—Joe Yetter



Treasurer's Report as of 03/30/12

Toni Rudolph

INCOME 02/13/12 - 03/30/12

Contributions	\$30.00
Dues - Hardcopy Newsletter	\$30.00
Dues - Membership	\$730.00
Interest - Umpqua Bank - MM	\$0.90
Soil Testing	\$185.00
Plant Sale - Pre Sales	\$4.00
Sale of Mower/UPSP refund	\$186.96
Reimbursement form OMGA	\$212.28
Trash to Treasurers	\$2,475.02
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,854.16

EXPENSES 02/13/12 - 03/30/12

OMGA quarterly meeting	\$212.28
Dues - OMGA	\$1,582.00
4-H/Hospitality/Library	\$120.99
DG - Compost/Rock Garden	\$66.57
HLC - GH/Maint/Toilet	\$138.67
Plant Sale - Advertising	\$1,658.86
Plant Sale - Exhibit Fees	\$1,086.00
Plant Sale - Propane/Water	\$347.54
Plant Sale - Plants/Supplies	\$187.29
Trash to Treasurers	\$171.89
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,572.09

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$1,040.14
Money Market - Reserves	\$5,659.10
Money Market	\$5,557.61
Bulk Mail	\$0.00

Ending Balance 03/30/12 **\$12,256.85**

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee for Executive Board members includes: Maureen Benice, Debbie Hesseltine, Eileen Kelley and Toni Rudolph. Some have expressed interest in joining the Board. We are looking for additional GREAT volunteers to step forward to fill positions on the Exec Board. All positions are held for 1 year. Many participants decide to serve longer.

If you are interested in serving as: President, Vice President, OMGA Representative or Alternate, Secretary, Membership Director or Treasurer please contact one of us as soon as possible. According to our bylaws, we will be present the nominations at the May General Meeting. The list of folks running will be published in the June Newsletter. Voting will occur at the July General Meeting with installation at the August General Meeting. Elected officials take office following the August General meeting.

Please give some consideration to participating on the Board. I have been a member for two years and find it very interesting and challenging. We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

—Toni Rudolph

Trash to Treasurer's Sale Profits

	2012	2011	2010	2009
Gross Income	\$2,669.00	\$2,296.70	\$2,286.96	\$2,510.20
Change provided	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Advertising costs	\$171.89	\$125.35	\$134.74	\$297.96
Net Income	\$2,297.11	\$1,971.35	\$1,952.22	\$2,012.24

A big THANK YOU to all that made this year's Sale such a SUCCESS. This includes Julie and Bob Agee, our Chair people, all those that did setup, worked at the event, those that contributed all the valuable treasurers, Bonnie Courter publicity, and those that cleaned up the site when all was over. We also owe a big THANKS to all those that purchased items and gave them a new home.

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Present the OS

Great Gardener Series

Once a month on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Cost: \$10.00 per person

(Free: pressure canning lid testing available at all classes.)
Location: Class locations (LOC) will change. See details below.

Your local Douglas County Master Gardeners and OSU Master Food Preservers are proud to offer a series of Saturday educational programs to expand and improve your knowledge of sustainable home gardening and home food preservation. Mark your calendar and plan to attend! Class locations (LOC) will change. See details below.

ID	LOC	TOPICS	DATES
1	B	Growing potatoes, peas, and cole crops. Preserving & canning basics.	March 17, 2012
2	B	Growing lettuce, chard, beets, and strawberries. Basics of freezing & drying fruits & vegetables.	April 21, 2012
3	A	Growing peppers and tomatoes. Using berries: freezing, jams, jellies.	May 18, 2012
4	A	Growing all types of squash, cucumbers, and melons. Safe pickles & relishes.	June 16, 2012
5	A	Growing beans and corn. Canning, freezing of corn & beans. Braiding garlic.	July 21, 2012
6	A	Planting season for winter gardens. Growing spinach, broccoli, brussels sprouts. Safe salsa & tomatoes.	August 18, 2012
7	A	Harvesting vegetables in a timely fashion. Making sauerkraut.	September 15, 2012
8	B	Growing garlic and onions. Preserving herbs. Storing crops for winter usage.	October 20, 2012

A—Class held at Discovery Garden (near River Forks Park) 238 River Forks Park Rd, Roseburg
B—Class held at OSU Extension Office, 1134 SE Douglas Ave, Roseburg

Please use the registration form below to sign-up and pay for 1 or more classes.
Registrations are due by 5:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the event.
Classes may be cancelled due to insufficient registrations.

Agriculture, 4-H Youth, Family & Community Development, Forestry, and Extension See Grant Programs. Oregon State University, United States Department of Agriculture, and Douglas county cooperating. The Extension Service offers its programs and materials equally to all people.

If you have questions, call or email Steve Renquist at 541-672-4461 or steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu

Registration for Great Gardener Series of Classes

PLEASE PRINT information below:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Circle your class ID selection(s): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Pay \$10.00 for each of the classes selected. Amount Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to: OSU Extension Service

..... And mail to ... ATTN: Great Gardener
PO Box 1165
Roseburg OR 97470

For OSU office only:

Amount Received _____

Staff Initials _____

Date Received _____

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