



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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October 2015

Oct. 2015 Calendar

Thurs., Oct. 1, 12:30-2:30

Herb Garden Crew

Sat., Oct. 3, 5:30

Awards Banquet, First United
Methodist Church, Roseburg

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

Insect Committee

Tues., Oct. 6, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Tues., Oct. 13, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Wed., Oct. 14, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting
(Budget Discussions)

Thurs., Oct. 15, 12:30-2:30

Herb Garden Crew (last day)

Sat., Oct. 17, 9:30-3:30

Umpqua Biochar Expo, Discovery
Garden

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

Insect Committee

Tues., Oct. 20, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Tues., Oct. 27, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews & Sale

Victory Garden Crew

Thurs., Oct. 29, 9:00

Continuing Education

Thurs., Oct. 29, 10:00

Chapter Meeting at Extension



The President's Post

Chris Rusch

Fall has finally arrived! We had our September meeting at the Discovery Garden last Thursday and it was a beautiful fall morning. Thank you to Bob for setting up our annual Tomato Tasting Event after the meeting. It is always a treat to sample so many different tomato varieties in one place.

Our Discovery Garden was a glorious setting for our September meeting. From the lovely dahlias and roses near the pavilion to all the amazing gardens and greenhouses beyond, it's clear our volunteers have been really busy this month. Thank you, everyone, for making this a truly wonderful place to be proud of.

Speaking of proud, October is the month in which we recognize our own and our fellow MG's accomplishments for the year. Come join us for a delightful meal, good company, some personal recognition, and the chance to recognize your co-volunteers for what they have done in the past year. Our annual awards banquet will be Saturday, October 3, at the First Methodist Church on West Harvard. The social hour starts at 5:30, and a potluck dinner will follow at 6:00. Hope to see you there!



As I was out walking this morning I felt a chill in the air. It was 40 degrees, and the leaves are beginning to turn into their fall colors. I was reminded that we need to think about wrapping up our gardens for winter. Here are some tips to consider:

- Bring in house plants that have summered outdoors. Bring them in when the night time temperatures consistently fall into the lower 50's. Try to avoid abrupt changes in light or temperature. Check for insects prior to bringing the plants inside. Re-pot if plant has outgrown its container. Plants that have grown vigorously outside may need some pruning.



- Clean up vegetable gardens and annual flower beds. Harvest all usable vegetables and annual flowers.



Leftover debris can be tilled into soil or placed into the compost pile. Clean up weeds as they can harbor diseases and insects. Add compost and other organic material to enrich the soil. Place mulch on beds or plant cover crops to prevent erosion during the winter.

- Clean up perennial flower beds. Remove weeds that may harbor diseases and insects. After we have a couple of frosts, mulch the perennial plants. Plants can be cut back now or in early spring. New perennials can be planted in fall; established perennials can be divided; October is the best time for this.



- Tree and shrub maintenance: Prune trees after they go dormant in the fall, or in the early spring. Prune late summer and fall flowering shrubs after they go dormant. DO NOT prune spring flowering shrubs in fall (they already have their flower buds). Trees and shrubs can be fertilized after they go dormant (October) or in spring. Continue regular watering as long as weather remains dry.

- Lawn care: Fertilizing in October promotes early green up in the spring. Lawns can be de-thatched or core-aerated in early October if needed. Early fall is a good time to establish or renovate a lawn.



- Miscellaneous. Plant spring flowering bulbs in early fall (mid-September to mid-October). Clean garden tools so they will be ready for next season. Drain and store garden hoses. Consider composting as a method to deal with garden debris and autumn leaves.

That's all I have. See you at the Banquet!

P.S. Our social networking is paying off! If you are a Facebook person please come to our DCMG and "like us". <https://www.facebook.com/douglascountymastergardeners>

Vice-President's Report

Fred Alley

Our September 23, 2015 Chapter meeting marked the last of the summer meetings. The Discovery Garden provided a great setting for the meeting, topped off with a beautiful morning. We had a good turnout (42 attending), which in turn provided a full range of food for our potluck lunch. What a perfect and enjoyable morning! Many lingered after the meeting, strolling through the Discovery Garden. Any time is a good time to visit the Garden, however, Fall is particularly enjoyable and rewarding. This month I took a few photographs of our fellow Master Gardeners as they were working in the Garden. Because our Annual Awards Banquet is October 3rd, I wanted to focus on the many hours of volunteer time members give to the Discovery Garden, year after year. Please join us at the Awards Banquet and thank those members who continue to rack up those volunteer hours.



As I was setting up tables/chairs/public announcement system for the meeting, a young woman visiting the Garden asked me why one would like to participate in the Master Garden Program. What a loaded question! Dave Hopkins and Ken



Hays quickly joined us in our conversation. I hope we didn't overwhelm her, but what she was most amazed about is that our program is made up almost entirely of volunteers. She also was amazed with the variety of gardens within the Garden. By the time we were through, she told us she now

understood why one would want to join the Master Garden Program. I think we recruited a future new member.

If you were not able to attend the meeting, you missed the opportunity to win a vintage Master Garden T-Shirt I raffled off. I selected a number between 1-20, Chris Rusch witnessed the number I had selected and then I asked those attending to call out the number I had selected. Well, the winner of the vintage Master Garden T-Shirt was one of our vintage members, Jim Leet. Congratulations, Jim! If you ever determine the year of the T-Shirt, let us know.

October will begin the monthly Continuing Education Program series. The series is held at 9:00 AMs, just prior to the monthly chapter meeting. All of the presentations are held in the OSU Extension Service Annex Auditorium. The program are open to the public, so please feel free to bring a guest. I'm pleased to report that I have the entire series scheduled, with a few final commitments pending.



The October program will be a presentation by Kim Turner and Jo Carol Driver, both registered dietitians from Mercy Medical Center. I asked Kim and Jo Carol, because they are registered dietitians, but also because I know they are both great gardeners. We thought a presentation on "Healthy Eating and the Garden" would be a great topic. With their schedules, there may be a chance only one may be able to make the presentation, however I'm confident you will enjoy it.

Water-Wise Trees for Your Landscape

Steve Renquist

The 2015 growing season has officially become the hottest and driest on record in Oregon. We just went through the toughest growing season in over 100 years. With the recent trend toward hotter and drier summers, and milder winters without much snow, I think it is important to review what types of plants will survive this warming climate. This month I would like to revisit an article I wrote about water-wise trees a few years ago.

All summer long I appreciated the life-saving shade my trees provided for my landscape and me. Trees shade our homes, clean the air, sequester carbon from the atmosphere, offer habitat to wildlife, and provide beauty to our landscapes. But this summer I also noticed that plants growing in the afternoon shade of my trees also did pretty well with just a small amount of leaf scorch. Plants out in the open had most of their leaves fried.

A homeowner does not have to give up anything (size, flowers, bark beauty, or foliage color) to plant water-wise trees. There's a large selection of drought-tolerant native and non-native trees with wonderful diverse characteristics.

Our climate in western Oregon can be stressful to trees that haven't developed here and adapted. We have six months or more of saturated soils followed by five months of bone dry soils. This combination of too wet and too dry is not easy for most trees. Native trees have adapted to these conditions which are likely to stress many non-native trees. And stressed trees are more susceptible to disease and poor growth.

Big leaf maple, madrone, chinquapin, Ponderosa pine, Incense cedar, and Oregon white oak, also known as Garry oak, are all native trees that can tolerate

our wet winters and dry summers. Since these trees are native to our state they are all good choices for naturescaping to provide food and shelter to other forms of wildlife. Research has shown that over 300 species of insects will spend part of their life cycle in our native oak trees. And it is often these species of insects that provide a food source for many of our native song birds. Without these native trees, our song bird population declines or disappears.

If you prefer to plant non-native trees, look for those that have similar characteristics to our natives that can tolerate wet and dry seasons and are not invasive. These would include catalpa (native to southeastern US), ginkgo (China), honey locust (central and eastern North America), Atlas cedar (North Africa), Deodar cedar (Himalayan), mimosa (Australia, Mexico, southwestern US), mulberry (China), Swiss stone pine (central Europe), hornbeam (Europe to Iran and eastern North America), eastern redbud (eastern US), and giant sequoia (Sierra Nevada).

To create a drought-tolerant, sustainable yard, plant drought-tolerant trees with other drought-tolerant plants in the same area of your garden. Don't surround water-wise/drought-hardy trees with lawn, shrubs, or other plants that need frequent watering. Over watering native trees during summer can lead to root rots.

To give new trees the best start, plant them from fall to late winter to allow their root systems a chance to get well established before the heat of summer. Your drought-hardy trees will do better if you give them an occasional deep irrigation during their first summer in your landscape. And remember to put your trees in the right place. Know if your tree likes full sun or shade, requires a well-drained or damp site, and will mature into a big space or a small space.

Hopefully the summer of 2015 will not become the new norm. However, if it does, be prepared by having the right trees, in the right places.

Awards Banquet

Judy Huntley

It's that time again for our annual Awards Banquet, and it's happening this very Saturday, **October 3rd**, starting at 5:30 (dinner at 6:00). We will be at the First United Methodist Church, 1771 W. Harvard in Roseburg.

If you haven't been to one of these, it's an awful lot of fun as well as frivolity. There are door prizes galore (awesome ones, at that), lip-smacking, mouth-watering dinner fare (soup potluck including salads, breads and those sinful desserts we MG's are so famous for), great conversation, and of course awards, awards, and more awards. It's a time to recognize all our awesome MG volunteers for all their tireless work throughout the year that make Douglas County Master Gardeners such a thriving and successful venture.

Sign-up sheets are in the Plant Clinic if you plan on attending. Please bring family and friends as well, and indicate how many are coming on the sheet. Also sign up for a potluck dish to bring. If you cannot make it into the Plant Clinic to sign up, please call or email me. Also needed is help in setting up the tables and decorations Saturday morning as well as a cleanup crew after the banquet is over. See you there!



Chris Rusch

Activity in the Plant Clinic slowed down this month! We had over 120 visitors in August and only 90 in September. The questions were still challenging and ranged from problems with blossom-end rot and sun scorch to tomatoes, and powdery mildew on vegetables and grapes. In addition we have been seeing quite a bit of drought damage to trees and shrubs showing up after our long, hot summer.

As we get into the fall season, we still need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic both in continuing to help our new volunteers and keeping up with the workload of assisting our visitors to the Plant Clinic. Please try to volunteer your expertise at least once a month to help out in this important outreach program. The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County. Starting in October the Plant Clinic will only be open 3 days a week; Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic! I especially want to thank the 2015 Plant Clinic training team core group folks: Leo Grass, Larry Sutton, Anne Bacon, Bonnie Courter, and Chris Rusch.

If you are in town, stop by the Clinic and say, "Hi".

Innovate!

by Bob Brindley

I used to have a vegetable garden. I had two raised beds; one was 4 feet by 8 feet and the other one was 4 feet by 10 feet. They sat on the ground. The beds were watered with drip irrigation soaker hoses. They had good, composted soil with well-balanced NPK ratios, as verified by MG soil testing, and grew nice healthy plants. About three years ago that all came to an end.

It started with tomatoes. I love tomatoes and I also like to grow many different varieties, but yet I need to grow enough plants of my favorites to meet my yearly emotional quota. Overall I need 15 to 30 plants. I devoted one of the beds each year to tomatoes and the other bed to all of my other vegetables. But I did not want to build more raised beds! So what should I do?

So I began an extensive search for more information on varieties and ideal growing methods. I began experimenting with the spacing of the tomatoes. One year I tried 11 tomatoes in the 4 x 10 bed (row spacing of 4-3-4 plants offset between rows). They produced healthy plants, but because of the crowding, they yielded fewer tomatoes per plant and they were harder to reach for picking. In addition, to pick the ones in the center row, I had to step into the bed thus compacting the soil. I decided I would plant a maximum of 7 plants per bed in two rows (row spacing of 4-3 plants offset between rows).

Other experiments were tried. After reading about planting tomatoes in plastic storage totes which are available everywhere, I knew that was the way to go for me. That way I could grow many more tomatoes and not build any more raised beds. Plus they could be emptied

at the end of the season, stacked together, and stored in a small area for the winter. The soil could be saved in large trashcans or put in the composter. At the beginning of the next year the soil could be amended based on results of the MG soil test results before being added back into the totes. But it required purchasing a number of very specific parts to put one together and minor modifications to the tote. After two years, I had not bought the parts so I went the more expensive easy route.



I bought an Earth Grow Box. Everything was included, just add plants and water. I had concerns about the reservoir water system, but especially about tomato yield. Was there enough room for roots to grow a nice healthy plant, and would there be a reduced yield of tomatoes subsequently?

Both of my concerns were answered by mid-summer. I only had to water once a week at most. The plants were healthy and there was a good deal of fruit. The indeterminate plants got to about 4 foot tall but yielded as many tomatoes as a full sized plant. Then one-day disaster hit! The plant had gotten so heavy it bent the flimsy tomato cage I had originally added in case it got tall in half! It looked ugly for the rest of the season but I didn't lose any tomatoes.

The next summer was when I lost my vegetable garden. At the end of the previous season I had bought two additional Earth Grow Boxes on sale for use this summer. In addition, I read about using 5 gallon buckets, like those at Lowe's, Home Depot, Douglas Coop, Coastal Supply and a million other stores. They are cheap (\$4 to \$8) and easier to modify than the totes. They come in different colors depending on whom you buy them from; you can even get a camouflaged one from Coastal. They may be helpful for those people who are bothered by deer. The deer won't even know you have a

garden. In addition, I bought some totes in approximately 5, 10, and 15 gallon sizes.

There also was another big change that happened around that time. I took up ceramics as a hobby and fell in love with it. The only connection I saw at that time between gardening and ceramics was that I might make some pots someday. Boy was I wrong!

During that summer, all these factors lead to me losing my garden. It is not that the two beds disappeared; they are still in existence. It's just that I started experimenting in those beds, the totes, and the buckets. Then I discovered how I could incorporate ceramics into my gardening.

We name areas around our property so we know what exact area we are talking about when we are discussing doing something. So we have "Strawberry Fields" where we originally planted the strawberries. It is now "Blueberry Flats" since we moved the strawberries to a new elevated raised bed and fabric bags. This area now has blueberries.

We have "Love Canal" where we couldn't grow anything for 5 years because it was where the previous owners parked their RV and we believe toxic fluids leached into the ground. We also have "Field of Dreams" where we first planted flowers on the side of the house that replaced a so-called lawn, which led us to eventually rip out all the remaining lawn and replant only a garden. Today we have no lawn anywhere on the property except for the parking strip, and hopefully that goes next month.

All of this is what led to a name change for "Vegetable Garden" to "In the Lab" for this area of our property.

In the December newsletter, I will tell you about what I learned in the lab during the previous 3 years about tomatoes, containers, watering, soil, and other plants that I have growing there. I will also tell you what I will be exploring in the future.

Note: The December column may be my last article. If nobody finds these columns helpful or interesting, then I would just as soon devote my time to other areas I'm interested in. So please let me know if you want this column to continue next year (every other month starting in February). If not, no response is necessary. If yes, then please e-mail me and if you have suggestions for content or changes, feel free to let me know. I take criticism well.

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Treasurer's Report as of 9/23/15 Patrice Sipos

INCOME 8/28/15 - 9/23/15

Donations/Interest	\$277.36
Soil Testing	\$25.00
Plant Sale - Post	\$12.50
Compost Tea	<u>\$0.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$314.86

EXPENSES 8/28/15 - 9/23/15

Gifts/Postage	\$0.00
Scholarships (from OMGA)	\$250.00
Liability Insurance	\$0.00
Newsletter Postage	\$20.59
Website development	\$0.00
DG - Various	\$339.75
HLC - Various	\$131.99
Plant Sale - Various	<u>\$83.48</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$825.81

Breakdown of our accounts

Checking	\$1,582.47
Money Market - Reserves	\$8,659.10
Money Market	<u>\$46,113.76</u>
Ending Balance 9/05/15	\$56,355.33

Bake Sale

Janet Parkerson

We're gearing up for our annual Bake Sale held each year the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Please save this year's date, **Saturday, November 21, 9 AM - 2 PM** on your calendar. Sherm's Thunderbird market has again generously offered the use of their premises for this event.



Sign-up sheets are in the Plant Clinic for the various working committees, baked goods or ingredients needed, and for those who can come participate in selling the baked goods that Saturday. Baked goods will be received the day before the sale, Friday, November 20th, from 1:30-4:00 at the Extension kitchen. They will also be accepted the day of the sale at Sherm's from 7:45-8:45. Be prepared to fill out ingredient slips, and package your baked donations in festive ribbons and/or packaging. Any questions, please contact myself or Jo Ann Pico.

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Membership Dues

Denise Fennell

Hello Master Gardeners!

Well this month starts the membership drive. And while dues, technically, do not have to be turned in to me by January 1, 2016, it really helps me out to have them early. That being said, attached is the 2016 Membership Renewal Form.

NOTE - For those wanting to have the Newsletter mailed to you, the price of postage is going to \$8.75 for the year. We are hoping that this increase will last us for a few years.

Also on the form is a new category - "Contact Preference". Please check all that apply, but we would like to know how you prefer to be contacted: Phone Call, Email or Text. This preference will be listed on future rosters.

If you cannot print the form and mail it to me with your check, PLEASE jot down the info on a note and include it with your check. I received numerous checks that had no name on the check or return address on the envelope.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2016!

Denise Fennell
DCMG Membership Director
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/oregreenacres/>

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2016 DUES
and REPLACEMENT NAME TAG

(Please pay **BEFORE** January 1, 2016)

PRINT ALL information below EVEN if nothing has changed:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE: _____ CHECK # _____ AMOUNT \$ _____

I prefer to be contacted by _____ Email _____ Phone _____ Text Msg

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

_____ ***Please mail my newsletter. I have included an EXTRA \$8.75 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, 2016.

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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**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY
MASTER GARDENER
Chapter Meeting
Discovery Garden Pavilion
September 24, 2015**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch. There were 45 in attendance.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as distributed.

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist: Not in attendance



OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Denise Fennell: Denise will be bringing membership forms to our October chapter meeting. Added to the form will be a section for members to indicate their preferred method of contact, i.e. text, email, phone, etc.

OMGA – Anne Bacon: The next OMGA meeting will be in Linn County on Saturday, No. 7th. All are welcome to come. If interested contact Anne for more information.

Treasurer – Patrice Sipos: Financials were distributed. Updates on budget are available on the web. Outstanding bills should be submitted to the Treasurer in a timely manner for payment before the end of the year.



Vice President - Fred Alley: October 29th continuing education will be given by Kim Turner and Jo Carol Dryver, registered dieticians with Mercy Medical Center. They will focus on gardening and healthy eating.

Past President - Larry Sutton: Not in attendance.

Secretary - Barbara Robinson: Barbara thanked Jen Bailey and Janet Parkerson for filling in for her while she was gone.

President – Chris Rusch: There will be a community open house at the Discovery Garden next spring aimed at community involvement and education. There will be mini workshops provided throughout the garden. Next year's focus will be on more educational offerings for the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach – Leo Grass: Leo will be hosting a group of kindergarten kids from Cobb Street School in the Discovery Garden tomorrow. Nathan Baily will head up a composting class scheduled for January.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch: Traffic in the Plant Clinic is slowing down. Starting in October, days will be cut back to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. November will go to two days and December one day. Clinic workers have been able to hand out quite a few MG class interest letters. Chris encouraged others to do the same.

Kruse Farms - Anne Bacon: Only one more week at Kruse Farms. Anne said Kruse Farms has been very welcoming. She thanked everyone who has worked this venue.

Westside Greenhouse - Maureen Benice: Crews have been cleaning up plants and root pruning and have now started cuttings propagation directed by Jackie Carpenter. This will be the focus for the next few weeks. Maureen announced Denise Fennell will be her replacement as Winter Training Coordinator.



mulch has been added and drought tolerant plants will be planted.

- Thank you to Sharon Hopkins and Dave Hopkins for the beautiful hand painted sign for the donor board.



Awards - Betty Ison: Betty announced five more students who have earned their 60 hour swinger bars: Gary Dubois, Charlotte Hennessy, Karen Lavalley, Carene Villegas, and Barbara Zastrow.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery: The main topic of the Discovery Garden meeting last week was the need to reach out to the public with the focus on educational items, signs, etc. Many gardens are currently fulfilling this goal. Julie thanked everyone for their hard work and advised the scheduled workdays in the Discovery Garden are over for the year. She also gave kudos to the following:

- The gong in the Japanese garden has been refurbished by Fred Alley and looks great.
- The Children's Garden shadow box, with seasonal items displayed, is a great addition.
- The Shade Garden has expanded into a small grassy area on the west side of Pavilion. The grass was difficult to keep green so leaf

- The Butterfly Garden has qualified as a Monarch waystation. A sign will soon be installed noting such.
- Tasha King and Ken Hays put in a hummingbird garden this season.
- Worm composting and biochar have merged into one section with Nathan Baily heading it up.
- Dave Hopkins trimmed the euonymus shrubs into a hedge making it easier to maintain.
- Perennial and Easy Access garden heads, Betty Ison and Jeanie Owen, are working together toward a wonderful educational display.
- Xeriscape is expanding all the way to the outer fence with beds made out of wood chips and leaf mulch.
- The Rock Garden, headed by Tasha King, has been a favorite of the public with many seen seated, enjoying the area.

Watering is on a flexible schedule according to the weather and will probably go through October with the current weather conditions.

Installation of educational signs has been ongoing under the guidance of Karen Glatz.

With the onset of dump charges, Ken Hays has graciously agreed to continue hauling garbage to the dump. Julie asked members to take any recyclables home.

Julie advised Master Gardener parking permits for the Discovery Garden can be obtained at the front office of Extension.

Signage – Karen Glatz: Karen advised there are new signs in the Compost area, Butterfly Garden, and Biochar. Other signs are yet to be installed and hopefully will be done by next year.

Victory Garden: The crew expects to easily reach their goal of 4,000 lbs. of produce.

Publicity/Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Bonnie has submitted PSA's giving the change in hours for the Plant Clinic. Newsletter articles are due on Monday.

Facebook - Denise Fennell: There are over 600 participants to date.

Awards Banquet – Judy Huntley: A signup sheet was passed for the banquet. The evening will celebrate our accomplishments during the past year with awards and door prizes. It will be held at the First Methodist Church on Harvard on Oct. 3rd at 5:30pm. Particularly needed for the potluck are more salads, and Judy asked for someone to take charge of the punch. She also asked for help setting up the morning of the banquet at 9 a.m. Signups for the banquet should be no later than Sept. 25. Anyone signing up after that time cannot be guaranteed a certificate(s) the night of the event.

Bake Sale - Janet Parkerson: Our annual bake sale will once again be held the Saturday

before Thanksgiving on November 21st from 9a.m. to 2p.m. at Sherm's Thunderbird Market. Baked goods will be received the day before on Friday from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the Extension kitchen. They will also be accepted the day of the sale at Sherm's from 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Please mark your calendars with these dates and stay tuned for more information. Janet circulated a signup sheet for workers. Please call Janet Parkerson or Jo Ann Pico with any questions.

2015 Class Rep - Barbara Hamby: Classmates with outstanding hours to complete were contacted on Monday. .

Hallmark – Linda Thames: Linda made note of several Master Gardeners who have recently had surgery: Marianne Major, Myra Weber, and Jim Leet. She also saw Sally Johnson who is doing well. Congratulations to Ken and Charity Hays who recently became great grandparents!

NEW BUSINESS

- Chris Rusch, President and Barbara Robinson, Secretary were sworn into office by Betty Ison.



- Denise Fennell: Postage for the Newsletter will be increased from \$8.50 to \$8.75 per year. This hopefully will cover the cost of increased postage for the next few years.
- Denise Fennell - Winter Class: Denise circulated a signup sheet for mentors. Trainees from last year's class will have first preference as mentors. She also asked for donations of small, pocket calendars to pass

out to class members. There are currently 12 to 15 prospective students signed up. Steve Renquist will be advertising for new students via the newspaper and radio spots.

- Barbara Robinson: UCAN (United Community Action Network) badly needs volunteer help to support their food distribution warehouse. This is where all our Victory Garden produce is taken. Helpers are needed to: assist in warehouse, sort food donations, and drive or ride along in the Food Bank truck to pick up fresh produce, meat, bakery and dairy items from local grocery stores. For more information, please contact Jeanine Coffey at 541-492-3524 or email Jeanine.coffey@ucancap.org

SHOW AND TELL

- Elva Sellens invited everyone to the Douglas County Dahlia Society Show this weekend at the Fairgrounds Floral Building. Best day to view will be Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. while flowers are fresh, or the show will also be on Sunday from 10a.m. to 3p.m. Elva recently attended the National Dahlia Society's 100th Anniversary Show in Long Island, New York. From her description, it certainly sounded like the trip of a lifetime!
- Julie Stanbery brought in a potted Mangrove "stick" she obtained from Nathan Baily last year. It is just now developing a couple buds. Nathan said his just leafed out as well. Julie brought in more tiger lily bulbs to share and indicated there are Lipstick Strawberry plants in the shade garden which need to be thinned out and taken home.

Tomato Tasting - Bob Brindley: There are 15 varieties to taste.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m. by President, Chris Rusch.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Robinson, DCMG Secretary



Fred's Fav's



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: The deadline for the November 2015 Newsletter is October 31st. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: rbcourter@gmail.com

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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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