



Nov. 2019 Calendar

Mon., Nov. 4, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Nov. 5, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Thurs., Nov. 7

Eastside Greenhouse, 9-12
Diagnostics @ Robin Oki's home,
10:00-Noon

Tues., Nov. 12, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Wed., Nov. 13, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

Thurs., 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crews

Mon., Nov. 18, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., Nov. 19, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Friday, Nov. 22

Continuing Education, 9:00
Chapter Meeting, 10:00
(Bring baked goods to Annex
Kitchen, 8:30-4:00 PM)

Saturday, Nov. 23, 7:45-3:00

Bake Sale, Sherm's Thunderbird

Tues., Nov. 26, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Thursday, Nov. 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Wed., Dec. 4, 10:00-Noon

WTC Mentor Training, Annex
Auditorium



The President's Post

Nancy Fuller

This past month has been busy for most of us as we put our gardens to bed for their winter rest. The recent below freezing temps have left us with little choice but to accept that for the most part, our growing season is done for this year.

We can begin to plan for next year now. We can be plotting out new beds, putting in cover crops, planting trees, shrubs, and bulbs and waiting for all the 2020 seed catalogs. There is much to keep us busy till spring.

We celebrated our members on October 12th during our annual Awards Banquet. As usual, we enjoyed great food and company during the event. Thanks to everyone who made and shared their favorite recipes. Thanks to Betty Ison and Judy Huntley for their work to make the banquet a success.



Photos: Kish Doyle

Awards were given for participation

in numerous chapter activities and years of service. Betty Ison was honored for her thirty years of service to Douglas County and the OMGA. Richard Johnstone and Linda Thames received certificates in honor of their twenty years of service to our chapter and OMGA.

Fred Alley was honored as our chapter's Master Gardener of the Year. Steve and Kathy Hart were chosen as our Behind the Scenes Master Gardeners of the Year. Congratulations to all!



If you haven't been out to the Discovery Garden recently, you should go out to see the renovated Westside Greenhouse. It's looking bright and is filled with light since the roof and sides have been replaced. No more leaky roof! Thanks to Dave Clark and his crew for doing this work.

Mark your calendars for our November 23rd Bake Sale, to be held at Sherm's Market. The sale is our opportunity to share our baking talents with the community just before Thanksgiving and to earn money for our chapter. Janet Parkerson and Sharon Bordeaux are the co-chairs for the sale.

I wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you are able to spend the holiday with family and friends.

Vice-President's Report

Diana Woodward

We had a great class on Apple ID at our monthly chapter meeting on the 31st. Steve shared a computer program called applename.com to help us identify the apples we have growing on our land or when someone comes in to the Plant Clinic with an

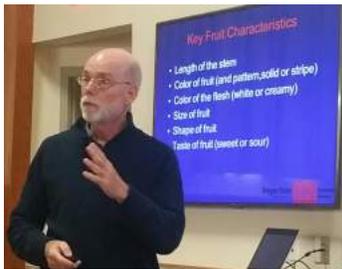


Photo: K.Doyle

apple to identify. I used it on an apple we have in our orchard - hadn't a clue what it was for over 18 years. So I used the Applename.com program to see if I could try to find out what it is. My first attempt found the apple is either a "Hawaii" or "Golden Delicious". The program allows one to really drill down on characteristics to get pretty close to the one you have. Never heard of Hawaii, so it's probably a Golden.



What a beautiful fall we are having! The colors are amazing! It did not take long for the wind to blow all the beautiful leaves off of all the trees. One day my huge big leaf maples

were full of bright yellow leaves - a week later, all the leaves were on the ground. Not sloppy with rain, but still crunchy and 6 inches thick!



Our next Chapter meeting will be on November 22, NOT on our usual last Thursday of the month, as that is Thanksgiving Day. The 9 AM education hour for that meeting will be "Tool Care", taught by our own Master Gardener of the Year, Fred Alley. He is going to go over the sharpening of our tools, the oiling of our tools and proper storage for the winter, along with many other tips and tactics to keep our garden tools in top shape for years to come.

For January's Continuing Education meeting, I have a few speakers I am contacting to try to get you all a productive and beneficial hour of education for the coming year. Any suggestions would be welcome. A few topics I am interested in are a fermentation class, a class on beneficial bugs taught by someone on our Bug Committee, care and storage of bulbs, gardening with herbs, etc.

See you all next month for a class on the use and care of tools.



Funnies contributed by: Barbara Robinson

Awards Banquet 2019--Special Recognitions

Betty Ison

(Photos by Kish Doyle)

We just held our 22nd Annual Awards Banquet. The banquet always presents us the opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge all of our hardworking volunteers. Congratulations to all for the work that you do to make our organization the huge success that it is. I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize several volunteers who received very special honors during the evening.

Congratulate these standouts if you have a chance to do so.

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been a volunteer for 9 years and has put in over 2300 hours of service. He has been

involved in a number of activities within our organization. Outreach activities include Plant Clinic (6 yrs), Spring Into Gardening Instructor (2 yrs), Speaker's Bureau, teaching Continuing Education Programs, and being a Class Mentor (7 yrs). He has also helped with Audio/Visual Set-up for the Winter Program and Continuing Education (3 yrs), and has helped with the Victory Garden. He has supported our fundraising activities which include Trash to Treasure Sale (8 yrs), Bake Sale (7 yrs), and Plant Sale for 9 years, where he helps with security, and set-up and tear-down.

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We call him our "Master Cement Caster". Fred is also known as the "Tool Man". He cleans, sharpens, repairs, and paints the handles of all the MG tools in the shed. He also buys a lot of tools at garage sales that he restores and donates to the Master Gardeners.



Steve was awarded an engraved wine glass for his years of service.

In other activities, Fred has been Chapter Vice-President (4 yrs), been a member of the Nominating Committee (2 yrs), been a Garden Tour Host, and provides photos each month to a section in the Newsletter called "Fred's Fav's".

Steve & Kathy Hart are the **2019 "Behind the Scenes" Master Gardeners of the Year**. This award is for someone who works quietly and unselfishly behind the scenes, often going unnoticed, but is always there when work needs to be done. The criteria for this award is that the person is involved in multiple activities, has been a member at least five years, and held no major

leadership positions. Steve & Kathy have been members for 6 years and have both put in over 1100 hours of volunteer service. Their outreach activities include Plant Clinic (2 yrs), Kruse Farms, and helping with

Class Greenhouse Training for the Winter Program (5 yrs). Steve has also helped the Victory Garden three years.

Steve & Kathy have supported fundraising activities such as the Plant Sale where they work as Cashier/Checkers (6 yrs). Steve has helped with the Trash to Treasure Sale, while Kathy has helped our Bake Sale (4 yrs).

They both excel at the Discovery Garden and Horticultural Learning Center. Steve & Kathy have worked in the Discovery Garden for 6 years. Kathy was



Doug Gissel & Gale Robinson got the "Stump Wranglers" award.



Toni Rudolph & Barbara Zastrow man the check-in table

a Co-Coordinator for the Butterfly Garden (3 yrs), before it was split into multiple pieces. She now manages several of those plots. Both helped in the early development of the Rock Garden, and often help others when they need assistance. Several

years ago Steve built the Children's Lending Library which is installed in the Children's Garden. Kathy registered the library and keeps it maintained and full of books. This year Steve built the Educational Kiosk for the Perennial Border. For the HLC, they are both reliable regulars helping out in the Westside Greenhouse (6 yrs). Both have been part of the Greenhouse Watering Crew, several years as back-ups, and now Kathy is a regular member of the team. Steve is one of our go-to handymen and has done lots of greenhouse maintenance and repairs, repairing storage sheds, building and repairing fencing, and whatever else might need to be done. Both are truly "Behind the Scenes" volunteers. Unless you see them in the greenhouse, everything else just magically gets done.



Another special award presented during the evening was the **Horticulture Agent's Award**. The Agent's Award is for volunteers who, by helping the agent achieve his goals, positively impacts the Master Gardener Program. The Award this year was presented to **Kish Doyle and Bruce Gravens**.

Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

9/26/19 - 10/30/19

INCOME

Contribution	\$5.00
Interest	\$8.72
Soil Testing	\$160.00
Plant Sale - Post Sales	<u>\$40.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME

\$213.72

EXPENSES

Awards & Banquet	\$223.79
OMGA Travel	\$109.27
Officer Gifts	\$28.00
Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$28.60
Postage & Supplies Exec. Bd.	\$65.98
Farmer's Market - Roseburg	\$49.97
Website Development	\$136.39
Discovery Garden	\$619.43
HLC	\$213.62
Plant Sale	\$2,934.37
Propane	\$4.00
Utilities - Electricity	\$195.83
Utilities - Water	\$527.12
Expense Approved, Not Budgeted	
Greenhouse - Westside	<u>\$4.49</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES

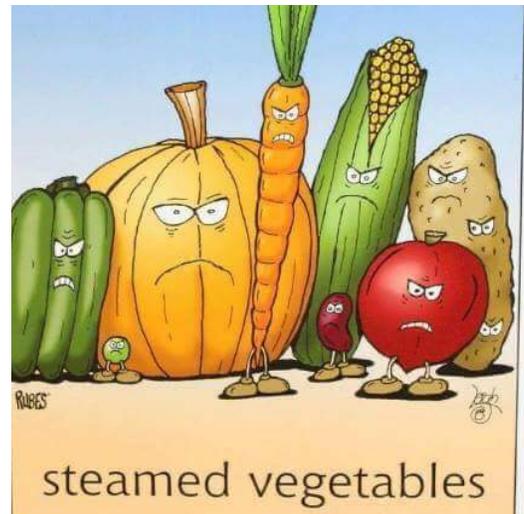
\$5,140.86

Breakdown of our accounts as of October 30, 2019

NWCC - Checking	\$934.17
NWCC - Reserves	\$5,003.43
NWCC - Savings	<u>\$28,818.99</u>

Ending Balance

\$34,756.59



Master Gardener 2020 PROPOSED Budget

INCOME		Soil Testing	416
Donations		Website	150
Contributions	0	TOTAL Clinics and Office	746
Amazon Smile Foundation	40	DC Fair Outreach Booth	200
Fred Meyer Community Rewards	5	Printing Materials 4 Outreach	200
Grants	0	Speakers Bureau	0
TOTAL Donations	45	TOTAL Community Outreach	400
Dues & Membership		Discovery Garden	
Membership Dues	2,480	Butterfly Garden	300
Newsletter - Income	203	Children's Garden	350
TOTAL Dues & Membership	2,683	Compost - Biochar - Vermiculture - Worms	100
Interest Income - Bank		Easy Access (Container Garden)	300
	70	Entry Garden	50
Program Service Project Income (PSP)		Herb Garden	150
Soil Testing	1,200	Hummingbird Garden	0
Spring into Gardening	1,200	Iris Garden	200
TOTAL PSP Income	2,400	Irigation	300
Special Events		Japanese Garden	125
Plant Sale		Kiosk - Donor Board	50
Raffle	1,200	Maintenance - DG	1,050
Entrance Fees	5,100	Mulch & Gravel	400
Sales - Event	23,500	Orchard	125
Sales - Post Event	700	Ornamental Garden	0
Sales - Pre Event	3,250	Pavilion	0
Sales - Vendor Booths	3,100	Perennial Border	285
TOTAL Plant Sale	36,850	Raised Beds (Dahlia/Lily)	100
Special Events Other		Rock Garden	400
Bake Sale	2,000	Shade Garden	50
Compost Tea	950	Signage	0
Trash-to-Treasure	3,000	Sun Garden	200
Vermiculture - Worms	0	Xeriscape Garden	150
TOTAL Special Events Other	5,950	TOTAL Discovery Garden	4,685
TOTAL INCOME	47,998	TOTAL PSP Expense	7,026
EXPENSES		HLC Horticultural Learning Center	
Management & General Expenses		Annual Pumping Expense (diver)	300
Awards & Banquet		Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	4,920
Awards	375	Eastside Greenhouse Supplies	250
Banquet	750	Garbage Dump Fee	175
TOTAL Awards & Banquet	1,125	HLC Fire Extinguishers	60
Conferences		HLC Maintenance	800
Chapter Meetings	0	HLC Orchard	500
OMGA International	0	Toilet Supplies and Repairs	150
OMGA Quarterly Meeting (Host)	0	Tree Trimming Professional	1,000
OMGA Travel	800	Victory Garden	831
TOTAL Conferences	800	Victory Garden Signage	0
OMGA Dues		Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	1,000
	1,736	Westside Greenhouse Supplies	350
Grants/Gifts/Scholarships		TOTAL HLC - Expense	10,336
4-H Donation	80	Special Events	
Gifts - Hallmark	50	Plant Sale (PS)	
Gifts - Miscellaneous	100	Advertising	2,600
Gifts - Officer Gifts	80	Contributions - PS Volunteers	300
Grant Purchases	0	Exhibit Fees	3,400
Scholarships - Mini-College	1,000	Next Year's Seed. (SEEDS)	850
TOTAL Grants/Gifts/Scholarships	1,310	Next Year's Supplies - PS	4,000
Administration		Plants - Eastside	600
Bank Charges	0	Plants - Westside	800
Check Print Charges	50	Supplies	2,100
Hospitality	250	Vendor Costs	200
Liability Insurance	510	TOTAL Plant Sale	14,850
Newsletter Postage & Printing	250	Propane - Tanks	
OMGA Search for Excellence	150	Eastside Greenhouse #1 75532	1,050
Postage for Exec Board	80	Eastside Greenhouse #2 MO327516	900
Supplies/Copies for Exec Board	150	Westside Greenhouse #3 49518	750
TOTAL Administration	1,440	Westside Greenhouse #500 48450	300
(PSP) Expenses/ Program Service Project		TOTAL Propane Tanks	3,000
Advanced Training		Bake Sale	75
Continuing Education	0	Compost Tea	150
Spring into Gardening	525	Trash-to-Treasure	150
Winter Program		TOTAL Special Events Expenses	18,225
New Class - Supplies	20	Utilities	
Speakers	650	Electricity - 82346502 - HLC	4,400
TOTAL Winter Program	670	Electricity - 81156829 - Pump	400
TOTAL Advanced Training	1,195	Water - Pitchford meter # 30015613	500
Clinics and Office		Water - River Forks meter # 69151311	700
Farmers' Market - Canyonville	0	TOTAL Utilities	6,000
Farmers' Market - Roseburg	0	TOTAL EXPENSES	47,998
Insects	80	NET INCOME (LOSS)	0
Plant Clinic and Office Supplies	100		

REMEMBER!!!

This proposed Budget for 2020 will be voted on by members at the November Chapter meeting.

All expenses for 2019 must be turned in to Toni Rudolph by December 15.

Membership

Kay Livermore

The time for 2020 Dues is nearly here. You will receive the Dues Form as a PDF attached to an email the end of next week. The email will contain instructions for renewing your Master Gardener dues. The two required OSU forms will go out by email around November 15. The email will come from Anita Clark in the Extension Office and will contain a link to sign the forms with "DocuSign". Then you will email them back to the Extension Office. Remember, those two OSU forms are required for you to remain a member of Master Gardeners.

For those of you who do not have email: If you get the Newsletter in the mail, the dues form will be included in your December Newsletter and the OSU forms will be mailed to you around the 15th of November. If you do not receive the Newsletter by mail, all forms will be mailed to you around November 15.

We are looking forward to having you join us for another great year of Master Gardener activities!



Plant Sale

Traffic Control/Security lead still needed

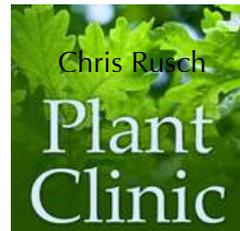
Bonnie Durick

The Plant Sale for 2020 will be Saturday, May 2, with setup on Friday, May 1. In the last Newsletter, I asked for volunteers to help with the student volunteers and for someone to take the lead for the traffic control/security job. Linda Estep volunteered to help Rosemary Brinkley with the student volunteers. I still need someone to volunteer to lead the traffic control/security people. If you are willing to help out with this job for the setup and Plant Sale days, please let me know.



You can email me at durick1@msn.com, or call me at 541-672-3404 or 671-8954. Leave a message if I'm not around to answer the phone.

More to come on the Plant Sale after the first of the year. I hope everyone has a great holiday season.

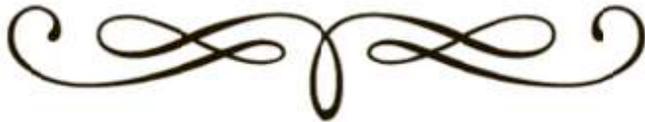


The Plant Clinic was surprisingly busy in October even with our shortened schedule and fall weather. We had a total of 70 visitors in October. This is a bit more than last year. Many insect, plant identification and garden questions continue to come in. Our trainees are always so enjoyable to get to know, and it is fun to introduce them to our Plant Clinic and Extension activities. We are lucky to have had a great training team in 2019 with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Chris Rusch, Barbara Horst, Ernie Amabisca, Anne Bacon, and Karolyn Riecks. A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!

Speaking of our talented training team, we are always in need of new volunteers for alternates and Thursdays. If you are interested in taking on this challenging and important position on our Plant Clinic training team, call me or send an email. 541-825-3827; crusch@hughes.net.

We will begin our fall hours this month. The clinic will only be open on Mondays and Wednesdays for the month of November.

We still 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. However, for November and December we don't have many openings, so hurry to sign-up!



Some Garden Hints for November

- Force spring bulbs for indoor blooms in December.
- Check potatoes in storage and remove any going bad.
- Place a portable cold frame over rows of winter vegetables.
- Place mulch around berries for winter protection.
- Cover rhubarb and asparagus beds with composted manure and straw.
- Rake and compost leaves that are free of diseases and insects. Use mulch to prevent erosion and compaction from rain.
- To protect built-in sprinkler systems, drain the system and insulate the valve mechanisms.
- Clean and oil your lawnmower and other garden equipment and tools before storing them for winter. Drain and store hoses carefully to avoid damage from freezing. Renew mulch around perennial flowerbeds after removing weeds.
- Protect tender evergreens from drying winds.
- Tie limbs of upright evergreens to prevent breakage by snow or ice.
- Trim chrysanthemums to 4 to 6 inches after they finish blooming.
- Leave ornamental grasses up in winter to provide texture in the landscape. Cut them back a few inches above the ground in early spring.



Time Sheets Vicki McAlister

The final day to submit time sheets for 2019 is: **January 10, 2020. Any time sheets for 2019 received after this date will not be processed.** Please make sure to verify that your hours are correct as posted on our website or in the book in the clinic so there is time to make any required corrections. Thank you!

Trash to Treasures Ann Severson

It is only a short time again until our annual Trash to Treasures Sale for 2020. Please start putting together the items that you would like to donate to next year's sale. The dates are **March 6** for setup and **March 7** will be the actual sale. This year it will be held at the Winston Community Center.

As a reminder, we are looking for good, clean, usable items - no junk. We take household items, gardening, tools/hardware, toys, linens, pet items, outdoors/camping, sports, dishes/glassware, electronics (no old TV sets), business and office supplies, books, clean furniture, collectibles, plumbing/electrical, crafts, jewelry, music items/CD's/records, picture frames, etc. This is just a brief list of what we take.

We DO NOT take these items: CLOTHING, SHOES, PLANTS, FOOD, BABY FURNITURE, EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, ALL HOLIDAY ITEMS, OLD TV SETS, or MATTRESSES.

If you have any questions, please contact me either by phone, text or email.
541-817-4983, grannieannie_56@yahoo.com.



“Courter’s Corner” (by Bonnie Courter)

Newsletter Update

Starting in January, the annual cost of the Newsletter for those who choose to receive a hard copy by mail each month will increase to **\$12.70/year**. This covers the cost of not only postage, but also copying costs and a handling charge. Due to the copy restriction placed on Master Gardeners of 500 copies/month using the Extension copy machine, we will now be copying the monthly Newsletter at an outside source. You may request a Newsletter subscription at the time of dues renewal, or continue to receive the Newsletter free online and in color, which is available to all MG’s.

Mentor Training Session

Kish and I will be holding a training session for the Winter Class mentors on **Wednesday, December 4**, at 10:00 in the Annex Auditorium. This year we are having only one session, so it is super important that all mentors and alternates come.

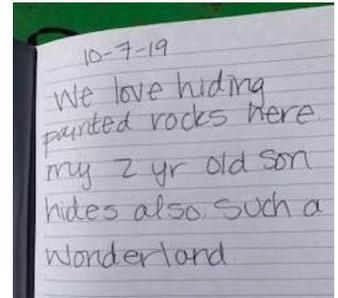
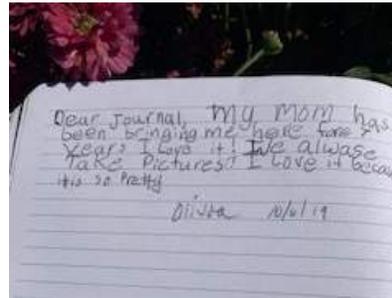
We will give you all the lowdown on how to become an exceptional mentor, all the nitty gritty details, plus mentors will get their student assignments so they can begin to connect with them. Please let Kish or myself know if you cannot attend.

Diagnostics Session

Steve is giving another Diagnostics class for those who work in the Plant Clinic this coming **Thursday, November 7**, from 10-12 PM. It will be held at the home of Robin Oki of Myrtle Creek where she has quite a few neglected fruit trees in need of attention. Her address is 139 Norton Lane, Myrtle Creek.

Take I-5 south from Roseburg to Myrtle Creek. Take exit 106, turn left onto Weaver Rd. Continue on Weaver Bridge Rd. Turn left onto Old Hwy. 99. Go about a half mile, turn right onto Norton Ln. Destination is on the left.

Scribblings from the Little Free Library



THE GREAT RUNNER BEAN RACE

Fred Alley

Well, Carolyn and Ruth, the Victory Garden crew won again! The scarlet runner bean you picked was 14” in length compared to my largest at 12”. Must be the soil?

On the other hand, my dry bean is very large and the VG bean was very little and undeveloped. (I never pick mine green - only after the shell turns hard and brown.)

Anyway, we are MASTER GARDENERS, aren’t we? Can’t beat US!! The VG Crew is the best!



The screenshot shows the OSU Extension Catalog website. At the top left is the OSU logo with the text 'Oregon State University'. To its right is the text 'Outreach & Engagement | Extension Service'. A search bar labeled 'Search Catalog' is in the top right. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'Catalog', 'About Us', 'Programs', and 'Find Us'. The main content area features the article title 'Manage Wildlife Conflicts in Your Home and Garden' by Dana Sanchez, published March 2019. The article text discusses wildlife conflicts and includes a photo of a European starling. To the right of the article is a 'Share This' section with links for Twitter and Facebook, and a 'Browse by Topic' list with categories like Agriculture, Business Management, and Family and Home. A 'Sign in' and 'Create account' link are also visible.

In order to make more continuing education (CE) opportunities available to Master Gardener Volunteers we are now officially approving CE credit for reading approved research-based publications that relate to sustainable gardening. These publications will provide in-depth information on a variety of gardening topics that volunteers can draw on when working in the plant clinic or providing community education. In addition this process will encourage volunteers to read OSU and other research-based publications with the added benefit of familiarizing volunteers with up-to-date resources that can be shared with clients.

Each publication will qualify for one hour of CE.

Some publications may take more or less time to read but 60 minutes is a good average.

How to determine if a publication qualifies for CE.

Publications from the following sources are generally deemed appropriate: OSU Extension Catalog, other Extension Services, governmental organizations (i.e. Department of Agriculture, USDA, etc.).

Where possible, OSU publications should be given preference. Publications should relate to sustainable gardening, home horticulture, or backyard and local food production. Coordinators may want to provide a list of suggested and approved reading with web links. This will make it easy for volunteers to access the publications and should prevent them from finding out of date publications that have been archived.

Example of a suggested reading list for August from the OSU Extension Catalog

- [Conserving Water in Your Yard and Garden](#)
- [Fall and Winter Vegetable Gardening in the Pacific Northwest](#)
- [Blossom-End Rot of Tomatoes](#)
- [Picking and Storing Apples and Pears](#)
- [A Guide to Collecting Soil Samples for Farms and Gardens](#)
- [Cover Crops for Home Gardens](#)

How to receive credit for reading research-based publications.

We want to ensure that you carefully and comprehensively read each publication, so that you are able to incorporate your new-found knowledge in your volunteer activities, as well as in your own garden. For each publication that you read, please report the following information in the Volunteer Reporting System (VRS), or turn in the following information to your Master Gardener coordinator.

1. *Author. Year. Title. Publication Number or other identifying information.*
2. *Where you found or accessed the Publication*
3. *What is the overall goal of the publication?*
4. *List three things that you learned from reading this publication.*
5. *List two ways you can use this information in your volunteer service and/or your own garden.*
6. *Report 1 hour of CE per publication, in the VRS system (or the reporting system used in your county).*

Example:

1. *Jones and Sells. 2004. Rufous hummingbird. EC 1570.*
2. *I found it on the OSU Extension Catalog site. The direct link is <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/ec1570.pdf>*
3. *This publication teaches people about rufous hummingbird life history, behavior, and habitat.*
4. *I learned:*
 - *Rufous hummingbirds migrate to warmer climates in the fall, because there is no nectar in northern climates in fall and winter. In fact, they follow manzanita blooms as they migrate. I had thought that they migrate because they can't tolerate cold weather (which is probably also true, but I had not considered the nectar connection).*
 - *Rufous hummingbirds use spider webs to 'glue' together their nest materials. So cool!*
 - *Hummingbirds can live up to 5+ years. I had thought that their small size and high metabolism would promote a shorter lifespan.*
5. *I will use this information to:*
 - *Tell people what to plant for hummingbirds: bleeding hearts, red-flowering currant, salmonberry, columbine, fuchsias, orange honeysuckle.*
 - *Encourage people to consider how their cat might be impacting hummingbird populations.*

Fred's Fav's



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting

October 31, 2019

Call to Order: President Nancy Fuller called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. Executive Board members present: Nancy Fuller, Diana Woodward, Kay Livermore, Barbie Hamby, Kish Doyle, Toni Rudolph and Bonnie Courter. Total attendance: 42

Agenda: The agenda was approved.

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

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:

- Recertification badge stickers and certificates are available. See Steve.
- Kish and Steve completed their Winter Training interviews. We have 31 students and 3 or 4 transferring from other chapters who will be auditing the class. There will be some new speakers this year, anticipating Steve's upcoming retirement. Steve lamented that once he has retired, there will be only two active agents left. The new generation of agents tend to want more hands-on training for new students, but this is because most chapters are not as fortunate as we are to have facilities like the Discovery Garden and HLC where students can experience hands-on instruction as well as enjoying science-based lectures.
- Steve has contacted all those from the previous class who still have not turned in their required 60 hours. Some of them have agreed to pay the \$100 instead. Mentors are asked to encourage their students to complete their obligations.
- The question of whether an agent is required to be officially involved and present at events or programs initiated by a Master Gardener was resolved. The agent just needs to be contacted about the program first for approval.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Kay Livermore: For the 2020 dues process, we will be implementing a new procedure for the required two forms which need to be annually signed by each member. Anita Clark, who has replaced Mary Hoffman in the front office, gave details on the

new directive from OSU which enables members to sign the documents digitally - "Docu Sign" - relieving the staff of having to scan and file the papers. Anita will be sending each member an email on November 15 with the documents and instructions how to "sign" the forms electronically. Simply click on the attached form, enter name and address, and follow the guidelines. The form is sent back to Anita. Nothing to download and takes maybe 5 minutes to complete. It was stressed that you must sign the documents to continue to be a Master Gardener. Dues money will not be accepted unless the documents are signed and turned in. Those without email will receive the forms by mail. Any questions, please contact Anita in the front office or Kay.

Kay will send out an email this week with a PDF of the Dues Form. Members can print it, fill it out and return it with the \$10 dues (or \$22.70 if you want the print form of the Newsletter). Either put it in the locked money drawer in the Plant Clinic or mail it to Kay. The Dues Form will also be included in the December Newsletter.

OMGA - Kish Doyle

Tomorrow is the OMGA Quarterly Meeting to be held in Tillamook. Kish, Barbie, Patrice, Nancy, Chris Rusch and Sharon Bordeaux will be attending. The new Executive Board will be voted on. Chris is President Elect, Patrice is Treasurer and Sharon will be Secretary. Friday will be a seminar on grant writing followed on Saturday by the general meeting. There will be a silent auction held with members bidding on items displayed online. Kish reported that we are considering perhaps hosting the June 2020 Quarterly Meeting next year.

Treasurer - Toni Rudolph:

- Copies of the financials are available and also posted on the website. A mystery check for \$60 was in the Plant Clinic drawer - Toni found it was for soil testing. She reminded everyone to please clearly mark anything put in the drawer.
- We were finally billed for water. More was spent under the "juvenile" meter, but in reality we are not in the "hole".
- Receipts are due to Toni by December 15 so they can be charged to 2019 monies.

Vice-President - Diana Woodward: Next month's Continuing Education will be presented by Fred Alley on tool care. In the future, Denise Fennell may present on

fermentation. Dave Clark has already volunteered his home for the June 2020 potluck chapter meeting.

President - Nancy Fuller: The reason we were over the 500 page copy limit in the front office last time was because of the Newsletter which justifies having the Newsletter printed elsewhere.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards: Betty Ison has resigned as Awards Chairman, so that position will need to be filled. Certificates and awards were presented by Nancy Fuller to Bonnie Courter and Vicki McAlister who did not attend the Banquet. Vicki was also presented with the "Critter Gitter" award for her expertise on ridding our Victory Garden of gophers along with a little statue, "Douglas" the gopher.

Betty Ison was honored for her 30 years as a MG, Linda Thames and Richard Johnstone for their 20 years, Fred Alley is MG of the Year, Steve and Kathy Hart are "Behind the Scenes" MG's of the Year, and Kish Doyle received the Agent's Award.

Bake Sale - Sharon Bordeaux: Sharon thanked everyone who donated ingredients to the bakers. There are still MG's who would like to donate, so if you are a baker and need ingredients, let Sharon or Janet Parkerson know. Sign up sheets are available at the meeting. Posters should not go up for another couple of weeks. If bakers wish to bake custard pies, they will need to keep them on gel packs to keep them cool.

Community Outreach - Jude Stensland:

- There will be 80 children touring the garden at 11:30 today. Jude asked for more MG's to help with that.
- Sutherlin Garden Club would like a speaker from the MG's to give a talk on growing plants inside during the winter, or a topic of their choice, for the first Thursday in November.
- Jude announced she is stepping down from Community Outreach. She would be willing to mentor another MG who volunteers for the position.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

- Since Elva Sellens is recuperating from heart surgery, help is needed in cutting down the dahlias and

winterizing the Butterfly Garden next Tuesday (November 5).

- All the water has been turned off except to the greenhouses and the restroom.
- Julie thanked the irrigation team for their work all summer. Sylvia and Christian Andino will be working with Dave Clark to learn how to maintain the irrigation system.
- The Festival of Lights will start soon. Please report any problems to Julie that you might encounter. We will not be getting any gravel this year as we did last year for the parking area and driveway.
- Garden heads need to turn in their receipts for reimbursement.
- Julie reported that Shirley Purcell had her aortic valve replaced in Portland. She is home now and doing well.

Facebook - Barbara Horst: Our Facebook has 1,365 followers. Favorite articles are the ones MG's write for the News-Review and photos from the Discovery Garden by Fred Alley.

Greenhouse East - Bruce Gravens: The crew is working Tuesdays and Thursdays for two more weeks. Bruce has been experimenting with some new emitters that don't require filters, so anyone who irrigates with river water at their home might want to come out and see them. They have not clogged up at all this last season.

Greenhouse West - Barbara Robinson: Barbara encouraged everyone to come out and see the new main greenhouse which has a new roof and new siding. There are still funds to replace one of the ends as well. Barbara thanked the men who came out and worked on it: Ivor Chapman, Steve Hart, Mark Schmoll, Dave Clark and Ray Warren. They saved us \$5,000 in labor costs! A new water heater was purchased for the heat beds as well as a new ceiling fan in the transplant greenhouse. Right now the crew is propagating stem cuttings from mother plants. The Plant Sale will be early this year, so they could use lots of help.

Hallmark - Linda Thames: Cards went out to Marianne Major, Maureen Benice, Elva Sellens for surgeries, and to Ken Hays's wife, Charity, who had hip replacement surgery.

Newsletter/Winter Training - Bonnie Courter:

- Newsletter articles are due this Saturday, November 2. The cost of the Newsletter subscription will be \$12.70 starting in January for those who want to get a black and white copy in the mail.
- Our Winter Training Class is now full. There will be a Mentor Training meeting on Wednesday, December 4, at 10:00 in the auditorium. It's imperative that mentors and alternates try and attend this meeting. Mentors will receive their student assignments as well at that meeting.

Plant Clinic/Spring Into Gardening - Chris Rusch:

Chris was not present, but Nancy gave her report.

- There were 69 visitors in the clinic in October, more than last year for this month. Many of the questions were about fruit trees and weeds. In November, the clinic will be open only two days a week, Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Chris is still securing speakers for Spring Into Gardening.

Publicity: Barbara Horst volunteered to fill the Publicity opening for one year. Thanks, Barbara!

Trash to Treasures - Ann Severson: The sale will be held at the Winston Community Building next year. Ann has already booked it, and the cost is \$350 (normally \$550). It provides better parking, is bigger in size and has better visibility. The date will be March 7 with setup on March 6. We also get to use their tables. Will have to either make new signs or change the ones we have since they have the Annex address on them. Ann has already been taking in donations. If you can't be at the sale, you can drop donations off at Ann's.

Victory Garden - Ruth Stafford: Tuesday was the final day to put the garden to bed for winter. Compost was laid out along with bio char donated by Scott McKain, enough to cover the whole garden. The UCAN donations exceeded last year by 972 pounds with a total of 7,235 pounds. MG's doubled their home garden donation poundage from last year for a total of 2,000 pounds.

OLD BUSINESS

Liability Insurance - Toni Rudolph: We will need to purchase more liability insurance for specific events that MG's sponsor for an increase of \$300.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Proposed Budget - Toni Rudolph:

We need to vote on allocating \$350 for the cost of reserving the facility in Winston for Trash to Treasures since that amount was not included in the budget. **Jan Kirchner made a motion to fund the \$350 needed to reserve the Winston Community Center for Trash to Treasures.** Julie Stanbery seconded the motion, and it was passed by the membership unanimously.

Toni then presented the proposed 2020 budget and lengthy discussion ensued. She explained there were some changes, namely the rise in the cost of the Newsletter, Spring Into Gardening costs and raising the entrance fee for the Plant Sale to \$3.00. The budget will be voted on by the membership at the November meeting and will be published in the November Newsletter.

SHOW AND TELL

- Linda Thames showed off her humongous homegrown sweet potatoes
- Nancy Fuller reminded everyone that the next chapter meeting will be on a **Friday**, November 22. With the Bake Sale the next day, you can drop off baked goodies at 8:30 that morning all the way through 4:00 in the afternoon.
- Gale Robinson said the HLC could use some more compost if anyone had any to donate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Courter, Secretary

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