



### May 2019 Calendar

Fri., May 3, 8:00-5:00?

Setup for Plant Expo, Fairgrounds

Sat., May 4, 9:00-4:00

**Plant & Garden Expo**

Mon., May 6, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., May 7, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., May 8, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

Sun., May 12

**Mother's Day**

Tues., May 14, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Mon., May 20, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., May 21, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Mon., May 27

**Memorial Day**

Tues., May 28, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., May 30

Continuing Education, Annex (9:00)

Chapter Meeting, Annex (10:00)

## The President's Post

Nancy Fuller

It has been quite lovely this spring. The blue skies and warm temperatures have given us every reason to be outside and enjoying this time of year. Many of us are planting and watching our seedlings pop up. When we aren't in the gardens, we're out hiking, biking, bird watching or maybe just sitting on our porches to enjoy the weather.



If you haven't been out to the Discovery Garden in the past few weeks, you've been

missing a spectacular show of color in many of the gardens. The garden looks much different, with many trees gone, but otherwise, the plantings are intact and beautiful.

The Plant Sale is almost here! A ginormous thank you goes out to the many volunteers who've been working to get all the plants ready for sale. The plants look great and will make their new owners happy to have them.

This is also the time of the year when we begin searching for members who would like to become officers for the next year (or longer). We will need new folks for the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and OMGA representative positions. Job descriptions are online in the Policy and Procedure document. Nominees are presented to the chapter at the June meeting, elections are held at the July meeting, and installation is done at the August meeting. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact any of the nominating committee members: Fred Alley, Ann Severson, or Patrice Sipos. You can also contact any of the current officers for insight.

Finally, cheers for a successful plant sale and healthy gardens!



## Vice-President's Report Vicki Barrett

April's guest speaker was Mike Winters. He shared what he had learned about planting and sustaining a beautiful lawn over his forty years in the business. We especially enjoyed learning how to rid our lawns of grubs. Ask someone who was at the meeting about that!



(Photo: Kish)

Remember all the wildfires last year? Have you created a defensible space around your home and property yet? Your house and outbuildings are potential fuel in our fire-prone environment. Our guest speaker, Kyle Reed, a Firewise Specialist, will be our last Continuing Education speaker before our summer potlucks begin. Join us May 30 at 9:00 am at the OSU Extension auditorium to learn what you need to do to keep your home and property safe from wildfire. The Continuing Education Program is open to the public, so please feel free to invite a guest.

We traditionally reserve the summer months to meet at one of our members' homes, have our Chapter Meeting, share a potluck out on the lawn and enjoy each others' company. In June, July and August our Chapter meeting will be hosted by fellow Master Gardeners. I am still searching for someone to let us use their lawn for our July and August Chapter meetings. If you would like to be considered as a possible Host Site, please contact me.

Our June meeting will be in the garden of Steve Renquist. Remember, our summer meetings will be potluck lunches. Everyone brings a dish to share, a chair and their own utensils and water. Hope to see you there.

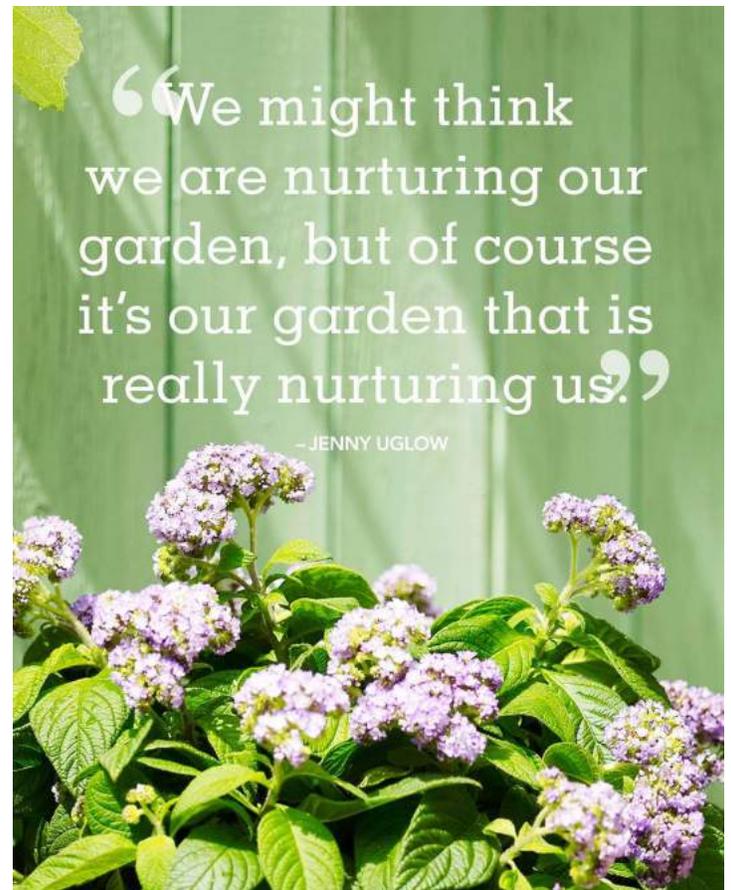
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## OMGA Rosemary Brinkley

OMGA would like members who have not completed the Chapter Survey to take the time to go on-line to give the board feedback. The link is OMGA Chapter Survey 2019 and will be up until May1, 2019.

A reminder that the Extension Educator Grants application deadline is May 15, 2019. This grant is to aid in the development of a program or the acquisition of materials, designed to enhance public education in the field of home horticulture. Grants will not exceed the amount of \$500.00

Next OMGA Board meeting will be held in Jackson County on June 6-7. All members are invited to attend.



## Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

3/27/19 - 4/24/19

### INCOME

Dues	\$10.00
Interest	\$4.04
Soil Testing	\$240.00
Plant Sale	<u>\$1,995.00</u>

### TOTAL INCOME

**\$2,249.04**

### EXPENSES

Banquet	\$151.75
Farmer's Market - Canyonville	\$203.96
Discovery Garden	\$35.24
HLC	\$508.54
Plant Sale	\$3,593.98
Propane	\$456.51
Black Apparel	\$702.00
Utilities - Electricity	\$2,823.70
Non-Budgeted:	
Storm Damage at HLC	\$6,800.00
Deposit for Pacific Power	<u>\$990.00</u>

### TOTAL EXPENSES

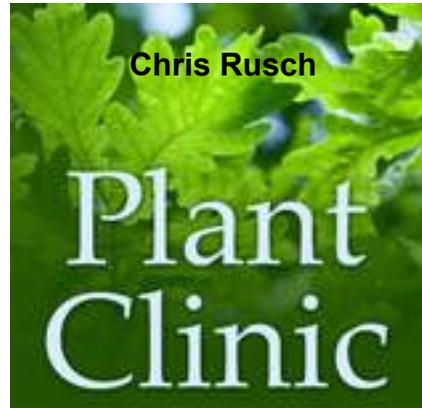
**\$16,265.68**

### Breakdown of our accounts as of April 24, 2019

NWCC - Checking	\$730.42
NWCC - Reserves	\$5,000.94
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$9,690.18</u>

### Ending Balance

**\$15,421.54**



Well Spring has finally arrived to Douglas County!!

The Plant Clinic has been really busy in April. We have been helping folks plan their gardens and landscapes by answering a wide

range of questions. This includes diagnosing plant problems and identifying insects. We have also had a plethora of questions about tree and shrub damage left by our winter storm. We had over 90 visitors this month!

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. The Plant Clinic training program is a great opportunity for our new members to put their knowledge of sustainable gardening to work. We are lucky to have a terrific Plant Clinic training team this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Barbara Horst, Ernie Amabisca, Anne Bacon, Chris Rusch, and Karolyn Riecks.

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. And it's lots of FUN!!

Thank you to all of our enthusiastic Plant Clinic volunteers!



Photo: Fred Alley

**"Tractor Talk"**

## **Plant Sale**

### **Bonnie Durick**

### **Ready or Not - Here We come!**

Plant sale time is really here. The greenhouse workers have been working hard getting all of the plants ready for this sale. It is a year-around project and the plants look good. Set-up will be Friday, May 3 and the sale Saturday, May 4. Those of you who have signed up to help - thank you. Without all of our volunteers, this event could not happen. There's a ton of moving parts and with everyone's help, it all runs smoothly. If you would still like to help, give me a call at 541-671-8954 or email me at [durick1@msn.com](mailto:durick1@msn.com) and I will get your name and information to a team leader.

Our transportation people will begin on Thursday picking up the carts and boxes and other stuff at the HLC then onward to the Extension building to get all of the white tables and the plant sale items in storage in the closet upstairs.

Early Friday morning (7:00 a.m. for some of us) crews start arriving for their various tasks. The rented U-Haul and trailers and pickups from the transportation crew will be getting to the greenhouses around 8:00 a.m. to start loading plants and the procession to the Fairgrounds will start. Crews at the Fairgrounds will have set up the tables and be ready to unload plants and take them to their respective tables. It takes the rest of the day to get everything in its place and have the building look great. During all of this setup, vendors will also be unloading their wares to get their area ready to go. Master Gardeners need to bring some food for the potluck and wear their name badges. Parking can be anywhere on Friday except in front of the Exhibit Building to keep that area clear for the vendors to unload.

Saturday is the big day. For the Master Gardeners - park across the street to allow parking for the customers. There is also a gem and mineral show going on so there could be a lot of people needing to park to get to the exhibits. There is no secure area for purses, so please lock them in your car. You MUST wear name badges on Saturday. Also it would be great if you wear any Master Gardener clothing items such as aprons, hat

or t-shirt. This help identify you if customers have a question.

There is a potluck again on Saturday, so please bring some food item to share. And don't forget the garden-themed hat decorating contest. Prizes will be awarded to the top two chosen by votes from the Master Gardeners.

4-H youth volunteers will again be helping us. They work for tips, and are a great help to our sale.

UCAN will have a barrel at the sale for food donations. Please be generous with your donations to this great cause.

The sale starts at 9:00 but the vendors can purchase plants starting at 8:30. Everyone needs to be at the Fairgrounds at 8:00 for last minute instructions from your team leader and be ready for when the mad rush starts when the doors open at 9:00. The sale ends at 4:00 and no tables will be



taken down or plants removed to be returned to the greenhouses until after 4:00. Master Gardeners will be able to purchase plants at the sale after 3:00. If it is quiet in the afternoon, we might move that up to 2:30, but don't plan on it.

Don't forget to check out all of the items in the raffle. Feel free to buy tickets to try for an item of your choice. If you have any items you would like to donate to the raffle, please bring them Friday so the crew can get them on the tables.

Thank you again for all of you who have volunteered to help. A huge thanks to my team leaders for their role in leading workers in the various areas. I'm looking forward to a successful Plant Expo

## Physical Moss Control for Lawns

(Excerpted from OSU Extension Website by B. Courter)



The best way to effectively and permanently control moss in the lawn and garden is to correct the conditions that are favoring moss growth. Moss grows better than most types of grass in areas with heavy shade, poor drainage, and compact soils.

- Mosses are often found in cool, shaded areas of the lawn where they are more competitive than grasses. The following physical control methods can help prevent and control moss growth in shady areas.
- Trim shrub and tree limbs that create shady areas on the lawn.
- Complete removal of shrubs or trees may be needed in areas that receive less than 3-4 hours of direct sunlight or 6-8 hours of filtered sunlight. This is the amount of sunlight that is required for most grasses to grow well.
- Mow at the top of the recommended mowing height for each grass species. In general, no more than 1/3 of the top growth should be removed when mowing. This will encourage deep rooting and maximum leaf surface area, which will allow the grass to absorb more sunlight.
- A shade-tolerant grass, such as St. Augustine grass or fescue, can be planted in partially shaded areas.
- Instead of grass, shade tolerant ground covers can be planted in shady areas in the lawn. Two examples include pachysandra and myrtle

(*Vinca minor*). Do not use invasive species, such as English ivy.

Excessively wet soils can promote moss growth because mosses grow better than grass in wet, poorly drained soils. Some physical control methods that target excessive moisture include:

- Watering the lawn only when it is needed. Regularly scheduled watering and automatic watering systems will often over-water the lawn, especially in shaded areas.
- Adding sand or soil to localized low-lying areas. This will increase the elevation. This will allow more sunlight and wind to dry the area out.
- Contouring or trenching wet area, which will allow excess water to be drained.
- Installing french drains or subsurface drainage tiles in large areas of water build-up.
- Removing thatch (dead organic matter) from the lawn, which will increase grass vigor and decrease water retention on the surface. Thatch can be removed by hand raking or with a vertical mower.
- Moss growth in the lawn and garden can also be encouraged by heavy or compacted soils. Compacted soils have a decreased amount of air, water and nutrient movement, thus causing stress to the grass and allowing mosses to move in. Furthermore, the decrease in water movement can prevent water drainage in the compacted soils, thus favoring moss growth. Controlling mosses by increasing the aeration of the soil can be done in several ways.
- Core aeration or aerification is a process that removes cores of soil from the lawn. It can be done with a manual sod-coring tool or a power-driven core aerator and should be done every year.
- Incorporating several inches of organic matter into the compacted soil will improve the texture and draining in the soil.

Physically controlling mosses is often used along with chemical control to increase the chance of completely eliminating mosses from the lawn and garden. Physical control methods can also be used as an effective, chemical-free alternative to chemical control. Most physical control methods are inexpensive and take only a short amount of time to implement.

# DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS CHAPTER MEETING

April 25, 2019



Pre-Sale shop and talk

**Call-to-Order:** President Nancy Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:00 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 36 chapter members.

**Agenda:** The Agenda was approved as presented.

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

## Agent's Report – Steve Renquist

In celebration of Arbor Day, the library will be hosting a free educational event on tree management techniques and preparedness. There will be three "Ted Talk" style presentations in the Ford Room, a raffle for prizes, and a tree-themed story time and craft for kids. This event is sponsored by the City of Roseburg, Roseburg Fire Department and Douglas County OSU Extension Service.

Gail Langellotto announced that OSU Extension would offer a 7-week (classes 2 times a week) online Master Gardener course beginning July 26, 2019. She stated that the response for the online classes has been very positive.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### Membership - Kay Livermore

The chapter has 246 members.

### OMGA Representative – Rosemary Brinkley/Kish Doyle

OMGA has been conducting a survey of our statewide membership since February. Over 850 Master Gardeners have taken the survey. If you have not taken the survey, you have until May 1, 2019. Go to [OMGA Chapter Survey 2019](#) to take the survey.

Gail Langellotto would like to remind chapters that nominations for MG awards and the Extension Educator Grants are due on May 15, 2019. So far, only one MG award has been received and one Extension Educator Grant has been received. If you are interested in the Extension Educator Grant Program, Rosemary has the criteria and form to be filled out.

The next OMGA meeting will be held June 7th and 8th at the Jackson County Extension. All members are welcome to attend.

### Treasurer – Toni Rudolph

The financial statement is available for members review.

Toni noted that the large expense item (\$7,000+) is for pre-approved expenses for tree removal and the deposit to Pacific Power.

### Vice President – Vicki Barrett

The Continuing Education program for May will be presented by Kyle Reed, a member of the Douglas



Larisa Dollens loads up Darrell with some "must-have's"



Carol & Toni share a hug and a laugh

Forest Protective Association. The topic will be on protecting your home from wildfires.

Steve is hosting the June chapter meeting at his home. We are looking for persons to host the July and August meetings. If you are interested, please contact Vicki at [la\\_bruja1@msn.com](mailto:la_bruja1@msn.com) or at 541-680-2652.

**Past President – Chris Rusch** (Nothing to report)

**Secretary – Sharon J Bordeaux** (Nothing to report)

**President – Nancy Fuller**

Nancy thanked all the volunteers who helped with the Discovery Garden cleanup.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Awards – Betty Ison**

The MG State Awards were sent 1 ½ weeks ago.

Mentors should make sure the trainees are submitting their hours.

**Community Outreach – Jude Stensland**

- April 10 – Kathy Shayler presented a talk on Beneficial Insects to the Sutherlin Garden Club. Ten members attended.
- April 17 – Jude spoke to the Morning Rotary Club. The topic was “Master Gardeners – History and Organization.” Fifteen members attended.
- Saturday, May 11 – Kids Fair in Glide from 11-3 pm. Need the assistance of 1 more veteran and 1-2 volunteers. Set up will be at 9 am. Kay Livermore volunteered to help and will contact her trainees to see if they are also available to help.

- Saturday, May 18 – Table at the LDS/Pacific Power Preparedness Day from 1-5 pm. Kish Doyle offered to present information on “What Master Gardeners Do.”

**Discovery Garden – Julie Stanbery**

- Julie has new volunteers training to use the new tractor.
- The new etiquette sign has been delivered and will be installed today.
- Two small gardens are available to be adopted – Iris Garden and Rudbeckia Garden.
- On the Tuesday following the Plant Sale, the water pipes will be cleared and the water turned on to see if it is working properly.
- The summer 2019 water crew is Viviane Pulis, Bonnie Durick, and Janet Parkerson

**Facebook – Barbara Horst**

1134 people are following our Facebook page.  
780 people have made posts.  
1720 people have commented.

**Greenhouse East – Bruce Gravens/Ann Severson**

Bonnie Durick reported that Greenhouse East is ready for the Plant Sale.



Darling tea cups and hyper tufa plantings for sale this year!



### **Greenhouse West – Barbara Robinson**

Betty Ison reported that Greenhouse West and Greenhouse East would be open from 12 -3 pm today for the Plant Sale Pre-sale.

### **Hallmark – Linda Thames**

#### Cards sent:

- Toni Rudolph's husband – he is home recovering from hip surgery.
- Kathy Hart - Kathy fell and injured her hand.
- Ken Hays - Ken had shoulder surgery and will be recovering for the next six weeks.
- Anne Waddington - Anne had hip surgery on April 23rd.

#### Thank you:

To Gary and Donna Cross, Barbara and Gale Robinson's neighbor, for loaning us the orange

construction barriers during the Discovery Garden cleanup.

### **Newsletter – Bonnie Courter**

Bonnie requested articles for the Newsletter be submitted by Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Listen for Bonnie's Plant Sale interviews on the local radio stations next Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 8:30 and 8:00 respectively (KQEN & KRBS).

### **Plant Clinic – Chris Rusch**

April inquiries to date are 85. April 2018 total inquiries were 85. With another week to go, we will exceed the 2018 number.

Chris thanked Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Karolyn Riecks, Ernie Amabisca, Barbara Horst, and Anne Bacon for their help as leaders in the Plant Clinic.

### **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 – 3pm). The sale is for Master Gardeners only. Bring cash or checks – no credit card sales accepted.
- There will be a hat decoration contest the day of the Plant Sale. Prizes will be awarded for the two “best-dressed” garden hats.
- The day of the Plant Sale, UCAN will provide a barrel for non-perishable food donations.
- Deliver your Plant Sale Raffle items on Friday, May 3rd

### **Publicity – Diana Circle**

- Diana has flyers for the Plant Sale available. She asked members to post them around the community.
- There will be 54 Plant Sale ads on the radio during the next week.
- Please put up the yard signs on Sunday. Return signs to the Plant Clinic after the sale.



•The News-Review and the radio stations have been v e r y cooperative this year.  
 •A thank you will be submitted to the News-

Review listing all donors and vendors participating in the Plant Sale.

**Victory Garden – Ruth Stafford**

Chips have been spread in the walkways. The second crop of peas is up and looking healthy. Gophers have been dining on the cabbages. He/she will be asked to leave the garden.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The updated Policy and Procedures and the Bylaws have been sent to all members. Please review as the membership will be asked to approve the changes at the next meeting. Two major changes are (1) use of the pavilion in the Discovery Garden and (2) requirement to be nominated/elected as chapter president (minimum membership of one year).

Laura Corder, OSU Extension, interceded on behalf of the Master Gardeners regarding pick-up and delivery from the Extension Annex for the Plant Sale. The County reversed their decision and pick-up will be allowed at 1:30 pm on Thursday, May 2nd. It is imperative that volunteers do not park in employee spaces.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Beginning June 10, 2019, a new Extension Office printing policy will go into effect. Master Gardener’s will be allowed a maximum of 600 copies per month on the Extension Office printer. A discussion followed regarding the purchase of a printer for MG use. Nancy will meet with Laura and clarify some points in the policy prior to a decision on purchasing a printer.

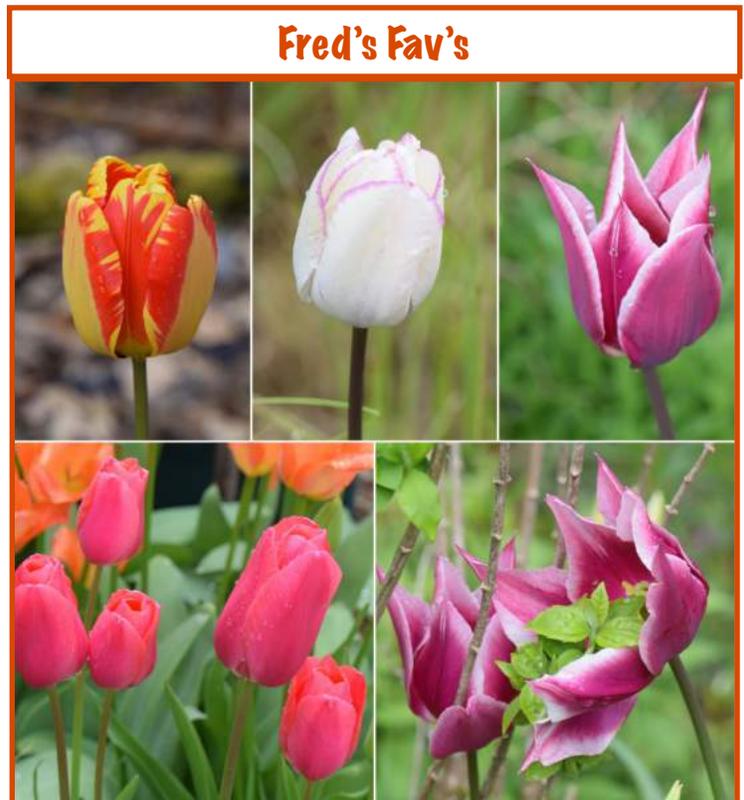
**SHOW AND TELL**

- Black apparel is available at the back of the room. Please initial as you pick up your items. The items not picked up today will be left in the Plant Clinic.
- The annual Wildflower Show will be held Saturday and Sunday in Glide from 9 am to 5 pm.
- Kay Livermore found several boxes of new markers in a storage box. They will be in the Plant Clinic – help yourself if you have a use for them.



The meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Sharon J. Bordeaux, Secretary



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

**Newsletter:** The deadline for the June 2019 Newsletter is June 1st. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: [rbcourter@gmail.com](mailto:rbcourter@gmail.com)

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