



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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July 2015 Calendar

Wed., July 1, 10:00-Noon

Herb Garden Crew

Mon., July 6, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., July 7, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden work day

Wed., July 8, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

Tues., July 14, 10:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden workday

Wed., July 15, 10:00-Noon

Herb Garden Crew

Mon., July 20, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., July 21, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden work day

Tues., July 28, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden work day

Thurs., July 30, 10:00

Chapter Meeting & potluck at

Tim & Georgia Richards,

157 Lee Love Ln., Roseburg



Heat Wave!

Steve Renquist

It is only late June and the weather forecast is calling for a major heatwave that may last up to two weeks. Temperatures are expected to jump about 20-25 degrees above the long term average during this heatwave, which will cause a lot of damage. As a crop forecaster I learned rather quickly to pay attention to heatwaves. There are few other weather issues that can cause dramatic yield losses like heatwaves, especially if they hit at critical growth stages with crops. With this brutal weather forecast you should take a few precautions to minimize damage to your plants.

The first obvious thing to do is to water your gardens thoroughly leading up to the heatwave, and as water supplies permit, through the heatwave. When plants are hydrated, they can tolerate more heat without shriveling or scorching. Plants will have to transpire a huge amount of water through their stomata to stay cool, so keep the soil moist.

If you do not have enough water to soak your gardens in advance, put a thick layer of mulch around your plants, and water at the pace that matches supply. Contrary to popular belief, misting or spraying your crops during the heat of the day will not cause the foliage of plants to be burned through the intense light on water droplets. Occasional misting of plants during this hot spell only cools the leaf surface.



If you have prized plants that will not tolerate this kind of heat day after day, put up temporary shade cloths to protect the most sensitive plants. The white woven row covers that keep insects away from a crop, will also reflect light and heat. There is a reflective white clay compound called Kaolin that works well as a natural pesticide to repel codling moth and other insect pests by irritating them with the gritty material. This product (Surround) also works well to prevent sunburn on sensitive crops like apples. This product can be sprayed on any plant without damaging leaves, flowers, or fruit. It does leave a white residue that is reflective and will only wear off with time and rainfall.

This heatwave may also have a few positive impacts by making it harder for the Spotted Wing Drosophila to mate and lay eggs. At temperatures in the mid 90's the SWD shut down most activities and will not lay eggs in fruit. If you are harvesting berry or cherry crops, don't slow your picking with the heat wave thinking the SWD won't damage fruit now. The heat will become the enemy and shrivel your fruit crop instead of the insects.

If you have been following a spray program to control codling moth in apples, plums, and pears, continue with the program, but do not use any sticker spreaders, or oil additives to the sprays. Any oil will cause serious leaf burn with temperatures over 90. Using a product like Cyd-X virus for codling moth will be safe to use as long as you don't add any oil based material.

President's Post

Chris Rusch

Summer is finally here! This means the beginning of our summer meetings and the terrific adventure of visiting new neighborhoods. I love these summer meetings! It gives us a great opportunity to visit our Master Gardener friends at their homes and view different forms of gardening. It allows us to visit with each other in a relaxing setting. I encourage all of you to come out and enjoy our summer

meetings. Bring a spouse, friend and enjoy terrific food and friendships. Maybe you'll meet a new best friend. A large part of the Master Gardener experience is the friendships we've made. This group has some of the most fun-loving, hardworking individuals I've had the pleasure of knowing.

Thank you to Bonnie Courter for being such a gracious host for our June chapter meeting. Bonnie's yard and garden were a lovely space for our June meeting that was followed by a delicious potluck.

Our slate of officers for 2015-16 was announced at the general meeting and I want to thank the Nomination Committee headed up by Julie Stanbery. Please remember that the slate of officers will be voted on at the July Chapter Meeting, and nominations for any of the board positions will be accepted from the floor as well at that time.

We also discussed the upcoming 2015 Master Gardeners Mini-college and Leadership Forum to be held at Linfield College, August 6-8. The DCMG's are offering scholarships for the OSU Mini College. If you are considering going and want a bit of financial help, please contact me.

Well I think summer is finally here. Due to the predicted drought and record setting heat I have been mulching like crazy!

The goal during the warm to hot summer months with mulch is to help provide even moisture and cooler soil for the plant's roots. Summer mulches can be left on and never removed since they will decay over the months while providing nutrients and improving the soil at the same time.

It's often said that you can't get too much of a good thing. Most gardeners would tell you that is true of mulch, and you'd get an earful about the virtues of the stuff. It is one of the easiest and least expensive things you can do in the garden that provides a plethora of benefits. By simply adding a layer of mulch to your garden right now, you can moderate soil temperature,

reduce water consumption, add nutrients to the soil, reduce erosion, encourage earthworm activity, reduce weeds, improve the garden's appearance, save time and save money. Dollar for dollar, that's a pretty good return on your investment!

Have a fantastic summer!

Vice-President's Report

Fred Alley

Our June 25th Chapter Meeting was hosted by Master Gardener and Publicity/Newsletter Editor Bonnie Courter at her home at 15476 Dixonville Road in Dixonville. Courter's



residence sits on a 1.5 acre tract of land that was dedicated as the site for the historic South Deer Creek Schoolhouse. I have included a photo Bonnie has hanging in their home of the schoolhouse and it's then student body from 1901. It is an interesting view into the past. The valley of the South Fork of Deer Creek is rich with history and provides a great setting for a number of homes off Dixonville Road as it follows Deer Creek down the valley. The Courter's have done a nice job in maintaining the rural setting, not only of the home, but the surrounding grounds - full of trees, plants, flowers and of course the garden. Thanks, Bonnie, for hosting the meeting and making our morning and chapter meeting so pleasant.

The July 30, 2015 Chapter Meeting will be hosted by Master Gardeners Tim and Georgia Richards, 157 Lee Love Lane in Roseburg. For



those of you who don't know Tim and Georgia, Tim is a 2013 Master Garden, and Georgia transferred her Master Gardener membership from Ashland. In 2013 they moved to their new residence which included an extensive remodeling of the home and landscaping the home site. Tim likes his apple trees and has planted a small orchard since moving to Roseburg. Their house is actually on the west side of the South Umpqua River, making a perfect setting for their new home. As the chapter meeting gets closer, I will be sending the notice of the monthly meeting including driving directions. Please set your calendar for Thursday, July 30th, 10:00 AM.

I did not get to the Discovery Garden this last Tuesday. However I will be there on June 30th to take a few more photographs of the garden and it's activities. While I'm there, please let me know if you see or have a particular subject you would like photographed. With the assistance of Kish Doyle and others we are developing quite a photographic inventory of our program. President Chris Rusch is currently coordinating a photo exhibit for this year's Douglas County Fair. If you have good photographs of our Master Gardener Program, we encourage you to forward them to Kish Doyle, so they can be added to our overall photographic inventory.

Lastly, at the June 10th Executive Board meeting, it was suggested we set up a method in which we can forward to all members any Master Gardener articles that are printed in the News -Review. Chris Rusch, Bonnie Courter and Steve Renquist all recently wrote articles for the News-Review. It was decided that since Bonnie Courter, our Publicity/NewsLetter Editor

has a online News-Review subscription, she could forward the articles to members. The articles are an excellent source of information not just for our members, but obviously for all gardeners in Douglas County. The articles also provide exposure of our Master Gardener Program as well. Look for these articles through our e-mailing service.

The Birds & Blooms "Annual Hummingbird June/July Issue" is now at local newsstands. If you are fascinated with the arrival of the hummingbirds, the June/July issue of Birds & Blooms is a magazine you need to add to your library. While the magazine is small, it is packed with the "need to know information" on hummingbirds. For example: "The Top 10 Vines for Hummingbirds", "A Bucket List for Hummingbird Lovers" and "How to Take That Perfect Photograph of the Hummingbird".



Community Outreach

Leo Grass

Ahhh, summer; vegetable gardens, swimming in the river, and visiting relatives...two out of three ain't bad. For Extension volunteers, the one annual project that we all pull together on is the Douglas County Fair. Our goal this year will be sustainable gardening through wise use of water. We will again host the Douglas County Beekeepers at our booth. Their live bee demonstration hive was a big hit with Fair goers last year.

The signup sheet is in the Plant Clinic. We would like to have one vet and one apprentice for each three-hour shift. Working at the booth will get you one free ticket into the Fair.



The fair is a great way to meet some of your Douglas County neighbors, and let them know all of the ways the OSU Extension Service can make their life better. Fair dates are August 5th thru 8th.

Plant Clinic

Chris Rusch

At the Plant Clinic we continue with training volunteers from our 2015 Winter Training Class. It has been lots of fun. Everyone is so enthusiastic! The 2015 training team is Leo Grass, Larry Sutton, Anne Bacon, Bonnie Courter, and Chris Rusch. As we get into the summer, we will need veterans to help both in training our new volunteers and keeping up with the work load of assisting our increase in traffic to the Plant Clinic. We particularly need veterans for Fridays. I realize we all have very busy lives, but I encourage each of you to look at your calendar (now would be a good time while you're reading this newsletter) and pick just one afternoon (four hours each month) to help staff the Plant Clinic. Plant Clinic is where we give service as part of our Master Gardener obligation to our community. So please try to volunteer your expertise at least once a month to help out in this important outreach program.

The questions for June included problems with the dreaded spotted wing drosophila, cucumber beetles, and aphids. In addition, we have been helping clients with water management and soil

testing. The statistics so far for 2015 are 480 visitors.

A BIG **“thank you”** to all of those who regularly work at the Plant Clinic! And remember, working at our satellite clinic - Kruse Farms - like Barbie



Photo: Barbara Robinson

Hamby and Tracey Berry here, also counts for Plant Clinic hours.

MG Garden Open House **Betty Ison**

A Summer MG Garden Open House is set for **Thursday, July 23, 2015**. The hours vary from garden to garden, so please see times listed for each individual site. Come and visit beautiful gardens (or at least they were before the hot spell) and stay as long or as little as you like. Also feel free to bring friends, relatives, or neighbors along. Hope to see you there. Please come and support your fellow MG's!

Betty Ison: 1591 NW Keasey, Roseburg,
(9AM-4PM & 6:30PM-8:30PM).

Lots of annuals, perennials, vegetables, and a little bit of everything else. I use a number of raised beds and containers, especially for my vegetable garden, and use soaker hoses in most of the areas to water with.

At the YMCA, turn at the light onto Harvey Ave., then take an immediate right on to Keasey or from Stewart Parkway turn onto Valley View Dr. (by Staples), then turn left onto Keasey. (cream

colored house, chainlink fence, diagonally across from Colony Market)

As a Note There is NO longer any on street parking on Keasey---they replaced parking with bike lanes. I recommend parking on Calkins, Moritz or Rachel streets. I will not be responsible for any tickets written if you park in the bike lane (trust me they do write tickets).

Ivor Chapman: 2018 Del Rio Rd., Roseburg
(9 AM-3 PM)

The Garden---Gone: Persimmon, dianthus, shasta daisy, centranthus, most brassica; In: Canna, petunia, grasses, rubeckia, bergenia, rose, dahlia, pelargonium, onion, parsnip, beet, carrot, calabrese; Maybe still: Poppy, gladiolus, daylily, salvia, marigold/calendula, hosta, snapdragon, cabbage; Maybe, to come: Crocosmia, daylily, delphinium, lettuce; Too soon: Michaelmas daisy (aster family); Plenty of: weeds-----come see the “Cage”

From I-5 Exit 129, 1.5 miles West, first house on left past the Wilbur Rd. turn (log home next door)

Mark & Lori Salars: 1260 Karma Lane, Roseburg (9 AM-2 PM)

Not only will you tour the heirloom vegetable gardens, but if you want, you can tour the goat milking operations, chicken ranch and see how



Lori and Mark live self-sufficiently and totally off-grid. They have lived this lifestyle now for 11

years and it works well for them. Besides touring the agricultural side, you'll also have the opportunity to drive the property and view the natural beauty of Douglas County.

From the Roseburg Library, get on 138 east (Diamond Lake Blvd) and head out about 5 miles until you see on your right hand side Dixonville 1/4 mile. Take that right onto Buckhorn road and then stay on that until just short of Mile Marker 5 (there is no MM 4). That is Karma Lane on the right hand side. Once you get on Karma, a windy gravel road, keep driving up into the mountains (one mile from pavement) and you'll see 1260 on the gate post. The house is through the gate on your right hand side. To tour the property a four-wheel-drive is not needed but you will want a high clearance vehicle.



Larry Sutton

**You Have Questions, Ask An Expert Has Answers
or
How do I Share My Gardening Knowledge With the World?**

By now everyone, who has visited an Extension web site has seen the Ask An Expert widget. A few of you might even have used it to find an answer to your questions. But do you know what happens to your question once it is asked? When you click the send button your question is immediately routed to one of the state "wranglers" for assignment to an Ask An Expert Volunteer. These Volunteers are typically Extension agents, staff, or members of Extension organizations such as Master Gardeners, Master Food Preservers, or 4-H to name a few. Each volunteer has a profile sheet

that identifies their areas of expertise and location. Typically the questions will be assigned to a volunteer near the person asking the question, but that is not always the case. If a question remains unanswered, the area is expanded so it is possible, although not probable, that your question could be answered by any volunteer across the nation that has expertise in that area.

Experts are not expected to know the answer to all questions off the top of their heads. In addition to the online assets that you would have available in the Plant Clinic, they also have access to a data base including frequently asked questions and a quick connection to answers of questions that have been asked on like topics. Just like in our local plant clinic, many similar questions predictably appear during the various seasons of the year. Time spent in answering a question can range from a few minutes to an hour depending on the depth of the information requested. References are provided and often an online link so the questioner can do further research if they desire. Once the Expert has answered the question, the answer is forwarded to the person who submitted the question and to a system monitor. Each answer is checked for accuracy, spelling and grammar. The procedure is simple and insures an accurate, well-written response to the public.

Which now raises the question, "How did the Expert get into that position?" Or more importantly, how do you become one? First of all, you need to really enjoy the research involved in providing an accurate answer to a gardening question. You need to have demonstrated a sustained record of providing consistent answers in the Plant Clinic, and you need to be interviewed by our agent. When you meet the above requirements, you will be directed to <http://about.extension.org/get-an-id/> to register with Extension and become part of the team. Volunteers with an Extension ID can log into <http://faq.extension.org/> to set their parameters of expertise and question assignment.

Fred's Fav's



Treasurer's Report as of 6/25/15



Vicki McAlister

INCOME 5/28/15 - 6/25/15

Contributions/Interest	\$31.92
Soil Testing	\$155.00
Plant Sale - Post	\$26.50
Compost Tea	\$241.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$454.42

EXPENSES 5/28/15 - 6/25/15

Dues - OMGA	\$42.00
Newsletter Postage	\$22.72
DG - Various	\$521.71
HLC - Various	\$401.41
Plant Sale - Various	\$1,707.70
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,695.54

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$1,864.33
Money Market - Reserves	\$8,659.10
Money Market	\$50,106.56
Ending Balance 6/25/15	\$60,629.99



In the Garden

Julie Stanbery

We are happy to announce the official opening of our twenty-first garden area in the Discovery Garden.

Tasha King and Ken Hays have worked together the last two years to develop a flower garden in the compost area. Over time it has evolved into a lovely oval-shaped Hummingbird Garden. Tasha has propagated many cuttings to fill the garden with tubular flowers of many different colors; has labeled all the plants and is in the process of putting in signage. It is a beautiful compliment to the educational component of the compost area.

My thanks to Gary Dubois and Dave Hopkins for helping me scrape out the chemical room and clean out all the remaining poop and spilled chemicals. It was a messy job, but the result is a very neat and clean storage area. All chemicals and garden supplies are now stored in metal garbage cans; I'd like to meet the rat that chews through those cans!!

Geoff and Cameron are bringing more of their plants to the Xeriscape Garden. It is amazing to see those plants survive in the water-free area. Geoff waters to get them established and then they are on their own. Take a look, too, at the birdcage donated by Wendy Tate. It is the newest piece of garden art and very stunningly placed.

I noticed the Children's Garden has a newly updated nature box that is of great interest to children and adults as well.

Philece has the Straw Bale Garden planted, and it seems to be thriving in warm weather.

Denise Fennell has volunteered to be the "filler-upper" of the water storage system. Last week Noel led us through an update and tutorial on using the two 2500 gallon storage tanks. This simple system is supplying water to the Easy Access Garden, the Perennial Border, the

Straw Bale area and the compost tea making equipment and clean up.

At our last meeting, the suggestion was made to look into porous pavement for the main paths in the garden. It sounds really interesting and may be the answer to handicapped access. If you would be interested in working with me to pursue that idea, please give me a call.

You wonderfully-dedicated volunteers make the garden a welcoming site for all to enjoy. All your work is greatly appreciated!

See you in the garden.

OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS Chapter Meeting at Bonnie Courter's Residence June 25, 2015

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch. There were 34 in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist: Steve began by saying the rumors of Steve leaving are true. However, he stressed it was the Extension Forester, Steve Bowers, who is leaving. He will be moving up to OSU to fill a two year position and plans to retire after. His position here in Douglas County will be filled.

Steve brought Master Gardener 2016 program applications. He asked that everyone take at least one application and share with a neighbor, friend or anyone else who might be interested in the program.

Clarification on OSU's marijuana policy was discussed. OSU receives over \$200 million in federal grants each year. We are required to follow federal guidelines and cannot give out any advice on this subject without jeopardizing

our federal funding. This applies not only to those accessing the plant clinic, but also neighbors or friends who might inquire.

If anyone is interested in information on successfully growing gardenias in Douglas County, Steve has a contact that is doing so. Talk to Steve if interested.

A commercial grower shared with Steve his success story on controlling cucumber beetles in squash and cucumbers. He uses a sprinkling can filled with water and flushes his plants twice a day, midmorning and 6pm which flushes the beetles out.

Boxwood blight has hit hard and is spreading rapidly, particularly in the Portland area. Symptoms in plants include die back, wilt and taking on a grayish scorched look. The spread of this blight is being tracked throughout the state, so contact Steve if you think you might have plants which are affected.

The normal monthly schedule for diagnostics class has not been working out with Steve's busy schedule. OSU is down to five horticulturists within the state and those individuals are spread very thin. As such, he will be picking a date when he's available and send out a notice for the class. The next diagnostic class will focus on viral diseases and issues i.e. squash mosaic virus, grapevine fan leaf virus, and tobacco mosaic virus (hitting tomatoes and other vegetable crops). Eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, potatoes and plums are being hit by viruses.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Denise Fennell: Nothing to report.

OMGA - Denise Fennell for Anne Bacon: 2015 Mini College will take place in McMinnville on August 8-9 with Leadership training sessions on the 7th. Information on classes and housing is available online at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/minicollege-classes>.

Treasurer - Vicki McAlister: Financials were distributed. Updates on budget are available on the web.

Vice President - Fred Alley: Thanks to Bonnie for hosting our June meeting and potluck. Although temperatures were forecast for the 90's, the picturesque venue was shady with a nice breeze. Bonnie shared some of the



background of their property which used to be the home of the old South Deer Creek School.

The Courter's have lived in their home for 29 years, and Bonnie keeps busy trying to outsmart the deer and gophers. She is currently trying to get rid of the gophers by putting dry ice down their holes. Stay tuned for upcoming news on the efficiency of this technique. As if Bonnie doesn't have enough to keep her busy, she also maintains the pioneer cemetery across from their house and is getting ready to host a family reunion! Thanks again Bonnie for your hospitality!



There have been several informative articles in the News-Review submitted by several of our members including, Steve Renquist, Bonnie Courter, Leo Grass, Larry Sutton and Chris Rusch. Bonnie has an online subscription to the paper so she will be sending out articles of interest to Douglas County Master Gardeners.

Our next meeting will be on July 30th at Georgia and Tim Richards. Fred will send out instructions prior to that meeting.

Past President - Larry Sutton: Larry had nothing to report but is glad to be back stateside.

Secretary - Barbara Robinson: No report

President – Chris Rusch: Chris brought Mini College schedules for those interested. There are some more advanced classes this year and many interesting subjects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch: The clinic has seen over 100 visitors this month which is down from 140 last year. They are receiving more questions through email which tend to be more challenging to answer than face to face or phone contact. Steve Renquist mentioned he is getting quite a few walk ins outside of Plant Clinic hours which may also account for the reduced number. Veterans are needed to fill numerous slots in July.

Community Outreach - Leo Grass: Brook Edmunds is bringing a group of Lane County MG's down to visit our Discovery Garden on Tuesday, August 25th at 10 a.m. Brook oversees the Master Gardener programs in Lane, Linn, and Benton counties. Bob Brindley presented a class on watering techniques to 20 people in Grants Pass.

We will be sharing a booth at the Douglas County Fair with the Douglas County Beekeeper Association once again this year. The theme this year will evolve around dry year gardening in some capacity. Dates for the Fair are Aug. 5-8 (same as Mini-College) with volunteers needed to man the booth three shifts per day. Leo has asked for only 2 people in the booth to alleviate overcrowding, with one veteran and one newbie needed per shift. Leo will be sending out more information on sign ups. Anyone working the Fair will be given a free admission pass.

Westside Greenhouse - Barbara Robinson for Maureen Benice: Small crews are dividing plant material, repotting and doing general cleanup.

Barbara has purchased a few of the black Douglas County Master Gardener aprons. They are \$15 each. Contact Barbara if you are interested in purchasing one.

Eastside Greenhouse - Bruce Gravens: This is a busy time of year for the Eastside with propagation by divisions, stem cuttings, etc. If you have any plant material you think might be appropriate and are willing to share please contact Eastside. They would be glad to help you prune and collect the material. The Eastside has a good crew showing up each Tuesday, but could definitely use a few more.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery by Chris Rusch: Gary Dubois and Dave Hopkins cleaned out the chemical room. Numerous very old chemicals have been disposed of and new supply will be stocked next week. Everything is now in metal cans.

Denise Fennell is the official filler of the reservoir system. All system users have been giving a tutorial on its use. Noel Groshong and Dave Hopkins installed a replacement valve for the river water. It is designed to be fool-proof. (Just what are you implying Miss Julie? ☺) The irrigation team is watering Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 2 hours each session. With the current high pressure, they are able to water the entire garden each time.

Thanks to Fred Alley for his restoration work on numerous garden tools for use in the garden. Sandy Grindle has been manicuring the property in preparation for Graffiti Weekend. All chips have been disbursed by tractor man, Gale Robinson and new ones will not be delivered until after Graffiti.

Word is getting out among the butterflies of all the wonderful sunshine and nectar available in the Butterfly Garden. Many have been sighted this past week enjoying the garden.

With the hot weather, most gardens are starting work at 8 a.m.

Publicity/Newsletter -

Bonnie Courter: A few new banners have been purchased for Plant Sale. The most impressive is a thirty-foot long banner which will hang the 2-3 weeks before our sale on the Fairgrounds grandstand. Bonnie says it is beautiful! She also reminded members articles for the Newsletter are due this Saturday.



Nominating Committee – Julie Stanbery by

Chris Rusch: Official nominations will be presented and voted on at our July chapter meeting.

Facebook – Barbara Horst: The DCMG page has 561 followers.

Awards Banquet - Judy Huntley by Chris

Rusch: The banquet will be held on Saturday, October 3rd. More information will be forthcoming as the date gets closer.

Hallmark – Linda Thames by Chris Rusch:

Former Master Gardener, Diane Aiello, passed away after a lengthy illness. Her husband Chuck, also a Master Gardener, was formerly chapter president. Information was emailed regarding services this Saturday, June 25th.

New Business:

Chris Rusch appointed an audit committee consisting of Judy Huntley, Toni Rudolph, Patrice Sipos, and Karolyn Riecks. Their findings and recommendations will be presented at the August chapter meeting.

At the request of the membership, Betty Ison is organizing a Master Gardener garden tour for July 23rd. More MG locations are needed for the tour. Currently there are only two who have volunteered to participate, Betty and Lori

Salars. Please contact Betty if you are interesting in participating. Directions for the tour will be published in the Newsletter.

Show and Tell:

Bob Brindley is active in various activities through the Umpqua Valley Art Association, including their marketing committee. He verbally surveyed those in attendance regarding how they heard about the Art Association's events.

Steve gave everyone a heads-up on the severe consequences in relation to the high temperatures and lack of moisture. Take measures to protect your more delicate plants by moving potted plants under trees, covering with shade cloth, or any other kind of temporary shade, and make sure all is well hydrated. The product "Surround" may be sprayed on fruit trees and other plant material and will protect from heat scorch. It deflects the heat and light away from the fruit. It will leave a white residue so fruit will have to be washed. An added bonus is it repels codling moth as well. It may be purchased at DC Coop. Do what you can to prepare for the heat.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch.



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: The deadline for the August 2015 Newsletter is Aug. 1st. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: rbcourter@gmail.com

Website: www.douglascountymg.org

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OSU Gardening Information: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening

OSU Master Gardeners Program: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/mg

Oregon Master Gardeners Association (OMGA): www.oregonmastergardeners.org



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