



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

# Newsletter



## July 2019 Calendar

Mon., July 1, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., July 2, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Victory Garden Crew

Thurs., July 4, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., July 9, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Victory Garden Crew

Wed., July 10, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

Thurs., July 11, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Mon., July 15, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., July 16, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., July 18

**Diagnostics Class (TBA) - 10AM**

Eastside Greenhouse Crews (9AM)

Tues., July 23, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., July 25, 10:00

Chapter Meeting/Potluck @ Debby

Finley's residence, 4849 Melqua Rd.

Tues., July 30, 9:00-10:00

Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Victory Garden Crew

**Sat., Oct. 12**

**Annual Awards Banquet**



## The President's Post

Nancy Fuller

Welcome to summer! Though we need rain, we are all hoping we don't see any further damaging thunderstorms. Now that wildfire season has started, we should all be aware that storms can be a source of fire and be adjusting our landscapes to protect our properties as much as we can.

My husband, Bill, a fellow MG, and I were fortunate to attend the recent International Master Gardener Conference (IMGC), held in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. Approximately 1,100 were in attendance from the U.S., Canada, and South Korea. We had a great time visiting some of the many beautiful gardens that surround the area. We learned about turning a formal cultivated garden into an entire native plant garden. We heard about research being done on pollinators that visit varied cultivars of hydrangea, echinacea, and sedges. We saw the beauty of an extensive display garden.

A highlight of the conference was hearing Dr. David Gibby give his keynote address. Dr. Gibby is the founder of the Master Gardener program. He began the program in 1972 when he was the area extension agent for Washington's King and Pierce counties. He said he couldn't answer all the questions he was receiving from gardeners so he turned to established garden club members to volunteer their expertise. The goal was to educate all volunteers with the same research-based information and then address the needs of the public and backyard gardeners seeking advice. Now, 47 years later, there are approximately 95,000 Master Gardeners in all 50 states, Canada, and South Korea.

The next IMGC will be held in Norfolk, Virginia, in September 2021. The IMGC in 2023 will be held in Overland, Kansas.

Back home in Oregon, I'd like to thank Steve Renquist for sharing his beautiful garden with all of us at our first outdoor chapter meeting of the year. His gardens are as beautiful as could be. Though we had a little rain and cool temperatures, we otherwise had good weather to enjoy his garden and each other's company. The food, as usual, was delicious!

On a happy note, I just read an email from Betty Ison. She reports that the missing momma cat (found in the green shed a few weeks ago) was found again today in the garden. She and Sylvia Andino kept an eye on her until Barbie Hamby could come get her and reunite her with her kittens. A big "thank you" goes out to Betty, Sylvia, and Barbie for their kindness to the kitties. They will have a home with Barbie and her family.

I hope all of us will be able to enjoy the coming July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday and have great gardening days this summer.

## Vice-President's Report

### Vicki Barrett

Our first summer Master Gardener hosted Chapter Meeting for 2019, hosted by Steve and Cida Renquist, was a huge success. Thank you Steve and Cida for being such gracious hosts. We had a little trouble figuring out the best route to take because of the road work in the area, but we still had a great turnout.



From the street, their property looks like any other on the street. But we had a wonderful surprise as we made our way to their backyard. I think Steve has one of every kind of tree. He lost quite a few trees from the bad storm we had, but you'd never know it. The grassy area where we had our meeting is lined with beautiful day lilies of every variety and this was the month for day lilies! I can see why Steve just had to have this property. He has a huge backyard where he has planted an orchard with all sorts of fruit trees and a garden full of fresh veggies. The rows of grape vines looked very well tended.



Our July 25 Chapter Meeting and potluck will be held at the home of Debby Finley, 4849 Melqua Rd. in Roseburg. To get there, take Garden Valley as if you were going to the Discovery Garden. Take a left on Melrose Rd., pass Melrose Elementary. Take a right on Melqua Rd. and just follow it. Our meeting starts at 10:00. We can't wait to try your delicious potluck dishes.

Make sure you bring a chair, eating utensils and plate and a beverage. We hope to see you all there.

Our August 29 Chapter Meeting and potluck will be held at the home of Ron Owan at 1510 Gem Dr. in Roseburg. Be ready to be amazed at the tropical flavor of his garden. Carpooling is recommended due to limited parking.

## Important message about preventing herbicide drift

Many crops, roadsides, and properties are being treated with herbicides this time of year. Prevent drift by following these important steps before you spray:

- Read and follow all label directions;
- Be aware of weather conditions at the time of application and for 48 hours following application, including high temperatures;
- Find out if there are any crops that are sensitive to herbicide exposure near the treatment site, and give this information to the person making the application;
- Talk to your neighbors about their crops and current growth stages;
- Tell your neighbors about your plans to spray; and
- Choose herbicides that are less likely to drift or to volatilize.

Thank you for your cooperation. We should all be good neighbors and prevent herbicide drift.

OMGA

Rosemary Brinkley

OMGA Leadership Meeting in Jackson County was on “Fire Resistant Plants for Home Landscapes” presented by Kara Baylog.

Prior to talking about fire resistant plants, Kara presented information on wildfires. She reminded us that wild fires need 3 sides of a triangle:

Weather – moisture content and wind

Topography – lay of the land. Is it flat, hilly or have ravines?

Fuel – trees, shrubs, grasses, structures, such as home, fences, decks, lawn furniture

Kara also gave statistics that 90-95% of homes that burn, do so because of flying embers. Embers can travel up to a mile ahead of an advancing wildfire.

Characteristics of Fire Resistant plants:

Leaves are moist and supple

Sap is water-like and doesn't have a strong odor

Plants have little deadwood and tend not to accumulate dry material within the plant.

A good resource when looking for plants is “Fire-Resistant Plants for Home Landscapes: Selecting Plants That May Reduce Your Risk From Wildfire”, by Amy Jo Detweiler and Stephen A. Fitzgerald: <http://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu>., or look on-line under PNW590. The publication gives you over 110 plants in categories for groundcovers, perennials, shrubs (both broadleaf evergreen and deciduous), and trees (conifers and deciduous).

OMGA membership is 3121 (2753 + 368 trainees).

Treasurer's Report

- Patrice Sipos, OMGA Treasurer will provide treasurer training at the Sept. 6, 2019 Leadership meeting in Tangent, Oregon, from 10-12. She is encouraging all chapters to use the same accounting program (Quick Books) which would make the end of year reporting easier and would also streamline the budgeting process.

- A suggestion was made to have chapters put what businesses give MG discounts on the back of the

membership card. Chapters could check with their local business to see if they would be willing to give a discount.

#### Leadership Forums Report

- The group agreed that the forum was excellent on Fire-Resistant Pants. The next forum will be held Sept 6, 2019 at Tangent Oregon, from 1:00 to 4:00. The topic is climate change gardening. There may be a presentation from one of the students involved in the lawsuit on climate change.
- Nov.1, 2019 there will be a presentation on grant writing for the awards that OMGA gives out to chapters. These include the Karl Carlson, the Extension Agent Grant and the Search for Excellence. It will be held in Tillamook.

#### Gardener's Pen- OMGA Newsletter

This issue will focus on Firewise Gardening and will be available the end of June. Three of our members will be honored for Longevity Awards, Betty Ison for 30 years and Richard Johnston and Linda Thames for 20 years of active service to the Master Gardener program.

#### OMGA Website/Data Base

You can reach the website by going to [www.omga.org](http://www.omga.org).

#### OMGA Grants and Awards Report

Karl Carlson awards were given to 6 counties: Curry for educational signage, Douglas for Rock Garden Signage, Lincoln for Native Hedge Row, Marion County for adaptive gardening space, Tillamook for funds to off-set expense for educational computer and Jackson for a program in plant propagation.

Five Extension Agent Grants went to Central for printing of publication, Coos for raised garden beds, Tillamook to off-set cost of laptop for educational purposes, Yamhill for a projector for educational classes and the Bee Project at OSU for identification of bees in Oregon.

Four counties have applied for Search for Excellence. Projects included plant clinic orientation from Lane, a demonstration garden for seniors/ those with disabilities from Lincoln, ABC preschool gardening for 2-5 year olds from Curry and the winner is a Jr. Master Gardening Program involving 1000 students from 6-18 years old in 10 schools in Marion.

#### Old Business

There was a discussion on the Memorandum of Agreement between OSU and OMGA, regarding education and the role Mini-College plays in educational opportunities.

OMGA gave \$500 to help produce 10 Webinar programs in the 2019-2020 year. Webinars cost \$250.00 to produce. There were 5 webinars produced in 2017, 11 in 2018 and 5 so far this year. The topics in 2019 include: 1.Update on Sudden Oak Death in Pacific NW. 2. Demystifying Grafted Tomatoes: The Whys and How for Gardeners. 3.Adapting Dry Farming Techniques to Vegetable Gardens. 4.Project Happy Apples: Reducing Codling Moth damage in Backyard Orchards. 5. "First Look" Reading a Pesticide Label to Protect Bees. All webinars can be watched to get 1 hour of continuing education hours. You can find all of the webinars at [www.youtube.com/user/drbrake77](http://www.youtube.com/user/drbrake77) - they are very informative.

#### New Business

OMGA Chapter Survey 2019 Report - 1082 Master Gardeners (34%) responded to the survey sent out by OMGA. Results will be on the omga.org website. The survey indicated that most MG's thought Mini-College was important to extremely important to have. Discussion followed.

Points to consider regarding Mini-College:

- It has traditionally been the primary avenue for OMGA to fulfill its educational goals.
- Silent Auction provides fundraising for a number of OMGA programs and awards such as Karl Carlson, Extension Agent Grant, Search for Excellence, and providing PNW's each year to each chapter.

Questions the OMGA would like Master Gardener's to answer:

- What would it take to get you to go to Mini-college? (i.e., more tours, hands on activities, one day vs. two day)
- What do we have in the Umpqua Valley that you think MG's would like to hear about, tour, or get excited about coming to the area?
- Do you want Mini-College to continue?
- Would you be willing to join a committee to help put it on? (Name tags, speakers, registration, tours, meal planning etc.)

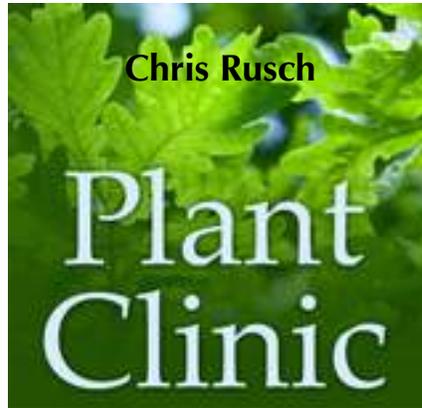
The OMGA Executive Board is developing a catalogue of each Chapter's "Extraordinary" Educational Programs (in Douglas County it would be Spring into Gardening) so other MG's and community members throughout the state could participate in the classes. This catalogue will be posted on the OMGA website.

OMGA President Eric Bosler and Past President Sue Nesbitt were invited to attend the OSU Extension Home Horticulture Staff Retreat. They felt honored to be at the table and to be involved in the discussion of OSU MG vision and mission and how should be updated. A S.W.O.T. analysis came out of the meeting. S stands for Strengths (OSU research), W stands for Weaknesses (less extension agents), O stands for Opportunities (webinars- on-line learning), and T stands for Threats (funding).

Chris Rusch OMGA President Elect is looking for MG's to fill offices next year. Please contact her if you are interested in serving on the OMGA Executive Board.

#### Fund Raising

Christmas for Your Garden - a Mini-Silent Auction will be held Nov. 1 and 2, 2019, at the OMGA Leadership Forum and BOD Meeting. Each chapter brings 3 gardening-related items with a minimum value of \$25.00 each. Pictures and description of the items need to be turned in by Oct. 1, 2019, so they can be placed on the website. All MG's will be able to bid on the items. Top bidders will be announced at the OMGA Board meeting.



The Plant Clinic has been really busy in June. 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 been hearing about mole and gopher issues. It is amazing at what some people will do to get rid of those pesky beasts!

We had over 100 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 coming up in our summer months ahead. 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 lots of FUN!!

Thank you to all of our enthusiastic Plant Clinic volunteers! If you are in town, stop by the clinic and say hi to our new students.

## Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

5/30/19 - 6/26/19

### INCOME

Membership Dues	\$10.00
Interest	\$9.34
Soil Testing	\$10.00
Plant Sale	\$141.00
Compost Tea	\$260.00
Trash-to-Treasure	\$20.75

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$451.09**

### EXPENSES

Banquet	\$44.23
Discovery Garden	\$138.98
HLC	\$80.51
Plant Sale	\$840.21
Utilities - Electricity	\$231.63

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$1,335.56**

### Breakdown of our accounts as of June 26, 2019

NWCC - Checking	\$1,073.35
NWCC - Reserves	\$5,001.77
NWCC - Savings	\$41,280.66

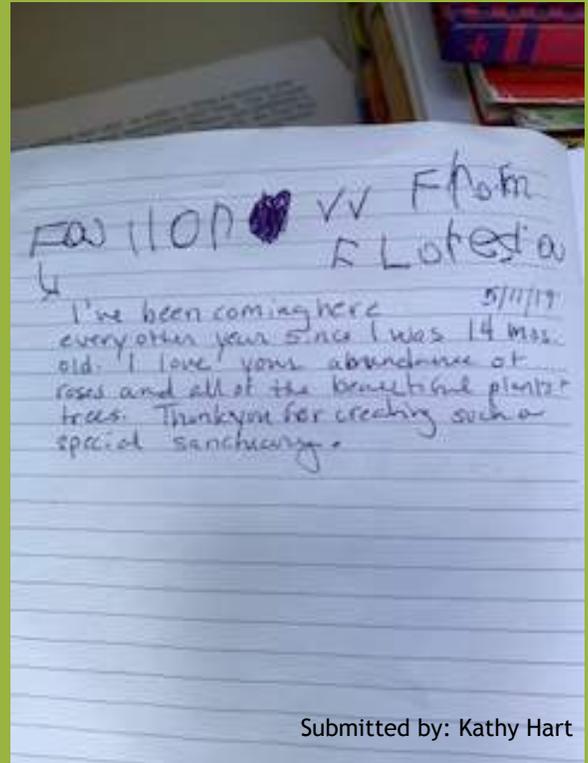
**Ending Balance** **\$47,355.78**

## Fred's Fav's



*Scribblings*

*from the Little Free  
Library Journal*



Submitted by: Kathy Hart

Has a bee ever  
landed on you, and instead of  
getting scared, you appreciate  
the possibility that you got  
confused for a flower.





## DCMG Wants YOU!!!

Bonnie Courter

We're starting to recruit new mentors for the 2020 Winter Training Class.

Mentors are one of the most important factors in our continuing success of seeing new students thrive and become enthusiastic Master Gardeners. The rewards are many - not only do you get to review the incredible wealth of knowledge you were taught about sustainable gardening, but you will make new friends and rewarding connections to boot.

The new class will offer new instructors as well who will be teaching topics usually taught by Steve, so you will get a whole new perspective.

Mentoring is a year-long commitment in which you will help your students through the class requirements, homework, volunteer work and act as their go-to person for assimilating into our organization.

Class of 2019, especially, please consider becoming a mentor to two new students next year. You will have first priority should you want to sign up.

Speaking of signing up, there will be a clipboard in the Plant Clinic where you can sign up to be a mentor. You may also email or call me directly and I will add you to the list. We will need at least 16 full-time mentors and about the same number of alternates (substitutes). If a full-time commitment isn't possible, sign up as an alternate to fill in for mentors who need to be absent certain days. Or you can also team up with a friend and be co-mentors, sharing responsibilities between the two or you.

My email is [rbcourter@gmail.com](mailto:rbcourter@gmail.com), or call me at 541-391-2890.

Any questions, please let me know. Let's make 2020 the best class yet! Thank you!

## June Diagnostics Class Discovery Garden



On June 11, a gaggle of gardeners descended on the Discovery Garden to get some good instruction from our fearless leader, Steve Renquist. Due to the fact that the thermometer was pushing the upper 90's, we weren't doing any summer pruning as anticipated. However, we did learn a lot about fruit pruning and what kind of shrubs and trees can be safely pruned in summer as well as how much can be removed.



There will be another Advanced Diagnostics class on July 18, August 15 and September 12, locations to be announced. Consider volunteering to

host one of these! It's a lot of fun and a great opportunity to get some advice on your landscape and garden. Contact Steve if interested in hosting.



## Nominations for Executive Board

President	Nancy Fuller
Vice-President	Diana Woodward
Secretary	Bonnie Courter
Membership Dir.	Kay Livermore
Treasurer	Dawnetta Loomis
OMGA Rep.	Barbie Hamby
OMGA Alternate	Kish Doyle

(To be voted on at July chapter meeting)

## Life Memberships

Kay Livermore brought up the idea of creating a new category of "Life Membership". This would be a way to recognize our members who have put in a lot of hours consistently over a long period of time. Those who qualify for this distinction would need to be members for a minimum of 10 years and have logged in at least 2500 hours. They would get a special "swinger bar" saying "Life Member" and their annual dues would be paid by OMGA and DCMG. Presently there are 17 who qualify and they would be honored at our annual Awards Banquet.

Below is the Bylaws Amendment which would be voted on at the July chapter meeting.

### **DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS AMENDMENT**

Article II: Membership

Section 1. Membership Classes. There shall be **three** **four** classes of membership: Active, Honorary **and**, Emeritus **and** Life, as defined below.

**Section 3. Life Membership.** Life Membership will recognize those members who have made a substantial contribution to the Chapter. Life Members must meet the following criteria: 1) Have completed 10 years of service. 2) Have a minimum of 2500 Volunteer Hours. The Membership Director will review the records each year and determine which members are eligible to receive a Life Membership. The Chapter will pay Chapter and OMGA Dues for Life Members.

The current Section 3 will now become Section 4. The current Section 4 will now become Section 5. The current Section 5 will now become Section 6. The current Section 6 will now become Section 7.

(This section below will be added to the end of Policy and Procedures section on Membership Director).

#### Life Membership

You will review the records each year to determine if any members have earned Life Membership or deserve to be nominated for an Emeritus Membership.

## **DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS Chapter Meeting**

**June 27, 2019**

**Residence of Steve Renquist**

#### **Call to Order:**

President Nancy Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. President Nancy Fuller, Vice-President Vicki Barrett, Treasurer Toni Rudolph, Past-



President Chris Rusch, OMGA Rep. Rosemary Brinkley attended along with 46 others in attendance.

**Agenda:** The Agenda was revised to include Audit Committee and Nominations Committee.

**Minutes:** The Minutes as posted on the website were approved.



**Agent's Report - Steve Renquist**

•Steve welcomed us to his “garden of labor”. When he moved to the area in September of 2000, his criteria for a house to buy was

that it had to have a yard with a gentle slope and good sun exposure. He gradually added all the gardens and most of the orchard to his landscape. He also noted that he lost all of his pine trees during this year’s snow storm.

- There will be three Advanced Diagnostics classes this summer. They will be July 18, August 14 and September 12. He is still looking for a location for each of these, so members were encouraged to let him know if they would like to host a class.
- Chris Rusch is heading up Spring Into Gardening the last Saturday in February. Steve will help her line up speakers for that program.
- Steve will be officially retiring the end of December of this year.
- He is currently soliciting instructors for the Winter Training Class.
- Last evening’s thunderstorm dropped a lot of hail on certain areas and he’s had a number of grape growers asking him to come out to evaluate the damage.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Membership - Kay Livermore:** Not present. Nancy reported we have 248 members still.

**OMGA - Rosemary Brinkley:**

- Rosemary said our chapter is well-represented by Patrice Sipos and Chris Rusch. Patrice is doing a great job as Treasurer and Chris helped present a talk on fire-resistant plants at the last quarterly meeting in Jackson County.
- Betty Ison was honored for her 30 years as a Master Gardener along with Linda Thames and Richard Johnstone for 20 years.
- “The Gardener’s Pen” will be published the end of this month. It will include an article on firewise gardening.
- The Karl Carlson grant was awarded to our chapter for signage in the Rock Garden. Marion County was

given an educational grant for starting up the Junior Master Gardener program for 1000 students in elementary schools.

- Webinars are available to watch online to receive educational credit. Go to: [www.youtube.com/user/drbrake77](http://www.youtube.com/user/drbrake77)
- OMGA asked its chapters to answer questions about how to proceed with Mini-College for the future.
- Christmas for Your Garden - a Mini-Silent Auction will be held November 1-2, 2019, at the OMGA Leadership Forum and BOD Meeting. Each chapter will bring 3 gardening-related items with a minimum value of \$25.00 each. Pictures and description of the items need to be turned in by October 1, 2019, so they can be posted on the website. All MG’s will be able to bid on the items. Top bidders will be announced at the OMGA Board meeting.

**Treasurer - Toni Rudolph:** Financials are posted online as well as available at this meeting. Toni mentioned that we received a \$100 refund from the DC Fairgrounds for our cleaning deposit.

**Vice-President - Vicki Barrett:** Next month’s chapter meeting/potluck will be held at the home of Debby Finley on July 25.



**Past-President - Chris Rusch:** Chris encouraged everyone to help with Spring

Into Gardening. She will be working with Denise Fennell of Master Food Preservers to contribute speakers as well. It will be held either at UCC or at Phoenix School.

**President - Nancy Fuller:**

- Nancy and her husband attended International Master Gardeners Conference held in Philadelphia. It was a wonderful place to visit, and they also toured three beautiful gardens while there.
- Everyone seemed to be impressed with our name badges in the shape of our state and swinger bars. Apparently not all chapters have something like ours.

- The next IMGC will be in September of 2021 at Norfolk, Virginia and the 2023 IMGC will be in Overland, Kansas in the summertime.
- The laminating machine which DCMG purchased awhile ago in the front office does not work. It's our responsibility to fix it if we want to use it. Also the issue we had with the copy machine has been resolved.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Awards - Betty Ison:** Debby Bishop is our first new student to reach her 60 volunteer hours.

### **Awards Banquet - Judy Huntley:**

The Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, October 12 at the First United Methodist Church. The theme will be "All-American Picnic" with red, white and blue color scheme. Signups will be available at the July and August meetings.



**Community Outreach - Jude Stensland:** Not present. (Sent report to Sharon Bordeaux after meeting adjourned.)

- June 17 Discovery Garden Tour to 10 Sunrise clients
- June 20 Discovery Garden Tour to Grants Pass YMCA seniors

### **County Fair - Diane Lewsadder-Smith/Chris Rusch:**

Diane and Chris are co-chairs for the Douglas County Fair booth this year. Signup sheets are available. The Fair is the first week in August and we will staff a booth Tuesday-Saturday. There are 2-1/2 to 3 hour shifts, with one veteran and one trainee at each shift. Diane has been constructing a beautiful hand-painted sign for our booth.

### **Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:**

- Julie passed out a signup sheet for weeding at the entryway and where the bike racks are in preparation for Graffiti Weekend July 13. The public drives through our driveway to get to the parking area in the field, so it would be nice to clean up that area. Plants near the driveway tend to get covered in dust from the traffic, so will need to be hosed down afterwards.

- Irrigation - Janet Parkerson and Sylvia Andino are in charge of irrigation. We have had trouble with the tanks. Divers are scheduled to clean up the foot valve in the pump.
- The "Julie Rule" is: ***don't leave the bathroom until the water in the toilet stops running.*** Also whenever using hose connections, make sure they are connected well and not leaking. If they are, find someone to repair them to cut down on water waste.
- Julie is grateful to all those garden heads who have adapted their gardens from shade to sun due to the removal of trees.

### **Facebook/Farmer's Markets - Barbara Horst & Sylvia Andino:**

• Facebook has over 1200 followers. Most popular are the "Ask A Master Gardener" newspaper articles and Fred's pictures from the Discovery Garden.

• Canyonville Market is held on Wednesday mornings. Jennie Compton and Barbara Horst are the

only ones who are working the booth there. If no one steps up to help, we may have to shut it down.

- Umpqua Valley Farmer's Market is every Saturday and anchored by Sylvia and Christian Andino. Merrill McFarland has been helping, but we need more veterans to sign up. Sign ups are in the Plant Clinic. Sylvia said there's been a lot of interest in taking the Winter Training Class next year.

**East and Westside Greenhouses:** No representatives present. No reports.

### **Hallmark - Linda Thames:**

- Sent a Thank-You card to U-Haul through Jon Thran for the use of a truck and trailer during our Plant Expo.
- Former MG Paula Yingst passed away.
- Trainees Sylvia and Christian Andino were married.

### **Newsletter/Winter Training - Bonnie Courter:**

- Newsletter contributions are due this Saturday
- Kish Doyle and Bonnie met with Steve recently to begin the process of finding replacement instructors for the winter class as Steve is retiring.

- We are beginning to recruit mentors for next year's Winter Training Class. Sign ups will be available today and in the Plant Clinic or contact Bonnie or Kish if you wish to mentor.
- We need hosts for the summer Advanced Diagnostics classes for July, August and September. Please contact Steve if you are interested.

**Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:** The Plant Clinic has been busy with 98 visitors this month, which is actually down from last year in June. The July calendar has lots of spaces to fill for veterans. Thursdays are especially lacking in signups.



**Publicity - Diane Circle:** Nothing to report.

**Victory Garden - Ruth Stafford:** We picked what the gophers left of the garlic - only 30 to take to UCAN. The garden is looking great otherwise - beans are in bloom, tomatoes are thriving. We took in 228 pounds to UCAN and 4 pounds from home gardens. When you donate home produce, be sure and tell UCAN that you are a Master Gardener so we can be credited with the amount.

## NEW BUSINESS

- Audit Committee: Vicki McAlister, Patrice Sipos and Karolyn Riecks will audit the books.
- Nominating Committee: Fred Alley, Patrice Sipos and Ann Severson served on the committee and put forth a slate of nominees which will be posted in the Newsletter and voted on in July. New officers will be installed at the August chapter meeting. The following are nominated for Executive Board officers:

President:	Nancy Fuller
Vice-President:	Diana Woodward
Secretary:	Bonnie Courter
Treasurer:	Dawnetta Loomis
Membership:	Kay Livermore
OMGA Rep:	Barbie Hamby
OMGA Alternate:	Kish Doyle

- Chapter Lifetime Memberships: At the last Board meeting, Kay Livermore proposed that we offer lifetime memberships to those Master Gardeners who have made substantial contributions to the chapter, logged at least 2500 hours and been a member for at least 10 years. Their annual dues will be paid for them, though they will have to fill out the required paperwork yearly to maintain their membership. They will also get a swinger bar saying, "Lifetime Master Gardener". The Membership Director will review each year. This will be published in July's Newsletter, along with the wording change to the By-laws, and voted on at the July chapter meeting. Discussion followed about the cost of providing the \$7.00 for dues to these members which would be the cost from our chapter each year. It was noted that this is a nice way to recognize outstanding achievement and commitment by these members for all their priceless hard work.

## SHOW AND TELL

- Toni Rudolph alerted the membership that Harvard Drugstore will be closing the end of July. Their patients will be directed to Rite Aid for filling their prescriptions. Toni cautioned that this might result in much higher prescription costs, and that those affected should be aware and check things out.
- Leo Grass introduced his adopted granddaughter who is visiting from Florida.
- Merrill McFarland introduced her husband, Keith.
- Steve acknowledged Mary Hoffmann who was invited by him to attend. Mary took the class in 2002 and landed the front office job soon afterwards. We all thanked her for her help through the years.
- Sharon and Dave Hopkins just returned from visiting family in South Carolina. They toured the only existing tea plantation in North America located just outside Charleston. Sharon was very impressed by the history of the plantation which is owned by Bigelow.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Courter, Acting Secretary

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**Newsletter:** The deadline for the August 2019 Newsletter is July 29th. E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: [rbcourter@gmail.com](mailto:rbcourter@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.douglascountymg.org](http://www.douglascountymg.org)

**Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/pages/Douglas-County-Master-Gardeners/251882398200487](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Douglas-County-Master-Gardeners/251882398200487)

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