



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter



April 2019 Calendar

Mon., April 1, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., April 2, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., April 4, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., April 9, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., April 10, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

Thurs., April 11, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Mon., April 15, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., April 16, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., April 18, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., April 23, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., April 25

Continuing Ed, Annex 9:00

Chapter Meeting 10:00

PS Pre-Sale (MG's) Noon-3:00

Sunday, April 28, Noon-3:00

Plant Sale Pre-Sale (MG's)

Tues., April 30, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Fri., May 3

Plant Sale Set-up Day

Sat., May 4 - PLANT SALE!



Photo: Kish Doyle

The President's Post

Nancy Fuller

We have survived the worst snow storm in this area in many years. There turned out to be extensive damage out at the Discovery Garden with broken and uprooted trees, but thankfully no damage to the greenhouses. Because the broken limbs presented a danger to anyone who walked under them, the decision was made to close off the access to the garden until the limbs could be removed. In order to get the limbs and unsafe trees removed as quickly as possible, I authorized the spending of \$6,800 to the tree service Julie Stanbery found. The next day I sent an email to the Executive Board and received approval from them to authorize the money. Because our chapter meeting had to be cancelled due to the snow storm, I sent an email requesting approval of the expenditure by all the other chapter members. I also held an impromptu chapter meeting during the set up for the Trash to Treasures sale, explained the situation and received unanimous approval from the members present. The final total was 68 approvals and one denial.

Even as many of us are still cleaning up our own storm damage, there have been an incredible group of volunteers out at the Discovery Garden assisting with the clean up there. THANK YOU all for your hard work dragging, hauling, cutting up smaller branches, and doing whatever was needed to get the garden cleaned up. An extra special thank you to Gale Robinson for his tractor expertise. Thank you to the new trainees who also came out to get the garden cleaned up.

Now that spring has officially arrived and the Discovery Garden is cleaned up, we can all move on to getting our plants into the soil, enjoying the early blooms, and getting ready for the May Plant sale. Both Eastside and Westside crews have been working long hours tending to their respective plants. Please go out and help them if you can.

Congratulations to our thirty-three 2019 Winter Trainees on completion of the program! We are looking forward to seeing you out in the Garden and Plant Clinic as you continue to work on gathering your payback hours.

Congratulations to Ann Severson and her crew on a successful Trash to Treasures sale! Her hard work and team leadership helped the chapter earn \$3,600. She has said her goal is to raise \$4,000 during the sale so we hope that goal is realized next year. Because of an unfortunate incident during this year's sale, we will have to revise how we set up and conduct the sale in the future. Ann and her crew will be discussing plans for this in the coming months.

After all the excitement of last month, I hope we all have a quiet, beautiful Spring growing season. See you in the garden!

Vice-President's Report

Vicki Barrett

If you missed our March Continuing Education presentation, Peggy Cheatham from Umpqua Wildlife Rescue brought her sidekick, Nelson, a Great Horned Owl. The most important thing we learned was that we shouldn't try to care for injured animals if we don't know what we are doing. Every animal has very specific needs and the Rescue Teams know how to treat them.



Our February program had to be cancelled due to the snow storm so we have rescheduled Mike Winters for

our April 25 Presentation. Mike owns Wintergreen Nursery, Landscaping and Florist in Winston. He has been in the nursery and landscaping business for over 40 years where he acquired skills and knowledge in just about every aspect of gardening. He writes a weekly article for the "Beacon" newspaper and has his own local radio talk show program on KQEN called the "Mike Winters Lawn & Garden Show" on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm.

Most of us have some sort of problem with our lawns that we just haven't been able to figure out how to solve. Mr. Winters has the answers so I want you to come with your questions. He will talk to us about how to prepare your soil in order to establish a healthy lawn and how to keep it free from weeds, insects and diseases.

Our Continuing Education programs are free to all Master Gardeners as well as the general public. Come and bring a friend. Our presentations always start at 9:00 on the last Thursday of the month at the OSU Extension auditorium.

OMGA

Kish Doyle, State Alt. Representative

The first quarter meeting and training was hosted by Marion County at the Extension Office in Salem on March 1st and 2nd. The following information is an overview of the high points of the Board meeting. More information can be found on the OMGA website which has the entire minutes of the meeting.

Treasurer Patrice Sipos presented an overview of her duties including the software update and what the different categories represent. She answered questions regarding investments, tax reporting for the chapters and audits.

Anyone submitting articles for the Gardener's Pen need to do so by March 23. The December 2018 Director's Retreat in Oregon City was spent discussing 2019 events including Mini College and the Member Survey sent out in January. The next retreat will be December 2 & 3, 2019.

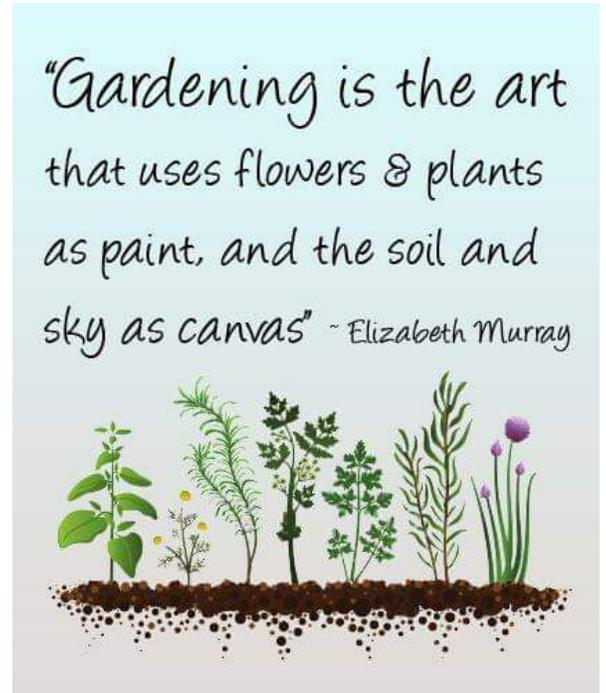
President-elect Chris Rusch gave an overview of the previous day's training by Gilda Montenegro-Fix on

Cultural Agility. The next few leadership forums will be on Fire-Wise Gardening in Jackson County, help for Treasurers at the Chapter level and Grant Writing and how the funds can be used.

Seamus Ramirez reported the website is in flux. The webmaster is working to make it more user -friendly. State Coordinator Gail Langellotto reported that staffing has been a challenge with thirteen turnovers during the last year. President Eric Bosler asked that each chapter who received funds from the Extension Educator Grant prepare a paragraph on how the funds were used and some photographs to show the final project. Applications for all grants are on the OMGA website and are due by May 15, 2019.

The OMGA Chapter Survey was sent out to all members and 23% have responded. The largest response was from Clackamas County. More than 50% of the membership did not know about many of the programs offered. The discussion that followed asked how OMGA could better deliver its message.

The next OMGA meeting and leadership forum are on June 7 & 8 in Jackson County at the Extension office in Medford. The education program is on Fire-Wise Gardening.



Treasurer's Report Toni Rudolph

INCOME

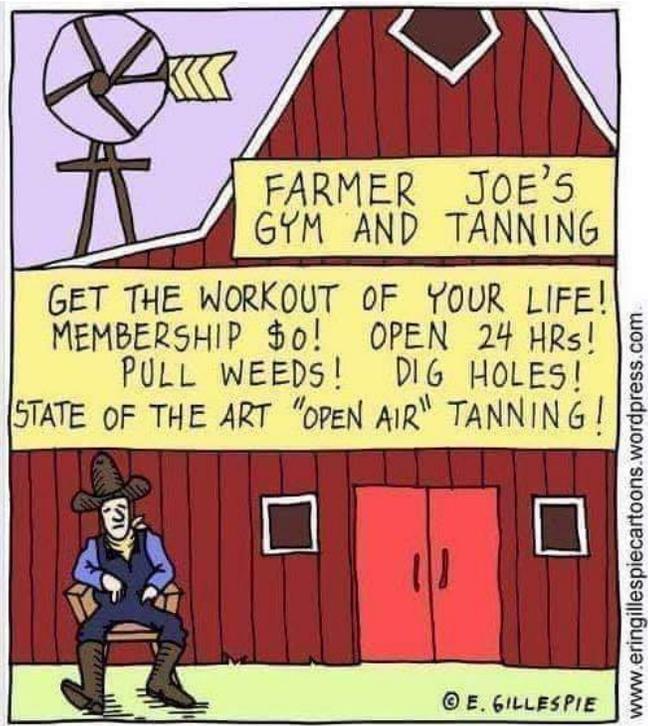
Dues	\$170.00
Interest	\$4.34
Soil Testing	\$150.00
Black Apparel	\$702.00
Trash to Treasure	<u>\$3,549.66</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,576.00

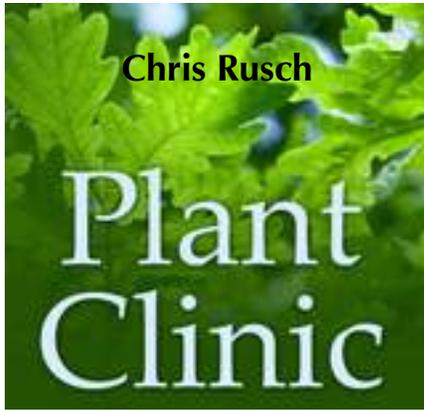
EXPENSES

OMGA Dues	\$1,505.00
Hospitality & Exec. Supplies	\$116.50
Farmer's Market - Roseburg	\$100.00
Community Outreach	\$333.94
Discovery Garden	\$16.02
HLC	\$496.22
Plant Sale	\$4,829.99
Propane	\$600.99
Trash to Treasure	\$93.50
Utilities - Electricity	<u>\$2,242.58</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,334.74

Breakdown of our accounts as of March 27, 2019

NWCC - Checking	\$2,167.83
NWCC - Reserves	\$5,000.52
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$16,686.56</u>
Ending Balance	\$23,854.91





The Plant Clinic is one of our DCMG programs that reach out to our community to help people solve a wide range of gardening and landscape questions. This includes

diagnosing plant problems and identifying insects. The Plant Clinic training program is a great opportunity for our new members to put their knowledge of Sustainable Gardening to work. The Plant Clinic began training our newest volunteers from the class of 2019 in February and March. We are lucky to have a great training team this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Barbara Horst, Ernie Amabisca, Chris Rusch, and Karolyn Riecks.

During the month of April, the Plant Clinic calendar will be devoted to training our new volunteers, but veterans can begin signing up to volunteer too! 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, I encourage each of you to take time, look at your calendar and pick just one afternoon each month and give the office a call and sign up. The Plant Clinic is where we give service as part of our Master Gardener obligation to our community. 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 it's lots of FUN!!

We had 60 visitors in the Plant Clinic in March. This is a bit less than last year this time.

If you are in town, stop by the clinic and say hi to our new students.

WANTED!

LOOKING FOR

2 lost or misplaced banners for MG Plant & Garden Expo: the ones we hang on fences around town. Call Diana Circle if you have information.

541-530-7123

Plant Sale

Bonnie Durick

The plant sale is just around the corner. Workers in the greenhouse are working several days a week getting everything ready for the sale. Please come out on Tuesdays from 9-12 to help and any other day they are working. Look for the emails each side sends out to come and help.

Now for a few announcements about the sale:

First, is the Pre-Sale. There are two Pre-Sales for Master Gardeners ONLY. They are on Thursday, April 25 and Sunday, April 28 from 12:00-3:00 out at the greenhouses. The Thursday sale is right after the chapter meeting. **You must have your name badge and be current on your dues to participate.** We can only take cash or check as there is no wi-fi out at the HLC. This is a great opportunity to get first dibs on the

great plants that are for sale. It is not a discount sale for MG's, but first pick.

The setup for the sale starts on Thursday with the transportation crew gathering up all the tables at the Extension Annex and all the "stuff" we have in the belfry and upstairs closet. This "stuff" is the supplies we need at the various sections at the sale. Then they go out to the HLC to get the tables at the Pavilion and all the carts we use to move plants at the sale. Quite a job!

Friday, May 3, is the big setup day. It starts at 7:00 a.m. for some workers who are marking the areas in the Exhibit building for the vendors and for where all the tables are to be placed. All other workers should arrive at the Fairgrounds or the greenhouses for loading plants starting around 8:00 a.m. You will be contacted by your team leader as to the time they would like you to show up. **Badges are a must!!!** There will be a potluck lunch, so please bring a dish to share if you will be eating lunch. Coffee and water will be provided.

There is no secure place for purses, so ladies, leave your purses in your car. Speaking of which, feel free to park in front of the Floral Building on Friday, but on Saturday, please park across the street in the lot in front of the Museum. This allows our customers to have parking close by.

Those of you who have signed up to load and unload plants, please just take your time. We have rented a large U-Haul truck so will be able to transport a lot of plants at one time. We don't want to damage any of the plants we have worked on all year to look their best for the sale. Many are quite delicate and we can't sell broken plants. We have areas at the Fairgrounds specified for the different type of plants we sell and there will be people available to tell you where to place the unloaded plants so everything gets in the proper place.

We also have a raffle area at the sale. This has been a great money maker. If you have any item(s) you would like to donate to the raffle, please contact Rosemary Brinkley or bring them with you to the Fairgrounds on Friday when we are setting up. Handmade items or new items you have you would like to donate would be appreciated. It is always interesting to see the various items that people have so graciously donated.

Saturday, May 4, finally arrives. Workers will arrive at 8:00 to get any last minute details from their team leaders. Again we will have a potluck lunch, so bring a dish to share. Today, **badges MUST be worn. No exceptions.** If you have any Master Gardener items of clothing - aprons, hats, T-shirts, please wear them. This makes it easy for our customers to identify a Master Gardener if they have any questions. Vendors can start their buying at 8:30 and all their items must be purchased at that time. They cannot leave anything in the holding areas to be paid for later.

Customers start lining up outside the door at least by 8:00 a.m. We will be selling tickets outside for those with the exact change. Once the doors open at 9:00 the rush begins and it is usually quite busy until the noon hour. It is really fun watching the plants disappear from the tables and into the boxes and on to the holding areas so the customers can get more boxes to get more plants. Because all the workers need to be in their areas, there will not be any shopping by the MG's until after 2:00 p.m. MG's get the best plants at the Pre-Sales. Workers will be needed in their area, not shopping, especially before noon.

There will be a garden-themed hat decorating contest on Saturday. Get those creative juices flowing and do some magic to a hat. Prizes will be given for the two best hats as voted on by Master Gardeners.

We are once again collecting food for UCAN. There will be a collection bin in front of the building. There is NOT an admission discount to the public for bringing an item like other Fairground events do. Please bring some food items to donate as well.

The signup sheets have been removed from the plant clinic, and we still have some vacancies we need filled. If you haven't signed up for anything yet, please contact the team leader and let them know you would like to help. We have openings in the following areas:

- Cashiers & Checkers - call Karen Glatz 541-378-7854
- Customer Service - call Anne Bacon 541-670-8365
- Table set-up - call Bruce Gravens 408-398-0098
- Final Pickup - call Bonnie Courter 541-391-2890

- Food management - call Barbie Hamby 559-355-4199
- Boxes - call Ken Hayes 541-863-4128
- Cleanup - call Janet Parkerson 541-600-6586
- Raffle - call Rosemary Brinkley 541-673-8814

The Plant Sale is over at 4:00 and then starts the tear-down. All the plants go back to their respective greenhouses. There is a systematic order for transporting the plants to make it easier at the greenhouses to get the plants in the right place. No tables are taken down at the Fairgrounds until after 4:00. It is always amazing to me how quickly we get the Exhibit Building looking like we found it - empty.

I'm really looking forward to a great plant sale. We have an awesome bunch of workers who do an excellent job getting plants ready, setting up, assisting customers and taking down for this sale. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered their time and effort to make this sale the best yet. Thank you!



Fred's Fav's



RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are in need of items provided by chapter members for the Raffle tables at the Plant Sale, May 4th.

In the past, members have given books, tools, plants, artwork, pet items, handmade crafts, baskets of goodies - all kinds of donations.

If you could provide an item or two, contact Rosemary Brinkley at 541-673-8814 or email her at mikeandrb@gmail.com.

SCENES FROM WINTER TRAINING CLASS OF 2019



TRASH TO TREASURE SALE EXTRAVAGANZA



Ann Severson greets eager shoppers, somehow avoiding being trampled!



(Left): Another awesome MG Crew poses just before the big crush.



(Lower Left): Barbara Robinson, Toni Rudolph & Mik Carlson hard at work.



(Lower Left): Diane Smith-Lewsadder & Patrice Sipos man the cashier desk.



(Lower Right): Ann helps a customer pick out a great find.



(Right): Picking through Piles of Purses



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS Chapter Meeting

March 28, 2019 10 AM
OSU Extension Annex Auditorium

President Nancy Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. President Nancy Fuller, Vice President Vicki Barrett, Secretary Sharon Bordeaux, Treasurer Toni Rudolph, Past President Chris Rusch, and Membership Kay Livermore attended along with 41 chapter members.

The Agenda was approved with addition Emergency Preparedness Plan Information added to the agenda.



The Minutes posted on the Douglas County Master Gardener website were approved as posted.

AGENT'S REPORT
– Steve Renquist
(On Vacation in New Zealand)

OFFICER REPORTS:

Membership – Kay Livermore

There are 247 members including the new class.

Kay passed out 2019 Master Gardener membership cards. Territorial Seed (Cottage Grove) and Garlands (Corvallis) offer 10% discount if you show your membership card. When shopping at a nursery and/or farm store, ask if they offer a discount to Master Gardeners.

OMGA Representative – Rosemary Brinkley/Kish Doyle

- Patrice received many positive comments from OMGA members on her financial presentation.
- The OMGA Executive Board will be visiting chapters in 2019 to help recruit a coordinator who would work with an event planner to plan the 2020 Mini-College.

- Leadership Forums held the Friday before the OMGA Board meetings qualify as volunteer hours. Chris Rusch is in charge of the leadership forums this year. She brought in Gilda Fix, a speaker on Cultural Agility, who spoke on diversity inclusion and equity at the March 1, 2019 Leadership Forum.



- The next forum will be on June 7, 2019. The topic will be on Firewise and focus on what Master Gardeners can do to promote Firewise gardening.
- Grant and loan applications are due May 15, 2019. Available are the Karl Carlson grant which gives up to \$250, the OMGA Extension Educator Grant (i.e. garden signs, new soil testing equipment, water testing equipment) which gives up to \$500, and the Search For Excellence Award. The Search for Excellence Award Committee is chaired by Chris Rusch.
- Thirty eight (38) Douglas County Master Gardeners filled out the survey sent out by Eric Bosler. Twenty three percent (23%) of the OMGA membership responded. The results will be used to improve communications in various areas.
- The OMGA Executive Board voted to grant \$500 to the OSU Extension Educational Webinar program, which lost its funding. Chapters have been using the Webinars in meetings and class settings. The Webinars count as educational hours.

Treasurer – Toni Rudolph

- The financial statement is available for members review.
- Toni is updating the list of persons who can authorize reimbursements to members for expenditures. If the person's name authorizing an Expenditure Authorization Form is not on the Treasurer's list, reimbursement will not be made for the expenditure. If you are in a volunteer position that authorizes

Mark Schmoll looks for ways to save the Japanese Pine



reimbursements, please review the list located on douglascountymg.org/For Master Gardeners/Documents and Forms/Financial Forms and Information/Expenditure Authorization Form – Who can approve your reimbursement? Please notify Toni of any changes. This document was last updated 10/15/2018.

- Toni reminded those with budgets that reimbursements exceeding the balance of a budget will need to be presented to the Executive Committee for review and approval.

Vice President – Vicki Barrett

The Continuing Education program for April will be presented by Mike Winters, Wintergreen Nursery, Winston, Oregon. The topic will be “Lawns.” The Continuing Education program for May will be presented by Kyle Reed, a member of the Douglas Forest Protective Association. The topic will be on protecting your home from wildfires.

Past President – Chris Rusch

Douglas County Forestry & Natural Resources Program & Oregon State University Extension Service will present a program on Fire Resilient Woodlands on Saturday, April 20, 2019 from 9 am – 4 pm at the OSU Extension Annex in Roseburg. An informational flyer is available in the Extension Office or can be seen on the Douglas County Master Gardeners Facebook page. The cost is \$10.

Secretary – Sharon J Bordeaux (Nothing to report)

President – Nancy Fuller

On March 7, 2019, President Nancy Fuller sent an email to Executive Board Members requesting approval of emergency funds to hire a tree service to remove nine (9) damaged trees, trim broken limbs, and chip the debris removed from the Discovery Garden. The bid was \$6,800. They approved the expenditure. On March 8, 2019, Nancy held an impromptu chapter meeting at the Extension Office annex. There were 25 members in attendance. Kish Doyle made the motion to approve the \$6,800 expense and Patrice Sipos seconded. All present voted to approve the expenditure. Nancy also sent out an email to all members requesting approval of the expenditure. Sixty-eight (68) members (meeting and email) voted to approve the expenditure. One member voted not to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Awards – Betty Ison (Nothing to report)

Community Outreach – Jude Stensland

- March 2 – I partnered with Douglas Forest Protection Association to speak at the Umpqua Home Builders Home and Garden Show held at the DC Fairgrounds. We gave a talk on “Fire Resistant Landscaping” (main speaker Kyle Reed). The talk and Power Point lasted for 45 minutes. There were about 10 attendees.
- Quite a few communities have been contacted regarding fire safety. Kyle Reed of the DFPFA has set up a good program to talk about Fire Defensible Homes.
- I will be giving a Power Point presentation on “Becoming a Master Gardener” to the Rotary Club



on April 17 at 7 am. It would be more fun if there were a couple of Master Gardeners attending with me. The presentation will highlight the Discovery Garden. I need some pictures of the Master Gardener classes in action.

- I have three raised beds at my house that are available for sharecropping with someone who does not have garden access. Anyone interested, contact me at 541-430-2080.

Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery



“Workin’ on the ‘Chain Gang’”
Dave Grensky, Dave Hopkins & Gale Robinson tackle the fallen maple by the Pavillion.

- Thank you to everyone who has volunteered for cleanup in the Discovery Garden. The Discovery Garden looks good. The debris is now in the road and chipping will begin today. The total cost of the cleanup was \$6,800.
- On Tuesday, the Discovery Garden workday will focus on cleaning up the driveway.
- The following Butterfly Gardens are available for adoption: Day Lilly Garden, Rudbeckia Garden, Coreopsis Garden, and the Iris Bed.

Facebook – Barbara Horst (Absent)

Greenhouse East – Bruce Gravens/Ann Severson

Workdays for the Greenhouse East are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to noon.

Greenhouse West – Barbara Robinson (reported by Nancy Fuller)

Greenhouse West volunteers are sowing seeds, transplanting seedlings, and cleaning up perennials for the Plant Sale. Per an email from Barbara Robinson, Greenhouse West workdays are on Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 am to noon, until the Plant Sale in May.

Hallmark – Linda Thames

Master Gardener Trainee Alan Ward had a heart issue at the Discovery Garden. He is now doing well. He thanked me for the card.

Lorena Remington was hospitalized with pneumonia.

Newsletter/Winter Program – Bonnie Courter/Kish Doyle

Bonnie requested articles for the Newsletter be submitted by Saturday, March 30, 2019.

Bonnie thanked everyone for their help in making the Winter Program a success. The surveys completed by students and mentors will be used to improve the next class.

Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch

- The Plant Clinic was closed the last week of February due to the weather.
- There were forty (40) contacts in February. March should end with fifty (50) contacts. The questions were mainly on orchard management and bugs.
- A reminder that answers to Plant Clinic inquiries must be from scientific sources.

Plant Sale – Bonnie Durick

- Set up for the Plant Sale will be on May 3, 2019. The Plant Sale will be on May 4, 2019.
- There will be a potluck beginning at 11:30 each day. Please bring a dish to share with fellow volunteers.
- The annual Master Gardener Plant Sale Pre-Sale will be at the greenhouses on Thursday, April 25, 2019 (12 - 3pm) and on Sunday, April 28, 2019 (12 – 3 pm). The sale is for Master Gardeners only. Bring cash or checks – no credit card sales accepted. Badges must be worn.

- There will be a hat decoration contest the day of the Plant Sale – wear your “best-dressed” garden hat.
- We need boxes for the Plant Sale. Please deliver them to the storage area in “Punches Palace” (the brown shed).
- The day of the Plant Sale, UCAN will provide a barrel for non-perishable food donations.
- There is a team leader meeting following the chapter meeting.
- Rosemary Brinkley, Plant Sale Raffle Chair, requested donations for the raffle table.



Nancy Fuller tests out the new seating arrangements at the Rock Garden

Publicity – Diana Circle

- Diana passed out bookmarks and flyers for the Plant Sale (May 4, 2019) and asked that members post them in businesses in the community.
- Two (2) banners are still missing. These banners are used for the Plant Sale. Please check your storage areas. Replacing the banners would be very expensive.
- Diana purchased two (2) ads in the newspaper – one for Trash to Treasures and another for the Plant Sale.
- The News Review published an article on the Master Gardener Winter Program graduation along with a class picture.
- A save-the-date plant sale poster is posted on the DCMG Facebook page.
- Diana submitted a plant sale article to The Gardener’s Pen (OMGA newsletter).
- There are thirty (30) Plant Sale PSA’s (Public Service Announcements) scheduled.

- Diana needs to have the Plant Sale vendor’s information to the News-Review no later than April 22, 2019. Jen Bailey will be advised.

Trash to Treasures – Ann Severson

There was a wonderful turnout by volunteers to work at Trash to Treasures – from set up to cleanup. Thank you to everyone for all your hard work. We earned \$3,600.

Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford

Luckily, there was no storm damage in the Victory Garden. Workday in the Victory Garden is each Tuesday, 9 am to noon. This week several Master Gardeners from the new class came to work in the Victory Garden. The peas, onions and garlic are up and the cover crop looks amazing. In 2018, the Victory Garden donated 6,200 pounds of produce to UCAN.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jen Bailey’s power has been out due to the snowstorm. Without power, she has been unable to work on the review and revision of the Bylaws and Policy and Procedures manual. She will present the revisions at the April Executive Board meeting. This gives all members an opportunity to review the document and present any changes via email to President Nancy Fuller (nmfuller2000@gmail.com) or Jen Bailey (jen@skylondaranch.com).
- Comments are still being taken on changing the election date as well as officer service date to begin January 1st of each year.
- Nancy contacted Ferrell Gas regarding service to the greenhouse propane tanks. They have agreed to check and fill all four tanks at the same time instead of one tank at a time. This should keep any one tank from running out of gas. The East and West Greenhouses will need to monitor their tanks to see that Ferrell Gas follows through on the change in service. Ferrell Gas has also agreed to send one bill for all tanks.

NEW BUSINESS

- Toni Rudolph contacted Pacific Power & Light regarding the power bill. PP&L is willing to send the

bill for the garden, green houses, outbuildings, and pump directly to Douglas County Master Gardener Association for payment. We will need to pay a deposit of \$988.00. The deposit will be returned with interest of 2.5% within a year (if we make our payments as agreed). Linda Thames made a motion that we pay the deposit to PP&L. Anne Bacon and Kish Doyle seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

- Nancy read a letter received from the Douglas County Administrative Assistant (Facilities Department) that controls our use of the Annex spaces. On Friday, March 8, during the time donations were being accepted for the Trash to Treasures sale, county employees complained that people parked in their reserved spaces. In one case the Master Gardener parked in a reserved space and was verbally rude to the county employee leaving the space. The parking lots are clearly marked “Reserved” and “Employee Parking” and it is not acceptable for any Master Gardener to ignore the signage. Our volunteers also parked in other employee spaces. Due to the lack of consideration by our volunteers, the county has changed our hours of set up for Trash to Treasures from Thursday afternoon and all day Friday to Friday after 4 pm. This will make it nearly impossible for the Trash to Treasures team to have the sale ready to open on Saturday morning. Nancy also stated that the loss of goodwill with the county could affect our usage of the Fairgrounds and the Annex where we hold our meetings. This unacceptable behavior by the few could also seriously affect the revenue stream that keeps our program alive if we are not allowed to use the Fairgrounds for the Plant Sale and the Annex for Trash to Treasures. Nancy reported that she and Ann both extended apologies to the county employees through the Administrative Assistant. Discussion followed with possible solutions for next year’s sale.
- Diane Smith-Lewsadder presented information on an Emergency Preparedness Plan. During the storm, 50% of the receptors were down, and local radio stations did not have backup systems so there was a loss of communication. An option is the use of a Ham Radio during an emergency. These radios would work during a power and communication outage. An eight-week (once a week on Thursdays) Ham Radio Operators CLASS is available. The class is

free. The manual is \$25.00. Dennis Riggs is the licensed instructor. At the end of the class, there will be a proctored exam. The license for operators is \$70 for five years. There would be additional cost for equipment and set up. Dennis requires 10 people to sign up in order to teach a class. If you are interested, contact Diane at 267-968-4324. We need five (5) more people to run the class. Dennis would like to begin the class the first week in May.

- Diane also reported that the new table covers for the Fair arrived. They are orange with the OSU Master Gardeners Logo and Douglas County Master Gardeners printed on them. They will be a nice colorful addition to the tables at the Fair. Since Diane was able to order them at cost, she also ordered two (2) additional covers for the Roseburg and Canyonville Saturday Markets. Fred Alley is constructing and Diane is painting a wooden two-sided arched sign for over the table at the Fair. The painted sign will draw attention to the Master Gardener booth. Diane and co-chair Chris Rusch have other plans to make our booth stand out at this year’s Fair.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon J. Bordeaux, Secretary



“Funnies” shared by Barbara Robinson & Kish Doyle

Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: The deadline for the May 2019 Newsletter is April 27th. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: rbcourter@gmail.com

Website: www.douglascountymg.org

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

Horticulture Agent: www.extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/horticulture,
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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