



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter



Sept. 2018 Calendar

Mon., Sept. 3

LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Tues., Sept. 4, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews
DG & Victory Garden Crews

Tues., Sept. 11, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews
DG & Victory Garden Crews

Wed., Sept. 12, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting
Budget Items due in to Toni

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

Insect Committee

Tues., Sept. 18, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews
DG & Victory Garden Crews

Fri., Sept. 21

Payback hours deadline

Tues., Sept. 25, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews
DG & Victory Garden Crews

Thurs., Sept. 27, 10:00

Chapter Meeting, Potluck, and
Tomato Tasting event at the
Discovery Garden Pavilion

Sat., Oct. 6, 5:30 PM

**Annual Awards Banquet at First
United Methodist Church, Harvard
Ave., Roseburg**



The President's Post

Chris Rusch

What a wonderful day and setting for our last summer Chapter meeting! Thank you to Barbara and Gilbert Horst for hosting our August 30 Chapter meeting! It was a beautiful spot for a garden meeting and potluck. Barbara and Gilbert's home is nestled in a mixed conifer and madrone forest with Corn Creek in the background. We had the meeting in their expansive yard and garden that was truly beautiful! Steve Renquist led us on a "Plant Diagnostics" tour prior to the meeting that was lots of fun.

At our Chapter meeting we swore in our new Executive Board for 2018-19. The line-up is Nancy Fuller (President), Vicki Barrett (Vice-president), Kay Livermore (Membership Director), Toni Rudolph (Treasurer), Sharon Bordeaux (Secretary), Rosemary Brinkley (OMGA Representative), Kish Doyle (Alternate OMGA Representative), and Chris Rusch (Past President).

We also gave a huge THANK YOU to our many extremely dedicated and knowledgeable Executive Board members. Thank you to all of our Executive Board for their commitment to serve our organization.

Diane Smith-Lewsadder did a fantastic job organizing our Douglas County Fair outreach this year. We also had the help of our Extension office secretaries, Mary and Brandy, who put together the signage trees and information boxes. We had a great display of our OSU Extension publications. What a great group effort! Thanks to everyone who volunteered to staff the booth during the week. This is an important outreach event for us and a great way to recruit new members.

Our next Chapter Meeting, September 26 at 10:00 AM, will be held at the Pavilion at the Discovery Garden. It will be the last of the potlucks for the summer. Our new Regional Director Willie Riggs will be attending.

Our Awards Banquet is scheduled for October 6. This is a terrific event where we recognize our volunteers for all their contributions to our DCMG organization. We will have great food, a terrific raffle where almost everyone wins, and certificates of appreciation for all our members. You will need to sign up before September 15. Please sign-up at the Plant Clinic or email Judy Huntley if you plan to attend.

As I was driving back from the Chapter meeting I found myself simply enjoying the moment, and reflecting on the events of the morning. What a nice morning, great scenery, a successful meeting, gratifying lunch and the enjoyment of meeting with our fellow Master Gardeners. In my 35 year professional career, I always stressed the importance and value of the people who worked with me. It's the people and the resource that is so valuable. It's their knowledge and experience that are so valuable. Our Master Gardener association members are a perfect example of that resource. I am deeply appreciative of being a part of the organization and serving as the President for the last four years. Thanks to all of you, and I look forward to continuing my work in the Plant Clinic and much more!!

Thank-you to everyone for all your hard work! Let's pray for rain!

Vice-President's Report

Anne Bacon



Many thanks to Barbara Horst for hosting our August chapter meeting! What a lovely and serene garden. And thanks to Bambi the deer for making an appearance.

Our final chapter meeting of the summer season will be held at the Discovery Garden at 10 am on Thursday, September 27th. It will be a pot luck so bring a dish to share, your eating utensils and a chair.

This is my last report as VP. I'd like to thank the Douglas County Master Gardeners for allowing me to serve as your Vice-President for the past two years. I sincerely enjoyed the process of finding and arranging speakers for our meetings. I learned so much and grew a lot on the journey. Your new Vice-President, Vicki Barrett, is a graduate of the 2018 Winter Training Class. Best of luck to Vicki and thanks to all of the Douglas County Master Gardeners. You're the best!



Don't Forget!

"Aloha" Awards Banquet

October 6, 5:30

1st United Methodist Church



Sign up and turn in your hours
by **September 21**

Contact: Toni Rudolph

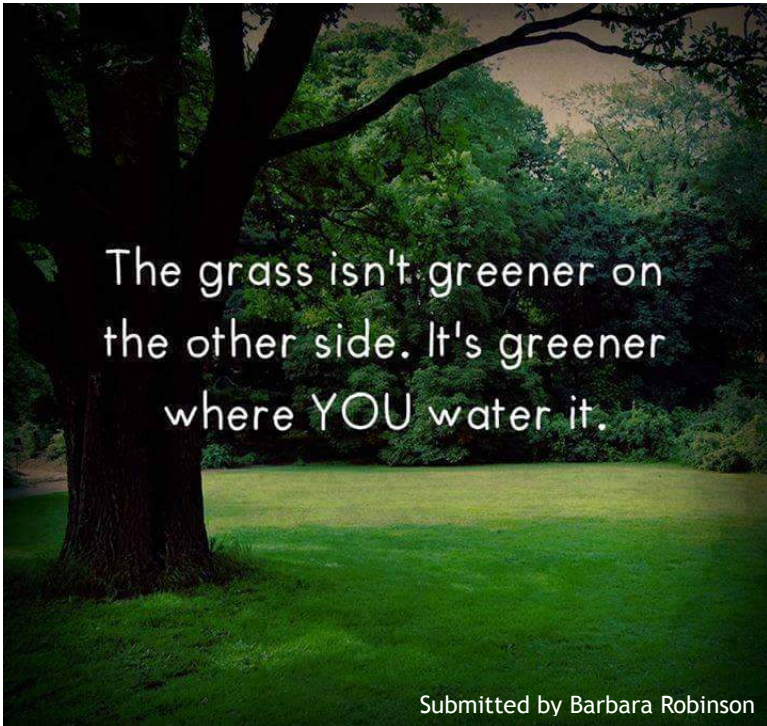
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"Escapees" Escape to the Rock Garden Kish Doyle

In August, Jude and I were invited to speak at the Escapee RV Park in Sutherlin. The residents live in an area populated by deer, turkeys and rabbits, which most of us will agree is a "triple whammy." They were looking for some options on water-wise and critter-resistant plants.

We discussed many plants that grow in low water conditions, which also make them somewhat distasteful to wildlife. Some of the options included lavender and many herbs which have strong odors and fuzzy leaves. We discussed native plants which they tend to leave alone as well as bulbs in the Narcissus family. For those wishing to grow things that were "salad bar" items, fencing and distraction items were suggested.

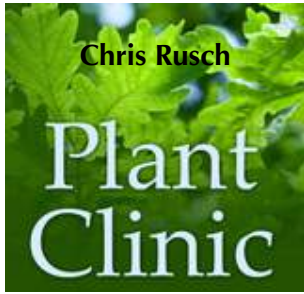
There were about thirty-five members present and after our presentation, we answered a number of "what's wrong with this plant" and "what kind of plant is this?" We offered a chance to participate in a tour of the Discovery Garden to see all of the different growing environments we have created. Several weeks later, about twenty people met us on a Tuesday and we gave them the grand tour. The whole group had fun and went home with lots of answers to their questions and problems.

A photograph of a large, mature tree with a thick trunk and dense green foliage, standing on a well-maintained green lawn. The background shows more trees and a clear sky.

The grass isn't greener on
the other side. It's greener
where YOU water it.

Submitted by Barbara Robinson





The Plant Clinic was really busy in August. Many insect, weed ID, and garden questions continue to come in. The questions for August included problems like blossom end rot, sun scorch to tomatoes, and powdery mildew. In addition, we have been helping clients with water

management and drought damage to plants, particularly trees and shrubs. Our trainees are always so enjoyable to get to know, and it is fun to introduce them to our Plant Clinic. We are lucky to have a great training team with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Karolyn Riecks, Larry Sutton, and Chris Rusch. A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!

We had over 120 visitors in the Plant Clinic this month.

The clinic will be open Monday through Friday for the month of September. We need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic both in continuing to help our new volunteers and keeping up with the work load of assisting our visitors to the Plant Clinic. We have plenty of openings. I realize we all have very busy lives, but 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. And besides, it's a fun way to get to know fellow MG's as well as a chance to learn new things!

Scribblings from the Little Free Library Journal Kathy Hart

"This garden is full of magic and never disappoints! I have been bringing my kids here for years and it is always an absolute joy spending time here. The kids love the sandbox and book nook and have a blast searching for butterflies.

There is a lot of love that goes into this place and it surely shows. Thank you so much to those who keep the magic alive!

- *The Powers (Aiden, Amani, Lorla, Shawn)"*



The Little Free Library would like to thank Barbara Robinson's granddaughters - Hannah, Sarah and Ava - for their generous book donations. It is never easy to part with beloved childhood books, but they wanted to share theirs with our little garden visitors!

No doubt these special books will be enjoyed and loved by grateful children and their families. Thanks so much, girls!

A tomato family is walking down the road, baby tomato falls behind, daddy tomato goes back smacks him on the head and says "Ketchup!"

Speaking of tomatoes, check out the size of **Lenore Drake's** "Big Boy" tomato! A whopping 6" across! Pass the salt, please.

Don't forget to bring your favorite tomatoes to share for our annual **Tomato Tasting** at the September Chapter Meeting to be held at the Discovery Garden.



August Diagnostics Class

Kish Doyle

(Photos: K. Doyle/B. Courter)

On Wednesday, August 15, new Master Gardener Diana Woodward hosted a diagnostics class for about ten people at her home in Sutherlin. Steve Renquist took us through a variety of different tree and plant issues to resolve problems that Diana was having in her yard. Some of her fruit trees are fairly old and may need to be replaced in the future. She has recently



planted a lot of conifers and Japanese maples and with the terrible heat in July and August, her life has been

committed to a watering schedule every day.

Diana lives on about 160 acres, most of which is covered in trees. She has about



five acres that she actively uses for gardening and has two ponds for watering purposes. After a refreshment break, Diana offered up her two 100' rows of

boysenberries for anyone who wanted to pick berries and take them home. Thank you, Diana, for offering your beautiful yard for another great class.

Treasurer's Report

Patrice Sipos

INCOME 7/26/2018 - 8/29/2018

Donation	\$100.00
Grants	\$250.00
Bank Interest	\$9.78
Soil Testing	\$230.00
Compost Tea	\$243.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$832.78

EXPENSES 7/26/2018 - 8/29/2018

Banquet	\$155.53
Conferences	\$675.93
Grants & Scholarships	\$306.00
Library	-\$15.00
Discovery Garden	\$294.38
HLC Expense	\$840.95
Plant Sale	\$680.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,938.29

Breakdown of our accounts at 8/29/2018

NWCC - Checking	\$2,608.35
NWCC - Member Account	\$1,100.52
NWCC - Savings	\$39,613.14
Ending Balance 8/29/2018	\$43,322.01

Budget Reminder

Toni Rudolph, Treasurer

It's time again to prepare the 2019 Budget. If you are responsible for a budget line item or need funds for a MG project, the information needs to be turned in to me by **September 12**.

If you're responsible for a garden within the Discovery Garden, those budgets need to be given to **Julie Stanbery** no later than **Monday, September 10**.

Questions and budget info for me can be emailed to: Gardeners.DC@gmail.com

Thank you!



Victory Garden Collage by Fred Alley

**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
CHAPTER MEETING
Barbara Horst's Home
August 30, 2018**

Call-To-Order: President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 10:09. She thanked Barbara Horst for hosting the meeting. Barbara welcomed the thirty-five members and gave a brief history of her home.



Agenda: Approved as presented.

Minutes: The July Chapter Meeting minutes were approved as published online. The August Executive Board minutes were approved as published online.

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:

The 2019 MG class is filling up fast. There are 24/25 applicants to date. The maximum class size is 32.

Steve indicated that he will hand out the materials for the class at the time of the interview instead of having an orientation meeting in November. The



first class will be on January 8th and the last class on March 19th.

There will be one more Diagnostic Class on October 31st at the home of Diane Smith-Lewsadder at 260 Rio Verde Lane, Roseburg.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Diana Circle: Membership is 248.

OMGA Representative – Nancy Fuller:

Bake Sale Reminder

Janet Parkerson



Remember to save your summer fruit for making pies to sell at our Bake Sale fundraiser in November. We have a "pie-making" crew who yearly take donations of apples, cherries, berries, and other fruit and bake scores of yummy pies to sell at our annual Bake Sale.

Any questions, please contact me at

541-600-6586 or email:

shespriceless@yahoo.com

Nancy contacted Kathleen Johnson regarding final earnings from the G-2 Silent Auction. She did not have the number but indicated that Jan Coleman will send us the number.

Rosemary Brinkley will be attending the 3rd quarter OMGA meeting September 14-15 in Benton County (Corvallis).

Patrice Sipos has been nominated for the position of OMGA Treasurer. The voting will be in November. Members suggested providing a bio to other chapters.

Treasurer – Patrice Sipos:

Patrice told the chapter members that it has been an honor and pleasure to serve as Treasurer for the chapter, but she is looking forward to having time for other things.



It is time to work on the 2019 Budget. All chairs/garden heads need to review their budgets for next year and make adjustments as needed. DG Garden heads will give their budgets to Julie Stanbery; all others will go to the Treasurer, Toni Rudolph. The due date is September 12.

Vice President – Anne Bacon:

Anne thanked Barbara for hosting the August meeting.

The September 27, 2018 meeting will be held in the Discovery Garden pavilion. Willy Riggs has accepted to attend the meeting.

President – Chris Rusch:

Chris thanked everyone for serving this past year – for all 22 meetings.

Barbara Horst is stepping down as Publicity Chair. Diana Circle will assume the position of Publicity Chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Outreach – Jude Stensland:

August 21: Jude met with Clover Weir to inspect her school garden at Fremont Middle School and obtained soil samples for testing. A rose pruning clinic was held with plans for more pruning classes with the students planned. The required background check paperwork was completed.

Jude met with Chris Rusch and Diane Smith-Lewsadder to review how the Fair went. We discussed some great ideas for next year, and will submit a new budget to fund the Fair.

Had a conference call with Bruce Gravens (IN SCOTLAND!) regarding Phoenix School and he is willing to continue being the point person for them.

Jude walked the Phoenix School garden and orchard with instructor Tawnie G-K. They made plans of things to complete prior to Bruce's return including contacting tree fallers/ arborists to get wood chips to start chipping paths. We discussed

compost ideas, fall garden ideas, and developing a greenhouse problem list. Phoenix School could keep a MG busy full time!

August 25: Scott McCain did a winter garden class at the Westside Community Garden. Seventeen participants attended the informative class.



August 28: Jude worked with Clover (Fremont school) on plans for the courtyard garden. Jude plans to maintain a presence in the class for the first semester (background check cleared).

Jude feels the budget for Outreach needs to be increased. She will review the budget and make recommendations by September 12.

Douglas County Fair - Diane Smith-Lewsadder:

Diane thanked everyone who helped with the Fair.

Over 50 cards were filled out by visitors interested in the program. A total of 190 contacts were made at the Fair.

Diane, Chris, and Jude met after the Fair to make suggestions for next year. Chris and Diane will co-chair the event next year.

Suggestions for 2019:

- A larger budget
- Give a plant away every hour
- Better signage
- Give more people the opportunity to work at the Fair

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch :

There were over 100 inquiries in August – up from 2017.

There are openings for veterans to work in the clinic. Chris thanked Earnest Amabisca for filling in when needed.

Chris thanked Plant Clinic Trainers Karolyn Riecks, Bonnie Courter, Larry Sutton and Leo Grass for volunteering each week at the clinic.

The clinic will be open 5 days a week in September. Beginning in October, fall/winter hours will begin: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Awards – Betty Ison:

Earnest Amabisca, Vicki Barrett, Brian Bell-Irving, and Clarence Maxwell earned their 60-hour swinger bars.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery:

Garden Heads need to have their budgets to Julie by September 12 (Julie will have a meeting with the Butterfly Garden Heads).

The leak in the water system in front of the Westside Greenhouse has been repaired.

Dave Clark and his crew should have "Punches Palace" complete by the end of September.



Watering will decrease in the Discovery Garden beginning the first week in September: 2 hours, two days a week (Mondays and Thursdays).

The Pump: We need to replace the old 100 amp three phase pump service with an updated meter base, riser with weather head and a pump panel. The old on/off will be replaced with a key on/off. All components updated by Bean Electric and Tinker Pump Service will be incorporated in the new service. Bean Electric LLC submitted a bid of \$2,000 to complete the updated service which includes labor, materials and electrical permit. Kish Doyle made a motion to accept the bid to update the electrical service from Bean Electric LLC. Janet Parkerson seconded the motion. The membership unanimously passed the motion.

Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford:

Year-to-date we have donated 2,779 pounds of produce to UCAN. This is up 432 pounds over 2017. Home gardeners have donated 426 pounds of produce year-to-date. On Tuesday, August 28, Victory Garden picked and donated 524 pounds of produce.

Ruth reminded members they can take their excess produce directly to UCAN or bring it to the garden on Tuesdays. If you take it directly to UCAN remember to donate it as a Master Gardener.



Photo: Fred Alley

All volunteer pickers are welcome in the garden. The gate opens at 8 AM and picking is done by 11 AM. Come and help for as long as you can. Ruth thanked all who have faithfully volunteered in the Victory Garden this year.

Facebook/Canyonville Farmers Market – Barbara Horst:

There are 1,037 followers on Facebook

There are only 2 sessions left at the Canyonville Farmers Market. The booth has been manned by Beth Vangsness, Mark Schmoll, Barbara Horst, and Ernie Amabisca.

Barbara thanked Diana for taking over as Publicity Chair.

Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Please submit articles for the Newsletter by Saturday, September 1, 2018.

Winter Program – Kish Doyle/Bonnie Courter:

Kish announced that 19 mentors and 11 alternates have volunteered for the winter program.

Volunteers are reminded this is a 12 month commitment. Kish encouraged mentors to contact trainees and encourage them to turn in their hours.

Mentor training will be in November and December.

Awards Banquet – Judy Huntley:

Sign-up sheets are at the head tables. Awards, prizes, and decorations have all been purchased.

Judy is turning the Awards Banquet over to Toni Rudolph as she is leaving on vacation.

Hallmark – Linda Thames: Linda sent cards to:

- Barbara Horst – Cataract surgery
- Jon Thran – Had a pacemaker installed
- Lorreen Robinson – Broke fibula

NEW BUSINESS

The Audit Report completed by the Audit Committee on July 12, 2018 and approved by the Executive Board on August 8 was presented to the membership for

approval. After discussion of the report, Julie Stanbery made a motion to approve the audit report and Anne Bacon seconded the motion. The membership unanimously approved the motion.

New signers are needed on the accounts held with Northwest Credit Union. Betty Ison made a motion that the signers be updated on the Northwest Credit Union Account and Anne Bacon seconded the motion. The membership passed the motion unanimously. The new signers will be Nancy Fuller and Toni Rudolph.

Julie presented gifts to each of the outgoing officers with thanks for their service for the past year.



Betty Ison installed the newly elected officers:

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| President | Nancy Fuller |
| Past-President | Chris Rusch |
| Vice-President | Vicki Barrett |
| Secretary | Sharon Bordeaux |
| Treasurer | Toni Rudolph |
| Membership | Kay Livermore |
| OMGA Rep | Rosemary Brinkley |
| OMGA Rep. Alt. | Kish Doyle |

SHOW AND TELL

- Julie brought tiger lily corms to share with members.
- Chris brought a flyer on the 3rd Annual Native Tree Walk at the Native Plant Park in Elkton on September 28. Sign up and information is available at the OSU Extension Office in Roseburg. The cost is \$25 per family and includes the book Trees to Know in Oregon.

Meeting Adjournment: President Chris Rusch adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Bordeaux, Secretary
(Photos: Kish Doyle, Fred Alley & Bonnie Courter)

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Newsletter: The deadline for the October 2018 Newsletter is September 29. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: rbcourter@gmail.com

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Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/pages/Douglas-County-Master-Gardeners/251882398200487

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steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu

OSU Douglas County Extension Service: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas

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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