



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS NEWSLETTER

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Jan. 2017 Calendar

Mon., Jan. 2, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Jan. 3, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class & Potluck

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

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

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Jan. 10, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Wed., Jan. 11, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Mon., Jan. 16, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Mon., Jan. 16, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Jan. 17, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Mon., Jan. 23, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Jan. 24, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Jan. 26, 9:00-10:00

Continuing Education, Annex

Thurs., Jan. 26, 10:00

Chapter Meeting, Annex

Thurs., Jan. 26, 1:00-4:00

Pruning Class: fruit trees, DG

Mon., Jan. 30, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Jan. 31, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Feb. 2, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew



Agent's Welcome

Steve Renquist

Welcome to the class of Master Gardeners™ 2017. 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 pruning classes at the Discovery Garden for fruit trees, shade and ornamental trees, and shrubs, outside of our regular Tuesday schedule. We encourage the class of 2017 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 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-two 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.

Now let's meet the Executive Board members:

DCMG President **Chris Rusch**

Happy New Year, everyone! I am delighted to welcome all our new 2017 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 Executive Board, 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 2017 Master Gardeners are invited to attend and participate in our meetings and contribute your ideas.

I have been a Master Gardener for seven 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

Anne Bacon

Dirt is prettier with green stuff on it... Except it's not dirt, it's soil-- and a lawn is not the prettiest choice for green stuff. You will learn these things and so much more over the coming months.

By now, you know you're happily welcomed to the 2017 Class Douglas County Master Gardeners (DCMG) Program. You will become familiar with sustainable gardening as a way of life. Propagation, cultivation and stewardship of green stuff will become second nature.



I joined the DCMG in 2014. Since then I have served as our Chapter's Representative to the statewide organization (OMGA) and am now Vice-President. This will be my third year serving as a class mentor. I've met many amazing people and found some great friends. My view of the world has been expanded and I've gained a fresh outlook on gardening.

As Vice-President, my 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.

My favorite 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. These programs are open to all Master Gardeners and their guests and friends as well as the general public. 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.

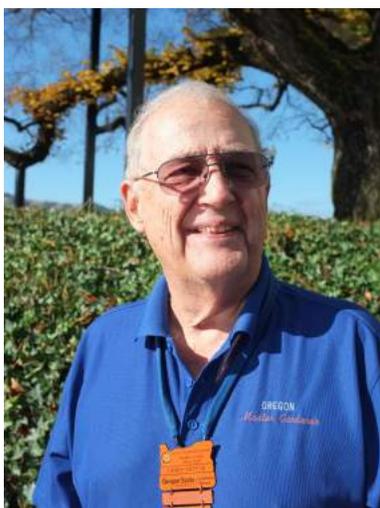
Please feel free to contact me with suggestions or questions.

Annebacon2015@gmail.com, 541-670-8365

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 2017, 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.

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!

Treasurer Patrice Sipos

The Treasurer's job is to maintain the financial records of the chapter. This includes: assisting in the development of the chapter's budget, tracking income and expenditures, paying bills and depositing money, providing financial information to members at monthly board and general meetings and in the Newsletter, and providing a year-end report of the chapter's finances to the state OMGA treasurer to be used in our federal income tax filing.



Any financial questions you may have should be directed to the Treasurer at: psiposcb@gmail.com or 541-637-5554.

OMGA Rep & Alternate Nancy Fuller & Kish Doyle

As the Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) Representative and Alternate Representative, we 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 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.
- "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 funding special projects.
- Search for Excellence Award which recognizes outstanding projects by chapters that can be adapted



Nancy Fuller



Kish Doyle

by other chapters. Douglas County won the Search for Excellence in 2012.

- Select and honor the Oregon State Master Gardener of the Year.
- Select and honor the “Behind the Scenes” Master Gardener of the Year

Kish and I look forward to getting to know the 2017 new class. If you have any questions about OMGA, please ask us:

Nancy Fuller: nmfuller200@gmail.com

Kish Doyle: kdoyle1320@gmail.com

Membership Diana Circle

Hello! I'm Diana Circle and I am your Membership Director. I have been with the DCMG since 2007 and thoroughly enjoy gardening and making new friends.



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.

When I have completed my office work, you'll find me out at the Victory Garden, and this spring in the Westside Greenhouse. And when I'm not doing Master Gardener duties, I volunteer with the SHIBA program helping seniors with education on Medicare issues.

I love to travel with my family and friends.

Find me at dianalcircle@gmail.com or 541-672-0925.

Winter Training Coordinator Denise Fennell

As the Winter Training Coordinator I help plan and execute the annual training sessions.



When I'm not doing Master Gardener duties, you'll find me at the BBQ or the smoker, canning foods, freeze drying foods and enjoying the Oregon life.

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



ATTENTION!

DCMG MEMBERS

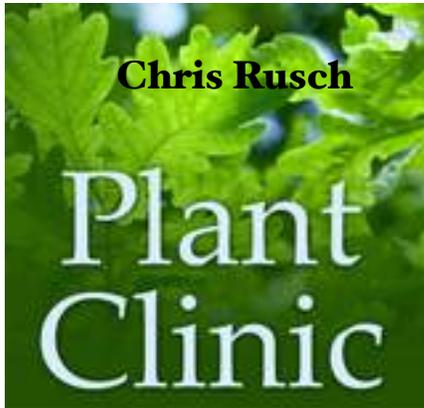
YOUR \$10 ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!

Don't miss out on getting this Newsletter & other DCMG communications!

DEADLINE - JANUARY 1

Form available in this Newsletter

or in Plant Clinic



Welcome to the Plant Clinic!

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.

Insect Committee (by 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. Insect hours go towards Clinic hours.



Roger Dejmal & Richard Johnstone inspect a specimen.

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. Please contact **Richard Johnstone** at [541-673-8024](tel:541-673-8024) for more information.

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 me spread Master Gardener news to all.

Publicity/Facebook Barbara Horst



Welcome to the new Master Gardeners Class of 2017! My job as the Publicity Chair for the Douglas County Master Gardeners 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 on the first Saturday in May. I coordinate paid advertising for the sale as well as fliers, banners, and bookmarks to distribute around the community. If you have a good idea for an article, or possibly a TV or radio spot, please let me know.

As the Facebook administrator for the Master Gardeners I am responsible for updating our Facebook

page. That involves publishing research-based articles that would be of interest to gardeners. It also involves advertising upcoming events, such as our fundraisers. We currently have 762 people following our page. If you haven't already done so, be sure to like us on Facebook!

Newsletter Bonnie Courter

So excited to welcome the Class of 2017! You'll be amazed at how much you will learn this year, and the learning never stops!



Each month I publish the DCMG Newsletter which is distributed online on our website:

douglascountymg.org. Past issues can be accessed on our website as well. For an additional fee, you can also choose to have the Newsletter sent by "snail mail" should you prefer that route.

I accept regular articles written by Board members and chairpersons, but also invite any Master Gardener to submit something of interest to our readers. I'm always looking for a good "scoop" and like to include educational articles pertaining to sustainable gardening as well as photo contributions from our membership. You'll probably see me with a camera around my neck, snapping pictures of unsuspecting MG's.

I also coordinate a team of MG writers who submit articles to The News-Review each month for publication. Perhaps you've noticed our "Ask A Master Gardener" column in the Saturday "Home & Garden" issues. It's just another way to share with Douglas County citizens tips on sustainable gardening and help problem-solve horticultural issues found seasonally and locally. If you have a knack and desire to write, we could use you as part of our team!

You can reach me at rbcourter@gmail.com, or by phone at 541-672-3071, cell [541-391-2890](tel:541-391-2890). Enjoy your new adventure in gardening!

Trash to Treasure Sale

Save the date, **Saturday, March 11** for our Trash to Treasure Sale at the Extension Office Auditorium.

Please set aside your CLEAN, useable items to donate for the sale. We take gardening/outdoor items, books, tools, jewelry, furniture, toys, kitchen, glassware, holiday, crafts and whatever



you can find at a garage sale. We DON'T take clothes, shoes, live plants, food, old computers or non-flat screen TV's.

Please save plastic and paper bags for the sale. These can be dropped off on Friday March 10. We will be sending more information later. If you have questions, please call.

Thanks!

Ann Severson, 541-817-4983

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RE-CERTIFICATION GUIDELINES

Vicki McAlister

We've all heard that "re-certification" is coming! For our chapter, this requirement is for MG's who want to do clinic, outreach, and teaching. Re-certification for Master Gardeners is necessary in the second year and annually after completing the first year of training and doing your 60 hours of volunteer time.



If you are not doing clinic, outreach, or teaching, you do not have to re-certify.

Timesheet Modification for 2017 - Re-certification

Our time sheets have been modified to include buckets at the bottom of the form for re-certification time. You should continue to report your hours in the standard categories on the top section of the form as we have been doing. For those who want to get re-certified, the hours completed that meet the category requirements, as described below, should also be recorded in the bottom section of the timesheet. For example, if you work in the Plant Clinic for 4 hours during a month and wish to have that time counted towards your re-certification hours, you would record the time on the Plant Clinic line in the upper section of the form and also in the Service section at the bottom of the form.

Requirements for Re-certification

Re-certification requires 30 hours total with **20 hours of volunteer service** and **10 hours of continuing education**. This re-certification is valid for one year. Category details are listed below.

Volunteer Service (20 hours total)

Direct and indirect educational hours (10 hours)

- Direct educational hours: Plant clinic, instructor, conference or seminar, educational gardens (making signs, teaching a class, leading a tour), writing articles for the paper or newsletter.

- Indirect educational hours: Planning committee for event, MG class mentor, educational garden maintenance for a garden used in teaching.

Support Hours (10 hours)

- Fundraisers (plant sale, trash to treasures, bake sale), office support, database work hours etc., photo copies for winter training program, MG association (serve as an officer, board member, OMGA rep).

Continuing Education (10 hours)

- Attend gardening seminars, workshops, and outreach programs (MG winter training) that are research based and taught by qualified instructors who the agent has supported. The curriculum should extend the MG Sustainable Gardening material.

December Community Outreach Report
Jude Stensland

Here is a short report for December Outreach.

December 8th, Leo and I went to the home of Marcia Lenker to present “Garden Pests”. As always, Leo did a stellar presentation to about 15 participants, and then we got to eat a fabulous potluck.

Marcia is a Master Gardener from 2009, though not currently active in the group, because she raises 75% of her food on her own place. Wow! It is amazing and I hope to go see it in the summer when it is in “full bloom”.

I did my first solo class for the Sutherlin Garden Club on “Root Vegetables and Their Pests” in November, and it went well. I will meet them again in February on the 9th for “Care and Pruning of Roses” with our Maureen Benice and possibly another stalwart MG. We will be pruning the Community Center roses.

Hope everyone has a great Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Year in Review



Community Outreach

Jude Stensland

Hi All,

My name is Jude (Judith Dolene) Stensland, and I am the new Master Gardener Outreach Coordinator. Quite a mouthful, and I have a bit of a case of impostor syndrome, as I am following up on an amazing Outreach Coordinator, Leo Grass. But he has agreed to hold my hand for a while yet so I should do OK.



I was born and raised in the little town of Wolf Point, Montana, for the first 50 years of my life and did some gardening there, but it is a Zone 3 and hotter than sin through the summer, with average 30 mph winds and a very short growing season. Moving to Roseburg in 2002, was heaven to me in the gardening sense.

In my past life I was a certified nurse midwife (about a 1000 babies delivered) and nurse practitioner. I retired October 2015. I have 3 children and 9 grandchildren, 2 cats, a dog, and an ol' sweetie who calls me his girlfriend.

My plan as the Outreach Coordinator is to facilitate learning between our amazing group and the community. Some of the teaching I will do, but I plan to rely on those whose skills and knowledge have been developed through time and special interest.

Currently I have these:

- Nathan - compost
- Peggy Yoder - bonsai
- Julie Stanbery - Discovery Garden
- Maureen Benice - roses, seeding, propagation
- Elva Sellins - dahlias
- Jim Leet - tomatoes and peppers
- ??? - clematis (someone has a special interest and I lost her name!!!!). I have a class coming up. Please call me!

So there you go! My email and phone are always open to you all, and would love to add your special interest that you would like to teach to my database of awesome volunteers. You can reach me at 541-430-2080 or jude999s@gmail.com (Text is always welcome!)

Victory Garden

Ruth Stafford

Greetings to the Master Gardener Class of 2017. The HLC's Victory Garden has had seven great years, and we are already looking forward to an eighth. We hope some of you will join us in the spring as we plant, grow and harvest many different vegetables. The Victory Garden offers Master Gardeners an opportunity to put in practice techniques taught in our winter class such as succession planting, crop rotation, leaf mulching, vertical gardening and water conservation.



This past year we added a demonstration plot accessible to the public. The demonstration garden and new signage shows the sustainable practices home vegetable gardeners can use. Our main garden area was expanded and grew 5,439 pounds of vegetables to be distributed to local pantries and community kitchens. We also collected 1550 pounds of produce from home gardens.

By donating all this fresh nutritious produce to UCAN, Master Gardeners are promoting and contributing to a healthier community. 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!

Plant & Garden Expo

Barbara Robinson & Ann Severson



Have you got your 2017 calendar close by? If not, track it down and turn to the month of May. Now circle **Saturday, May 6th**, the date for our 2017 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. (The exception is during our winter classes when Mondays and Thursdays are workdays at the greenhouses.) 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!



Westside Greenhouse

Barbara Robinson

The Westside Greenhouse crew would like to welcome all the new students to yet another fabulous year of learning, camaraderie, and fun. We are charged with growing the perennial and annual flowers, herbs, and vegetables which are sold at our annual Plant Sale in May. Your Winter Training will expose you briefly to what goes on in our greenhouses. We will work with you in the weeks following with hands-on work in seeding, transplanting, plant division, etc. Please don't be intimidated if you are inexperienced. We all began where you are! We normally work on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon with the exception being during your Winter Training when we work on Mondays from 9 a.m. to noon. We look forward to sharing our love of gardening with all of you!

Eastside Greenhouse

Ann Severson

The Core Group and devoted helpers of the Eastside Greenhouses would like to welcome the new members of the Class of 2017. 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, grafting, 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 learn and play in the dirt with us. We work Thursday mornings while MG class is in session and then on Tuesday mornings when class is complete. We always appreciate the help.

Discovery Garden Julie Stanbery



Welcome to the Discovery Garden 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 Corp 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, hummingbird, ornamental shrubs and grasses, butterfly, herb, xeriscape, perennial border, 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 and in the greenhouses at the HLC. Your first classes at the HLC will be the afternoon sessions of Jan 10 & 17. A tour of the garden will be part of these class sessions. You will be introduced to some of the veteran MG's 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 has scheduled **“hands-on” pruning classes** in the Discovery Garden. All students are asked to attend these classes. On **Thursday, Jan 26, from 1-4pm** we will be pruning fruit trees. We will prune the Entry garden roses and hydrangeas on **Friday, Feb 17 from 1-4pm** and we will work in the ornamental shrub garden

Friday, March 3 from 1-4pm. Tuesday, March 21 at 9am we will be pruning the Japanese Garden. This is a particularly interesting class as the technique differs so much from traditional garden styles.

During MG training class, we have scheduled one work day each month: **Friday, Jan. 20** (9am till noon) working in the herb garden; Wednesday afternoon, **Feb. 8** (1-4pm) weeding and pruning the hedgerow and Thursday **Mar. 9** (1-4pm) finishing ornamental pruning. Starting March 28, we will have regular Tuesday work days (9 to noon) 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.

We have finally finished installing the last of the in-ground irrigation system. We have a year round pump and two reservoirs for water storage. Our goal is to demonstrate water wise techniques for home gardeners.

Our task this spring task will be to renovate the main pathways throughout the garden. We are hosting a tour for the Master Gardener International Conference being held in July so we have lots to accomplish in the new year.

So, 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.

Ask An Expert Kym Pokorny, OSU Extension

Searching the internet for gardening information is quick but often frustrating and accuracy can be an issue. Asking a professional via the expediency and ease of an email provides answers you need backed by research you can trust.

[Ask an Expert, a free online question-and-answer service](#) of Oregon State University's

Extension Service, has a cadre of specialists who will answer your questions on average within 48 hours.



Since 2011, OSU experts have answered 16,649 questions, according to Jeff Hino, Ask an Expert coordinator. In 2015, the number of questions jumped by 50 percent.

The subject matter is far ranging, but questions about insects, sustainable gardening, plant identification, lawn care, and tree and shrub issues are especially common, he said.

“Oregonians are finding research-based answers directly from our experts,” said Sandy Reichhuber, the program’s administrative program assistant. “More people are using us every year. We make a difference.”

Oregon State University
Master Gardener™

2017 Winter Training Program

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

January 3	AM	Botany I	John Panches
	PM	Climate and Weather of Douglas County	Steve Renquist
January 10	AM	Botany II (Physiology)	John Panches
	PM	Veg Propagation*/Tree Fruit Discovery Garden orientation	Team/Steve Renquist
January 17	AM	Pruning Trees, Shrubs, and Vines	Steve Renquist
	PM	Veg Propagation*/ Tree Fruit Discovery Garden orientation	Team/Steve Renquist
January 24	AM	Concurrent Sessions	Master Gardeners
	PM	Plant ID/Greenhouse Seeding*	Chris Rusch/MG's
January 31	AM	Pesticide Safety	Steve Renquist
	PM	Plant ID/Greenhouse Seeding*	Chris Rusch/ MG's
February 7	AM	Compost/Cover Crops	Joe Yetter/Steve Renquist
	PM	Plant Disease	Steve Renquist
February 14	AM	Soils/Fertilization	Sara Runkel
	PM	Vegetable Gardening	Marjorie Neal
February 21	AM	Care of Urban Trees/Seed Saving	Tal Blankenship
	PM	Weed ID and Control	Shelby Filley
February 28	AM	Berry Crops	Steve Renquist
	PM	Insects	Rich Little
March 7	AM	Vert. Pests/Xeriscaping	Leo Grass/Geoff Puryear
	PM	IPM	Steve Renquist
March 14	AM	Discovery Garden Final*	Master Gardener Team
	PM	Final Exam Review	Steve Renquist

Locations: Douglas County Extension Office-Roseburg
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* Class at the Discovery Garden (near River Forks Park) 238 River Forks Park Rd
 (Dress for the weather and be prepared for being out of doors.)

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DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2017 DUES
and REPLACEMENT NAME TAG

(Please pay **BEFORE** January 1, 2017)

PRINT ALL information below EVEN if nothing has changed:

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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, 2017.

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.

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