



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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September Calendar

Tues., Sept. 2, 9:00-Noon

Discovery Garden Crew

Victory Garden Crew

Greenhouse Crew & Sale

Wed., Sept. 3, 10:00-Noon

Herb Garden Crew

Mon., Sept. 8, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Sept. 9, 9:00-Noon

Discovery Garden Crew

Victory Garden Crew

Greenhouse Crew & Sale

Wed., Sept. 10, 9:00-10:30

Executive Board Meeting

Tues., Sept. 16, 9:00-Noon

Discovery Garden Crew

Victory Garden Crew

Greenhouse Crew & Sale

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Sept.

16-18, 9:00-Noon

Stepping stone workshop,

Children's Garden

Wed., Sept. 17, 10:00-Noon

Advanced Diagnostics

Herb Garden Crew

Mon., Sept. 22, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Sept. 23, 9:00-Noon

Discovery Garden Crew

Victory Garden Crew

Greenhouse Crew & Sale

Thurs., Sept. 25, 10:00-Noon

Chapter Meeting at DG Pavilion/
Potluck/ Tomato Tasting

Tues., Sept. 30, 9:00-Noon

Discovery Garden Crew

Victory Garden Crew

Greenhouse Crew & Sale



The President's Post

Fred Alley

What a wonderful day and setting for our last summer Master Gardener-hosted Chapter meeting. Dave and Sharon Hopkins hosted our August 28th Chapter meeting at their home on Hinkle Creek Road east of Sutherlin. Their home site is nestled in a Douglas fir forest with Hinkle Creek in the background. We had our meeting in the expansive backyard, shaded by a large Douglas fir in the middle of the yard. Our potluck lunch was served from a large overhanging deck overlooking the back yard. Shadow, their beautiful Siberian husky, greeted us as we arrived. Thank you, Dave and Sharon for hosting the August Chapter meeting.

As I was driving back from the Chapter meeting, I found myself simply enjoying the moment, reflecting on the events of the morning. What a nice morning, great scenery, a successful meeting, gratifying lunch and the enjoyment of meeting with our fellow Master Gardeners! In my 35-year professional career, I always stressed the importance and value of the people who worked with me. It's the people, the resource, that is so valuable. It's their knowledge and experience that are so valuable. Our Master Gardeners association members are a

(Photos by Kish Doyle)



Outgoing Executive Board



Our New Executive Board

perfect example of that resource. I'm deeply appreciative being a part of the organization and serving as the President for the last four months. Thanks to all of you, and I look forward in serving as Vice President another year.

Our new officers were installed, and Master Gardener Jack Wright administered the oath of office for each new officer.

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| President | Chris Rusch |
| Vice President | Fred Alley |
| Secretary | Barbara Robinson |
| Treasurer | Vicki McAlister |
| Membership | Denise Fennell |
| OMGA Rep | Rosemary Brinkley |
| OMGA Alternate | Anne Bacon |
| Past President | Larry Sutton |

As usual, during our lunch one can hear a variety of garden topics being discussed. One of our discussions was tomatoes. We mutually agreed our tomato yield has been slow to come, but in the last two weeks they seemed to ripen all at the same time. I tend to over-plant, and again this year was no exception. Tasha King suggested I try a new tomato from the green house this year, the Sun



Beach Cherry. I enjoy a variety of cherry tomatoes, so I was anxious to try the Sun Beach tomato. While my favorite cherry tomato is the Sun Gold, the Sun Beach tomato may now be my favorite. Perfect size, great color, great taste, high yield, and will produce all summer long. If you like cherry tomatoes, I highly endorse the Sun Beach Cherry Tomato. One of our favorite recipes for the Sun Beach Cherry is an uncooked tomato with pasta. A perfect summertime dish. Being a photographer for many years, and

enjoying micro photography, I couldn't resist including a photo of the Sun Beach and some of my favorite other tomatoes.



Our next Chapter Meeting, September 25, 2014, at 10:00 AM will be held at the Pavilion at the Discovery Garden. It will be the last of the potlucks for the summer. Bob Brindley will again provide a tomato taste off, so bring bite size portions of your favorite tomato. Yes, I plan to bring a bucket of my Sun Beach Cherry Tomatoes for all to taste. Our Continuing Education Program Series begins in October. If you have any topics you would like to learn more about, or have a topic suggestion, please feel free to contact me.



Photo: Kish Doyle

“Hopkins Gardens”

“Sharon & “Shadow”



4 Photos: Bonnie Courter



CHILDREN'S GARDEN WORKSHOP

Judy Dake

There will be a workshop to repair the Children Garden's stepping stones on September 16, 17, 18 starting at 9 a.m. until noon in the Discovery Garden pavilion.

If you are able to lend a helping hand, please bring surgical gloves, a small thin-bladed screw driver, hammer, small putty knife, and small sponge.

Repair supplies will be provided. Any questions contact Judy Dake [541-459-1812](tel:541-459-1812) or jgdake@gmail.com

Be A Mentor To A New Master Gardener !!

Maureen Benice

Yep, that time is here once again. Our Winter Training of Master Gardeners will start on January 6, 2015. Mary is sending out the "invitations" to people who have shown interest in the training, so now is the time to sign up to be a Mentor (capitalized as it's an important job). You will learn a lot, meet new people, make new friends AND guide someone as he or she becomes a Master Gardener.

The first of two Mentor Training Classes is November 5th, at 10 AM, in the Extension Kitchen - covering what a Mentor job is - a general view of the job.

The new class Orientation is November 12th, 11:30 AM, in the Annex Classroom.

The second Mentor Training is December 3rd, at 10 AM, in the Extension Kitchen. This is when you find out what a Mentor does in class with their students - a more specific, day-to-day idea of the Mentor's job.

The Mentor sign-up clipboard is in the Plant Clinic, just waiting for your information.



Awards Banquet

Judy Huntley

What: Annual Awards Celebration and Banquet

Where: First United Methodist Church
1771 W. Harvard Avenue
Roseburg, OR

When: October 4, 2014

Social: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Awards: 7:00 pm

Why: Great Food, Fantastic Friendship, and Awesome Door Prizes

We will be having lasagna, salads, breads, and desserts. The signup sheet will be in the Plant Clinic. I would appreciate your letting me know how many are coming next to your name. If you cannot get into the clinic, but would like to sign up and come, call me.

I will need help setting up the tables and decorations on Saturday morning and then we will need a cleanup crew after the celebration is over.

Please sign up by September 25th in the Plant Clinic or call Judy Huntley, 541-459-2550

Social Media - What is it? How does it work? Is it Safe?

Denise Fennell



These are all questions I get asked on a regular basis. There are those who embrace social media and others who hide from it. But whatever side of the fence you are on, social media is here to stay, and it's growing!

Trust me when I say Facebook is not the devil. Social Media is not evil. It is what you make of it. And in today's modern world, and with a new generation attached to their phones, pads and computers, it is imperative that we, as an organization and individuals, understand how to use these media platforms to our advantage.

Why should you use Facebook (FB)? It's easy, it's free and it's an excellent way to keep in contact with friends, family, organizations or get information quickly. While emails are great for getting a large chunk of information to someone, they aren't as versatile. On FB you can post information with links, pictures and get instant feedback. Now you might argue you can do that with emails too. Yes, you can, but you also may encounter difficulties. For example, including links in your email can quickly get your letter delivered to a spam folder, never to be seen. Including pictures can make your email too large and thus undeliverable. On FB you put up a post with a picture(s), links to an article, and a narrative without having to worry about it being filed under spam.

"I don't want my information out there for the world to see." Simple solution, don't put it on your site. You only have to provide an email and "name" to FB. I have several email accounts, one which I use specifically for social media that is my junk email account. My regular email account is used only for my family and friends. You can also, under settings, have it so that only your friends see your posts and not the public.

"I don't want to 'friend' people I didn't like in school, or didn't want to see their wedding, and really don't need the drama!" Okay, I get that. Then don't friend them. You don't have to 'friend' anyone. So you might be wondering - why bother with FB at all? Because a lot of great organizations like ours, and businesses are on FB, sharing information about upcoming events, classes, etc. Other sites will offer the same information, and maybe coupons, or special events.

My favorite groups that I am a member of on FB are:

- Douglas County Master Gardeners
- Douglas County Master Food Preservers
- Goldwing Road Rider Association - Hubby and I go on long tours on our motorcycle, and having a site that we can connect with other riders or get information from folks in other states makes for a very enjoyable trip.
- Preserving the Harvest - a great place with folks who really follow the safety rules of canning and dehydrating. Nice companion site to our own MFP site.
- City of Sutherlin - I get updates as to what's going on in my community.

There is a niche in FB for every user. And I very much encourage folks to utilize it in a way that enhances your everyday life.

And of course you can always 'friend' me. I won't bring drama to your life. Only fun stories and great food. See ya in Cyberspace!

A Must-Read for Continued Plant Sale Success

Barbara Robinson



Many of you may not understand the well-greased “machine” which allows our organization to raise the money needed to sustain our many programs. Our annual Plant Sale runs one day a year, but our greenhouse

crews are working year-round to provide the inventory offered.

For many years, we have had two very dedicated ladies who have taken on the responsibility of running the greenhouses. These committed MG’s include Tasha King, who “retired” this past year from the Westside Greenhouse area, and Gloria Amorde, who is stepping down this year from the Eastside Greenhouses to be a worker bee.

The Westside already has a core group in place to manage the duties Tasha once directed herself. Six Master Gardeners, including Tasha, have divided up the myriad responsibilities and are directing workers in those areas. Tasha is and has been a very willing resource and consultant.

What is needed at this point is a group of volunteers to step up and manage the functions of the Eastside Greenhouse area. Trees, shrubs, succulents and woody perennials are located here. Each of the tasks listed below can be handled by two or more people (as is done on the Westside) There are various areas/duties to consider including, but not limited to:

- Root pruning & weeding
- Division & propagation
- Watering
- Inventory Management

Committing to any of the above does not mean you have to do it all, just coordinate to make sure the task is covered. You also do not have to be an expert. We love to train people and share our knowledge. None of us know everything, but between several of us we can usually figure it out.

We would like to form this group as soon as possible to allow for a smooth transition before Plant Sale time. Gloria will be available for advice and consultation, and has also agreed to be a part of inventory management.

Please consider volunteering for this much-needed, very important group. Without the greenhouse workers, we would not have a Plant Sale. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Barbara Robinson at barbararob@gmail.com or call the number on your member roster.



Notes from the Treasurer

Vicki McAlister

We have begun the budget cycle for 2015. Information on past budgets and expenditures has been provided to the Executive Board members and Committee Chairs (other than the Discovery Garden where the budget items are coordinated by Julie Stanbery).

The 2015 budget will be discussed at the October 8th Executive Board Meeting, where each committee head is encouraged to attend and should be prepared to advise the board what their request covers. After approval by the Executive Board, the budget will be published in the November newsletter and presented to the membership for their approval at the November 20th General Meeting.

As I will be serving my second term as Treasurer, it’s time to start searching for our

2015-2016 Treasurer. You might think this is a hard job, but if you have a checking account, you'll already know most of the basics about being Treasurer. The job takes about 4 to 6 hours a month outside of meetings. We have software that makes easy work of most of the tracking and reporting duties. If you have a knack for working with numbers and are interested in serving our organization as the 2015-2016 Treasurer, please come talk to me at a meeting, email me at vmcalist@csulb.edu, or give me a call at 541-637-0563.

Gardening is Part of a Healthy Lifestyle



Steve Renquist

While reading an article recently by Dr. James Levine of the Mayo Clinic, two sentences really jumped out at me. "Sitting for long periods of time during the day is dangerous behavior. Like tobacco, sitting is hazardous to your health". He went on to say that sitting all day long is literally killing us.

Dr. Levine is known for his encouragement to office workers to find desks and work stations that allow you to stand up while working. While that may seem awfully tiring to do all day, his research shows that even if you have a daily workout routine at the gym, that won't be enough to overcome the negative effects of sitting all day at work. The simple act of standing and walking around, helps your body to achieve a higher and healthier metabolism.

Dr. Levine goes on to explain what is happening to our bodies when we sit for long periods of time. "The metabolic engine goes to sleep. The muscles stop moving all together and the heart slows. The body's calorie burning rate plummets to about one calorie per minute, about a third of what it would be if we were walking. Insulin effectiveness drops and the risk of developing type 2 diabetes rises. Fat and cholesterol levels rise too".

In his research Dr. Levine evaluated why some people in the same offices stay thin and others become overweight. Genetics and diet certainly play a role, but he found that activity played a larger role. As he said we live in a world of desks, chairs, sofas, computers, cars, and TV's. We all have the same stuff and live in the same environment, so why are half of us thin and half overweight. His conclusion is that we are not living the way we were designed for. We must change the ways we do everything in our daily routines.

This is where we get to gardening as part of a healthy lifestyle. Gardening is an activity that usually demands our daily attention. Whether it is weeding, planting, pruning, watering (if you are a hose dragger like me), mowing, harvesting etc. you are out in the garden every day. And the activities of gardening require you to reach, twist, bend, stoop, push and so on, as much as the workout that you may do occasionally. What we are doing is keeping the metabolic engine of our bodies running nicely between aerobic workouts so our engine oil doesn't get gunked up.

Dr. Levine goes on to say that if we are tied to our desks during the day, take occasional breaks. Take a walk at lunch time, walk to your meetings, use the lavatory that requires you to climb stairs, stand up when you are on the phone, or use a standing desk if possible. If nothing else, get up out of your chair for ten minutes every hour. Dr. Levine has a treadmill at his standing desk.

I think I will continue to enjoy my daily walk around my yard checking on plants, pulling hoses, picking vegetables and fruits, and enjoying the great outdoors. I would encourage all of you gardeners to do the same. Stay on your feet and stay active for better health.

In the Garden

Julie Stanbery

I was in the Discovery Garden at dusk the other night with a young couple from Sutherlin who have a new home to landscape. It was interesting to see our garden through their eyes.

I found them in the Dahlia Garden fawning over the amazing flowers. Elva had just finished staking and labeling the plants. The couple were taking pictures and making notes on every gorgeous bloom.

As we walked to the west, it was striking to see how the Compost Area just 'pops' with new paint and a good scrubbing. Nathan has also power-washed all the benches, patios, old signs and the green shed. In the evening light it looked luminous and inviting.



Just as we rounded the corner, a ray of sun hit the gazing ball in the Sun Garden - just spectacular!!

I spent some time talking with them about "deer-proofing" their yard. The

choices in the Herb Garden and Xeriscape amazed them as they could appreciate the color and structure they could achieve with these interesting ornamentals.

As we walked through the Xeriscape, downhill to the west, they gasped as they rounded the corner to the expanse of the Rock Garden. It too, had a whole different feel at twilight. They were very interested in the technique Geoff and Cameron are using to camouflage the filter system and the fence line. Again, more deer-proof options!

Just as we were leaving, they spied the Straw Bale area. They were delighted to realize they could have a small vegetable area within their limited space.

This has been a great summer in the DG. We have new leadership in the EZ Access (Denise Fennell) and the Butterfly (Jan Kirchner) Gardens. Many finishing touches are to be found in the Children's Garden where new ideas and creativity abound.



Of course, all this splendor would not exist without the constant dedication of every MG who toils in the soil. Where would we be without Gale the Wonder Guy, Laverne and Maureen deadheading all summer, and Jack and Betty B. tending to the much-used children's area. Our irrigation crew this summer (Janet, Vivienne, and Bonnie D.) earn the blue ribbon for faithful attention to a task.

As the young couple and I parted company, they both expressed interest in learning more from our group and becoming Master Gardeners themselves. It's a good feeling to realize the impact all our efforts have made in our beautiful educational garden.

See you there!!



What's New With the Photography Team?

Kish Doyle

Recently Fred Alley relinquished the reins of the newly formed Photography Team to me in order to concentrate on Executive Committee duties. Prior to his departure, a group of us had several meetings to review the goals of the photo team and come up with a strategy for the future. Our plan is to provide high quality photographs showing our Master Gardeners engaged in a variety of activities. We want the photos to be usable in our newsletter, Master Gardener Facebook page, our historical documents and the local newspaper.

The photos will be uploaded into a Dropbox account and stored until our newsletter, historian, publicity and Facebook managers can access them for their use. Prior to being stored in Dropbox, they will be reviewed for quality and content. We have a limited amount of storage and we want great photos for advertising our Master Gardener activities.

Recently, the issue of photo releases has come up in a number of discussions. After consulting with Steve Renquist, we determined that having a photo release is nice, but not necessary in order to photograph or use the photos in our relevant group publications. It's also not always practical to know who does and doesn't want their photograph taken. Therefore, we are putting it on the Master Gardener members to let the photographer know if they DON'T want their photo taken. If you are asked to be part of an individual or group photo, feel free to step out and not participate. If you stay for the photo, we will assume you are good with the photo being published. It is not our intent to share these in any way but for positive publicity for our organization. Given the tally for Victory Garden and member gardens was over 400 pounds of food this week, that is something to be proud of and celebrated by taking a photo.



We have a group of about twelve Master Gardeners who are interested in being our group photographers. However, any Master Gardener with a camera or camera phone is welcome to take a photo and send it to me by email or contact me to get access to our Dropbox account. We will have monthly meetings to talk about photography, have training in different types of photography, and discuss any relevant issues or problems. We welcome anyone to attend our meetings, which are tentatively planned for the last Wednesday of every month at 10:00 am. Some months we will meet in the kitchen of the Extension building and other months we will meet out in the Discovery Garden or other garden sites. An email will be sent out about a week before the meeting to confirm the location for that month. We look forward to seeing beautiful photos from all our members.

Plant Clinic News

Chris Rusch

The Plant Clinic has been busy this month answering lots of questions from our clients as they begin harvesting their vegetable gardens, fruits and berries. The 2014 training team this summer has been Leo Grass, Larry Sutton, Judy Mercer and Chris Rusch. We continue to need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic both in training our new volunteers and keeping up with the workload of assisting our visitors in the Plant Clinic. Please try to volunteer your expertise at least once a month to help out in this important outreach program. September has lots of openings. Please consider signing up.

We have a new phone system at the OSU Extension Office. If you have not worked in the Plant Clinic for a time, stop by for a tutorial. It's a terrific improvement to our office. You will find it easy to operate.

The statistics so far for 2014 are 720 visitors to the Plant Clinic. Questions for August were diverse, including problems with powdery mildew, blossom end rot, weed identification and lots of insects. We are hoping to increase our visitor participation for 2014. The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County.

If your are in town stop by the Clinic and say, "Hi"!

Community Outreach

Leo Grass

As Community Outreach Chair, I have the opportunity to address a wide variety of audiences. A few years ago, the activities director at Callahan Court requested a presentation on general gardening principles. I must admit the prospect of presenting to a group who suffered the whole range of

Alzheimer's symptoms seemed somewhat pointless - my mistake. Our session lasted about an hour. The group of a dozen or so listened with varying levels of attentiveness. They seemed pleased with what they had learned, and I went on my way, end of story - not quite. A few weeks later the News-Review published a page two story of this same group of folks who had taken responsibility for a small garden in Stewart Park. What a Hoot!

The Community Garden scene just keeps getting better and better. In the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to tour the West Side Garden and the Umpqua Dairy Garden. Both visits happened on Saturday mornings. A dozen or so very enthusiastic, organic gardeners attended each. Some of these folks have never grown anything before. Seeing their enthusiasm is like warming your hands over a campfire on a winter day.



Douglas County Fair: A BIG Thank You to all who worked our booth at the fair this year! For all of you from this year's class, I hope you enjoyed your experience as much as I did my first time, way back when. It seems to me that the people who stop by our booth are in a particularly receptive frame of mind, like neighbors talking over the garden fence. One hundred and seventy-six conversations happened over our fence this year. Good work!

Our booth at the fair hosted the beekeepers from Douglas County Bees. They brought a cool 'Demonstration Hive'. A lot of fair goers were fascinated with watching bees at work. It attracted a lot of people to our area.

Tomato Tasting

Bob Brindley

For the last few years, we have had a tomato tasting at the September general meeting out at the Discovery Garden. We will continue tasting tomatoes at this meeting, but we are dropping the scope and competitive aspect of the event.

If you have a tomato variety that you think people might be interested in planting next year, please bring a whole tomato so we can see the size, color, etc., and cut-up pieces to taste. We need about 30 small pieces for tasting. Size of each piece should be about 1/4 of a cherry tomato or larger, if you prefer. I will have small place cards on which you can put the name of the tomato, the type (paste, cherry, red slicer, or other color slicer), and your name. Tasters will be able to taste them blind, or look at the card beforehand and only taste those that they are curious about.

I will be bringing the following tomatoes for tasting:

Aunt Ruby's German Green (green slicing)
Oregon Star (paste)
Tye Dye (red/yellow slicing)
Pineapple (yellow/red slicing)
Nebraska Wedding (orange slicing)
Early Girl (red slicing)
New Girl (red slicing)
Forest Fire (if I have any left by end of next month) (red slicing)

Other tastings coming up:

BBQ sauces and mustards--October general meeting
Favorite cranberry dishes--November general meeting



OMGA Report

Rosemary Brinkley

Douglas County Master Gardeners will be hosting the Oregon Master Gardener Board Nov. 1st at the Extension Office. I will be asking members to help provide lunch and snacks during the day. Please be willing to volunteer to help out. I will have a sign up list at the next meeting in September at the Discovery Garden Pavilion.

The OMGA newsletter is now available on-line. Marcia Sherry does an excellent job of editing and producing the newsletter , The Gardeners Pen. Please take time to look at it.

SAVE THE DATE: The next mini-college will be August 7, 8, and 9, 2015 at Linfield College in McMinnville, Oregon.

Treasurer's Report

Vicki McAlister

INCOME 7/31/14 - 8/27/14

Contributions/Interest	\$51.19
Soil Testing	\$15.00
Compost Tea	\$105.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$171.19

EXPENSES 7/31/14 - 8/27/14

Mgmt/General - Liability Insurance	\$636.00
Newsletter Postage	\$26.60
Discovery Garden - Various	\$632.29
HLC - Greenhouse Maint.	\$49.49
Plant Sale - Electricity/Plants	\$579.81
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,924.19

Breakdown of Accounts

Checking	\$2,561.44
Money Market - Reserves	\$7,659.10
Money Market	\$39,095.78
Ending Balance 8/27/14	\$49,316.32

Douglas County Master Gardeners Chapter Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2014

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The OSU Douglas County Master Gardeners Chapter Meeting was called to order at 10:08 am on August 28, 2014 by President Fred Alley. The Minutes of the July 2014 Chapter Meeting were approved as written.

PRESIDENT - Fred Alley expressed his appreciation to Master Gardeners Dave and Sharon Hopkins for hosting the meeting at their home, and invited Dave to give the members some history on their home. Dave said they moved from Southern California, using the Internet to purchase their home sight unseen. Since then, they have done extensive renovation to the inside and out. Now, with all the improvements done to the property, they can enjoy the scenery along with the wildlife that visit the property.

HORTICULTURAL AGENT - Steve Renquist discussed a few of the changes for the Winter Training Program. The Propagation section, as in the past, is broken into two sections. Marjorie Neal, the Vegetable Class teacher, needs to change the date of her class. The date will be right in the middle of the Propagation classes. Steve is weighing the options, as he knows that seeding, the second half of the Propagation class, is a matter of timing. He will meet with the greenhouse leaders to decide how to handle this change. Todd Blankenship will be returning to teach, including a new Native Plants class. Steve is still searching for someone to teach the Plant Identification class. Steve said the schedule looks good, and encouraged members to contact him if they have any ideas for new classes to add to the curriculum.

Steve encouraged members to sign the photo release forms available in the Plant Clinic. He

said that it is a complex subject. If a member does not want their picture to be published, they must let the organization know. Kish Doyle, head of the new Photography Team, asked that if photographers are out taking pictures, let them know if you do not want your picture taken. If a photo is being taken and the person does not step out of the photo, it is assumed they have permission to take your picture. She informed the group that the Dropbox account is monitored by her, and she is very careful about what goes in there. The Dropbox account is the property of Douglas County Master Gardeners, not OSU. Kish reminded members if there is a group photo, she will generalize the title and not list the names of the individuals. If there are any questions, contact Kish Doyle.

Steve asked the members to encourage anyone they know that might be interested in the Training Program to enroll. The biggest resource for new members is word of mouth from current members.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR – Ruth Stafford said the membership is now at 261 members. 76 members have signed the Photo Release forms, with one person requesting no photos of them be taken. Ruth said that anyone can email her if they do not wish to have their photograph taken.

OMGA REPRESENTATIVE – Rosemary Brinkley reminded the members the OMGA Meeting will be held in Roseburg on November 1st. She will need volunteers to bring and serve food for the meeting. We will be hosting 50-60 people for the event.

Rosemary reported that the director of Mini College said 306 people attended Mini College. She asked Rosemary to research why people did not attend. Although cost, location and the change to a weekend schedule were factors, the majority said the dates were the main reason for not attending. Many members had vacations scheduled during August. Julie Stanbery added the redundancy of classes were also a factor.

TREASURER – Vicki McAlister reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

PRESIDENT – Fred Alley reported that next month's meeting will be held at the Discovery Garden Pavilion. October's meeting will resume the Continuing Education program. He asked members to contact him if they have any ideas for Continuing Education for next year.

Marjorie Orr's daughter, Phyllis Jaywood, sent a \$25.00 donation to support scholarships for Douglas County Master Gardeners, in her memory. She said Master Gardeners was a big part of her life. Clifford Milroy also sent in a \$25 donation in Marjorie's name for all of the happy hours she spent with DCMG.

A class being offered by Erin Maidlow titled "Food for Profit" at UCC on September 22. This class will be about how to begin selling an individual's food products. Shirley Purcell said recently there has been a lot of questions regarding canning food to sell. Erin has had two articles in the News-Review.

Mini College sent a note of thanks for DCMG's donation for the auction.

PAST-PRESIDENT – Larry Sutton had nothing to report.

SECRETARY - Janet Parkerson had nothing to report.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Leo Grass thanked Anne Bacon, Larry Sutton and his wife, Guili, for their help at the Elkton Blooms & Butterflies Celebration.

Leo requested someone volunteer to teach a class on seed saving requested by Wayne Johnson at Redeemers Church. Leo is very impressed with their extensive garden located at the church.

In the past month, Leo has helped the West Side Garden, located behind the Methodist Church on Harvard, with a powdery mildew

problem. He also helped the Umpqua Dairy Garden with a slime mold issue.

Leo Grass and Diane Twete will be giving a presentation at the Extraordinary Living Conference at UCC.. Diane will be discussing natural pest control and Leo will discuss coping with the dry hot weather.

PLANT CLINIC - Chris Rusch stated the Plant Clinic has had many questions on insects and powdery mildew. The contacts were down to 100 this month, attributed to the closing of the Plant Clinic for a week during the County Fair. July had 130 contacts which was higher than July 2013.

The Plant Clinic received a request from the daughters of Marjorie Orr for volunteers to help them prepare Marjorie's gardens for the house sale. Contact Chris Rusch for the phone number.

KRUSE FARMS - Anne Bacon announced we will be at Kruse Farms for three more weeks. She needs a volunteer for September 6. Anne thanked all those who volunteered this season.

GREENHOUSE/PLANT SALE/EASTSIDE GREENHOUSE RESTRUCTURING - Barbara Robinson asked the members to read the email she sent this week regarding the re-structuring of the East Side Greenhouse. Gloria Amorde is the head of this greenhouse, but has asked Barbara to assist with the recruiting of the new head to replace Gloria. In the past, this job has been the responsibility of one person. The re-structuring of the West Side Greenhouse into a core group has proved to be very successful. Therefore Barbara is looking to set the East Side Greenhouse the same way. She is asking for volunteers for the many duties this group will execute. These jobs can be shared with a buddy. This request is to organize volunteers for these jobs, not to be solely done by the core group member.

GREENHOUSE ACTIVITIES - Maureen Benice reiterated Barbara's statement regarding the

breaking down of one big job into many smaller jobs. It is proving to be very successful.

The West Side has been getting a lot done. The gravel has been put down and now the planters need to be raised. They will need a lot of help for that project.

VICTORY GARDEN - Betty Ison reported 13 boxes of produce were donated this month. Thirteen boxes weighing 261 pounds were from the Victory Garden, and 8 boxes weighing 185 pounds from Master Gardeners, making the total donated 446 pounds. That is the highest number yet. The total amounts donated are 1604 pounds from the Victory Garden and 711 pounds from the Master Gardeners for a total of 2315 pounds. Betty reminded everyone if they wish to donate to UCAN directly, they can tell them they are a Master Gardener and the credit will show up, or you can bring them to the Victory Garden on Tuesday mornings.

DISCOVERY GARDEN – Julie Stanbery asked for volunteers for two projects in the Butterfly Garden. The berm needs to be re-designed and the trellis needs to be cleaned out. Also, the Xeriscape Garden needs the rocky area re-graveled. The Xeriscape project will be done on Tuesday morning.

Julie expressed kudos to Steve Renquist for using the microscope to identify the problem with the door in the chemical room. Julie kept finding a mysterious white powder under and around the door. It was discovered that the door was infested with ants. They had a full nest carved out in the insulation of the door. She feels the frame and possibly the adjacent wall may be infested too. Steve is bringing an exterminator to investigate the problem. A recommendation has been made to replace the door with a metal door.

Julie also thanked Gale Robinson and Ivor Chapman for their hard work cleaning out the green shed. She also thanked Nathan Baily for power washing everything and rebuilding the picnic table. It looks wonderful. Nathan pointed

out the gutters on the green shed are full and need cleaning. This will be done in the fall.

Half of the Garden Heads have submitted their budgets for the upcoming year. Julie asked that the rest of the budgets be submitted before they are due.

Watering of the Discovery Garden will be tapered down to twice a week, starting next week. Janet Parkerson reported great water pressure this week. Julie feels there may possibly have been a blockage in the foot valve. The valve for the Japanese Garden has been found turned off by the watering crew several times. This valve is to remain on.

The stepping stones in the Children's Garden are being repaired in a workshop on September 16, 17 and 18. It will be in the Pavilion from 9am - 12pm each morning.

SIGNAGE - Jen Bailey discussed the question of whether the signs in the Discovery Garden are fading. It has been determined that the signs may have been dirty. Anne Bacon inspected the signs and determined the blacks are crisp and dark. The designs are slightly different than those submitted to the sign company, but the colors are true. The graphics have shadows in their design, which may also have attributed to the faded effect.

PUBLICITY/NEWSLETTER – Bonnie Courter reminded everyone that submissions are due tomorrow.

AWARDS - Betty Ison congratulated June Taylor who completed her hours. Several trainees have not reported any hours. Betty asked mentors to contact them to see what their plans are. No more hours will be recorded before the Awards Banquet.

AWARDS BANQUET - Judy Huntley announced the Awards Banquet will be held on October 4, 2014, at 5:30 pm, at the First United Methodist Church on Harvard Avenue. Sign-up sheets were passed around for help before and after the banquet and for food. The main dish

is lasagna. They will need breads, salads and desserts as well. Judy reminded members that spouses and family are welcome. She is providing the centerpieces this year. They will not be part of the prizes since they belong to someone else. There will be many door prizes, as well as awards.

HALLMARK – Linda Thames could not make the meeting. Larry Sutton reported Billy Russo enjoyed his card so much; he put it up on his Facebook page.

TOMATO TASTING - Bob Brindley said he will bring in several varieties for the Tomato Tasting after the September Chapter meeting in September. He encouraged others to bring in their tomatoes too. He said to cut them into bits and in half if they are cherry tomatoes. This year it was suggested to add barbecue sauces and mustard to the tasting at a future date. Bob also asked if members would bring in their favorite cranberry recipes.

OLD BUSINESS

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION - Jen Bailey reported there will be no Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the near future due to funding. DEQ told Jen that only 61 people dropped off waste in 2008 which cost \$10,000, and less than 350 people showed up in 2005, costing \$42,000. Paint was the costliest item back then. This cost has been reduced considerably due to the availability of the Paint Care program, but the cost would now be approximately \$25,000 to dispose of the remaining items. If you need to dispose of any hazardous waste, you can do it in Eugene or Medford. Jen will get the contact information. In the meantime, paint can be taken to Sherwin Williams or Color Craft.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2014 AUDIT REPORT - Vicki McAlister and Larry Sutton thanked Judy Huntley, Mik Carlson and Toni Rudolph for performing the audit for 2014. They checked the receipts and payments, entries in

Quicken, compared balance sheet data with bank statements. The following recommendations were made:

Statements should be posted electronically on the computer in the Plant Clinic.

When a check is received for deposit, a copy will be made and attached to the statement.

Consider review at the end of the year of the needs for the beginning of the year to see if we have enough to be committed to a CD for better interest return.

The Reconciliation Report provided by Quicken should be printed at the end of the month and added to the file.

The Executive Board acted on these, and the Audit was approved. Larry moved to accept the recommendations and was seconded by Julie Stanberry. Motion was approved.

2015 BUDGET INFORMATION/REQUESTS - Vicki McAlister reminded everyone the Budgets are due by 09/29/2014.

REVIEW OF THE SUSTAINABLE GARDENING CLASS - Maureen Benice thanked those signing up to be Mentors for the Winter Class. There will be two classes before the beginning of the classes. Maureen will be retiring from her position and wants someone to volunteer to take over. They will need to shadow her and Vicki McAlister to prepare to take over for 2016.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS - Jack Wright officiated the installation of the new officers. He recognized the 2013-2014 officers for their performance. He also thanked Larry for his contributions as Past President. The new officers are:

President - Chris Rusch
Vice-President - Fred Alley
Secretary - Barbara Robinson
Treasurer - Vicki McAlister
Membership Director - Denise Fennell
OMGA Representative - Rosemary Brinkley
Alternative OMGA Representative - Anne Bacon
Past President - Larry Sutton

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.
Respectfully submitted: Janet Parkerson

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