



Nov. 2018 Calendar

Thurs., Nov. 1, 9:00-1:00

IPM Seminar, Annex

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

Insect Committee

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

Greenhouse Crews

Wed., Nov. 7, 10:00

Mentor Training, Annex Auditorium

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

Greenhouse Crews

Wed., Nov. 14, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

Fri., Nov. 16, 1:00-4:00

Bring baked good to Extension

Kitchen for pricing

Sat., Nov. 17, 9:00-3:00

Bake Sale, Sherm's Thunderbird

Mon., Nov. 19, 10:00

Insect Committee

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

Greenhouse Crews

Thurs., Nov. 22

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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

Greenhouse Crews

Thurs., Nov. 29, 9:00-10:00

Continuing Education, Annex

Thurs., Nov. 29, 10:00

Chapter Meeting, Annex

Wed., Dec. 5, 10:00

Mentor Training, Annex



The President's Post

Nancy Fuller

Fall has arrived and we've even had rain! Not much yet, but what did come was welcome. As we've been busy putting our gardens to bed for the winter, we've enjoyed some warm sunny days, knowing they'll soon be gone.

Early in October, we held our annual awards banquet at the First United Methodist Church on Harvard Avenue. We enjoyed wonderful, tasty Hawaiian-themed food. We enjoyed seeing all the flowered shirts and dresses plus beautiful flowers. A big thank you goes out to Betty Ison for making all the award certificates. Another big thank you goes to Judy Huntley for coordinating the banquet, buying door prizes, and getting the hall set up and decorated. Many fellow MG's helped with the hall setup and decorating.

Highlights of the banquet include honoring Vicki McAlister as our Douglas County Master Gardener of the Year, Carol Bolt as our "Behind the Scenes" Master Gardener of the Year, and Betty Ison for her **thirty** years of volunteer service to Douglas County Master Gardeners. We also honored those MG's with five, ten, fifteen, and twenty years of service. Congratulations to all!

Some updates:

- 1.The Discovery Garden's courtesy rules sign has been delivered. It will be installed as soon as the crew is available. The bike rack has been delivered and it and the doggie waste station will be installed as soon as the courtesy sign is up.
- 2.There will also be new signs for the pavilion stating it isn't available for large public gatherings. We will be revising the pavilion use policy after the first of the year.
- 3.The budget has been completed. It is available for review before we vote on it at the November chapter meeting.

This is the time of the year when we begin to reflect back and be thankful. I hope that each of you has something to especially be thankful for. I hope you have the opportunity to share time and good food with family and friends this Thanksgiving.

Awards Banquet 2018 Special Recognitions

Betty Ison

Photos: Kish Doyle/Bonnie Courter

Another Awards Banquet has come and gone, presenting us the opportunity to once again celebrate and acknowledge all of our hardworking volunteers. Congratulations to all for the work that you do to make our organization the huge success that it is. I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize several volunteers who received very special honors during the evening,



congratulate these standouts if you have a chance to do so.

Vicki McAlister is the 2018 Douglas County Master Gardener of the Year. Vicki has been a volunteer for 7 years and has put in nearly 2400 hours of service. She has been involved in a number of activities within our organization, outreach activities include Plant Clinic, Soil Testing, Insect

Committee, Class Mentor, Spring into Gardening Seminar (6 yrs) and being a Winter Program Assistant for two years. Vicki is a regular on the Victory Garden Crew (7 yrs), and their right-hand irrigation person. She has supported our fundraising activities which include Trash to Treasure Sale (3 yrs), Bake Sale (5 yrs), and Plant Sale for 7 years, where she helps layout vendor spaces, and works in cashier/checking.

In other activities, Vicki has been Chapter Treasurer (2 yrs), Chapter Membership Director, and worked on the Audit Committee (4 yrs). She has been DG Webmaster (7 yrs), MG Webmaster (5 yrs), Volunteer Time Keeper (3 yrs), and is currently managing the Westside Plant Sale Data Base (2 yrs). Vicki was an Outstanding Apprentice in 2012.

Carol Bolt is the 2018 "Behind the Scenes" Master Gardener. This award is for someone who works quietly and unselfishly behind the scenes, often going unnoticed, but is always there when work needs to be

done. The criteria for this award is that the person is involved in multiple activities, has been a member at least five years, and held no major leadership positions. Carol has been a member 6 years and has put in nearly 1900 hours of volunteer service. Carol's outreach activities include Plant Clinic, Farmer's Market Co-Coordinator, Fair Booth (3 yrs), Spring into Gardening Seminar (3 yrs), Victory Garden (3 yrs), and been a Class Mentor/Mentor Substitute. She has also been Soil Testing Coordinator, and helped with Class Greenhouse Training, both for 5 years. Carol has supported fundraising activities that include Bake Sale (2 yrs), and Plant Sale (5 yrs), where she is a cashier/checker, and is also in charge of shipping all plants out from the greenhouses to the fairgrounds. She is quite active at the Horticultural Learning Center working in the Greenhouses (6 yrs). Carol's has been a Crew Leader for several years, a member of the Westside Greenhouse Core (3 yrs), and is part of the Greenhouse Watering Crew (6 yrs). In other activities, Carol prints all the Plant Sale labels for the Westside Greenhouses (3 yrs).

The 2018 Outstanding New Apprentice, selected from the new class, is **Nita Nettleton**. She has worked in the Plant Clinic, Discovery Garden, Greenhouse, helped with the Plant Sale, Fair Booth, Trash to Treasure Sale, and Spring into Gardening Seminar. Nita was also a Compost Tea Assistant this year, helped with the OMGA Board Meeting, and also setting up for the Awards Banquet. She has over 150 hours of volunteer service in her first year.



Another special award presented during the evening was the Horticulture Agent's Award. As

this may be Steve Renquist's last Banquet before he retires, he decided to do it up good and selected four special volunteers to receive this recognition. They are **Richard Johnstone, Denise Fennell, and Dave & Sharon Hopkins**. The Agent's Award is for volunteers who by helping the agent achieve his goals, positively impacts the Master Gardener Program.



Steve also presented one other award, a Certificate of Excellence to **Betty Ison** for 30 years of active service in support of the DCMG's and the Douglas County OSU Extension Service Horticulture Program.

Treasurer's Report Toni Rudolph

INCOME 9/27/18 - 10/24/18

Membership Dues	\$10.00
Soil Testing	<u>\$100.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME **\$110.00**

EXPENSES 9/27/18 - 10/24/18

Awards	\$348.74
Officer gifts	\$38.00
Discovery Garden	\$1,231.33
HLC Expense	\$485.25
Plant Sale	\$289.69
Electricity	<u>\$431.33</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$2,824.34**

Breakdown of our accounts at 10/24/18

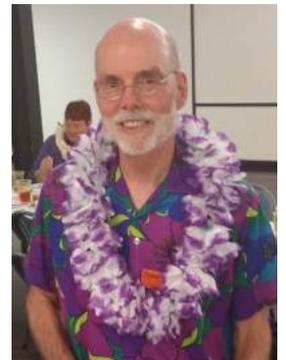
NWCC - Checking	\$75.85
NWCC - Member Account	\$1,100.52
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$37,613.14</u>

Ending Balance **\$38,789.51**



More Scenes from the Banquet

(And yes, that's our Agent wearing the shirt he got when he was 17 years of age, visiting Catalina Island - looks like he's trying out the "I'm Retired" look!)



Vice-President's Report

Vicki Barrett

Our Continuing Education session this month was presented by Richard Vander Velden, Class of 2018 (and candidate for County Commissioner). Richard gave a wonderful talk on wild mushrooms - how to identify them and the importance of avoiding the "lose your lunch" and lethal varieties for the purpose of consumption. He offered various guide books for identifying these fungi and tips on cooking them and growing your own.



Our next Continuing Education session will be presented by Master Gardener Scott McKain who will talk about a revolutionary way to farm and garden. Come join us on Thursday, November 29th at 9:00 for his presentation. These sessions count towards recertification hours.

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In Memoriam



Remembering the passing of one of our own recently - Beth Whitcomb, Class of 2017. We will miss her ready smile and sparkling soul.

Kudos from Judy Dake

Dear Douglas County Master Gardeners,

This is my last year as an active Master Gardener. It has been a most gratifying 23 years.

I came to Roseburg in 1992 from Salinas, California, knowing very little about Oregon.

Master Gardeners introduced me to Oregon gardening practices, the different counties and gave me treasured friendships.

I learned so much from taking the classes (four times until things started to sink in). I served as Historian and OMGA Representative. I helped with past Fair Garden displays, worked on plant sales, gave presentations to the community and worked in the Discovery Garden.



Submitted by: Barbara Robinson

Ann Madden

The Children's Garden has been my love and focus. Awesome Sharon Hopkins and Betty Bean have been working with me for the past several years and will continue to care for the Children's Garden. Dave Hopkins and Jack Wright have also given the garden their special care. Many members will remember the painting of yellow bricks and making stepping stones. Leo Grass, George and Kathy McIntyre and Beth Spooner need to be remembered for their part in making the Children's Garden a dream come true.

It is time for me to retire. I just couldn't leave without saying how much I will miss you. Thank you for the fun times, hard work and special friendships.

Happy Gardening with love and blessings,
Judy Dake

Bake Sale

Janet Parkerson & Sharon Bordeaux

BAKE SALE WORKERS NEEDED!

Our annual bake sale is coming up later this month on November 17, 2018, 9am to 3pm, at Sherm's Thunderbird Market in Roseburg. We will be receiving baked goods the day before on November 16th, 1:00-4:00pm, at the Extension kitchen. If you cannot possibly bring your goodies on Friday, we will also accept them the day of the sale at Sherm's all morning from 7:45 am on.

We still need bakers, donations of ingredients from non-bakers, and people to work the sale.

If you are baking, thank you! Anything receiving rave reviews from family and friends would be perfect! Recipes you are trying for the first time may not be the best choice. Keep in mind we need homemade items. Please do not purchase ready-made items for resale at our venue.

Our customers love a good variety of pies, breads, muffins, cakes, candies, etc. Gluten-free and sugar-free are always requested. If you are baking pies, please bake in sturdy aluminum tins as you would get from Shari's or Kruse Farms. Items should be

completely wrapped in units to be sold, i.e. four muffins in a package, a dozen cookies, etc. Presentation is very important. The more attractive the item, the better the chance of it selling. This can be as simple as a festive ribbon tied around a loaf of bread.

Upon delivery, come prepared to be able to check off the following ingredient label we provide which will be affixed to every item: Item_____ contains: ___wheat, ___eggs, ___dairy, ___peanuts, ___tree nuts, ___soy. Check-off labels with these sensitive ingredients listed are available in the Plant Clinic or you can call Janet Parkerson or Sharon Bordeaux to have them emailed.

If you are unable to bake, but would like to donate to those who are baking, we can use any type of berries, cherries, rhubarb, peaches, apples, plums, pecans, etc. as well as butter, Crisco, flour, etc.. Costco has many of these items, or maybe you have extra in your freezer not yet in the freezer-burned state. For those who bake numerous items, this is our way of letting non-bakers help with the cost. Please call Janet Parkerson or Sharon Bordeaux to arrange for delivery or pickup.

Signups for working the sale began at our last chapter meeting. We still have several openings. If you can help out with any of the following please email or call Janet.

- Receiving Goods: Friday 12:00 -3:00 pm
- Receiving Goods: Saturday 7:30 to 9am
- Pricing/Packaging Goods: Saturday 7:30 to 9am
- Selling: Saturday 9:00pm to 12pm
- Selling: Saturday 12pm to 3pm

There are bake sale flyers in the Plant Clinic for you to pick up and distribute around town. Please pick up a few and hang them up or pass them around at your church, school, neighborhood market, etc. Spread the word to your neighbors, friends and family about the opportunity for them to support a great cause while purchasing their desserts for the holiday!

Thank you again for all who have already signed up to help. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Gardening with Biochar After 5 Years

Steve Renquist

While working in Brazil during the 1980's I often heard about "Terra Preta" (black earth) from local farmers who had worked or traveled in areas of the Amazon Basin. The farmers described areas within the forest where indigenous people grew their crops as unique black soils that stood out from the oxidized red thin soil more common in the Amazon rain forest. These black soils were unique because they could be farmed for decades or longer and retain their fertility.

When I asked the growers about why the black soils were able to be farmed for so many years the farmers weren't really sure. I never really got a good answer until a few decades later researchers started to analyze the black soils more carefully. The black soils contained large amounts of charred blackened wood, not the ash of modern slash and burn agriculture.

The secret to the long-term fertility of the Terra Preta was in the process of how wood and other organic material was burned and incorporated into the soil. Charred wood that has been burned slowly at high temperatures, with a limited supply or complete absence of oxygen, will retain a carbonized, fine-grained, highly porous biomass. The indigenous people discovered if they buried these carbonized logs or coals in their crop areas that the resulting soil would retain nutrients and moisture better and actually improve over time.

Modern research has discovered biochar is a very stable form of carbon that persists in soil while ash is not. After making char, breaking up the finished product into smaller particles increases the surface area improving nutrient and moisture retention in the soil. Charging or soaking the biochar with compost tea or other liquid nutrients before spreading on the soil has also been shown to enhance the nutrient-holding capacity of a soil and enhances the biological activity of a soil. The plant response to the biochar addition to soil is quickened with charged char. The positive impact of

biochar on a soil is enhanced if the biochar is incorporated into the soil after spreading. Biochar also improves the structure of clay soils.

I have now made annual biochar additions of about 5-10 pounds over my 20' X 20' vegetable garden for five years. Each year I expect that there is no way my soil or the growth of my garden can get any better, and then it does! All types of veggies seem to grow better. Cool season crops like broccoli, kale, and collards were so beautiful this year that collard leaves were easily a foot across and kale plants grew to 4-5 feet tall. Warm season crops like beets, beans, tomatoes, and herbs were amazing. My wife told me if I planted more than 3-4 tomato plants this year that she would stop processing any of them. Since I need her help at harvest and processing time, I did just that. We still had

too many tomatoes. Later I snuck a few unusual tomato varieties into the garden that Bruce Gravens gave me and told her they were just for research. The biggest impact the biochar has made in my garden plot is the ability to retain moisture for the plants, even in a summer that had 90 degree temperatures for much of July and August like 2018. I still only used my soaker hoses twice a week for one hour each time.



This fall when I removed the plants from my vegetable garden during clean up, I was amazed at the huge root systems, and entwined in the roots were small fragments of biochar. After seeing what wonderful soil and great garden results come from using biochar and cover crops, I want to continue to encourage any or all Master Gardeners to dive in to the process. I know there are many different ways to create great garden soil - why not use them all? Combining the use of biochar, cover crops, and compost made with biochar and other recycled materials from your yard is a fabulous routine. This is a great time of year to make biochar, and to incorporate it into your compost pile where it will soak up compost leachate that charges it with added nutrients and microbial life. If you are a gardener who strives to one day have the perfect soil, this is the path to take. Great gardening!

Membership
Kay Livermore
kay.livmr@gmail.com

Hello Master Gardeners! It is time to begin our annual membership drive.

OSU requires Master Gardeners to complete certain forms each year. Therefore, the procedure for collecting these forms and 2019 Membership dues are being combined.

Around the first week of December you will receive a packet in the mail containing:

OSU CONDITIONS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE
OSU VOLUNTEER ASSUMPTION OF RISK
OSU PHOTO OPT OUT RELEASE*
OSU CODE OF CONDUCT
DCMG 2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM
and a return envelope

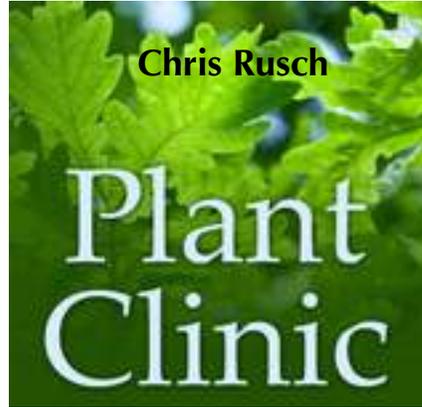
When your packet arrives, please take a moment to fill out and sign the forms. Put them in the return envelope provided along with your 2019 DCMG Membership Dues form and payment. Make checks payable to "DCMG". Return by mail or drop off at the OSU Extension Office in Roseburg. Please wait until your packet arrives to pay your dues. **2019 dues will not be accepted without the OSU volunteer forms.**

Note: ***The Photo Opt Out Release only needs to be returned if you do NOT want the University to record your participation and appearance on any recorded medium. This includes photos taken by DCMG photographers to be used in the DCMG Newsletter and are not published anywhere else without your knowledge. If you sign the release, it is your responsibility to remove yourself when you see DCMG photographers taking photos.**

Note: Some of the OSU forms are printed double-sided so check both sides of the paper.

Note: The address you provide on your 2019 Membership Dues form needs to be your mailing address.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2019. The volunteer hours you donate are greatly appreciated!



The Plant Clinic has slowed since September, with the advent of our fall weather. Even so, we had over 50 visitors this month, higher than last year this time. Many insect and garden questions continue to come in. Our trainees are always

so enjoyable to get to know, and it is fun to introduce them to our Plant Clinic. Most of our trainees have completed their 36 hour requirement and are now beginning to step into veteran roles. We are lucky to have a great training team with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Larry Sutton, Karolyn Riecks and Chris Rusch. A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!

Speaking of our talented training team, we are in need of a new volunteer to take Larry Sutton's place on Thursdays. Larry has his traveling shoes on, so we are looking for someone to step up and take on this challenging and important position on our Plant Clinic Training Team. Call me or send an email if you are interested. crusch@hughes.net or 541-825-3827.

Thank you, Larry, for your dedicated service to our training team!!

We will begin our winter hours this month. The clinic will only be open Mondays and Wednesdays for the month of November.

We need still 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. However, for November we don't have many openings, so hurry to sign-up! 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!

If you are in town, stop by and say hi!

2019 DCMG PROPOSED BUDGET

INCOME

Donations	0
Dues - Membership	2,210
Dues - Newsletter postage	255
Interest Income - Bank	75
Program Service Project Income	
Soil Testing	1,200
TOTAL PSP Income	1,200
Special Events	
Plant Sale	
Drawings	1,200
Entrance Fees	3,050
Sales - Event	23,100
Sales - Post	850
Sales - Pre	3,000
Vendor Booth	3,200
TOTAL Plant Sale	34,400
Special Events Other	
Bake Sale	1,200
Compost Tea	900
Misc Events - Tee-Shirts ETC.	0
Trash-to-Treasure Sale	3,000
TOTAL Special Events Other	5,100
TOTAL Special Events	39,500
TOTAL INCOME	43,240

EXPENSES

Management & General Expenses	
Awards & Banquet	
Awards	350
Banquet	750
TOTAL Awards & Banquet	1,100
Conferences	
International MG Conference	0
OMGA Qlty meeting (Host)	0
OMGA Travel/Meetings	1,225
TOTAL Conferences	1,225
Dues-OMGA	1,736
Grants/Gifts/Scholarships	
4-H Donation	80
Hallmark	50
Gifts - miscellaneous	50
Officer Gifts	80
Scholarships - Mini-Col 2019 G2	1,000
TOTAL Grants/Gifts/Scholarships	1,260
Other Management & General	
Bank Charges	0
Historian	0
Hospitality	250
Liability Insurance	510
OMGA Search for Excellence	150
Postage for Exec Board	80
Print Check Charges	50
Supplies / Exec Board	100
TOTAL Other Management & General	1,140
TOTAL Management & General Expenses	6,461
Program Service Project (PSP) Expenses	
Advanced Training	
Continuing/Advanced Education	150
Postage for hardcopy newsletter	255
Printing	0
TOTAL Advanced Training	405
Clinics and Office	
Farmers Market	0
Farmers Market - Roseburg	350
Farmers Market - Canyonville	270
Insects	100
Library	50
Plant Clinic and Office Supplies	100
Printing of bookmarks & materials - new	325
Soil Testing	599
Website	140
TOTAL Clinics and Office	1,934
Community Outreach	
DC Fair Outreach Booth	600
Speakers Bureau	50
TOTAL Community Outreach	650

Discovery Garden

Butterfly	200
Children's	450
Biochar/Worm Bins/Compost	200
Easy Access (Container Garden)	155
Electric - meter 23609842	600
Entry	50
Herb	50
Hummingbird	0
Iris	0
Irrigation	300
Japanese	100
Kiosk - donor board	50
Maintenance	900
Mulch	400
Orchard	125
Ornamental	0
Pavilion	0
Perennial Border	275
Raised Beds (Dahlia/Lily)	100
Rock Garden	160
Shade Garden	50
Signage Project	300
Straw Bale Garden	0
Sun Garden	150
Water - River Forks meter	700
Xeriscape	100
TOTAL Discovery Garden	5,415
TOTAL Program Service Project (PSP) Exp	8,404
HLC Horticultural Learning Center	
Annual Pumping Expense (diver)	250
Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	250
Eastside Greenhouse Supplies	250
Garbage Dump Fee	150
HLC Fire Extinguishers	60
HLC Maintenance	1,200
HLC Orchard	0
Toilet Supplies and Repairs	150
Tree Trimming Professional	1,000
Victory Garden	520
Victory Garden Signage	0
Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	1,000
Westside Greenhouse Supplies	350
TOTAL HLC - Expense	5,180
Winter Program	
New Class - Supplies	20
Speakers	600
TOTAL Winter Program	620
Special Events	
Plant Sale Expenses	
Advertising	2,400
Contributions/Plant Sale Volunteers	300
Exhibit Fees	3,400
Next Year Seed	850
Next Year Supplies-McConkey	4,000
Plants	1,200
Eastside Greenhouse - Propane	
ES Ghouse Tank #1	800
ES Ghouse Tank #2	800
Westside Greenhouse - Propane	
WS Ghouse Tank #3	600
WS Ghouse Tank #500	800
Supplies	2,100
Vendor Costs	200
TOTAL Plant Sale	17,450
Special Events Other	
Bake Sale	75
Compost Tea	160
Trash-to-Treasure Sale	150
TOTAL Special Events Other	385
TOTAL Special Events Expenses	17,835
General Expenses	
Electric - meter 62314693	4,200
Water - Pitchford meter	500
TOTAL General Expenses	4,700
TOTAL EXPENSES	43,200
NET INCOME	40

**OSU DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER
CHAPTER MEETING
October 25, 2018**

Call-To-Order: Vice-President Vicki Barrett called the meeting to order at 10:07 in the Extension Office Auditorium. Thirty-nine Master Gardeners were present.

Agenda: Approved as posted on the DCMG website.

Minutes: The September Chapter Meeting minutes were approved as posted online. The October Executive Board minutes were approved as posted online.

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:

- The Biochar Expo event will be held Saturday, October 27, 10 AM to 3 PM at the Elkton Community Education Center, 15850 Hwy 38, Elkton, Oregon.
- On Thursday, November 1, 2018, an IPM (Integrated Pest Management) Orchard and Vineyard Pest Management Seminar will be held in the OSU Extension Auditorium from 9 am to 1 pm. Topics will be on current pest problems (Eastern Filbert Blight, Flathead Borers, the Spotted Wing Drosophila, and Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs) and on pesticide stewardship. These sessions count for recertification credits.
- On Saturday, November 3, 2018, Jackson County Master Gardener Association will hold their "Winter Dreams Summer Gardens" symposium. The symposium will be held at the Higher Education Center Facility, a SOU/RCC Facility located at 101 S Bartlett St. Medford, OR 97502 from 9 am to 4:30 pm. The cost is \$45 for a full day of classes, lunch included. Search "Jackson County Winter Dreams" and the information will come right up.
- There will be one more Diagnostic Class at 10:00 on October 31, 2018 at the home of Diane Smith-Lewsadder at 260 Rio Verde Lane, Roseburg.
- From Laurie Michaels, OSU Education Program Assistant II and sent per Steve:
"Help improve your key volunteers ability to effectively communicate and work as a team. More information regarding this training will be shared during the MG monthly meeting next week! The training will be held on Saturday, December 8, 10 AM to 3 PM at the OSU Douglas County Extension Service Auditorium and

is geared towards: Accessing your Personality Profile, Meeting Management & Organizational Format, Building an Effective Team, Tools to Improve Your Conflict Management Style, A Facilitator's Guide to Managing Different Personalities. Our training is formulated to engage your volunteers to encourage teamwork and build on their desire to serve as direct program facilitator or board member within your organization. We are excited to share our expertise that we have developed through training received at CISPUS this past spring. The training fee is \$15/person and includes lunch and training materials." Flyer available in the Extension Office.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership – Kay Livermore

Membership is 248

OMGA Representative – Rosemary Brinkley/Kish Doyle:

- Rosemary reported that the next quarterly OMGA meeting will be held in Portland. The Friday, November 2, Leadership Meeting will be on communication via media, facebook, & web pages. On Saturday, November 3, the election of new officers will be held. Chris Rusch is running for OMGA President, and Patrice Sipos for OMGA Treasurer.
- After the November chapter meeting there will be a meeting for all members interested in attending the 2019 International Convention in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Treasurer – Toni Rudolph:

Copies of the financials and a short form of the proposed budget are available to review and will be on the website with the minutes and the newsletter. The new budget will be voted on at the November chapter meeting.

Vice President – Vicki Barrett:

Scott McKain will be the November Continuing Education speaker. His topic will be on soil management and cover crops.

Past President – Chris Rusch:

Thank you to Judy Huntley (Awards Banquet Chair) and Betty Ison (Awards Chair) for their hard work on this year's Awards Banquet. The hall was festively decorated and the awards top notch. Many hours of

preparation goes into this gala affair to make it the huge success it is every year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards – Betty Ison:

Betty announced the DCMG Awards given at the October Awards Banquet:

- DCMG of the Year – Vicki McAlister
- DCMG Behind the Scenes Award – Carol Bolt
- DCMG Outstanding New Apprentice – Nita

Nettleton

The DCMG Extension Agent's Horticulture Awards:

- Richard Johnstone
- Denise Fennell
- Sharon & Dave Hopkins

Certificate of Excellence Award presented by Steve Renquist:

Betty Ison for 30 years of service to DCMG

Bake Sale – Janet Parkerson/Sharon Bordeaux

The sign up sheets are circulating...please sign up to volunteer for one of the many opportunities available.

Sharon met with John Robertson at Sherm's and he is expecting us, and assured us that we will have our usual spot by the front doors.

Labels are available at the back table. Please fill out one for each item donated. There will be extra copies in the Plant Clinic.

Flyers are available on the back table. Please post at your favorite coffee shop, schools, club houses, or any other place where they will be seen. There will be extra copies in the Plant Clinic.

We are receiving donations, so check in the Plant Clinic. Today there is flour, sugar, pecans, & lots of shortening. There are also pie tins and tins suitable for brownies/bars.

A copy of the flyer, the donations needed list, and the Bake Sale information letter will be sent to Denise Fennell, Master Food Preservers, Diana Circle, Publicity Chair, and Vicki McAlister, Webmaster.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery (Reported by Sharon Bordeaux)

- Overhead Doors is scheduled to clean, repair and cover the gutters on the pavilion
- I am pricing fencing for the new power pole.
- All garden heads need to gather their receipts and send them to Toni or Julie ASAP.
- Super tremendous thanks to Ray Warren and Ernie Amabisca for repairing the huge break in the irrigation pipe.
- The water is now on. Thanks to the weather, the DG is done watering for the year.
- We will be a unisex bathroom facility for awhile. If anyone wants to take a crack at the non-flushing women's toilet, have at it...and yes, we tried the plunger.
- Fir nuggets have been delivered for the Xeriscape Garden. No sharing at this time, however, the pile of hemlock mulch is available to all to use in their garden areas.



Greenhouse West – Barbara Robinson

- Leo Grass will be replacing John Denny as the winter greenhouse monitor. Thank you, Leo.
- Fred Alley is making new signs for the greenhouses. Thank you, Fred.
- Once the plants have been moved inside for the winter, new pallets will be installed replacing the rotted ones. Thank you in advance to Ivor for taking charge of this project.
- Thanks to Leo Grass, Gale Robinson, Ray Warren who installed the new heaters. The greenhouses thank you, as do the winter volunteers.
- As winter closes in, we will be moving the plants indoors and propagating new plants.

Greenhouse East – Bruce Gravens/Ann Severson (Vicki Barrett reported)

Volunteers are cleaning, pruning and propagating plants. Bruce would like to be done with fall clean up and propagating by November 17. The crew is working on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 AM to noon to meet this goal but more volunteers are needed. Please consider volunteering at the East Side Greenhouse on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Hallmark – Linda Thames:

Linda sent cards to Don Pearson who had cervical disc replacement surgery, to Ray McNeilan, former OMGA State Program Leader, for the loss of his wife, Jennifer.

Newsletter – Bonnie Courter: Please submit articles for the Newsletter by Saturday, October 27, 2018.

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch:

- There were over 50 inquiries to date in October, more than in 2017.
- In December, the Plant Clinic will be open on Mondays only.
- There is an opportunity to volunteer as a Trainer in the Plant Clinic as Larry is retiring. He volunteers from 1-4 every Thursday from March through the summer.
- Thanks to all the trainers: Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Larry Sutton, and Karolyn Riecks.

Publicity – Diana Circle

- Diana is writing an article for the News-Review on the Victory Garden to be published in the Veterans Day issue.
- Diana is working with the Bake Sale committee on their publicity.
- A new PSA will be placed in the News-Review with the November/December Plant Clinic hours.

Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford:

2018 total donations to UCAN: 6,263 pounds. The 2017 total was 5,440 pounds. Thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work this year, and especially to the volunteers who composted, planted the winter cover crop and garlic. The Victory Garden has been officially put to bed for the winter.

Winter Program – Bonnie Courter/Kish Doyle:

Bonnie and Kish assembled the Green Folders in preparation for the Winter Class this week. Mentor trainings will be held on November 7 and December 5 at 10 am, lasting approximately one hour. Both mentors and alternates should attend. The training will be held in the upstairs conference room at the OSU Extension Office.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Hart and his crew will be setting our new etiquette sign. Once the new sign is in place, the bike rack and the poop station will be installed.

NEW BUSINESS

Copies of the financials and a short form of the proposed budget are available to review and will be on the website with the minutes and the newsletter. The new budget will be voted on at the November chapter meeting.

SHOW AND TELL

Linda Thames shared her MONSTER Red Garnet sweet potatoes. She harvested 50 pounds from her first digging.



**M e e t i n g
Adjournment:** Vice-President Vicki Barrett adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Bordeaux
Secretary

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