



Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter



Sept. 2019 Calendar

Mon., Sept. 2

Labor Day Holiday

Tues., Sept. 3, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews
Discovery Garden Workday
Victory Garden Crew

Tues., Sept. 10, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews
Discovery Garden Workday
Victory Garden Crew

Wed., Sept. 11, 9:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

Thurs., Sept. 12, 10:00

Diagnostics Class (TBA)

Mon., Sept. 16, 10:00

Insect Committee

Tues., Sept. 17, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews
Victory Garden Crew
Discovery Garden Workday

Friday, Sept. 20

Deadline to submit Budget items to Toni.

Tues., Sept. 24, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews
Victory Garden Crew
Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., Sept. 26, 10:00

Chapter Meeting/Potluck @
Discovery Garden Pavilion

Sat., Oct. 12, 5:30 PM

Annual Awards Banquet/Potluck @
First United Methodist Church



The President's Post

Nancy Fuller

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over – it seems as though it has just begun. Though we've had some very high temperature days, overall, it has been an enjoyable summer season. Now we are beginning to enjoy the fruits and vegetables, flowers and plants that we've worked so hard to grow over the past few months.

As seasons change, so has our chapter leadership. At our August chapter meeting we presented gifts and said "Thank you" to our outgoing Executive Board members: Vice-President Vicki Barrett, Secretary Sharon Bordeaux, and OMGA Representative Rosemary Brinkley.

Also at the August meeting, we welcomed our incoming Executive Board members: Vice-President Diana Woodward, Secretary Bonnie Courter, and OMGA Representative Barbie Hamby. They will join continuing Board members, President Nancy Fuller, Treasurer Toni Rudolph, Membership Chair Kay Livermore, Past President Chris Rusch, and Alternate OMGA Representative Kish Doyle.



Photo: Fred Alley

We have one more outdoor chapter meeting, to be held at the Discovery Garden at the end of September, but our meetings held at members' homes have come to a close for the year. A special "Thank You" goes to Steve



Ron Owan & "Buddy"

Renquist and Ron Owan for hosting us. A special "Thank you" also goes to Debby Finley for offering to host us in July, doing all the preparation and planning and then being unable to do so due to circumstances beyond her control. We were sorry to have missed seeing your gardens, Debby!

Keep in mind that we have fall events coming up. Our annual Awards Banquet will be held on October 12th at the First United Methodist Church on Harvard Avenue. The theme is "All American Picnic". Please plan to attend. The potluck food is always great and the door prizes are fun. The sign-up sheets are in the Plant Clinic until two weeks before the banquet. Please get your volunteer hours in to Vicki McAlister so we can honor those earning enough hours to get or change their swinger bars.

The chapter Bake Sale will be held November 23rd, the Saturday before Thanksgiving, at Sherm's Market. Janet Parkerson, Bake Sale Chair, will be looking for members to bake, help set-up, sell, and clean-up post sale. There will be more information in the Newsletter as sale time gets closer.

As we continue to tend the gardens and harvest our produce, let's all look forward to the fall season and the beauty it can bring.

OMGA

Rosemary Brinkley

The next OMGA Leadership Forum and Board meeting will be September 6 and 7 in Linn County. The address is 33630 McFarland Rd., Tangent, OR 97389. The leadership forum will be dedicated to "Climate Change", and how we as Master Gardeners can help educate our fellow gardeners on what we can expect in our future gardening endeavors. It is from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

The OMGA Board Meeting will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday and run through the early afternoon. Lunch will be provided by Linn County Master Gardeners.

In addition to the regular Association business there will be a special focus on:

- Master Gardener Mini-College
- Challenges and changes across the state and information regarding OSU's activities and direction regarding our program.
- OMGA support for Chapter activities.

All members are welcome to come to the forum and the board meetings.

Barbie Hamby will be our new OMGA Representative and Kish Doyle will remain as the OMGA Alternate. Thanks for volunteering to take on these offices.





Are You A "Weed Wizard"?

Okay, all you Weed Nerds - here's the answers to my Weed Challenge:



1. Teasel



2. Milk Thistle



3. Dock



4. Tansy Ragwort



5. Nutsedge



6. Rabbit's Foot Clover



7. Horsetail



8. Knapweed



9. Moth Mullein



10. Bindweed



11. Crabgrass



12. Queen Anne's Lace



13. Pimpernel



14. Canada Thistle



15. Bullrush



16. Bird's Foot Trefoil



17. St. John's Wort



18. Bull Thistle



19. Chicory



20. Purslane

Membership

Kay Livermore

A survey was taken at the August Chapter meeting asking for input about the addition of Life Memberships or Merit Memberships and giving 5 and 10 year swinger bars for volunteer service. Yearly dues would be paid by the Chapter for Life Members. Merit members would pay their own dues. Thank you to the 36 members who returned the survey.

Membership results:

- 12 - Life Membership: 10 years of service + 2500 volunteer hours
- 10 – Merit Membership: 10 years of service + 2500 volunteer hours
- 07 – Merit Membership: 10 years of service + 2000 volunteer hours
- 01 – Merit Membership: 10 years of service + 0 volunteer hours
- 07 – None of the above

Swinger Bar results:

- 19 – add a 5 year swinger bar
- 24 – add a 10 year swinger bar
- 08 – Neither of the above

A Gardener's Day by Garry Gerlach

*A gardener's day is never done!
Always something to do.
Pull a weed, or trim a bush,
Or pick a fruit or two.*

*"Time to fertilize and water",
Is what they'll probably say.
Working from dusk to dawn,
Almost each and every day.*

*So next time you see a gardener,
Tell you what to say,
They have a very pretty garden,
As you go about your way.*

*They'll be happy that you noticed
And they brightened up your day.*

Plant Sale 2020

Bonnie Durick

I know it is early to start talking about the Plant Sale for next year, but I have some information I need to let you know about. The sale next year is on Saturday, May 2, with setup on Friday, May 1. I have had a couple of team leaders retire from their positions and I am in need of volunteers to step into the jobs.

The first is someone to help with the student volunteers. Rosemary Brinkley said she would see about getting the volunteers, but she won't be around to work at the Plant Sale. I need someone to be there on Saturday, May 2, to get the students signed in and introduced to the leaders in the areas they will be working. Then, at the end of their shift at 2:00 p.m., be there to sign them out.

The second is someone to be in charge of traffic monitoring/security. This job would be for both Friday setup and Saturday, the day of the sale. Kish Doyle, who did the job last year, has written up a job description detailing all of the things that need to be taken care of.

Please consider filling these important positions so that we have a full team come Plant Sale. You can email me at durick1@msn.com, or call me at 541-672-3404 (h) or 541-671-8954 (c). Thanks!



[Recent Kindergarten tour of the Discovery Garden - Photo by Kish Doyle]

Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

7/25/19 - 8/28/19

INCOME

Donations	\$230.00
Interest	\$10.55
Soil Testing	\$130.00
Plant Sale	\$392.00
Compost Tea	\$246.00

TOTAL INCOME \$1,008.55

EXPENSES

Awards	\$211.17
Gifts - Officers	\$38.42
DC Fair Outreach Booth	\$307.25
Discovery Garden	\$687.25
HLC	\$332.66
Plant Sale	\$229.46
Compost Tea	\$8.58
Utilities - Electricity	\$262.49
Expense Approved Not Budgeted	
DC Fair Sign	\$300.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,377.28

Breakdown of our accounts as of August 28, 2019

NWCC - Checking	\$1,963.36
NWCC - Reserves	\$5,002.60
NWCC - Savings	\$37,300.97

Ending Balance \$44,266.93

Payback Hours

Betty Ison

I would like to encourage everyone to get their payback hours turned in and up-to-date. The Awards Banquet is coming up quickly on October 12, 2019, and August hours will be the last hours recorded before that event. Please get all hours in as soon as possible. Any questions about your hours should be directed to Vicki McAlister, our Hours Keeper.

***As a reminder, these numbers are not only used for Awards purposes, but Steve Renquist uses these numbers in his Annual Reports to OSU Extension, it helps to show the value of our service, and how much we are providing to our community.

While at the Plant clinic turning in your hours, also sign up for the Awards Banquet.

AWARDS BANQUET

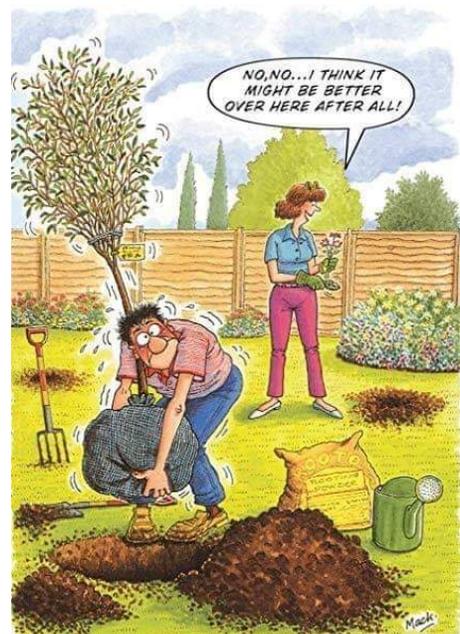
October 12, 2019 at the First United Methodist church on Harvard at 5:30 p.m.

The theme this year is All-American Picnic. Sign up to bring a main dish, salad, bread, or dessert. Also put down the number of people attending. Spouses or other guests are welcome.

The last day to sign up is September 26, 2019 at the monthly meeting.



[Betty shared this great shot of a dragonfly resting on her humongous hibiscus flower]



Gardening with Biochar II, after 6 Years

Steve Renquist

This is a follow-up article to one that I wrote last fall. It is primarily aimed at new Master Gardeners who did not have a chance to read the first article in the fall of 2018. I have included the same introductory paragraphs to last year's article to set the background to what biochar is and how I first heard about it.

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

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

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

Modern research has discovered biochar is a very stable form of carbon that persists in soil - ash is not.

After making char, breaking up the finished product into smaller particles increases the surface area improving nutrient and moisture retention in the soil. Charging or soaking the biochar with compost tea or other liquid nutrients before spreading on the soil, has also been shown to enhance the nutrient-holding capacity of a soil and enhance the biological activity of a soil. The plant response to the biochar addition to soil is quickened with charged char. The positive impact of biochar on a soil is enhanced if the biochar is incorporated into the soil after spreading. Biochar also improves the structure of clay soils.

I am now in my sixth year of adding biochar additions to my vegetable, fruit and flower gardens. The 20' X 20'



vegetable garden has had about 5-10 lbs. of biochar (about two cubic feet) added to the soil and lightly tilled in to the top 3-4 inches each year. Since this has been a cooler year than the past 3-4 years, I decided to water the garden just once a week with my soaker hoses for about an hour versus twice a week during the earlier years. In an hour the soaker hose wets the soil to a depth of 8-10 inches with a width of about 4-5 inches. The

additions of biochar over the years have worked down into the soil to a depth of one foot despite the fact that I never tilled more than 2-3 inches deep. The garden soil has also received 2-3 wheelbarrows of my recycled garden waste compost each year. At the end of the gardening season in early October I also plant a cover crop of grasses and legumes to protect the soil over our rainy winter. This cover crop is mowed and left on the surface of the soil in early May. After planting rows of vegetable crops, I use the cover crop residue in the walk rows to help mulch the soil.

What I have noticed this year while watering less is that my plants are doing even better than previous years. Tomato plants that I train up on a fenced trellis are shorter but they are setting more fruit, and the fruit is getting larger. Root vegetables are cleaner with less damage from insects or excess water rot. Leafy

vegetables like kale, collards, and lettuce have huge leaves. Green beans are not stopping their productive output after 3 weeks, but producing steadily into the fall. Heat-loving plants like peppers, tomatoes, okra, and squash are going great despite the cooler summer which has delayed their ripening by about two weeks this summer.

I have already pulled a few large plants out of the garden to recycle and once again am amazed at the tremendous root systems on broccoli, kale, collards, and beans. The root hairs of these plants typically are attached to small pieces of biochar demonstrating the principle of nutrient retention by the biochar being accessed by the host plants.

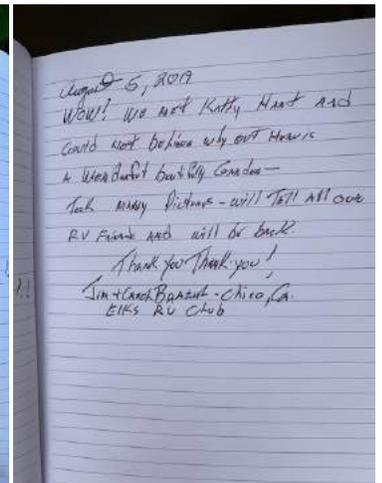
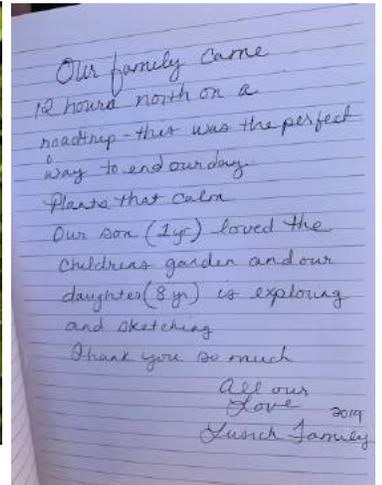
The interaction between plant roots, biochar, cover crops, compost, and microbial life in the soil is a magical part of gardening that most of us will never fully understand. However, the more we play around and practice with these factors the more exciting and productive our gardening experience becomes. We don't all have the same type of soil, drainage, aspect of the site, or resources, but we can all get or make biochar, grow cover crops, and make or buy compost. If we use these steps any garden site will improve. With great garden soil I realize my wife is right, we don't need to plant so many tomato plants. My new garden slogan is "Keep Growing Smarter".

**Don't tell secrets
in the garden.
The potatoes have eyes,
the corn has ears,
and the beanstalk.**



LFL - Kathy Hart

The Little Free Library would like to thank our members for the generous book donations that have kept it up and running over the past two years! Without your contributions and help it would be a challenge to keep the LFL stocked with quality books for our littlest garden visitors and their families. The journal entries speak for themselves about what a unique and special treasure our DG is and how much your efforts are truly appreciated by our community and visitors from afar.



Plant Clinic & Fair

Chris Rusch



First of all, I want to thank everyone who worked in August at our Plant Clinic!! 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 that they learned in our Winter Training Program to work. We are lucky to have a great training team this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Chris Rusch, Barbara Horst, Ernie Amabisca, Anne Bacon, and Karolyn Riecks.

During the month of August we had over 130 visits to the clinic. We always have an interesting assortment of questions from our visitors. Questions for August were diverse, including problems with powdery mildew, blossom end rot in tomatoes, weed identification and lots of insects. In addition, we have been helping clients with fall gardening questions.

We have plenty of openings for our trainees in September. I realize we all have very busy lives, but, I encourage each of you to take the time, look at your calendar and pick just one or two afternoons this month and give the office a call and sign up. Trainees will need a total of 36 hours of volunteer service at the Plant Clinic to complete the program. The Plant Clinic is where we give service as part of our Master Gardener obligation to our community. The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County. And it is lots of FUN!!

The Douglas County Fair was a great success, thanks to all the MG's that turned out to staff our booth throughout the week. We had over 400 visitors to our

display. My thanks go out to all of you who stepped up to answer the call. A BIG thank you to Diane Smith-Lewsadder and Fred Alley who helped to make a fantastic sign. Diane and an artist friend did all the painting and Fred handled the logistics of making a grand stand. Thanks to you all. We also had the help of our Extension office secretaries Laura and Brandy! Great additions to our display this year were two lovely sedum planters donated by the Eastside Greenhouse crew. We used them for a free raffle and they really drew in lots of people. Thanks to our Eastside Greenhouse folks for providing this to us! We had the best display and information booth ever. What a great group effort! This is an important outreach event for us and a great way to recruit new members.



Gale Robinson and Doug Gissel hard at work removing tree stumps left over from the snow storm. Thanks, guys! (Photo: Barbara Robinson)

Advanced Diagnostics

Bonnie Courter



On August 15 ten Master Gardeners tramped over host Jean Wall's beautiful acreage near Hubbard Creek, exploring such things as phosphorus deficiencies in

tomatoes, bacterial blight, codling moth infestations and pseudomonas. Always delivering a wonderful education in diagnosing diseases and pests,



Steve led the discussions as we followed Jean through her raised vegetable garden and large orchard. Thank you, Jean!



The next Advanced Diagnostics Class will be held Thursday, September 12. No one has volunteered their property to host this event, so if you would like to take



advantage of this unique opportunity to address challenges in your landscape, please contact Steve as soon as possible. It's a lot of fun and one always comes away with a wealth of knowledge to put into practice in the Plant Clinic and at home.

(Photos: B. Courter & K. Doyle)



How to Deal with A Vineyard Powdery Mildew Outbreak

Jay Pscheidt, OSU Extension

Grape growers develop vineyard spray and management programs to prevent Grape Powdery Mildew from infecting their vineyards by adhering to preventative fungicide applications and timely canopy management. Most summers in western Oregon provide excellent conditions for vigorous vine growth and powdery mildew infections. Many growers are nervous about finding even a little powdery mildew on their grape clusters during the summer, as it can destroy fruit and wine quality. However, what can be done if an infection occurs? I recommend a three-step "spa" treatment; pamper your grapes with a refreshing **water bath** followed by a soothing **mineral oil treatment** and a **complete cover**.

The rescue treatment described below works best if applied earlier in the season (before veraison). It may not work well or be worth your



Photo: Patty Skinkis

effort with vineyards close to or already beginning veraison or after. It is possible for a few **new** infections to occur post-veraison. All powdery mildew treatments are meant to protect healthy grapes rather than "cure" already existing infections. After implementing these treatments, you may still see the development of new powdery mildew colonies, but those arise from microscopic infections that have already occurred. More importantly, once berries are damaged by powdery mildew, they remain damaged (have necrotic scarring) that will remain, no matter what you do.

Step 1: Water Bath

Start with a high volume application of water (200 to 400 gallons/acre) plus a wetting agent (surfactant). It sounds ridiculous to use this much water; however, this treatment works by washing off all the spores from the grapevine and preventing them from being dispersed to

healthy parts of the grapevine. Powdery mildew conidia lyse (break up) when in free water. It is critical that you get good coverage of the entire vine, especially the clusters. This treatment only buys you a day or two since new conidia will develop rapidly.

Step 2: Mineral Oil Application

Horticultural mineral oils will denature the fungus since most of its mycelia reside on the outside of grape tissues. Apply a 1-2% oil treatment to the vines within 2 days of the water application. In general, petroleum-based oils work better than plant-based oils. Thorough spray coverage is essential for good results. Forget using bicarbonate products; they do not work when the powdery mildew pressure is very high. If you use a lot of sulfur in your spray program, be sure to follow labeled intervals to avoid plant burn. See this [PNW Handbook article](#) for more information about horticultural oils.

Step 3: Complete Cover

Follow the oil treatment in 5 to 7 days with a strong fungicide of your choice. Attend to the details of spray application and product selection. Again, good coverage is needed, so slow down your tractor speed and spray all portions of the vine thoroughly.

Fungicide product selection may be difficult. You should use a material that has a low resistance risk such as a horticultural mineral oil or elemental sulfur (group UN or previously M2). Many of the other materials, such as those in fungicide groups 3, 7, or 11 have a high risk that powdery mildew will become resistant to the chemicals and/or have already developed [resistance](#) in the region. Using these product classes under a powdery mildew epidemic could more rapidly select for resistance if it has not already developed. Therefore, select a fungicide that you have not been using this year or within the last year or two. Fungicide ranges and group numbers can be found in our [Pest Management Guide for Wine Grapes in Oregon](#).

Prevention is the key. The best powdery mildew management plan is to attend to details before and during the spray season, especially during the transition into and during bloom. Prevention is the key because when powdery mildew gets a foothold in your vineyard, it is very difficult to manage. However, even the best vineyards can have a little mildew infestation when

conditions are ideal for vine growth and powdery mildew infections. A rescue like this is a last ditch effort and not to be relied upon.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS Chapter Meeting August 29, 2019 Residence of Ron Owan



Call to Order: President Nancy Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM. Board members present: Nancy Fuller, Vicki Barrett, Toni Rudolph, Chris Rusch, Rosemary

Brinkley, Kay Livermore. Total in attendance: 37

Agenda: The Agenda as posted was approved.

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

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist

- Steve announced he is forestalling his retirement until the end of March so will be here for the 2020 Winter Training Class. This was met with much enthusiasm by the members.
- A new agent for Lane County was hired, Erica Chernoh. She will be working with Lane County Master Gardeners and local commercial growers, focusing on tree fruit and filberts. She has worked at Extension in California and Oregon and has taught on a wide array of subjects in horticulture and agriculture. Steve encouraged DCMG's to attend any of her programs.
- Advanced Diagnostics class will be held 10:00-Noon, Thursday, September 12. Steve is still looking for someone to volunteer to host the class.
- Nathan Bailey is working with UCC for their Extraordinary Living seminars, September 13, from 8:00-4:00. Steve has brochures available if MG's would like to register. He will be teaching classes on growing wine grapes and wine tasting.

- Winter Training Class signups will start in October. Steve encouraged anyone who may have friends or family interested in the class to come into the Extension office and register. Interviews for prospective students will begin in October as well. Kish Doyle and Steve will be giving the interviews.
- Continuing Education (CE) recertification credits: Sara Runkel suggested that MG's should be able to get CE recertification credit by reading OSU Extension publications or other research-based publications that relate to sustainable gardening. Each publication qualifies for one hour of CE. For each publication read, you will need to give a report on it to Steve to ensure that you actually read the publication. Other ways to get CE credit is to watch the online webinars offered periodically by OSU.
- Evelina Amparo's elderly friend has a 7 acre blueberry farm in Myrtle Creek. She could use some help with irrigation and managing the farm. She will pay for your labor. If interested, please contact Evelina (541) 670-8222 or Steve.
- Steve has been getting lots of calls from commercial farmers about powdery mildew outbreaks recently. Jay Pscheidt wrote an article on how to deal with these outbreaks for commercial growers. "[How to Deal with a Vineyard Powdery Mildew Outbreak](#)." The article will be published in the September Newsletter. Steve said that if you visually see powdery mildew, it's too late to spray a protectant fungicide. Instead, first spray the plants with a lot of water, rinsing the entire canopy with a jet spray. Then spray with horticultural oil at a 1-2% dilution, making sure you spray when temperatures are under 85 degrees. The oil bursts the remaining spores. One week later, go ahead and spray with a protectant fungicide.
- Steve attended the Home Horticulture Retreat Subcommittee in May. During discussions, Steve was discouraged to see how the younger generation is wanting to change what makes successful Master Gardener programs. For example, the younger participants want more hands-on in the classroom instead of listening to lectures, and are for shortening the hours required to complete the MG course from 60 hours to 40 hours. Steve is hopeful that Gail Langellotto continues to recognize that these programs are run at the local level and thus allow more choice and flexibility to each chapter to set their own requirements.

- The office has hired a replacement for Mary Hoffmann's position, and she will be starting in a few weeks.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Kay Livermore: Nothing new to report.

OMGA - Rosemary Brinkley:

- Gail Langellotto has suggested that we no longer use the term "Veteran Master Gardener" which may be confusing to our military veterans, and instead substitute the term "Perennial Master Gardener" or "Current Master Gardener". (This was met with quite a bit of hilarity among the Douglas County MG's!)
- The next OMGA Board meeting will be in Tangent, Oregon, on September 6 and 7. Climate change will be one of the topics discussed, presented by Jacob Lebel.
- Mini College is scheduled for July 24-25 at the OSU campus.

Treasurer - Toni Rudolph:

- Financials are available here and on the website.
- Donations include the Karl Carlson grant of \$200 and a donation of \$30 from the Grants Pass YMCA.
- The Fair sign is designated and the additional \$300 cost was approved.
- We haven't been billed for water at the garden for a couple of months. Toni is not sure who is taking over the water meter.

Vice-President - Vicki Barrett: Vicki thanked Ron Owan for hosting the meeting and potluck. Ron bought the property in 2010 and built the house 5 years ago. It has afforded constant work and excavation due to some unforeseen foundation issues, but it is a beautiful property with an outstanding view, gazebo, and lovely raised beds. September's chapter meeting/potluck will be held at the Discovery Garden Pavilion on September 26, 10:00.

Past President - Chris Rusch: Nothing to report.

President - Nancy Fuller:

- We are considering taking over the Winter Training Course financially. Because of concerns that many

students are not completing their required payback hours, one way to address those concerns is to charge higher tuition which would include a sum that would be refunded back to the student when they meet their payback hours. Other chapters do that with some success. If we handled the finances ourselves, it would make accounting easier, plus the money would go directly to the chapter instead of OSU.

- Jackson County is hosting its 20th annual Winter Dreams seminars at the Rogue Community College, November 2, 9:00-5:00. Cost is \$45.00. Registration begins September 1, and here is the link: <https://jacksoncountymga.org/winter-dreams-summer-gardens-symposium>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards - Betty Ison:

- Six students have completed their 60 hours of payback. They are: Christian Andino, Darrell & Larisa Dollens, Mary Ann Shea, Jan Turley and Jan Wildey. Congratulations!
- Betty reminded everyone to please get their hours in to Vicki as soon as possible so Betty can make out certificates and awards for the upcoming Awards Banquet. "It is your responsibility to keep track of your own hours."

Awards Banquet - Judy Huntley: October 12 is the Awards Banquet to be held at the First United Methodist Church on Harvard. Social hour is 5:30, dinner at 6:30, followed by awards. The theme is "All American Picnic". Members are welcome to bring friends and family members. Signup sheet was passed around and available in the Plant Clinic.

Community Outreach - Jude Stensland: In July, Leo Grass and Jude hosted 40+ 4-H'ers on a scavenger hunt at the Discovery Garden. Bruce Gravens will give a talk on transplanting to the Glide Garden Club on September 5.

Fair, Spring Into Gardening & Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:

- Fair: Chris thanked everyone who worked at the Fair. 424 contacts were made, the biggest day being Senior Day on Tuesday. Eastside Greenhouse made

two sedum planters that were raffled off, which were a big draw. Also the 4H people donated some orange OSU footballs, sunglasses and water bottles to give away. The sign was beautiful, but next year it will be lowered in height.

- Spring Into Gardening: Chris requested that we allocate \$250 which was not budgeted for the down payment to Phoenix School which will host the seminars the last Saturday in February. The \$250 needs to be paid upfront now. Julie Stanbery moved that we budget the \$250 for Spring Into Gardening for 2019. Vicki McAlister seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the membership.
- Plant Clinic: We've had over 100 contacts this month. The calendar has some empty spots available in September, so please sign up.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

- Julie noted it's been 6 months to the day since the big snow storm. She thanked everyone who helped clean up the damage. Fantastic job!
- There's a dump run in September, so anything needing to go to the dump should be put outside the green shed (not chemicals).
- Everyone responsible for a garden needs to turn in their budget to Julie as soon as possible.
- The round table in the Xeriscape garden needs sanding and painting. Sharon Hopkins volunteered to do that.
- The fence damaged by the snow storm needs to be repaired, but it won't be done til next year. See Julie if you can help.
- Fred Alley has donated more tools which he has refurbished. Please let Fred know if you notice any broken tools or ones that need sharpening. New hangers were installed in the green shed. Please return the tools to their hangers when done, and make sure they are clean. There is a tool rack installed in Punch's Palace and for one for Shelby.

Westside Greenhouse - Barbara Robinson: Barbara is requesting money to replace the transplant greenhouse which was damaged in the snow storm (it was built in the 1980's, so deteriorating each year). After getting an initial bid of \$3000 for labor alone, Dave Clark and some others decided they could provide the labor and replace the whole greenhouse for \$3,550. Julie Stanbery made a motion to allocate \$3,550 of unfunded expenses to replace the transplant

greenhouse. Betty Ison seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the membership. Work will begin in September.

Hallmark - Linda Thames: Jon Thran's sister passed away earlier this month, so Linda send him a card of condolence.

Newsletter/ WTC - Bonnie Courter:

- Newsletter articles are due Saturday, August 31.
- We have 14 full-time mentors (need at least 16) and 8 alternates. Bonnie encouraged members to become mentors and the sign up list was passed around.

Publicity - Diana Circle: Diana would like a photo of the new Executive Board for her last article to the media. Bonnie Courter will send her one.

Farmer's Market - Sylvia Andino: Sylvia said there's been a lot of contacts made each Saturday at the market. She inquired about locating a table and canopy they could use. There may be one or both in storage.

Victory Garden - Ruth Stafford: The tomatoes are really coming on as are the summer squash. Beans are done. Took in the last of the onions. Ruth said they



need more volunteers to harvest each Tuesday, and start time will be 8:00-8:30 to beat the heat - check for emails sent with the details each week. Scott McKain is going to deliver free biochar which will be incorporated into the soil. Steve suggested that Scott could give a class there when he puts it into the garden. Caterpillars have been attacking the Roma tomatoes, so upon bringing in one to the Plant Clinic, it was identified as an army worm. Ruth sprayed the plants with Bt. They harvested 380 pounds of vegetables last week with a total of 2,723 pounds to date. Home gardens have donated 569 pounds total so far.

OLD BUSINESS

Chapter Lifetime Memberships - Kay Livermore: Kay put together a survey for the members to fill out at the meeting on different choices of honoring long-time, active members. She will tabulate the results and report back on the findings.

NEW BUSINESS

Officer Gifts - Julie Stanbery: Julie handed out gifts to retiring Board members: Rosemary Brinkley and Vicki Barrett (Sharon Bordeaux was not present).

Induction of New Officers: The new Executive Board officers were sworn in by Chris Rusch and Nancy Fuller. They are:

Nancy Fuller (President), Diana Woodward (Vice-President), Toni Rudolph (Treasurer), Kay Livermore (Membership), Bonnie Courter (Secretary), Barbie Hamby (OMGA Rep). Kish Doyle was not present (Alternate OMGA Rep).

SHOW AND TELL

Julie Stanbery brought crocosmia and tiger lily bulblets to share.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Courter, Acting Secretary

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