



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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Jan. 2015 Calendar

Fri., Jan. 2, 10:30

WTC setup chairs & tables

Mon., Jan. 5, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Mon., Jan. 5, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Tues., Jan. 6, 8:45-4:00

Winter Training Class begins

Tues., Jan. 6, 12:00-1:00

Potluck Lunch for WTC

Mon., Jan. 12, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Tues., Jan. 13, 8:45-4:00

Winter Training Class

Wed., Jan. 14, 10:00-Noon

Executive Board Meeting

Mon., Jan. 19, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Mon., Jan. 19, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Tues., Jan. 20, 8:45-4:00

Winter Training Class

Mon., Jan. 26, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crew & Sale

Tues., Jan. 27, 8:45-4:00

Winter Training Class

Wed., Jan. 28, 10:00-Noon

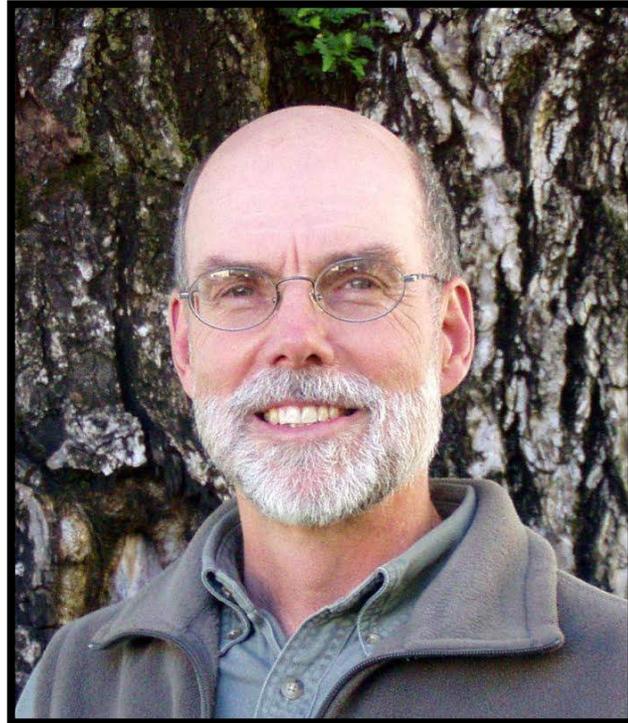
Photography Team (TBA)

Thurs., Jan. 29, 9:00

Continuing Education

Thurs., Jan. 29, 10:00-11:30

Monthly Chapter Meeting



Agent's Welcome

Steve Renquist

Welcome to the class of Master Gardeners™ 2015. Every year in January, Oregon State University and the Douglas County Master Gardener Association have an opportunity to welcome a new group of gardeners from around Douglas County into our program. Our program has three major components - classroom education, hands-on education, and outreach to the community.

The classroom education comes when you enter the Winter Training Class. Experienced instructors will share their gardening knowledge with you for eleven weeks. Then when you begin your volunteer time in the Plant Clinic you will be able to work alongside veteran Master Gardeners solving problems for others in Douglas County. This time in the clinic will be where you really reinforce all that you learn in the classroom.

The hands-on education segment of our program begins during the winter training classes. Many of our lectures are supported by demonstration and lab work. You will also be asked to take several pruning classes during January and February. If you look at the class schedule, you will notice we have two sessions planned for the greenhouses at our Horticultural Learning Center (HLC). These classes will teach you how to do vegetative propagation and seeding. On the day you learn at the greenhouse, you will be introduced to our Discovery Garden. The Discovery Garden is a teaching and demonstration garden for the public, located at the HLC. You will be impressed with all the interesting theme gardens you can learn from and help develop. You will also have classes on raising tree fruit at the Discovery Garden. We encourage the class of 2015 to have a hands-on volunteer project too at the Discovery Garden or in the Victory Garden. The Victory Garden is a project at the HLC which produces vegetables for donation to UCAN.

The final component of our program is what we call our outreach to the community. This portion of the program consists of taking our sustainable gardening message to other groups in Douglas County. We give presentations and demonstrations wherever we can. Maybe you know a few groups we could reach. We also have a Master Gardener booth at garden shows, the County Fair, Earth Day and other gatherings around the County that you will be recruited to join. This is a great way to tell our story to others and recruit new trainees.

I am really looking forward to our year ahead together. We have thirty people signed up to join us. When you come into our classroom you will be assigned a table and a mentor. Make sure that you ask your mentor to introduce you to all that our program has to offer, including social activities, "Spring Into Gardening" (a day-long seminar), organizational committees, and Mini-College, a statewide gathering of Master Gardeners.

We challenge you to study hard and to have fun learning. You will be representing Oregon State University when you volunteer as a Master Gardener™ so we ask you to accept our gardening ideas and philosophy of sustainability when you reach out to the public. You will soon see that the energy and enthusiasm of our veteran Master Gardeners is infectious, and we look forward to you joining our organization.



President's Post

Chris Rusch

Happy New Year everyone! I am delighted to welcome all our new 2015 Master Gardeners. I look forward to getting to know you all throughout the coming year.

This newsletter is designed to give you an overview of the Douglas County Master Gardener organization and its make-up. As you read over the articles, you will learn more about our board of directors, various committees, and our plethora of projects.

As President, I am responsible for presiding over the organization including chairing Chapter meetings, setting the agenda for Executive Board meetings and Chapter meetings, and appointing committee chairs and coordinators. I also have the privilege of writing articles for our

monthly Newsletter. Our meetings help provide the direction for our group. Our new 2015 Master Gardeners are invited to attend and participate in our meetings and contribute your ideas.

I have been a Master Gardener for five years. Besides being the President, I have enjoyed mentoring, working in the Japanese Garden, helping with the plant sale, and managing the Plant Clinic. Think about what you want to accomplish during the next twelve months and then join a group to make your goals a reality.

Once again, welcome and thanks for joining this great organization.

Questions? You can reach me at: 541-825-3837 or crusch@hughes.net.



Vice-President

Fred Alley

As the Vice-President, I welcome each of you, the 2015 Class, to the Douglas County Master Gardeners (DCMG) Program. Each of you have embarked upon a new venture, one that I truly believe you will find very enjoyable and rewarding. You will be expanding your

horticultural knowledge, learning new skills, and meeting and working with many incredible Master Gardeners. After I retired from the City of Roseburg as the Community Development Director, I joined the DCMG in 2011. Since then I have served as Vice President and as a class mentor three years, expanded the organization's Continuing Education Program and designed and completed a number of special projects in the Discovery Garden. Some of the projects have been a special Japanese sculpture, and recently a new Japanese Gong structure in the Japanese Garden. Another special project was the design and installation of special concrete children in the Children's Garden and a number of concrete bird baths and gazing ball stands. There are other projects. However, my point is you too will find the DCMG program has many opportunities for you to apply your special knowledge, experience and skills.

If you like working outdoors, and sustainable gardening, the Discovery Garden will be a great fit for you. You will have an opportunity to volunteer your time in so many areas of the program. Many of us just enjoy the outdoors and working with others. What is great is you choose your level of participation and your place within the organization. You will be amazed with this organization's volunteerism, individually and collectively. Additionally, you will find many of our members are long-standing members, providing many invaluable volunteer hours to our organization and to the OSU Master Gardener State Program.

The Vice-President's job includes a number of responsibilities: assisting the President in conducting meetings, acting as Program Chairperson, serving as parliamentarian for the chapter, and presiding at chapter meetings in the absence of the President. This past year I served as President for four months. One must expect change and challenges that each day brings. Interestingly, the most exciting responsibility is to "Provide the Continuing Education Program for the Chapter". A one hour continuing education program is provided prior to each of our monthly chapter meetings.

The programs are open to all Master Gardeners and their guests and friends as well as the general public. We have been fortunate to have a number of excellent programs such as programs on fungi/mushrooms, food dehydration, drip irrigation, bee pollen production, physical therapy practices for the gardener, extended growing seasons practices, Biochar, "Ask the Farm Expert", and many more. I'm always seeking new program ideas, so if you have a particular topic you'd like to see presented, please feel free to call or e-mail me. As a new member you will have a fresh perspective, and we'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions.



Treasurer
Vicki McAlister

The Treasurer's job is to maintain the financial records of the chapter. This includes guiding the development of the chapter's annual budget, tracking income and expenditures, paying bills and depositing money, providing financial information to members at monthly executive board and general meetings and in the newsletter, and providing a year-end report of the chapter's finances to the state OMGA Treasurer. Please feel free to direct any chapter-related financial questions to me at vmcalist@csulb.edu or [541.637.0563](tel:541.637.0563).



Secretary
Barbara Robinson

As Secretary, I record and maintain the minutes of the Board and Chapter meetings. I also am charged with maintaining documentation of our official policies. If you are unable to attend a meeting, chapter minutes are placed on our website and included in the monthly newsletter. I look forward to meeting and working with all you new students. Welcome!





Past President Larry Sutton

One of the first relationships that you form when becoming a Master Gardener is with your assigned mentor. Later on in your training you will be mentored in the Plant Clinic by one of the Plant Clinic core group trainers. When you go to the Discovery Garden you will be mentored by one of the garden heads or another veteran working in your area of choice.

Do you see a pattern emerging here? Master Gardeners are always mentoring no matter what activity they are involved in. Which brings me to the position of Past President. As the person with the most recent experience in being President I am available to mentor the President or the members of the Executive Board if and when needed. As one of the voting members of the Executive Board, I provide continuity from the past administration to the present one and hopefully steer the Board through the rough waters that can develop in any group.

For the class of 2015, we welcome you. You have chosen to don the mantle of one of the most successful chapters in the Oregon Master

Gardener Association. Wear it well and do not hesitate to rely on any of us to answer the questions that will make your stay more meaningful.

For the returning veterans we welcome you back. I look forward to spending another year with you.



OMGA Rep Rosemary Brinkley

As the Oregon
Master Gardener
A s s o c i a t i o n

Representative and Alternate Representative, Anne and I meet quarterly with the other representatives from Master Gardener Chapters across the State and the OMGA Executive Board. We help make decisions that will set OMGA policies and to develop goals and objectives for OMGA. We have the opportunity to share what Douglas County is doing with the rest of the State and to hear what projects the other chapters are participating in at their local area. We also provide verbal and written information to our local chapter on the activities of OMGA.

So what is OMGA?

OMGA and the county chapters were created in 1983 to support and supplement OSU's Master Gardener Program. OMGA is tax-exempt, and serves to unify and support Chapter programs and horticultural education. When you complete the Master Gardener Program, membership in OMGA is automatic the first year. After that, membership requires annual dues. Services that OMGA provide are:

- Educational outreach via Mini-College. This year it will be held in McMinnville on August 7-9, 2015.

- The Gardener's Pen, a quarterly newsletter
- The PNW Handbooks used by our Plant Clinic
- Scholarships to an OSU horticultural student and scholarships to help send attendees to Mini-College
- Grants to assist Chapters fund special projects. Douglas County was awarded two grants in 2013.
- Search for Excellence Award – Recognizes outstanding projects by Chapters that can be adapted by other Chapters. Douglas County won the Search for Excellence in 2012.
- Select and honor the Oregon State Master Gardener of the Year. Douglas County Master Gardeners who have received this award were Karl Carlson, Clint and Emogen Atherton, Betty Ison, Julie Stanbery, Jack Wright and Larry Sutton.
- Select and honor the "Behind the Scenes" Master Gardener of the Year. Douglas County Master Gardeners who have received this award were Robert Modenhauer, Dorothy Roberts, Stew Avery, Richard Johnstone and Leo Grass.

Anne and I look forward to getting to know the Master Gardener Winter Training Class with the rest of the membership. If you have any questions about OMGA please ask us. Our next quarterly meeting will be February 6, 2015. Would you like to go with us? You are more than welcome to join us.

OMGA Alternate Rep

Anne Bacon

This will be my second year as a Master Gardener. I'll be mentoring the Winter class 2015 to reinforce all the great information I learned as a member of the "Class of 2014."



This will be my first year as OMGA Representative Alternate, serving as Rosemary's "back-up". I love solving puzzles so I'm also on the core team for the Plant Clinic and operate the satellite plant clinic on Saturday mornings at Kruse Farms during the Summer.

Communications

Shirley Purcell

As the person in charge of communications, I send out informational emails that relate to Master Gardener activities. If you have provided your email address to the organization, you will hear from me one or more times a week. Please add my email address, hopover@gmail.com, onto your accepted list so my emails are not routed into your spam box.

The MG Executive Board has given me permission to send out only those emails relating directly to MG activities. Therefore, please do not be offended if I cannot help you rent your house, advertise a garage sale, sell your craft items, etc.



If my emails are not getting to you in a timely manner, please let me know. Also, if you change your email address, call or email me as soon as possible. My phone number is 541-673-3818. Thank you for helping spread Master Gardener news to all.



Membership

Denise Fennell

Hello! I'm Denise Fennell and I am your Membership Director. I have been with the DCMG since 2014, and thoroughly enjoy working with this group.

As your Membership Director, I collect annual dues, keep an updated roster, ensure that necessary forms are kept up-to-date, i.e. - photo release, insurance, contact information, etc. So if I'm not harping on you for any of these, you'll find me out at the Discovery Garden over in the Easy Access Garden, or helping out with the Facebook page.

And when I'm *not* doing Master Gardener duties, I love long walks on the beach...no... wait, I don't. Mmmm. I love picnics...shoot that's not true either.

I love to cook with friends and I love to eat with friends. Now *that* is true!

Find me at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/oregongreenacres>

Here's the Dirt!



by Denise Fennell

I love books. But I don't have an unlimited supply of bookshelves. So I have to be very selective as to what goes on my shelves. Cluttering my shelves with numerous books on one topic just will not do.

Here in my column, I hope to offer insight and help in choosing some books that will compliment your bookshelves, and provide information to help your gardens grow.

Carrots Love Tomatoes: Secrets of Companion Planting for Successful Gardening by Louise Riotte

If you want to know if it is okay to plant onions in between your cabbage plants, then this book is for you. It's like listening to my grandmother as she walked through her garden planting the peas.

First published in 1975, it has served millions of gardeners, both serious and casual. Many of us prefer to utilize pest-resistant planning over the use of chemicals. This book provides the information on what you should plant near another plant to not only resist pests and help deter them, but to help the sister plant thrive.

It also provides recipes for herbal sprays to control insects and what wild plants you should be encouraging in your gardens.

If you don't have a lot of garden space this book will guide you on how to utilize a window box garden.

This is one of those books you will pick up year after year as you rotate your crops and want to maximize a variety of produce. For instance, did you know if you plant parsley with your carrot seeds you'll repel carrot flies? Not only that, but planting tomatoes and asparagus will give added vigor to both. Now go buy the book - I don't want to give away the ending here.

I give it a 4 out of 5 wheelbarrows.





Chris Rusch

Welcome to the Plant Clinic.

Welcome and Happy New Year to the Master Gardener Class of 2015. I am looking forward to meeting you all and working with you in our Plant Clinic. The Plant Clinic is where the objectives of the Master Gardener Program really come to life.

As Plant Clinic Manager, my job is to coordinate all Plant Clinic activities. In the Plant Clinic we answer a wide range of questions about home gardening. We are able to take the knowledge that we have gained in our sustainable gardening class and pass it on to the home gardener. We diagnose plant problems, identify insects, and answer general garden and orchard management questions. We have an excellent library and numerous online sources to help in giving out advice.

We have a terrific Plant Clinic training program for our new members. During your training period you will be paired with experienced Master Gardeners to lead you through the protocols of our Plant Clinic. It is exciting, challenging and rewarding work.

Veterans, we have several openings on the Plant Clinic calendar in January. Please consider signing up!

Insect Committee

Bob Brindley

Nearly 25% of the calls to the Plant Clinic concern possible plant damage from or problems with insects and other arthropods. With over 1 million identified species of insects worldwide and an estimated 15 million possible species total, this would seem an impossible task but an analysis of Plant Clinic data for Douglas County shows that 90% of the insect questions involve only about 50 insects and spiders.

While most Master Gardeners have no problem identifying the usual bugs brought into the clinic, the job of the insect committee is to supply aids and books to help with this task. The committee also identifies those uncommon insects that occasionally show up.

We are looking for additional people to help us produce material that would make insect identification and treatment recommendations even easier for Plant Clinic volunteers. Plus, we can always use help in identification.

We welcome new members; no experience required. The committee meets on the first and third Monday of every month from 10:00 AM to noon if needed. And for those of you who are new to the Master Gardeners program, you can use insect committee time to help fulfill your Plant Clinic hours obligation.

I would be happy to tell you more about the committee. Please contact me at 459-7897 for more information.





Community Outreach

Leo Grass

Welcome, new Master Gardeners class of 2015! You have joined what I believe to be the greatest volunteer group in Douglas County. You will meet a lot of very nice people, learn many new gardening skills, and engage in lots of interesting group activities. While you are learning about your new organization, keep in mind that everything we do is focused on our fundamental mission - to distribute sound, research-based information about all aspects of gardening to the people in our community. While everyone in our organization works to accomplish this goal, the committee most directly engaged in this effort is The Community Outreach Committee.

As chairman of the Community Outreach Committee, I am the primary contact between Master Gardeners and the good folks of our community. The simplest way of teaching good, sustainable gardening skills is by teaching them directly. We do demonstrations, and teach classes to a wide variety of people from pre-school to senior centers, and everyone in between. We have information booths and demonstrations at events like the Douglas County Fair and Earth Day. We lead informational tours through our Discovery Garden. If teaching others about sustainable gardening sounds like your idea of a good time, let me know.

Publicity/Newsletter

Bonnie Courter

Welcome to the Class of 2015! As Publicity Chair for the Douglas County Master Gardeners, my job is to inform our local communities about upcoming events and fundraisers we sponsor throughout the year by working with the media. That entails writing Public Service Announcements (PSA's) to newspapers, radio and TV. I may also write news stories highlighting special events, awards, projects, or anything that may showcase our organization and its value to the community. A large part of my job is centered on our biggest fundraiser, the Plant and Garden Expo, which is held the first Saturday in May. I coordinate and design paid advertising for the sale, as well as fliers, banners, and bookmarks to distribute around the community. I attend Executive Board and Chapter meetings to keep up-to-date on what's happening. If you have a good idea for an article, or possibly a TV or radio spot, please let me know.



I am also Newsletter Editor, responsible for the monthly publication of our DCMG Newsletter. I accept regular articles written by board members and other MG's, as well as photos to publish. I'm always looking for a good "scoop". The Newsletter is distributed to the membership each month via e-mail after posting it on our website (douglascountymg.org). For an additional fee, it can be sent by "snail mail" to those who choose that route.

You can reach me at rbcourter@gmail.com, or by phone at 541-672-3071. Enjoy your new adventure in gardening!

Westside Greenhouses

Maureen Benice

The Westside Greenhouses are where the perennial and annual flowers, vegetables and herb plants get prepared for the Plant Sale.

The CORE group members in charge of the Westside Greenhouses are Maureen Benice, Carol Bolt, Jackie Carpenter, Tasha King, Karolyn Riecks and Barbara Robinson.



- The two who 'run' the Greenhouses/Plants are Jackie Carpenter and Karolyn Riecks
- The watering and heating people are Carol Bolt and Barbara Robinson.
- The advisor and person taking charge of cutting is Tasha King.
- Label printing, preparation and storage : Carol Bolt, Karolyn Riecks and Maureen Benice.
- Communication and general back-up person is Maureen Benice.

The regular workday, January through mid-March while Winter Training is in session, is Monday, 9 AM – 12 Noon. After classes are over, work days change to Tuesdays, 9 AM – 12 Noon. As time gets closer to the Plant Sale, work days are added.



While the workers are cleaning up plants, making cuttings, planting seeds we sing, complain (sorta), laugh and go to lunch as often as possible. Hope you come join us!

Eastside Greenhouses

Gloria Amorde

The Core Group and devoted helpers of the Eastside Greenhouses would like to welcome the new members of the Class of 2015. The work in our

greenhouses is taking care of larger items such as trees, shrubs, grasses, succulents, etc. We do a lot of transplanting, root pruning,

propagating, dividing and weed pulling. Our work is close to year-round preparing for our big Plant Sale first Saturday in May.



We look forward to seeing many of you in the greenhouses, and you're welcome to come anytime to play in the dirt with us. We always appreciate the help.

EASTSIDE CORE - Gloria Amorde, Bruce Gravens, Anne Waddington & Georgia Richards.

Plant Sale

**Barbara Robinson &
Sharon Hopkins**

Have you got your 2015 calendar close by? If not, track it down and turn to the month of May. Now circle **Saturday, May 2nd**, the date for our 2015 Plant and Garden Expo at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. This annual event is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Monies raised help finance our plant clinic, community outreach programs, winter training program, etc.

Preparation for our plant sale is a year-round endeavor. Westside and Eastside greenhouse crews can be found working every Tuesday morning from 9-12. Tender loving care is given to various plants, shrubs, trees, and seedlings preparing them for relocation to their new homes. As spring arrives, greenhouse crews go into fast forward mode and can be found working multiple days a week. We pride ourselves in producing a quality "product" at a competitive price. The community has grown to appreciate our efforts, and, as a result, are extremely supportive of this event.

In the next few weeks you will have the opportunity to view the various functions of our greenhouses and try your hand at seed starting, propagating, root pruning, etc. Do not be intimidated by these terms! No experience is necessary! We are an equal opportunity, on the job training organization!

The plant sale committee and greenhouse crews welcome you and look forward to working with you!



Victory Garden

Mik Carlson & Ruth Stafford

Greetings to the Master Gardener Class of 2015. The HLC's Victory Garden has had five great years, and we are already looking forward to a sixth. There are three major goals.

First, the Victory Garden offers Master Gardeners an opportunity to put into practice techniques taught in our winter class such as succession planting, crop rotation, leaf mulching, vertical gardening and water conservation. We are currently sharing ideas on how we can bring in an educational component. There is always plenty of jobs to be done...moving compost, planning, planting, fertilizing, mulching, pruning, harvesting, and of course, weeding.

Second, by donating fresh nutritious produce to UCAN, Master Gardeners are promoting and contributing to a healthier community. Last year we grew 3,753 pounds of vegetables to be distributed to local pantries and community kitchens. We also collected 1,753 pounds of produce from home gardens.

Our third goal is to share with each other...to share ideas, to share the work, to share laughter, and to share our love of gardening. So, if you want to nurture your love of gardening while helping others, AND have a good time, come join us in the Victory Garden!

Discovery Garden

Julie Stanbery



W e l c o m e to the Discovery Garden (DG) at the Horticultural Learning Center! As new Master Gardeners you are invited to join us in a great adventure as we continue to develop our year-round educational garden and teaching facility. MG volunteers participate in

all areas of garden management including landscape design, planting, pruning and the ubiquitous weeding.

Working in the garden is a stimulating hands-on experience and lots of fun. **All trainees will be asked to schedule volunteer payback time in the garden.** These sessions will help familiarize you with all aspects of the Garden and give you the opportunity to decide which area of the garden you would like to offer your volunteer time during the year.

Established in 1999, the entire garden has been built by thousands of Master Gardener volunteer hours and community groups such as Job Corps and inmate work crews. We have 20 gardens within the DG including Japanese, children's, hedgerow, orchard, scented entry, lilies and dahlias, shade and sun, compost, ornamental shrubs and grasses, butterfly, herb, xeriscape, rock and easy access areas. Items of particular interest include the spider gate, human sundial, and the moon gate. We also have added numerous benches and picnic tables.

The goals and directions of the garden come from MG volunteers with guidance from OSU Extension and our Home Horticultural agent, Steve Renquist. We use the children's garden, worm bins, compost bins and pavilion as an

outdoor classroom for school children and youth groups. Other gardens are used for public demonstrations including pruning and plant care.

Your winter program classes contain information in many aspects of the garden such as water-wise gardens, dry garden (xeriscape), water collection and irrigation techniques, container and adaptive raised beds (easy access), herbs, Japanese, perennials, annuals, roses, lilies, and much more! All of our classes include ecological management practices that stress integrated methods (IPM) and low impact techniques.

My name is **Julie Stanbery**

and as coordinator of the Discovery garden, you will be hearing many garden updates from me. A number of your classes will take place in the garden, at the



greenhouses and at Helleck Hall at the HLC. **Your first classes at the HLC will be January 13 & 20.**

A tour of the garden will be part of these class sessions. You will be introduced to some of the veteran MGs who work in the individual gardens and learn the lay-out of the gardens. These classes are OUT-OF-DOORS so dress in layers, wear long underwear, mud boots, rain slicker, gloves and hat!!

Steve will schedule "hands-on" pruning classes in the Discovery Garden. All students are asked to attend these classes. We encourage everyone to participate in the training. We will be working on fruit trees, ornamental shrubs, Japanese garden plants, landscape trees and roses - dates to be announced.

During MG training class, we have scheduled one work day each month: **Wed. Jan. 21, Fri. Feb. 6 and Fri. Mar. 6**; each day from 9am to noon. Starting March 24, we will have regular Tuesday work days each week through September.

Come dressed for foul weather as we work rain or shine. You need not be a strapping physical specimen - I can find a task for anyone!! Always come to the garden with work gloves, hand pruners, a good weeding tool, kneeling pad and a shovel. I'll let you know if we need special tools for any particular project. Working in the garden is considered payback time; specifics will be explained in class.

This spring, we will finish installing the last of the in-ground irrigation system. We have a year-round pump and two reservoirs for water storage, so this is the next step to demonstrate water-wise techniques and to get rid of the hoses!!

We have a busy season ahead of us, but as all gardeners know, you meet the nicest people in the garden. We'll see you there!! **Julie Stanbery 672-7175.**

Photo Team



Kish Doyle

Hello to all the new Master Gardener trainees. In addition to our gardening activities, a small group of photo enthusiasts have started meeting to develop a plan to create an informal photo team. As part of the planting and growing process, there is a need for photographs to document our activities for the Master Gardener website, Facebook site and our monthly newsletter.

We meet every other month to discuss photo techniques and how to better serve our publications and promote our organization. We have "photo assignments" to sharpen and fine

tune our shooting abilities. If this sounds like something you'd like to be a part of, we welcome anyone who has an interest in photography, from novice to expert. Come and see what we do and how much fun it is to learn from each other.



My Favorite Holiday Plant - Fred Alley

The holiday season is upon us and some of us are still trying to decide whether to repot or buy another long-standing holiday favorite flower, the Amaryllis. The Amaryllis, along with the Flowering Christmas Cactus and the poinsettias have become icons of the Holidays.

My favorite Amaryllis is the "Bolero" Dutch single, Deep Rose. I recently repotted the Bolero, which now has two bulbs. However, I could not resist purchasing a new Amaryllis, the "Faro" Dutch single Salmon with white starburst. Why the one out of the many available? Well, this time of year my wife Sandy brings out her years of "Martha Stewart Living" magazines. We have already reviewed the past Thanksgiving issues, now we are into the past holiday issues. I know the December 2008 issue is a few years back, but it has a great article on the many varieties of Amaryllis. Whether displayed in a bunch or as a single they are beautiful flowers. A single "Minerva" stock can yield up to four striking flowers. Since that article, growers have hybridized more varieties with extraordinary colors, shapes and markings.

I would encourage you to consider purchasing an Amaryllis. There are just so many different varieties that produce exotic colors. If you like deep red, try the "Bolero", the "Mocha" produces a tawny petal with pale-green reverse, or the "Red Peacock" that produces a red with random white mid-veins. I suspect the best information is on the Internet. Regardless where you explore for more information, I would encourage you to select an Amaryllis for this year's holidays.



**Oregon State University
Master Gardener™
2015 Winter Training Program**

Douglas County- Roseburg Tuesday 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM

January 6	AM PM	Botany I Climate and Weather of Douglas County	John Punches Steve Renquist
January 13	AM PM	Botany II (Physiology) Veg Propagation*/Tree Fruit* Discovery Garden orientation	John Punches Team/Steve Renquist
January 20	AM PM	Pruning Trees, Shrubs, and Vines Veg Propagation*/ Tree Fruit* Discovery Garden orientation	Steve Renquist Team/Steve Renquist
January 27	AM PM	Insects Concurrent Sessions	Megan Woltz Master Gardeners
February 3	AM PM	Pesticide Safety Plant ID/Greenhouse Seeding	Steve Renquist Bryan Benz / MG's
February 10	AM	Plant Disease and Diagnosis Vegetable Gardening	Steve Renquist Marjorie Neal
February 17	AM PM	Soils/Fertilization Plant ID/ Greenhouse Seeding*	Steve Renquist Bryan Benz / MG's
February 24	AM PM	Care of Urban Trees/Seed Saving Weed ID and Control	Tal Blankenship Shelby Filley
March 3	AM PM	Berry Crops Composting/Covercrops	Joe Yetter/ Steve Renquist
March 10	AM PM	Vert. Pests/Landscape with natives IPM	Leo Grass/ Tal Blankenship Steve Renquist
March 17	AM PM	Discovery Garden Final* Final Exam Review	Master Gardener Team Steve Renquist

Locations: Douglas County Extension Office-Roseburg
1134 S.E. Douglas Ave. Phone 672-4461

*Class at the Discovery Garden (near River Forks Park) 238 River Forks Park Rd

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2015 DUES
and REPLACEMENT NAME TAG

(Please pay **BEFORE** January 1, 2015)

PRINT ALL information below EVEN if nothing has changed:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE: _____ CHECK # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

____ ***Here is \$10 for my dues which includes the online MG Newsletter.***

____ ***Please mail my newsletter. I have included an EXTRA \$8.50 to cover postage.***

Please make checks out to **DCMG** and include the above form. 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, 2015.

Those needing a **replacement name tag** should contact me before mid-January. I will be keeping a list to add to the trainee class member's order. 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 have arrived.

Denise Fennell
Membership Director

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