



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

# Newsletter



## Oct. 2019 Calendar

Tues., Oct. 1, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Mon., Oct. 7, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Oct. 8, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Wed., Oct. 9, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Saturday, Oct. 12, 5:30-8:30

Annual Awards Banquet, 1st United Methodist Church, Harvard

Tues., Oct. 15, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Mon., Oct. 21, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Oct. 22, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Oct. 29, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Thurs., Oct. 31, Annex

Continuing Education, 9-10:00

Chapter Meeting, 10:00

Sat., Nov. 23

Bake Sale, Sherm's



## The President's Post

Nancy Fuller

It's hard to believe - summer is officially over. Like many of nature's creatures, we're now busy harvesting and storing food for the upcoming cold season.

The harvest of crops has long been seen as a time to celebrate. We're happy to have the hard work of growing done, so we gather together to share the success of our work.

Congratulations to our Victory Garden crew for having an all-time high weekly weight of 1,015 pounds of produce taken to UCAN. They are on track to exceed their 2018 poundage totals.

We are preparing to celebrate many of our members' accomplishments at our annual Awards Banquet. It will be held on October 12th, beginning at 5:30pm, at the First United Methodist Church on Harvard Avenue. Judy Huntley is looking for volunteers to help decorate, set up, clean up, and to bring food to share. Sign-up sheets are still in the Plant Clinic.

To help the community celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, our annual Bake Sale will be held on November 23rd at Sherm's Market. Janet Parkerson, Bake Sale Co-Chair, will be looking for members to bake goods, help with pricing, set up the booth, sell goods, and clean-up post sale. Sign-up sheets are in the Plant Clinic.

As we wind down our physical work in the gardens, our Plant Clinic will cut back their hours to Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1-4pm. The core crew is to be congratulated for all their work with this year's trainees and for answering all the questions they received from the public.

As a reminder, we will begin to review the projected 2020 budget at the October Executive Board meeting. We try to make sure we'll have the funds allocated to maintain our organization and have a successful growing season next year.

At the moment, let's all take time to enjoy the beauty of the fall colors as this season progresses and we celebrate it together.

## New Improved Iris Garden

Betty Ison

The Iris garden has just been completely renovated. More perennial plants have been added to provide color throughout the year when the irises are not blooming. We have added



"Before" photo: Betty Ison

more varieties of iris, including Pacific coast Iris, Dutch Iris, *Iris reticulata*, *Iris cristata*, and Japanese Iris. Iris should be blooming over a much longer period. As for the Tall Bearded Iris, we have changed over to more re-

bloomers, in hopes that they will provide a second bloom later in the year. The bed is now defined, and enclosed with cinder blocks. In each of the cinder block holes spring



"After" photo: Betty Ison

bulbs have been added to increase even more seasonal color starting in early spring. Next spring more informational signage will be added to provide education on all the different irises within the bed. This has been an exciting new adventure, and I think a wonderful addition to our Discovery Garden. The following photos are before, during, and after renovation shots.



Photo: Kish Doyle

## Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

### INCOME

Interest	\$10.13
Soil Testing	\$150.00
Trash to Treasure	<u>\$79.00</u>

### TOTAL INCOME

**\$239.13**

### EXPENSES

Banquet	\$369.76
Liability Insurance	\$505.00
Supplies for Exec.Board	\$42.96
Insects	\$59.99
Discovery Garden	\$729.61
HLC	\$89.73
Utilities - Electricity	\$220.01
Utilities - Water	\$94.79

### Expense Approved Not Budgeted

Spring Into Gardening	\$250.00
Greenhouse - Westside	<u>\$2,470.16</u>

### TOTAL EXPENSES

**\$4,832.01**

### Breakdown of our accounts as of September 25, 2019

NWCC - Checking	\$2,370.03
NWCC - Reserves	\$5,003.02
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$32,310.68</u>

### Ending Balance

**\$39,683.73**

## Vice-President's Report

Diana Woodward



We have just completed our last outdoor chapter meeting for the year which is always at the garden, and usually weather does permit. If you haven't been to this meeting, you should attend next year. It is real special as we meet at the garden pavilion and have a potluck lunch full of good garden fixings. We could see Elva's

dahlias from the pavilion in full bloom - the most beautiful and intricate flowers, some 8 feet tall! Next to those is the new Iris Garden that Betty and Elva spent three weeks planting. It promises color all year long. If you all have not visited or worked in the Garden lately, try it - it will make you happy.

The next 6 meetings will be at the Extension auditorium with an hour continuing education before, beginning 9am. That is the main job of the Vice-President, a position of which I am honored to have been entrusted. I was a student in the 2017 class. I met about 8 people in my class that I had been in their house as a Realtor a few years before. We could talk about their yard and what they were going to do and some showed pictures of their remodels inside and out - it was fun!

I regret not taking the Master Gardener class 18 years ago when we bought our house and land near Sutherlin. We have an orchard with 14 trees that we have struggled with for almost two decades. Trimming, spraying, thinning, harvesting, raking...it is so much work to get a bunch of fruit that is not edible or embarrassing to give away as it's full of bugs. My main reason for taking the class was to learn how to be a better steward of our land, plants and trees - fruit trees specifically.

So my main job this year is to provide continuing education for all of you. It will help you get your certification for the next year's requirements. First up, this October 31st at 9am Steve Renquist will be teaching a class on apple identification. Many gardeners inherit apple trees with home purchases and

they want to know what they have - I was one of those. Real old trees are sometimes a little tough to figure out. Since there are over 100 varieties currently being grown commercially in the US, the old trees may not be one of those current varieties. 15 varieties make up almost 90% of the current American market. <http://usapple.org/the-industry/apple-varieties/>



Then in November our meeting will NOT be on the fourth Thursday, as that is Thanksgiving. We will meet the Friday before on the 22nd for a class on "Basic Garden Tools and Care" taught by our own Master Gardener Fred Alley. It will be a condensed version of the class he teaches for the annual Spring Into Gardening conference. If any of you have a suggestion for a one hour class we could have for the next year's meetings, please let me know what interests you.



## Bake Sale

Janet Parkerson



The leaves are changing and the nights are colder. Fall is here and we all know what that means... the Annual DCMG Bake Sale! So, start planning for the big

day... Saturday, November 23, 2019, 9am to 3pm, at Sherm's Thunderbird Market.

We are in need of volunteers for Bake Sale. First of all, we need your yummy baked goods. But, we also have many jobs to be done to make the Sale a success. We need volunteers to help set up, receive and price baked goods, cashiers, sales people and drivers.

Our customers love a good variety of pies, breads, muffins, cakes, candies, cookies, etc. Gluten free and sugar free are always requested. If you are baking pie(s), please bake in sturdy aluminum tins like the type from Shari's or Kruse Farms.

Items should be enclosed in packaging that cheerfully displays your goods and grouped in units to be sold, i.e., four muffins in a package, a dozen cookies, etc. Presentation is important! The more attractive the item, the better the chance of it selling. This can be as simple as a festive ribbon tied around a loaf of bread. Upon delivery, a short label identifying common allergens and dietary restrictions will need to be filled out.

If you are baking, thank you! Anything receiving rave reviews from family and friends would be perfect! Recipes you are trying for the first time may not be the best choice. Keep in mind, we need homemade items. Please do not purchase ready-made items for resale.

Sign-ups sheets for the sale will be the Plant Clinic by Monday. If you can't get to the Plant Clinic, you can email, text or call Janet Parkerson.

The following are the positions available:

- Bakers
- Set-up: 7:00 -9:00am
- Pricing/Receiving Goods: Friday 1:00- 4:00 pm at the Extension Kitchen
- Pricing/Receiving Goods: Saturday 7:45 to 9am
- Selling: 9:00am - 12:00pm and 12:00pm - 3pm
- Cashier: 9:00am - 12:00pm and 12:00pm - 3pm

We will be receiving baked goods the day before on November 22, from 1:30-4:00pm, at the Extension kitchen. We will also accept donations after the Chapter meeting that morning. If you cannot bring your baked items on Friday, we will be accepting them the day of the sale at Sherm's from 7:45 am til 10:00am.



If you are unable to bake, but would like to donate to those who are baking, we can use any type of berries, cherries, rhubarb, peaches, pecans, apples, flour, sugar, eggs, butter, Crisco, etc.. Costco has many of these items. For those who bake numerous items, this is our way of letting non-bakers help with the cost. You can drop any ingredients off at the Plant Clinic. Be sure to contact me, so that I will know to come get it. If it is not feasible to get to the Plant Clinic, please call, text or email Janet Parkerson to arrange for delivery or pickup.

Spread the word to your neighbors, friends and family about the opportunity for them to support. Watch for an upcoming email for the availability of flyers for Master Gardeners to distribute. These can be put at your office, in stores, or anywhere that will help get the word out to the public.

Janet Parkerson, 541-600-6586 (Call or Text)  
[shespriceless@yahoo.com](mailto:shespriceless@yahoo.com)

## Plant Sale Volunteers Needed

Bonnie Durick



There are a couple openings for team leaders for the Plant Sale in 2020.

First, we need someone to be at the sale for just that Saturday to sign in the youth volunteers and get them to their appointed areas for work. Then, at the end of their day at 2:00, sign them out. Rosemary Brinkley said she would work on recruiting the youth volunteers, but can't be there the day of the sale.

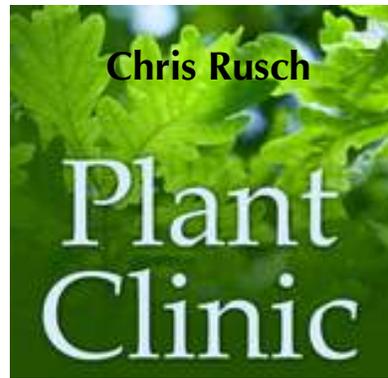
Second, is someone to head up the Traffic Control/Security team. This person will have to work both Friday during setup and Saturday at the sale. This group is an immense help with traffic flow during the chaos of setup for both the Master Gardeners and the vendors. The day of the sale, there is again the issue of traffic control and then at the end of the day help the vendors load up their stuff. The security portion is to accompany the Treasurer as she takes money to and from the cashiers. The raffle area also deals with money, so we need a security person there to make their presence known. As far as I know, there has never been any issues, but it is always a good idea to be present.

If you are willing to help in either of these jobs, please let me know via email at [durick1@msn.com](mailto:durick1@msn.com), home phone 541-672-3404 or cell phone 541-671-8954 or in person. Thanks.

I wish plant therapy was covered by my health insurance.



Funnies shared by B. Robinson

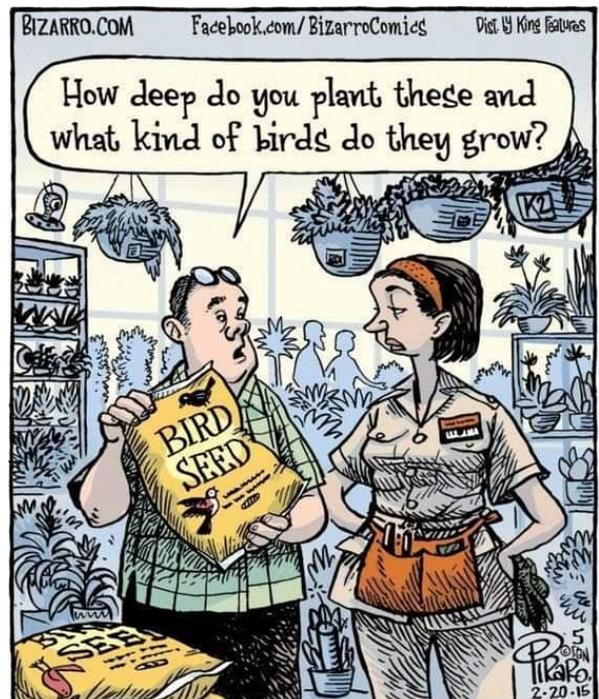


First of all, I want to thank everyone who worked in September at our Plant Clinic!! The Plant Clinic is one of our DCMG programs that reach out to our community to help people solve a wide range of gardening and landscape questions.

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 September we had over 80 visits to the clinic. This is well over last year's totals. We always have an interesting assortment of questions from our visitors. Questions for September were diverse, including problems with powdery mildew, plant and weed identification and lots of insects. In addition, we have been helping clients with fall gardening questions.

We begin our fall hours in October, and are only open 3 days per week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday).



## Diagnosics Class Bonnie Courter

On September 12, eight Master Gardeners met at the home of Larry Rich to address his gardening concerns and explore solutions. Larry lives just south of downtown Roseburg on SE Main St.



Some of the issues Steve addressed were powdery mildew on grapes and the need to prune back his grape arbor to allow in more light and air. We discussed pruning his cherry tree in late fall to reduce bacterial blight, and a fall spray on his plums to prevent shot hole fungus. The subject of lawns and different irrigation philosophies was also addressed as well as the possible presence of crane flies and raccoons or skunks creating dieback in the turf.



Afterwards, Larry fed us some delicious snacks and entertained us with his stories of his once "adopted" skunk.

Thanks, Larry, for hosting our class!

## *Scribblings from the Little Free Library*



## Hard to “Stump” These Guys!!!

Gale Robinson and Doug Gissel are stump wrestlers extraordinaire!

(Photos by Larry Rich)



### Fred's Fav's



# Creepy Crawlies

Brought to you by **OSU Plant Clinic**  
Department of Botany & Plant Pathology  
[bpp.oregonstate.edu/plant-clinic](http://bpp.oregonstate.edu/plant-clinic)

## Ponderous Borer

Several inquiries have been submitted to the [OSU Insect ID Clinic](#) about a conspicuously large beetle that you may have noticed outdoors. Most folks are curious to know a little more about it, so here's your introduction to the ponderous borer beetle.



The ponderous borer is probably the largest beetle that occurs in Oregon. Even though it is so spectacularly large that it looks like it should come from a tropical rainforest, it is actually native here.



It is a long-horned beetle (named for the long antennae). The long-horned beetles are in the family Cerambycidae, and this particular one is in the subfamily Prioninae, which includes some of the largest long-horned beetles. This species is one called the ponderous borer, *Trichocnemis spiculatus* (formerly *Ergates spiculatus*).

This species is fairly common in our area. They occur in forested areas of western North America. Their larvae bore into and feed on wood of recently dead or dying conifers, especially Douglas-fir and Ponderosa pine. So in that way, they help recycle the dead wood in forests.

## Japanese Beetles

The Japanese beetle (JB) is an exotic invasive beetle that is considered a serious plant pest in the United States.



Japanese beetles are generalist pests that pose a

potential serious threat to Oregon's agricultural crops, gardens, public parks, and urban forests. Adult beetles can feed on hundreds of plant species, including field crops, fruit trees, vegetables, and ornamental garden plants. Japanese beetle larvae can cause widespread damage to turfgrass by feeding on grass root systems.



The Japanese beetle was first detected in New Jersey in 1916 and is now established throughout the eastern, midwestern, and southeastern United States. In 2016 a

infestation was reported in Washington County, Oregon.

The Japanese beetle is native to Japan. It was accidentally imported to the US in nursery materials. Early detection and quick action is our best defense.

Report a suspected JB sighting to the OSU Plant Clinic. The OSU Insect ID Clinic also provides free insect identification.



## DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

### Chapter Meeting

September 26, 2019

Discovery Garden Pavilion

**Call to Order:** President Nancy Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM. Board Members present: Nancy Fuller, Diana Woodward, Kay Livermore, Barbie Hamby, Kish Doyle, Toni Rudolph, and Bonnie Courter. Total attendance: 30

**Agenda:** The agenda as posted was approved.

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



**Agent's Report:** Not present, no report.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Membership - Kay Livermore:** No report.

**OMGA Representative - Barbie Hamby:** Barbie and Kish attended the third quarterly OMGA meeting in Corvallis. The Leadership Forum was led by Jacob Lebel who is a plaintiff in a suit against the US Government on climate change and how it is affecting his southern Oregon farm.

- Marsha Sherry has been the editor of "The Gardener's Pen", the OMGA quarterly newsletter, for seven years and is retiring from her position, looking for a replacement. If interested, let Barbie know.
- Discussion took place about using the term, "Veteran MG". This originated in the Metro area, that the term confuses our military veterans with MG's who have been active in our organization. It was decided by the President to leave it up to each chapter whether to change the terminology to "Perennial MG" or some other adjective or not. DCMG will continue to use the term "veteran".
- Mini College will be held July 24-25, 2020, at the OSU campus. No decision was made whether to hold Mini

College every year or every other year. OMGA is trying to reserve dorms and motels in the Corvallis area to accommodate Mini College.

- Since there was no auction held this year, OMGA will hold an online auction to take place at the November meeting instead. Each chapter is to donate items valued at \$25 or more for the auction. Our chapter is putting together a basket of local wines and accessories along with a hyper tufa planter made by Patrice Sipos. Members will hopefully be able to view the auction items online and then make bids on them. How to do this has not been solved as yet, but hopefully will be by the OMGA Executive Board meeting next week.

**Treasurer - Toni Rudolph:** Financials are available online and a summary will be in the Newsletter.

- We have finally received a partial water bill, but there is still some confusion about who is being billed for what.
- At the October 9 Executive Board meeting, the 2020 Budget will be discussed. It appears we are already over budget, so Toni asked petitioners to re-examine their requests and perhaps look to other monetary sources such as applying for grants. If you are requesting much more for your area than last year, you will need to attend this meeting to make your case.
- We may need to look into purchasing new tech in order to make use of credit card machines like the Square at fundraiser. The new phones do not have a port to use the Square.

**Vice-President - Diana Woodward:** Thursday, October 31 (Halloween), will be our next Chapter meeting to be held at the Extension Annex at 10:00. The Continuing Education session at 9:00 will be presented by Steve Renquist on "Apple Identification".

**Past President - Chris Rusch:** Not present. No report.

**President - Nancy Fuller:** We have learned that we have already exceeded our monthly copying quota of 500 copies in the Extension office. This seems way over what it should be and Nancy will look into why this has happened as she is not aware of any big volume copy jobs that could have occurred this month. She will talk with Laura Corder when Laura returns next week. In the meantime, we will need to seek outside venues for our copying needs. Also you will need to figure in expenses of copying such as for fundraising flyers, etc., into your budget requests since the front office is placing restrictions on the use of their copy machine.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Awards - Betty Ison:** Three students have received their 60 hour swinger bars: Sylvia Andino, Bobbi Schneider and Dawnetta Loomis. Betty reported that only 11 students have completed their required hours so far. This is also the last day to sign up for the Banquet as Betty has printed up most of the certificates already and will be away next week.

**Awards Banquet - Judy Huntley:** The Banquet will be October 12 at the First United Methodist Church on Harvard, starting at 5:30 PM. Volunteers will be decorating the hall at 9:00 AM that morning. Judy Dake will open the back door of the church that morning so you can park on the west side and enter there. Signup sheets are at the meeting and the Plant Clinic, or you can call Judy. There has been a good response this year so far - she will even have to set up more tables to accommodate everyone.

**Bake Sale - Janet Parkerson:** Janet has not received any fruit or baking ingredients yet so far. Please contact her to arrange for donations. The Bake Sale will be November 23 at Sherm's - 7:15 AM will be setup. Pricing and receiving baked goodies will take place Friday, November 22. If you are attending the Chapter meeting that morning, you may bring your baked goods at that time as well. Labels for baked goods which are required will be available in the Plant Clinic. Janet and her crew will do the pricing. Contact Janet or Sharon Bordeaux to sign up or for donation pickup.

**Community Outreach - Jude Stensland:** Not present. No report.

**Spring Into Gardening - Chris Rusch:** Nancy reported for Chris that it will be held February 29 at the Phoenix School.



Shirley Purcell, Linda Thames & Ruth Stafford matching roses.

## Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

- Budget: DG garden heads have turned in their budget requests.
- Fence Repairs: Steve Hart will be repairing the damaged fences. He is also re-installing the broken signs from the storm.
- Irrigation: Irrigation pipes and hoses have been taken down and put away for the season.
- Keys: If you need duplicate keys to the Pavilion door or to Punch's Palace, contact Julie. She will make a duplicate from the master key.
- Iris Garden: Betty Ison has created a beautiful new iris bed next to the Pavilion. She has planted bulbs and irises as well as perennials so there will be a succession of color throughout. In the future, Betty will add educational material regarding the different kinds of bulbs. Betty offered some unidentified iris rhizomes for free to the members.

**Facebook/Canyonville Market - Barbara Horst:** Not present. No report.

**Greenhouse East - Bonnie Durick:** We are busy putting the plants to bed for the winter. Would like to

replace the rotting pallets, and have proposed a big budget request to replace the tables with pressurized wood tables. They will apply for any grants that may be available. If any new students need to get in their hours, East Greenhouse could sure use the help! Bring tools.



**Greenhouse West - Barbara Robinson:** Not present. No report.

**Hallmark - Linda Thames:**

- A thank-you card was sent to Muriel Richardson for her donation of gardening books.
- Iva GreyWolf's mother and brother-in-law passed away recently.
- Ed Estrada, a former MG, passed away. Their daughter, Denise, will be taking care of her mother, Rose.

Please email any Hallmark requests to Linda. She will be in Michigan until October 16.

**Newsletter/Winter Training - Bonnie Courter/Kish Doyle:**

Newsletter: Newsletter articles are due to Bonnie this Saturday, September 28. Bonnie will be responsible from now on to mail out the Newsletter each month in a timely manner. She thanked Leo Grass for his faithfulness in performing this task over many years.

Winter Training: We are in need of 4 more full-time mentors. There will be one mentor training day the first week of December, date to be decided. Kish is taking over the administrative duties for the class such as handling registrations, and will be interviewing prospective students along with Steve next month. Right now we have 33 students signed up, but are still taking names for waiting lists.

**Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:** Not present, but Nancy reported for Chris. There were 80 contacts in September. Subjects were about powdery mildew and weed and insect identification. Clinic hours change in October to Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

**Publicity:** We still need someone to step up and fill this position. Please contact Nancy Fuller if interested.

**Umpqua Valley Market - Sylvia Andino:** This Saturday is the last day for Master Gardeners to man the booth at the market.

**Victory Garden - Ruth Stafford:** The garden is winding down, but it is still producing. We harvested 595 pounds last Tuesday, and have surpassed last year's total at this time - 5,570 pounds donated to UCAN. On September 17 we had a record-setting haul for one day of 1,015 pounds.



**OLD BUSINESS**

**Budget requests for 2020:**

At our Executive Board meeting October 9, we will go through the budget numbers. The new budget will be presented at the October 31 Chapter meeting and then voted on by the membership at the November Chapter meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Liability Insurance:** We now will be required to have liability insurance for each MG event such as Spring Into Gardening, Plant Sale, Bake Sale, etc. Toni is getting some quotes from our insurance carrier. Right now we pay \$505/year for liability insurance, but this will

go up substantially. Toni suggested that any fee we charge for events should include liability costs. If our agent is sponsoring an event, OSU covers the liability.

## SHOW AND TELL

Fred Alley: Last Tuesday he found a camera case at the Discovery Garden. Shelby had given a tour of the garden to a MG from Grants Pass, and the case belongs to him.

Betty Ison: Betty presented a beautiful bouquet with balloons to Linda Thames for her birthday and we all sang to her.



Julie Stanbery: She pointed out two nurseries who are having great fall sales now: Kellygreen Nursery in Drain and Wildwood Nursery in Green. 30-50% off - worth going to.

Diana Woodward: Diana brought some peppers from her garden to see if she could stump our Master Gardeners in identifying them.

Jon Thran: Jon brought a dolly he made to show. He has decorated them with wood-burning graphics. If anyone would like to purchase one, see Jon. He also donated 4 of them to the Banquet as door prizes.

Nancy Fuller: Nancy reminded us that Jackson County is holding their Winter Dreams workshop November 2. Registration information is <https://jacksoncountymga.org/winter-dreams-summer-gardens-symposium>.

Also the November Chapter meeting will be at the Annex on **Friday, November 22**, 10:00, instead of Thursday. Thursday was already booked.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15, followed by a potluck lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Courter, Secretary



## *Elva's Dahlias*



# October Garden Calendar

## Planning

- If needed, improve soil drainage needs of lawns before rain begins.

## Maintenance and Clean Up

- Recycle disease-free plant material and kitchen vegetable and fruit scraps into compost. Don't compost diseased plants unless you are using the "hot compost" method (120 degrees to 150 degrees Fahrenheit).
- Drain or blow out your irrigation system, insulate valve mechanisms, in preparation of winter.
- Use newspaper or cardboard covered by mulch to discourage winter and spring annual weeds or remove a lawn area for conversion to garden beds. For conversion, work in the paper and mulch as organic matter once the lawn grass has died.
- Clean and paint greenhouses and cold frames for plant storage and winter growth.
- Harvest sunflower heads; use seed for birdseed or roast for personal use.
- Dig and store potatoes; keep in darkness, moderate humidity, temperature about 40°F. Discard unused potatoes if they sprout. Don't use as seed potatoes for next year.
- Harvest and immediately dry filberts and walnuts; dry at 95 degrees to 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Ripen green tomatoes indoors. Check often and discard rotting fruit.
- Harvest and store apples; keep at about 40°F, moderate humidity.
- Place mulch over roots of roses, azaleas, rhododendrons and berries for winter protection.
- Trim or stake bushy herbaceous perennials to prevent wind damage.
- To suppress future pest problems, clean up annual flower beds by removing diseased plant materials, overwintering areas for insect pests; mulch with manure or garden compost to feed the soil and suppress weeds.
- Cover asparagus and rhubarb beds with a mulch of manure or compost.
- Clean, sharpen and oil tools and equipment before storing for winter.
- Store garden supplies and fertilizers in a safe, dry place out of reach of children.

- Prune out dead fruiting canes in raspberries.
- Harvest squash and pumpkins; keep in dry area at 55 degrees to 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Spade organic material and lime into garden soil, as indicated by soil test results (if necessary and the weather permits).

## Planting/Propagation

- Dig and divide rhubarb. (Should be done about every 4 years.)
- Plant garlic for harvesting next summer.
- Propagate chrysanthemums, fuchsias, and geraniums by stem cuttings.
- Save seeds from the vegetable and flower garden. Dry, date, label, and store in a cool and dry location.
- Plant ground covers and shrubs.
- Dig and store geraniums, tuberous begonias, dahlias, and gladiolas.
- Pot and store tulips and daffodils to force into early bloom, indoors, in December and January.

## Pest Monitoring and Management

- Remove and dispose of windfall apples that might be harboring apple maggot or codling moth larvae.
- Rake and destroy diseased leaves (apple, cherry, rose, etc.), or hot compost diseased leaves.
- Spray apple and stone fruit trees at leaf fall to prevent various fungal and bacterial diseases. For more information, see [Managing Diseases and Insects in Home Orchards](#) (PDF - EC 631).
- If moles and gophers are a problem, consider traps.
- **Western Oregon:** Control fall-germinating lawn weeds while they are small. Hand weeding and weeding tools are particularly effective at this stage.
- Monitor landscape plants for problems. Don't treat unless a problem is identified.

## Houseplants and Indoor Gardening

- **Early October:** Reduce water, place in cool area (50-55 degrees Fahrenheit) and increase time in shade or darkness (12-14 hours) to force Christmas cactus to bloom in late December.
- Place hanging pots of fuchsias where they won't freeze. Don't cut back until spring.
- **Western Oregon:** Check/treat houseplants for disease and insects before bringing indoors.

# Douglas County Master Gardeners

**Newsletter:** The deadline for the November 2019 Newsletter is November 23rd. 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),  
[steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu](mailto:steve.renquist@oregonstate.edu)

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

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