



Douglas County Master Gardeners

November 2013 Newsletter

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WT14 Orientation

Tuesday, November 12
11:00 AM, Annex

Exec Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 13
9:00 AM, Annex Kitchen

Insect Committee

Monday, November 18
10:00 AM, Plant Clinic

MG Luncheon

Monday, November 18
12:00 PM, China Place
RSVP by November 14 to
caddemd@yahoo.com

Diagnostics Group

Wednesday, November 20
10:00 AM, Annex

Continuing Education

Thursday, November 21
9:00 AM, Annex

Chapter Meeting

Thursday, November 21
10:00 AM, Annex

Bake Sale

Saturday, November 23
9:00 - 2:00, Sherm's

**Please pay your
membership dues by
January 1, 2014.**

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Shirley Purcell – 2013 Douglas County Horticultural Agent's Award Recipient



Master Gardener of the Month, by Michelle Harding-Olson

This month's featured gardener is Shirley Purcell. Shirley was born in Kapuskasing, Ontario, Canada. Her father, Douglas, worked at the local paper mill which was the town's major employer and her mother, Alice, was a school teacher. Shirley is an only child and spent her frosty Canadian days ice skating and skiing. She attended a one room school house until the family moved to Kingston, a town located midway between Montreal and Toronto. Her family then moved to Toronto where she attended East York High School. Shirley spoke French during her childhood and although she was raised during the Great Depression, she was never aware of being poor because everyone was poor, and she never longed for "things." At fifteen her family moved again, this time to San Bernardino, California. Moving from the cold northern climate of Canada to California's sun was a wonderful change. This was back when San Bernardino was full of clear skies and open land. Shirley began to

work at the local hospital during high school and continued to work there throughout her junior college years. She graduated and received her LVN license in 1974 from Cal State San Bernardino. From the time she was a little girl Shirley dreamed of becoming a nurse, and now that her dream had come true, she was ready to work. Shirley married in 1973 and had a son, Jim. Those days were hard, working at the hospital while attending college and raising a family (but the Shirley I know is always a busy, energetic person, interested in how she can make a contribution, and I'm certain she was like that back then too).

Shirley landed a job in the Veteran Administration's Health Care System and moved to Fresno, California in 1965. While there, she attended California State University, Fresno and received her BSN. She first experienced Roseburg, Oregon when she was transferred here from Fresno, and stayed for 3 years. Shirley was then transferred to Cleveland, Ohio, Iron Mountain, Michigan, and Walla Walla, Washington (um, did her exposure to these agricultural regions plant the early MG seeds??) before returning to Roseburg's VA. Once happily back in Roseburg, she attended OHSU, and received her MSN and Nurse Practitioner License. This is one smart lady, and those worms of ours were in good hands all these years! Throughout her nursing career, she held a broad spectrum of nursing positions--from bedside to administration. She retired in 1998 after thirty-three years with the VA in order to be with, and care for, her aging mother, who passed away at the age of ninety-nine (I hope this means we'll have Shirley in our midst for a very long time).

Shirley's dad was a Roseburg rancher and supplied her with fresh produce most of her adult life. He died in 1993 and in order to maintain the lifestyle in which she had become accustomed, Shirley became a gardener. The land that Shirley's lovely, Roseburg, home is built on began as a fishing hole her husband used to frequent when they lived in Fresno. They built the house in 1978 and it has plenty of room to garden. She and her current partner,

David, enjoy their wonderful view of the Umpqua River and the many activities their Roseburg lives have to offer. Shirley began the Master Gardener Training Program while still working in order to make a smoother transition from work-life to retirement-life. Her son has a wholesale water garden business in Eugene and Exeter, California, and Shirley and David opened a water garden outlet at their home as another transition activity, one that lasted for 5 years. Worms seemed to emerge from this experience and so did her knowledge of their habits and lifestyle. Shirley brought this knowledge to the Discovery Garden in 2002 and maintained our worm-beds for almost 10 years. She has supplied us with compost (worm) tea during this time and only recently relinquished her worm responsibilities as she prepares for other aspects of her horticultural life, maybe smelling the roses.

I love to tell this story of my first interaction with Shirley. I was a trainee, new to Roseburg and on my first Kruse Farms workday. I had already spent years of training with the Riverside MG Program and wasn't entirely ready for more "training," but I wanted to be a MG and to meet people, so off I went. Shirley was so good natured and listened while I talked about u-picking produce and canning—all new to me—and gave me lots of Master Preserver advice (she's a double winner). At the end of our shift Shirley offered to buy me one of Don's "hot dogs" and take me to the Berry Patch to pick strawberries. This was just so darn kind that I decided to stay with Roseburg's MG Program, and hope to meet more people like Shirley. Although Shirley remains one of the kindest people I've met over the years, she's one of several now, and I am grateful to her and to the others who make this program such a pleasure to be a member of.

When I contacted Shirley about interviewing her for this article over lunch, she informed me her schedule was pretty full...she was taking a Gun Safety Course at the local Gun Club, lunching with friends, working at FISH and Kruse Farms...she is amazing and I was "scareda her" before I knew she was a sharp shooter!

Awards Banquet 2013 – Special Recognitions

Betty Ison

At the recent Awards Banquet there were several individuals who were presented with very special honors, and I would like to acknowledge those people here. Since everyone doesn't attend the Banquet, the rest of the membership should know who these individuals are.



Judith Mercer is the **2013 Douglas County Master Gardener of the Year**. Judith has been a volunteer for six years and put in nearly 1900 hours of service. Judith has been involved in a number of activities within our organization, spending most of her time doing Plant Clinic or Outreach projects. She has worked in the Plant Clinic for six years, five of those as our very important Clinic Coordinator. She has participated in Earth Day (3 years), Fair Booth (5 years), the Home Show (4 years), done presentations at both the fair and the Spring into Gardening Seminar, been a Class Mentor for four years, and taught one of the Concurrent Sessions portions of the Winter Program for five years. Judith has coordinated the Plant Clinic Teaching Core (3 years), of which she is a member working on Fridays. She just recently returned from the International Master Gardener Conference Cruise where she presented a Search for Excellence program on the Plant Clinic Teaching Core, and brought back a plaque to present to the membership. Judith has also been involved with fundraising

activities working the Bake Sale (4 years), Plant Sale (6 years), and the Trash to Treasure Sale (6 years). In other activities she has hosted several diagnostics meetings at her home, served on the Nominating Committee, helped with MG Registration, and worked on the OMGA Meeting Food Committee. Back in 2011, she was presented the Horticultural Agent's Award by Steve Renquist.

This year two members were selected to receive the **2013 "Behind the Scenes" Master Gardener of the Year Award**, they are **Pam Barrows** and **Jackie Carpenter**. This award is for someone who works quietly and unselfishly behind the scenes, often going unnoticed, but is always there when work needs to be done. The criteria for this award is that the person is involved in multiple activities, has been a member at least five years, and held no major leadership positions.



Pam Barrows has been a member nine years and put in nearly 1400 hours of service. Pam has worked in the Plant Clinic (4 years), done the Home Show (4 years), Fair Booth (3 years), is a Certified Pruning Instructor, taught a Continuing Education program, and has been a Class Mentor for eight years. She has also helped with our fundraising activities including the Japanese Maple Tree Sale (2 years), the Auction, and Trash to Treasure Sale (7 years). She has also worked the Plant Sale for eight years, where she works in the Trees/Shrub area, and has been the garden hat winner numerous times, using her creativity and talent to create a completely new hat every single year. Other activities include working in the Discovery Garden, serving on the Nominating Committee, and she is our Volunteer Time Keeper, an often thankless job that she has been doing for eight years.

activities that include the Plant Sale (5 years), Trash to Treasure Sale (3 years), and Compost Tea (4 years). Jackie's a member of the Greenhouse Crew (6 years), helped in the Discovery Garden, and is the Water Meter Reader (2 years) to keep tabs on UBW usage. She has also helped with MG Registration, and has been a Summer Garden Tour Host.



Jackie Carpenter has been a member for five years and put in nearly 1300 hours of service. Jackie has worked in the Plant Clinic (4 years), been a Pruning Instructor, worked Earth Day, the Fair Booth (2 years), an info Booth at the DC Co-op, helped with the Spring into Gardening Seminar for four years, this past year also a seminar instructor, was a Class Mentor for a year, Mentor Substitute (3 years), and has helped with the Class Greenhouse Training for five years. She has participated in fundraising

The **2013 Outstanding New Master Gardener Apprentice** is **Karen Glatz**. She was honored for her very active and wide involvement in the organization. Her activities include Plant Clinic, Discovery Garden Watering Crew, Plant Sale, Trash to Treasure Sale, Spring into Gardening Seminar, the Greenhouse, and Chairman of the newly formed Discovery Garden Signage Committee. She has done almost 200 hours of service her first year.

Another special award presented during the evening was the **Horticulture Agent's Award**. The recipient of that award was **Shirley Purcell**. She was selected by Horticulture Agent Steve Renquist. It is for volunteers who by helping the agent achieve his goals, positively impacts the Master Gardener Program.

These are very special volunteers and more than deserving of the recognition they have received, so if you have the opportunity congratulate them on a job well done. Also congratulations to all of our volunteers for whatever it is you do to help make our Master Gardener program the success that it is. **CONGRATULATIONS ALL!!!**

Photos by Maureen Benice



Bake Sale is November 23rd

Barbara Robinson, Sharon Hopkins

We have less than three weeks to get ready for our annual bake sale extravaganza at Sherm's Thunderbird Market! We need your help in several different areas. Please consider helping with any or all of the following:

1. Sign up to help the day of the bake sale. You may sign up @ the Plant Clinic or contact us.
2. Bake, bake and bake some more. Anything your family and friends love would be good choices, including pies, breads, cakes, muffins, candies, etc. Pie tins should be the sturdy type you get from Kruse, Shari's, etc. and not the flimsy aluminum type. Items should be completely wrapped in units to be sold, i.e. four muffins in a package, a dozen cookies, etc. Presentation is important. The more attractive the item, the better its chance of selling. This can be as simple as a festive ribbon tied around a loaf of bread. Keep in mind we need homemade items. Please do not go out and purchase ready-made items for resale at our venue.
3. If you are unable to bake but would like to donate to those who are baking, we can use any type of berries, cherries, rhubarb, peaches, pecans, etc. Call us to arrange for delivery or pickup.

We will be receiving your baked items in the Extension office kitchen on Friday, November 22th from 1:30pm to 4:00pm. This is our preferred date and time for receiving goods if it's at all possible for you to fit into your schedule. This will simplify set up the morning of the bake sale, as these items will already be priced, checked for appropriate packaging, and ready to set out on tables. (It also means you don't have to get up at the crack of dawn to deliver to us on Saturday morning!) If you are unable to make it on Friday, we will be accepting items @ Sherm's Thunderbird Market Saturday morning between 7:45 and 8:45. Please be prepared when you drop your item(s) off to complete ingredient labels for each. (We will provide the labels.)

If you have questions about any of the above, feel free to call Barbara Robinson at 541-677-8226. And..... spread the word to your neighbors, friends and family about the opportunity for them to support a great cause while purchasing their desserts for the holiday!

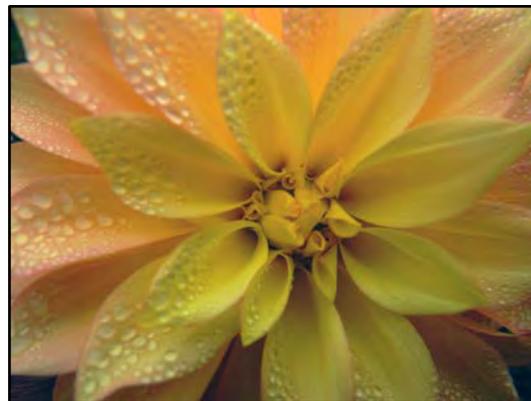
Vice President's Report

Fred Alley

Our Continuing Education Program Series kicked off at our October Monthly meeting with a presentation by Master Gardener Scott McKain on Biochar: the history, preparation and application of Biochar in our gardens. Scott explained that Biochar is organic material that is burned slowly, with a restricted flow of oxygen and then the fire is stopped when the material reaches the charcoal stage. Interestingly, Biochar is not new. It's a technique that was used by least 2,000 years ago in the rain forests of Brazil. Not surprisingly, Scott shared with us that local Indians burnt the forests on a regular basis creating Biochar. The result was the creation of a healthier soil, thus healthier forests. Biochar alone added to poor soil has little benefit to plants, but when used in combination with compost and organic matters, it can dramatically improve plant growth while helping retain nutrients in the soil. Scott shared with us slides of his own production and application of Biochar at his home. It's something that not all of us would want to do, but it can be done on a small scale. When I asked Scott, for those of us who don't want to go the mess of making Biochar in our backyard, is there a place we can simply purchase BioChar, he indicated, no. However he felt it would not be long before BioChar would be offered in stores like Farmers Coop.

While I have not confirmed our November 21st Continuing Education Program, I have a number of pending presentations including: Bird habitat in the garden and yard, Landscape design for the garden and yard, Getting the best nutrition from the garden, and Birds of the area.

Separately from the Continuing Education Program, this time of year we are all busy cleaning up our gardens, preparing our cover crops, raking those leaves and piling them in the garden, and planning for next year. This time of the year is a special time to visit the Discovery Garden and the surrounding area for the fall colors. I visited the Garden a week ago and took a few special photographs. I was a little late, since many of the trees and plants had already peaked in their fall colors, but it was still an enjoyable visit. I have forwarded many of my photographs to Maureen Bernice, since she is the official MG Photographer. Maureen has created an extensive collection of photographs over the years which dramatically document much of our organizational history. Since we have a number of amateur photographers in our membership and Maureen can't be everywhere at all times, we are discussing an idea to establish a Rover Photo Crew that could take photos and we would establish a PC record at the Plant Clinic. This master file of photographs can be archived and accessible for all our members. If you want to volunteer to be a part of the Roving Photo Crew, please give me a call (541 733 6232) or drop me an e-mail (fhasla@msn.com). In the meantime, keep carrying your camera, visit your favorite area locations, and visit the Discovery Garden.



October 2013 Chapter Meeting Minutes

Janet Parkerson

The OSU Douglas County Master Gardeners chapter meeting was called to order on October 31, 2013 by President **Michelle Harding-Olson**. Fifty-one members attended. The minutes of the September 2013 chapter meeting were approved as written.

HORTICULTURE AGENT – Steve Renquist was not in attendance.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – Ruth Stafford reported the next newsletter would include the annual request for dues form. Dues will remain \$10.00 and are due by January 1, 2014. She mentioned roster changes are printed quarterly and emailed to the distribution list.

OMGA REPRESENTATIVE – Rosemary Brinkley announced Douglas County will host the OMGA meeting on November 14, 2014. OMGA officers will be elected at this meeting. OMGA sent a thank you note to Douglas County Master Gardeners for supplying the beautiful mini college centerpieces. This note was read to the membership. **Rosemary** also expressed her thanks to the committee. She and **Roger Sawyer** will travel to Newburg Saturday for the OMGA Meeting.

TREASURER – Vicki McAlister reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The 2014 Budget was approved at the October Executive Committee meeting. The membership will be asked to vote at the November Chapter Meeting.

All 2013 Budget requests are due by December 15, 2013. **Vicki** reminded members that all reimbursement requests require the signature of the chairperson.

VICE-PRESIDENT – Fred Alley reported several Continuing Education events are in the works, including Landscape Design and Nutrition in the Garden. Next month's topic is yet to be determined.

PAST-PRESIDENT – Larry Sutton announced we received a check from OMGA for \$100.00 to

offset International Search for Excellence expenses. The check was given to Treasurer **Vicki McAlister**.

PRESIDENT – Michelle Harding-Olson announced **John Panches** hung the Search for Excellence Award plaque on the wall outside of the Plant Clinic. **Michelle** also stated **John** offered to build a nice wooden structure to display future awards.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Leo Grass received a request from Oakland Junior High for assistance in setting up a garden. **Leo** feels we should do a presentation instead of providing direct assistance in the setup, due to the potential of an ongoing commitment.

WINTER TRAINING – Maureen Benice announced that 18 students have signed up for Winter Training. **Steve Renquist** would like a class of 25, so **Maureen** asked members for their help in recruiting trainees. The first mentor class was held October 30. The second class, "The Nitty Gritty of It All" will be held December 4th, 10am in the Annex Kitchen. We are still in need of mentors. Volunteers can sign up as full time or substitute mentors or share the duty with someone else. The sign-up sheet is in the Plant Clinic.

Maureen encouraged everyone to greet new trainees at Orientation on November 12th at 11:00 am in the Annex. Please arrive by 11:15.

PLANT CLINIC – Judy Mercer reported the Plant Clinic served 50 clients in September. The Plant Clinic has been open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during October. In November the Clinic will be open Monday and Wednesday, and in December it will be open on Mondays only. **Judy** will be printing new time sheets soon. She also passed the Plant Clinic Volunteer Sign-up Calendar around. The Plant Clinic needs alternates in case of a scheduled member's absence.

DISCOVERY GARDEN – **Julie Stanbery** reported that the cleanup is still ongoing. All of the hoses have been collected, labeled and stored.

Julie thanked those volunteers who helped distribute 7 yards of mulch last month. A new picnic area is being developed adjacent to the Xeriscape Garden using a recently donated table. The table is in need of some TLC.

Tree Magic Tree Service has been given permission to dump wood chips at the Garden, no other dumping is allowed.

Julie is currently soliciting bids for the removal of a large Douglas fir that overshadows the Butterfly Garden. **Dennis Moore** volunteered to trim lower branches if removal proves to be too expensive. It was suggested to contact **Randy Briggs**, since he has provided this service in the past. **Judy Mercer** said she would ask him. Water at the Pavilion will remain on until we receive our first freeze.

Julie reminded members the “Festival of Lights” will begin soon and asked members to be observant and report any damage they see.

DISCOVERY GARDEN SIGNAGE – **Karen Glatz** announced there would be a signage meeting held after the Chapter meeting but had no news to report.

AWARDS – **Betty Ison** announced three members earned their swinger bars: **Renee Coen, Mike Heidinger and Ronald LaRose**.

Betty congratulated the members who received awards at the Awards banquet in September including; **Judy Mercer**–2013 Master Gardener of the Year, **Pam Barrows** and **Jackie Carpenter**–2013 Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the Year, **Karen Glatz**–Outstanding Trainee, and **Shirley Purcell**–Horticultural Agent Award.

PUBLICITY – **Bonnie Courter** had nothing to report.

HALLMARK – **Linda Thames** was not in attendance.

BAKE SALE – **Barbara Robinson** announced the Bake Sale and Raffle would be on November

23rd at Sherm’s Thunderbird Market. Volunteers for the sale will need to arrive at 7:45 a.m. Baked good donations will be received in the Annex Kitchen on Friday, November 22nd between 1–4pm. **Barbara** reminded members all baked goods need to be wrapped well. If donating cupcakes, wrap them on a plate in groups of 4–6 and cookies should be on a plate in groups of 6 or 12. Decorating with pretty wrapping or bows helps sales, but volunteers at the Annex and the sale will add these if you do not. An Ingredient Form must be completed for each item. **Barbara** will email this Form to members. Forms will also be available at the dropoff sites. Donations will be accepted at Sherm’s on the day of the sale.

About 30 volunteers are needed and can sign-up in the Plant Clinic or you can call or email **Barbara**. Set-up on Saturday begins at 7:00 a.m.

Barbara also asked for donations of berries, cranberries, apples, and pecans. Pie tins are available through **Barbara**.

Raffle tickets for the Quilt donated by **Judy Huntley** and her Quilt Guild will be sold at the Bake Sale. Tickets cost \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The winner will be announced the first week of December.

VICTORY GARDEN – **Mik Carlson** reported many successes for the year despite the insect issue. **Mik** announced 4999 pounds were donated this year; 3723 pounds from the Victory Garden and 1276 pounds from individual Master Gardeners. **Mik** brought seed packets donated by UCAN via Bi-Mart, and invited members to take what they liked after the meeting. Packets still remain at UCAN if any members would like to sort through the 4 pallets of boxed seeds. UCAN hopes members will donate a portion of the crops grown via these seeds.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS – **Julie Stanbery** brought a box of 8 Garden Journals and gave them to President **Michelle Harding-Olson** for distribution.

SHOW & TELL – **Bob Brindley** shared an unusual tomato cross with the group.

Treasurer's Report

Vicki McAlister



INCOME 9/26/13 – 10/31/13

Soil Testing/Interest \$96.58

TOTAL INCOME \$96.58

EXPENSES 9/26/13 – 10/31/13

Mgmt/General – Scholarship/Officer Gifts -\$108.13

CE – Greenhouse/Irrigation \$46.00

Clinic – Farmers Markets \$21.98

DG – Butterfly/Childrens/Irrig/Maint/Mulch/
Water/Rock/Xeriscape \$679.86

Plant Sale – Propane/Water \$1,272.98

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,912.69

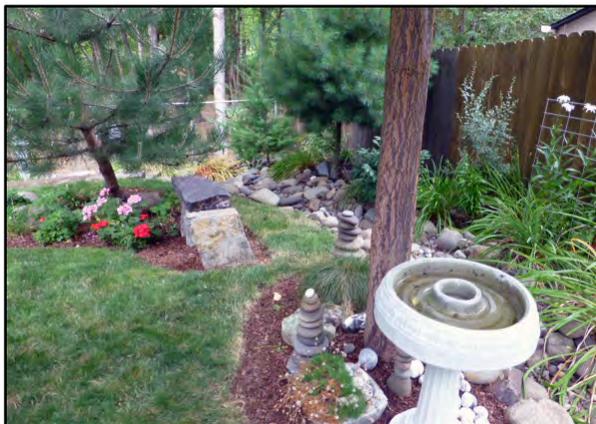
BREAKDOWN OF OUR ACCOUNTS

Checking \$2,463.67

Money Market – Reserves \$6,659.10

Money Market \$27,084.44

Ending Balance 10/31/13 \$36,207.21



Open House Garden Tour 2013

Photos by Maureen Benice and Tasha King

Fred Alley's garden

2014 DCMG Proposed Budget

<p>INCOME</p> <p>Dues-hardcopy newsletter 319</p> <p>Dues-membership(OMGA dues & liability insurance) 2,400</p> <p>Interest Income - Bank 12</p> <p>Program Service Project Income</p> <p> Soil Testing 600</p> <p>Total PSP Income 600</p> <p>Special Events</p> <p> Plant Sale</p> <p> Drawings 800</p> <p> Entrance Fees 2,800</p> <p> Sales - Event 19,600</p> <p> Sales - Post 1,000</p> <p> Sales - Pre 2,400</p> <p> Vendor Booth 2,500</p> <p> Total Plant Sale 29,100</p> <p> Special Events Other</p> <p> Bake Sale 1,000</p> <p> Compost Tea 700</p> <p> Trash-to-Treasure Sale 3,000</p> <p> Total Special Events Other 4,700</p> <p>Total Special Events 33,800</p> <p>TOTAL INCOME 37,131</p>	<p>Total Clinics and Office 530</p> <p>Community Outreach</p> <p> Fair Booth 0</p> <p> Home Show 0</p> <p> Speakers Bureau 50</p> <p>Total Community Outreach 50</p> <p>Discovery Garden</p> <p> Brochures 0</p> <p> Butterfly 290</p> <p> Childrens 265</p> <p> Compost 0</p> <p> Easy Access (Container Garden) 75</p> <p> Electric - meter 23609842 400</p> <p> Entry 60</p> <p> Hedgerow 0</p> <p> Herb 150</p> <p> Iris 50</p> <p> Irrigation 600</p> <p> Japanese 50</p> <p> Kiosk - donor board 50</p> <p> Maintenance 500</p> <p> Mulch 300</p> <p> Orchard 5</p> <p> Ornamental 0</p> <p> Pavilion 0</p> <p> Perennial Border 200</p> <p> Raised Beds (dahlia/lily beds) 50</p> <p> Rock Garden 500</p> <p> Rock Garden - 2012 GRANT 0</p> <p> Shade Garden 0</p> <p> Signage Project 1,000</p> <p> Signage - 2013 GRANTS 150</p> <p> Straw Bale Garden 100</p> <p> Sun Garden 250</p> <p> Water - River Forks meter 555</p> <p> Xeriscape 560</p> <p>Total Discovery Garden 5,600</p> <p>Horticultural Learning Center (HLC)</p> <p> Annual Pumping Expense (diver in river) 500</p> <p> Greenhouse Supplies 400</p> <p> Maintenance 1,000</p> <p> Greenhouse Maint., Repair, and Renovation 477</p> <p> Toilet Supplies and Repairs 477</p> <p> Victory Garden 477</p> <p>Total Horticultural Learning Center 2,377</p> <p>Winter Program</p> <p> Cleaning the carpet after class 50</p> <p> New Class - Supplies 20</p> <p> Speakers 350</p> <p>Total Winter Program 420</p> <p>TOTAL PSP Expenses 10,342</p> <p>RESERVES for unexpected expenses</p> <p>Special Events Expenses</p> <p> Plant Sale Expenses</p> <p> Advertising 2,630</p> <p> Contributions/Plant Sale Volunteers 350</p> <p> Electric - meter 23609558 4,100</p> <p> Exhibit Fees 2,177</p> <p> Next Year Seed 750</p> <p> Next Year Supplies 2,000</p> <p> Plants 1,000</p> <p> Propane 3,400</p> <p> Supplies 2,450</p> <p> Vendor Costs 400</p> <p> Water - Pitchford meter 600</p> <p> Total Plant Sale 19,857</p> <p> Special Events Other</p> <p> Bake Sale 75</p> <p> Compost Tea 100</p> <p> Tomato and Salsa Taste-Off 15</p> <p> Trash-to-Treasure Sale 250</p> <p> Total Special Events Other 440</p> <p>Total Special Events Expenses 20,297</p> <p>TOTAL EXPENSES 37,131</p>
<p>EXPENSES</p> <p>Management & General Expenses</p> <p> Awards & Banquet</p> <p> Awards 350</p> <p> Banquet 750</p> <p> Total Awards & Banquet 1,100</p> <p> Conferences</p> <p> Chapter Meetings 50</p> <p> OMGA Qtly meeting 262</p> <p> OMGA Travel 460</p> <p> Total Conferences 772</p> <p> Dues-OMGA 1,680</p> <p> Grants/Gifts/Scholarships</p> <p> 4-H Donation 80</p> <p> Endowment 50</p> <p> Gifts - Hallmark 100</p> <p> Memorials 80</p> <p> Officer Gifts 1,500</p> <p> Scholarships - Mini-College 0</p> <p> Scholarship for Higher Education 1,810</p> <p> Total Grants/Gifts/Scholarships 25</p> <p> Historian 150</p> <p> Hospitality 670</p> <p> Liability Insurance 200</p> <p> OMGA Chapter Display 0</p> <p> OMGA Search for Excellence 30</p> <p> Postage for Exec Board 25</p> <p> Print Check Charges 30</p> <p> Supplies / Exec Board 6,492</p> <p>TOTAL Management & General Expenses 6,492</p> <p>Program Service Project (PSP) Expenses</p> <p> Advanced Training</p> <p> Continuing Education</p> <p> Newsletter</p> <p> Office Publisher Software & Updates 0</p> <p> Postage for hardcopy newsletter/roster 320</p> <p> Total Newsletter 0</p> <p> Tuition 320</p> <p> Total Advanced Training 320</p> <p> Capital Expenditures</p> <p> Greenhouses - 5 each 1,045</p> <p> Total Capital Expenditures 1,045</p> <p> Clinics and Office</p> <p> Farmers Market 0</p> <p> Insects 80</p> <p> Laptop for Treasurer & software 0</p> <p> Library 100</p> <p> Plant Clinic and Office Supplies 0</p> <p> Soil Testing 150</p> <p> Website 200</p>	

Open House Garden Tour 2013

Photos by Maureen Benice and Tasha King

Top four: Karolyn Riecks' garden, Bottom three: Roger Sawyer's garden



Western Oregon Gardening Hints for November 2013 from OSU Extension

Planning

- Force spring bulbs for indoor blooms in December.

Maintenance and Clean Up

- Service lawn mower prior to winter.
- Check potatoes in storage and remove any going bad.
- Place a portable cold frame over rows of winter vegetables.
- Place mulch around berries for winter protection.
- Cover rhubarb and asparagus beds with composted manure and straw.
- Rake and compost leaves that are free of diseases and insects. Use mulches to prevent erosion and compaction from rain.
- Protect built-in sprinkler systems: drain the system, insulate the valve mechanisms.
- Clean and oil lawnmower, other garden equipment and tools before storing for winter. Drain and store hoses carefully to avoid damage from freezing. Renew mulch around perennial flower beds after removing weeds.
- Protect tender evergreens from drying wind.
- Tie limbs of upright evergreens to prevent breakage by snow or ice.
- Trim chrysanthemums to 4 to 6 inches after they finish blooming.
- Leave ornamental grasses up in winter to provide winter texture in the landscape. Cut them back a few inches above the ground in early spring.
- Last chance to plant cover crops for soil building. You can also use a 3- to 4-inch layer of leaves, spread over the garden plot, to eliminate winter weeds, suppress early spring weeds and prevent soil compaction by rain.
- Watch for wet soil and drainage problems in yard during heavy rains. Tiling, ditching, and French drains are possible solutions.

Consider rain gardens and bioswales as a long term solution.

- Take cuttings of rhododendrons and camellias for propagation; propagate begonias from leaf cuttings.
- Prune roses (tea and floribunda, but NOT climbers and ramblers) to around 3 feet in height to prevent winter damage. to accept water.

Planting/Propagation

- Plant window garden of lettuce, chives, parsley.
- Good time to plant trees and shrubs. Consider planting shrubs and trees that supply food and shelter to birds; e.g., sumac, elderberry, flowering currant, and mock orange.
- Still time to plant spring-flowering bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, crocuses. Don't delay.
- Good time to plant garlic for harvest next summer, and to transplant landscape trees and shrubs.

Pest Monitoring and Management

- Monitor landscape plants for problems. Don't treat unless a problem is identified.
- Rake and destroy leaves from fruit trees that were diseased this year. Remove and discard mummified fruit.
- Check firewood for insect infestations. Burn affected wood first and don't store inside.
- Treat peaches 4 weeks after leaf fall spray for peach leaf curl and shothole diseases.
- Moss appearing in lawn may mean too much shade or poor drainage. Correct site conditions if moss is bothersome.
- Bait garden, flower beds for slugs during rainy periods. Use traps or new phosphate baits, which are pet-safe.

Houseplants and Indoor Gardening

- Reduce fertilizer applications to houseplants.

MEMBERSHIP – Dues & Replacement Name Tags

Ruth Stafford, Membership Director

Don't forget to pay your **2014 membership dues** before January 1, 2014. Dues are \$10 per person and include the on-line newsletter. Please fill out a separate form for each master gardener in your family. If you choose to have the newsletter mailed, you will need to pay an extra \$7.25 to cover postage. Please make checks out to DCMG and include the form found at the bottom of this page. You can drop off your completed form and payment in the dues drawer at the plant clinic or mail it to me. Checks may not be deposited until after January 1, 2014.

Those needing a **replacement name tag** should contact me before mid-January. I will be making a list to add to the order for the trainee class members. Please provide your name as you want it to appear on the name tag, your class year, and your contact info (either email or phone number). You will be contacted with the cost once the name tags are in.

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(Due **BEFORE** January 1, 2014)

PLEASE complete ALL information below EVEN if nothing has changed:

NAME: _____

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