



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

# Newsletter



## Jan. 2019 Calendar

Tues., Jan. 1

**Deadline to turn in dues/papers**

Mon., Jan. 7, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew (9:00)  
Insect Committee (10:00, Annex)

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

Winter Training Class & potluck

Wed., Jan. 9, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Thurs., Jan. 15

**Deadline to turn in hours to Vicki**

Mon., Jan. 14, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Jan. 15, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Jan. 17, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Fri., Jan. 18, 1:00-4:00

Discovery Garden Work Day

Mon., Jan. 21, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew (9:00)

Insect Committee (10:00, Annex)

Tues., Jan. 22, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Jan. 24, 9:00-Noon

Continuing Education (9:00)

Chapter Meeting (10:00)

Mon., Jan. 28, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Jan. 29, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Jan. 31, 1:00-4:00

Pruning Fruit Trees, DG

## Agent's Welcome

### Steve Renquist

Welcome to the class of Master Gardeners™ 2019. 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. These classes will be scheduled outside of our regular Tuesday schedule. We encourage the class of 2019 to join a hands-on volunteer project too at the Discovery Garden, greenhouses, 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 students 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 in to 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 me introduce our Executive Board.**

## DCMG President

**Nancy Fuller**



Happy New Year to all! I am very pleased to welcome the Master Gardener Class of 2019 to our group. I look forward to meeting and getting to know each of you in this coming year.

This particular edition of our Newsletter will introduce you to our Executive Board members and Committee Chairs.

You'll also find information about our many projects.

As President, my responsibilities include presiding over the organization in general and setting the agenda for and chairing the Executive Board and general chapter meetings. I select or confirm committee chairs and coordinators, recruit members to serve on the Audit and Nominating committees, and initiate setting up the budget for the next fiscal year. I assist in the annual review of our bylaws and policy and procedure manuals. Each month I write an article for the Newsletter.

Our monthly meetings give us the opportunity for discussion and direction for our chapter. I invite and encourage all the new 2019 Master Gardener class members to attend these meetings and share their ideas.

I have been a Master Gardener since 2015. I work in the Rock Garden section of our Discovery Garden most of the time. I've participated in our annual Plant Sale, Trash to Treasure Sale, Bake Sale, and Spring into Gardening program. I have been our chapter's representative to the Oregon Master Gardener Association. I've learned much about gardening from terrific folks who are part of our organization. I encourage you new members to think about what interests you, what you'd like to learn, or what just sounds like fun and then join one or more of our groups and see what you can accomplish over the next year.

Again, welcome and thanks for wanting to join our terrific organization. If you have questions, you can reach me at: [nmfuller2000@gmail.com](mailto:nmfuller2000@gmail.com) or 630-862-1436.

## Vice-President

**Vicki Barrett**

As the Vice-President, I want to welcome each and every one of you new students in our 2019 Class of the Douglas County Master Gardeners Program.

You will be learning the most up-to-date gardening techniques and meeting and working with many incredible Master Gardeners.



Master Gardeners have developed the Discovery Garden as an example to the community of how to grow a huge assortment of plants and trees using sustainable gardening practices.

You will be getting hands-on experience in the Discovery Garden and in the Plant Clinic. Come with your questions and your enthusiasm. You will be learning how to nourish your soil which then will nourish your plants. We learn how to identify, care for and prune trees and bushes so they remain healthy and beautiful. In the greenhouses you will be instructed on how to propagate your favorite flowers and vegetables. Working in the Plant Clinic, you will help gardeners identify plants, weeds, diseases and insect problems using our extensive library and online resources.

With all of the training you will be receiving in the weeks to come you, too, will become a Master Gardener.

I was a student just last year. I have always been amazed while watching the seeds I put in the ground grow into beautiful plants. I spent a lot of time last year working in the greenhouses helping the little plants along. I especially enjoy the camaraderie while we are all working together and learning proper techniques.

The Vice-President's job includes a number of responsibilities. One is assisting the President in conducting meetings and presiding at chapter meetings in the absence of the President. The most interesting responsibility is to provide the Continuing Education Program for the chapter. For one hour before each Chapter Meeting we have a guest speaker. You will get credit for coming and will be exposed to gardening subjects that may not otherwise be covered in our program. We have had programs on wild mushrooms, attracting pollinators to your garden, how to make your own biochar, how to improve your soil and many more. I hope to see you all there the last Thursday of the month. You are welcome to bring a friend and come before you graduate.

## Treasurer Toni Rudolph

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: [ToniRudolph@iCloud.com](mailto:ToniRudolph@iCloud.com) or 541-530-2397.

## Treasurer's Report as of 12/9/18 Toni Rudolph

### INCOME 11/28/18 - 12/9/18

Interest	\$7.30
Soil Testing	\$40.00
Bake Sale	<u>\$97.00</u>

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$144.30**

### EXPENSES 11/28/18 - 12/9/18

Discovery Garden	\$271.89
HLC Expenses	\$44.46
Propane Tanks	\$482.56
Bake Sale	<u>\$57.60</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$856.51**

### Breakdown of our accounts at 12/9/18

NWCC - Checking	\$2,070.13
NWCC - Member Account	\$1,100.88
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$29,646.90</u>

**Ending Balance 12/9/18** **\$32,817.91**

## Secretary Sharon Bordeaux



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, board and 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!

## OMGA

### Rosemary Brinkley & Kish Doyle



As the Oregon Master Gardener Association 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 to develop goals and objectives for OMGA. We have the opportunity to share what Douglas County

Master Gardeners are 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 their 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 provides are:

- \* Educational outreach via Mini-College. This year it will be held in Bend, Oregon, in October.
- \* The "Gardener's Pen", a newsletter that will be published quarterly
- \* The PNW Handbooks, given annually to be used in the plant clinic.
- \* Scholarships to an OSU horticultural student and scholarships to help send attendees to Mini-College.
- \* Grants to assist chapters fund special programs.
- \* Search for Excellence Award- Recognizes outstanding projects by Chapters that can be adapted by other Chapters. Douglas County won the Search for Excellence in 2012.
- \* Select and honor the Oregon Master Gardener of the Year. Douglas County Master Gardeners who have received this award and still participate in Master Gardeners are Betty Ison, Julie Stanbery, Jack Wright and Larry Sutton.
- \* Select and honor the "Behind the Scenes" Master Gardener of the Year. Douglas County Master Gardeners who have received this award are Richard Johnstone, Leo Grass, and Tasha King.

Kish and I look forward to getting to know the 2019 new class. If you have any questions about OMGA, please ask us:

Rosemary Brinkley: [mikeandrb@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandrb@gmail.com)

Kish Doyle: [kdoyle1320@gmail.com](mailto:kdoyle1320@gmail.com)

## Membership Kay Livermore

Becoming a Master Gardener in 2016 is one of the best things I have ever done. I only wish I had done it 20 years ago. I have learned so much and have met some of the most wonderful people in the world! I enjoy volunteering in the Plant Clinic, Discovery Garden, Plant Sale, Bake Sale and mentoring new trainees in the Master Gardener program. I am looking forward to meeting the class of 2019.



As Membership Director, I collect annual dues and keep an updated roster of DCMG members' contact information: phone numbers, mailing and e-mail addresses. If you have any changes, please contact me at:

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phone: 541-496-4111  
text: 541-430-2887

My hobbies include gardening, sewing, knitting, crocheting and genealogy. In my "spare time," I volunteer in the Genealogical Society of Douglas County library and with the Glide Booster Club.

## ~ Committees ~

### Publicity Diana Circle



Welcome to the new Master Gardeners Class of 2019! My responsibility as the Publicity Chair for the Douglas County Master Gardeners is to inform our local communities about upcoming events, continuing education opportunities and fundraisers that 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. I attend Executive Board and Chapter meetings to keep up-to-date on what's happening.

If you have a good idea for an article, or possibly a TV or radio spot, please let me know. You can reach me at [dianacircle@gmail.com](mailto:dianacircle@gmail.com), or by phone at 541-530-7123. Enjoy your new adventure with Master Gardeners.

### Facebook Barbara Horst



Welcome to the new Master Gardeners Class of 2019! As the Facebook Administrator for the Master Gardeners, I am responsible for updating our Facebook page. This 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 1,074 people following our

page. If you haven't already done so, be sure to like us on Facebook!

### Newsletter & Writing Team Bonnie Courter

I'm so excited to welcome the Class of 2019! 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](http://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 edition. It's just another way to share with Douglas County gardeners 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](mailto:rbcourter@gmail.com), or by phone at 541-672-3071, cell [541-391-2890](tel:541-391-2890). Enjoy your new adventure in gardening!

## 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](mailto: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.

## Plant Clinic

### Chris Rusch

Happy New Year everyone! Welcome to the Plant Clinic. My name is Chris Rusch and I am the manager of our Plant Clinic Program. I am delighted to welcome all our new 2019 Master Gardeners. I look forward to getting to know you all throughout the coming year.



As Plant Clinic Manager, my job is to coordinate all our Plant Clinic activities.

The Plant Clinic is where the objectives of the Master Gardener Program really come to life. At the Plant Clinic we answer a wide range of questions about home gardening. This is where we are able to take the knowledge we gained in our Sustainable Gardening classes and pass it on to the home gardeners of our Douglas County community. We diagnose plant problems; identify insects and plants; and answer general garden and orchard management questions. During your training period you will be paired with experienced Master Gardeners to lead you through the protocols of our Plant Clinic. We have an excellent reference library and numerous scientifically-based online sources to help us. Our new members will be trained in the use of our reference materials by our experienced group of trainers. It is exciting, challenging and rewarding work.

Once again, welcome and thanks for joining this great organization.

Questions? You can reach me at: 541-825-3837 or [crusch@hughes.net](mailto:crusch@hughes.net).

## Insect Committee

### Richard Johnstone & Roger Dejmaj

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



Roger and Richard

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 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.

## Community Outreach Jude Stensland



Hi, I am Jude Stensland, and I am the Master Gardener Outreach Coordinator.

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.

As the Outreach Coordinator, my job is to facilitate learning between our amazing group and the

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

community. Some of the teaching I do, but I rely on those whose skills and knowledge have been developed through time and special interest.

I am always looking for people who like to teach. Watch the email for future calls for teaching opportunities. [541-430-2080](tel:541-430-2080)

## Hallmark Linda Thames

As Hallmark Chair, my job is to promote our group's sense of community by sending a handmade greeting card with the best wishes of our group to members, their immediate families, and on occasion, to others, conveying the appropriate sentiments, such as a thank you, sympathy card, best wishes for recovery from sickness or an operation.



Without violating their right to privacy, I share such information with the general membership at chapter meetings.

## Winter Training Coordinators Bonnie Courter & Kish Doyle

As WTC Coordinators, we are responsible to help plan and execute the Winter Training Program in partnership with the Horticulture Agent. This entails equipping mentors each year along with their assigned students with the necessary information and procedures for a successful Master Gardener program. We strive to make the whole learning experience an excellent and rewarding one for each of you so that you will become active and enthusiastic Master Gardeners.

Should you have any concerns or issues during the course of the class program, please don't hesitate to share those with us so we can try and resolve them.

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Kish: 909-855-0093, [kdoyle1320@gmail.com](mailto:kdoyle1320@gmail.com)

## Discovery Garden

### Julie Stanbery

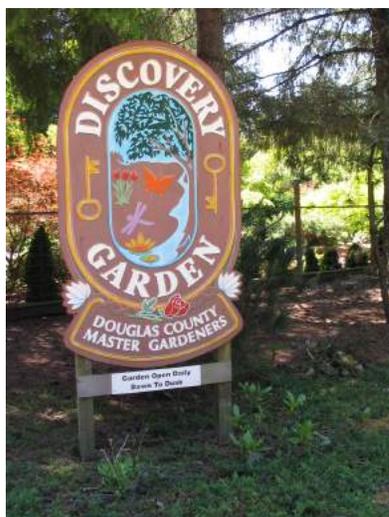
Welcome to the Discovery Garden at the Horticultural Learning Center! As new Master Gardeners you are invited to join us in a great adventure as we continue to develop our year round educational garden and teaching facility. MG volunteers participate in all areas of garden management including landscape 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, 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 Hort 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 Discovery Garden and in the greenhouses.

Your first classes at the HLC will be January 15 & 22. 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, January 31, from 1-4pm we will be pruning fruit trees. We will prune shade and flowering trees on Friday, February 15, from 1-4pm and we will prune the entry garden roses and hydrangeas on Monday, February 25, from 1-4pm. Thursday, March 7, from 1-4 pm we will work in the ornamental shrub garden. Steve will teach specialized techniques for pruning in the Japanese Garden on Thursday, March 14 from 1-4pm. We encourage everyone to participate in the garden training sessions. Your mentor will discuss how this can apply to your volunteer payback hours.

During MG training class, we have one scheduled Discovery Garden work day on January 18, from 1-4pm. We will concentrate on winter cleanup and weed control. Starting March 26, we will have regular Tuesday work days 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 a busy season ahead of us, but as all gardeners know, you meet the nicest people in the garden. We'll see you there!!

## **Plant Sale**

### **Bonnie Durick**



Welcome to the class of 2019. You will be hearing a lot about the Plant Sale in the upcoming weeks at your classes. If you have never been to our plant sale, it is quite an event. It is the first Saturday in May at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. We turn the 4-H building into a Plant Expo, including dozens of local vendors who join us.

We bring thousands - and I mean thousands - of plants from our greenhouses to the Fairgrounds for a one day sale. This is the largest fundraiser of the year. This fundraiser along with the Trash to Treasures Sale in March and the Bake Sale in the fall provide the funds to pay for all the wonderful things the Master Gardeners do for the community.

We start working on the next year's sale the week after the Plant Sale to take inventory and see what we need for a successful sale the following year. The greenhouses work year around to get ready for this huge event. After you have your classes in seeding and propagation, you are very welcome to give a hand working in the greenhouses. It is also a great way to work off some of the payback hours. We set up everything at the Fairgrounds the day before the sale and then watch the magic happen as people line up Saturday morning before the doors open to get the best



plants. When the doors do open, there is a constant flow of people coming to see what we have that they can't live without. By the end of the Plant Sale day, the inventory is greatly diminished. The success of this sale is all due to the hard work of everyone. I hope we can count on you to help out this year.

## **Westside Greenhouse Crew**

### **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**

### **Bruce Gravens**

The Core Group and devoted helpers of the Eastside Greenhouses would love to welcome the new members of the Class of 2019, to come join our efforts. We are responsible for curating and propagating woody plants for the annual plant sale which is our major fundraiser. By working with us, you will learn how to care for potted plants and propagating these sort of plants.

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. We work nearly year-round preparing for the plant sale on the first Saturday in May. We would love have you join us in the effort.

Working in the Eastside greenhouses you will learn how to maintain a wide variety potted plants. You will learn about root pruning, top pruning, winter prep., and fertilization. You will also learn about propagation of woody plants. We propagate using root cuttings, top cutting, and division techniques. Learning these techniques will not only give you the skills you can use in your own gardens, but provide you with information you can use to educate members of your community.

We look forward to seeing many of you in the greenhouses, and you're welcome to come workdays 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.

## Victory Garden

Ruth Stafford & Carolyn Ruzika



Greetings to the Master Gardener Class of 2019. The Victory Garden has increasing success each year following its opening in 2009. 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 many techniques taught in our winter class such as succession planting, crop rotation, mulching, vertical gardening and water conservation.

Our demonstration plot is always open to the public and tasting is encouraged. The demonstration garden and new signage shows the sustainable practices home vegetable gardeners can use. Our main and demo gardens grew 6263 pounds of vegetables in 2018 to be distributed to local pantries and community kitchens.

We also collected 1066 pounds of produce from MG 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!



## Pruning Class Schedule

(All classes are 1:00-4:00)

**Thurs., Jan. 31 Fruit Trees**

**Fri., Feb. 15 Shade/Flowering Trees**

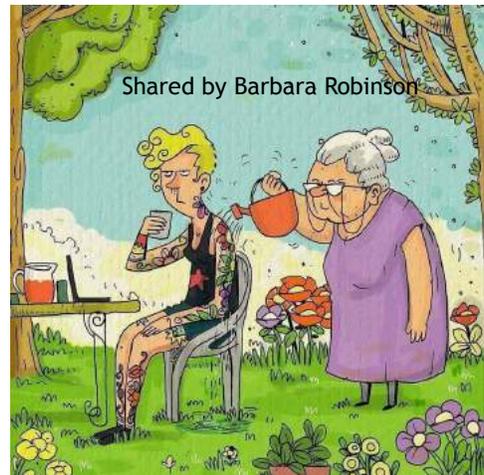
**Mon., Feb. 25 Roses/Hydrangeas**

**Thurs., March 7 Ornamental Shrubs**

**Thurs., March 14 Japanese Garden**

## Discovery Garden Work Day

**Fri., Jan. 18, 1:00-4:00 PM**



# The Year in Review in Photos



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

**Newsletter:** The deadline for the February 2019 Newsletter is January 26, 2019. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: [rbcourter@gmail.com](mailto:rbcourter@gmail.com)

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**Horticulture Agent:** [www.extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/horticulture](http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/horticulture),  
[steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu](mailto:steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu)

**OSU Douglas County Extension Service:** [www.extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas](http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas)

**OSU Gardening Information:** [www.extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening](http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening)

**OSU Master Gardeners Program:** [www.extension.oregonstate.edu/mg](http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu/mg)

**Oregon Master Gardeners Association (OMGA):** [www.oregonmastergardeners.org](http://www.oregonmastergardeners.org)



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