



Feb. 2020 Calendar

Mon., Feb. 3

Westside Greenhouse Crew (9:00-Noon)

Insect Committee (10:00-Noon)

Tues., Feb. 4, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Feb. 6, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Fri., Feb. 7, 1:00-4:00

Pruning - Ornamentals, DG

Mon., Feb. 10, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Feb. 11, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Wed., Feb. 12, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

Thurs., Feb. 14, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Mon., Feb. 17

Westside Greenhouse Crew (9-12)

Insect Committee (10:00-Noon)

Pruning - Roses, DG

Tues., Feb. 18, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Feb. 20, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Mon., Feb. 24, 9:00-Noon

Westside Greenhouse Crew

Tues., Feb. 25, 8:30-4:00

Winter Training Class

Thurs., Feb. 27

Continuing Education (9:00)

Chapter Meeting (10:00)

Eastside Greenhouse Crew (9-12)

Sat., Feb. 29, 8:30-4:00

Spring Into Gardening, Phoenix School

The President's Post

Nancy Fuller

The year has started well. We've welcomed the much-needed rain and are beginning to be anxious to get out and do our planting.

We have finished the fourth week of our Winter Training program. Our 2020 trainees are enthusiastic and eager to participate. They have completed the propagation and plant identification sections and will be completing their seeding training in the next few weeks. Thank you to all the mentors, including the greenhouse crews, who are giving their time and knowledge to our trainees.

Out in the greenhouses, work has begun to get plants ready for our annual sale in May. The work done by the core groups is greatly appreciated. Before we know it, we'll be getting ready to move all the healthy plants over to the Fairgrounds for sale.

When you have the opportunity, visit the Eastside Greenhouse and check out the new tables that Ivor Chapman and his crew have built. They look great! The plants will have sturdy homes for many years to come.

Out in the Discovery Garden, clean-up is in progress, tiny shoots are popping up in many areas, and flowers are blooming. Spring is around the corner!

This year we'll be presenting our Spring Into Gardening symposium on February 29th. It will be held at the Phoenix School beginning at 8:30 am. Look for more details in this newsletter.

Keep in mind that our first fundraiser of the year will be held next month on March 7th. The Trash to Treasures event is a great way to help the chapter, make new friends, and get great bargains. Watch for more information in the coming newsletters.



Vice-President's Report

Diana Woodward



We just completed our first Chapter meeting for the year 2020 and now begins a new month closer to our beloved growing season and longer days. Have you already noticed it is light beyond 5:30 AM now?

We had a fantastic hands-on demonstration by MFP/MG Les Karcher, on how to ferment cabbage to make sauerkraut. We all could not believe how simple it is - very few tools are needed to have homemade sauerkraut in three weeks or less. You can check out the website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/fch/food-preservation> for more information. Thank you to all those who came, and to those who missed it, we will have another Chapter meeting and an educational hour on the last Thursday of February, the 27th, 2020.



I am working on a few topics and speakers. Still hoping for a "beneficial bug" hour. Also some possibilities: an hour with Mike Winters of Wintergreen Nursery, a bonsai class, keeping worms, a succulents class, a mushroom class by Richard VanderVelden, and a class on preparedness in an emergency - what can we do for extra preparation with our knowledge of gardening and preserving foods. Will let you know what is next for our educational hour at the end of this month. Any ideas or teachers would be happily accepted.

Also, who is ready to host a Chapter meeting this summer at their home? We need to find two more homes for June and August with lots of parking and room to set up a couple of tables and audience seats. We meet outside in the summer months, foregoing our educational hours, to meet at a fellow Master Gardener's home and yard. Those are very fun meetings. Hope to see you all at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Toni Rudolph

INCOME

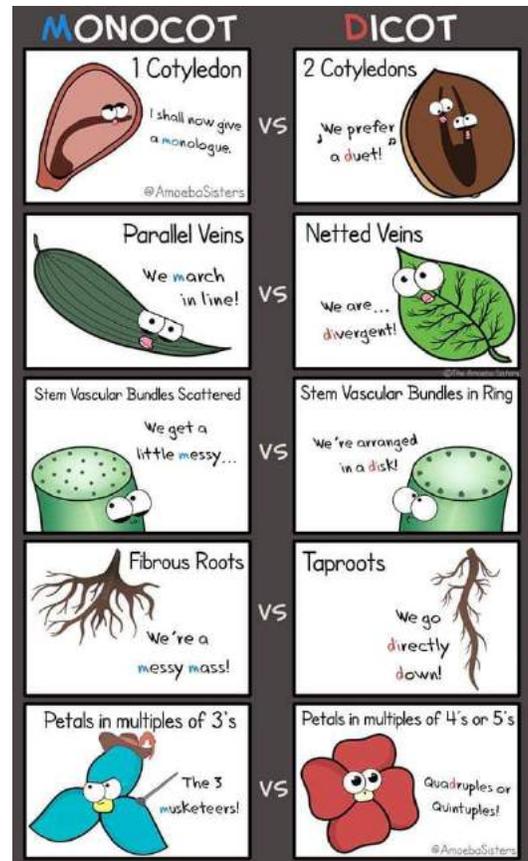
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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Contributions | \$10.00 |
| Membership Dues | \$1,940.00 |
| Newsletter | \$210.00 |
| Trash to Treasure | \$500.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$2,660.00 |

EXPENSES

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Management & General | \$84.44 |
| Winter Program Speakers | \$600.00 |
| Soil Testing | \$400.00 |
| ESG Maintenance | \$270.97 |
| Utilities | \$145.27 |
| ESG - Grant | \$2,239.67 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$3,740.35 |

Breakdown of our accounts at 1/29/2020

| | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| NWCC - Checking | \$1,874.16 |
| NWCC - Reserve | \$5,004.27 |
| NWCC - MMK Savings | \$23,841.50 |
| Ending Balance | \$30,719.93 |



In Memory of Bill Decker

Betty Ison

We have lost one of our friends and a fellow Master Gardener, Bill Decker, who recently passed away. Bill was 81 years old, and joined the Master Gardeners in 2003 after working as a loader operator in the logging industry for many years. Bill came to the program as part of a duo, as he always had his trusty sidekick, a cocker spaniel named "Critter" by his side or close by in his pickup. They did everything together.



Bill was instrumental in developing several areas in the Discovery Garden. He was the one who built the Easy Access Garden, which went by many different names until 2010. It was built concrete piece by concrete piece. The garden was built using all recycled materials.

The concrete pieces were collected numerous places, like from someone tearing up a driveway, someone tearing up a patio, and most of the pieces came from the old Douglas Community Hospital. After the wall was built and back-filled with lots of fill, Bill began creating a vegetable garden using lots of unique and interesting containers and raised beds. At the time, many of the containers were recycled as well like some of the utility and stock tubs, as well as whiskey barrels. The most eye-catching containers were the brake drum containers, made by attaching two giant truck brake



Photos; Betty Ison

drums together to create a planter. Bill said, "No one will ever steal these from the garden", as the containers were too heavy to lift and were placed in the garden by using the tractor. They are still there today as part of the Perennial Border. The premise of the Easy Access Garden was to show how to make gardening easier for everyone using containers. The raised beds on legs and the pulley system trellis are great examples of containers that

someone handicapped in a wheelchair could use to be able to garden.

A few other MG's helped Bill develop his project. I myself jumped over from the Xeriscape garden to offer Bill some manual labor. One of the dilemmas Bill had was what to do about keeping people from falling over the edge of the wall. He really didn't want to add rope, railings, or barricades of any kind. I suggested we build a plant border along the edge to keep people back. It would be pretty, a great addition to the garden, a useful buffer to keep people from walking over the edge, and no barricades would be needed. I offered to do it and another project began.

My favorite day of working in the Easy Access Garden after all these years was the day Bill arranged a rock-collecting trip to get the rocks I needed for that Perennial Border. He went to the BLM and paid \$5.00 to get a permit. He

convinced a number of people to come along on the trip and help out. It was the most people to ever help in that garden to this day. We had 8-10 pickup trucks full of MG's that headed up Little



River to a rock pit to collect rocks. Since the rocks were heavy, each truck only had a small amount so as not to overload them. Once we returned, each truck backed up to the wall one by one and we unloaded them fire-brigade style until all the rocks were unloaded, more than enough to do the job. It was a fun outing to be had by all, as some had never seen that part of the country before. As much as this is the day I'll always remember as my favorite, it's probably a day Bill would have rather of forgotten. Bill had brought muffins that morning to share with everyone coming to help, but sometime that afternoon, his sidekick got into and ate most of the leftover muffins. The dog ended up getting really sick, and Bill had to take her to the vet. They discovered a large blockage that they had to do surgery to remove. An unforgettable day one way or the other.

Bill also designed and installed the Captive Water System (the holding tanks behind the green shed). The system was designed to collect rain water in the winter, and when that water was used up, the tanks could be filled using our pump in the river for summer watering. It was meant to be used by the Easy Access Garden, which is its main water source. It is still used today by the Easy Access Garden, the Rock Garden, and the compost tea makers, and used to be used by the straw bale gardens. Bill was also the one who designed and planted the original Straw Bale Garden, which unfortunately has been discontinued due to lack of interest.



Bill was also active in other areas of the Master Gardener program. Outreach activities include the Fair Booth, Home Show, Spring into Gardening, the Summer in the Garden Series, and being a Senior Event Day speaker. He also used to set-up for Farmer's Market. Bill was involved with several of our fundraising projects which include Plant Sale, Japanese Maple Tree Sales, and the Auction. Other activities at the Discovery Garden and Horticultural Learning Center include being on the compost committee, doing compost tea, manning the worm bins, and being the recycled pots collector. Bill also helped do greenhouse improvements, worked on the greenhouse mist system, cleaned the yellow



shed, helped build a new greenhouse, and helped move a donated greenhouse (now divided into two greenhouses--the Eastside). He worked with the greenhouse crew, for several years was the greenhouse soil mixer, and also helped do prep for the class greenhouse training. In the Discovery Garden, Bill

helped to lay all the stones for the pond in the Japanese Garden. In other activities, Bill helped with the Fair Garden Plot, and also the Extension Office gardens.

Bill was quite dedicated for about ten years, when he decided to step back in 2013 as he had gotten a job working at Maplewood Nursery and that took more of his time. We recognized Bill with several awards during his service with us. He won the Horticulture Agent's Award in 2003, after helping our agent, Steve Renquist, do a Blueberry Research Project at Norris Blueberry Farm. In 2005, Bill was selected as the "Behind the Scenes" Master Gardener of the Year.

Though Bill is no longer with us, a part of him will live on in the Discovery Garden for many years to come. Thank you, Bill, and may you rest in peace.



Trash to Treasure Sale March 7

Where? Winston Community Center

Setup Date? Friday, March 6

Signups? Signups in the Plant Clinic for workers from noon on Friday and all day Saturday.

Donations? Bring donations to the WCC on Friday, starting at noon, OR contact Ann Severson to leave at her home (across street from WCC).

DO NOT DROP DONATIONS OFF AT ANNEX!!!

Will not accept clothing, shoes, exercise equipment, old TV's, plants, food, baby furniture, mattresses or holiday items. **No junk!** Items should be clean, useable and in working condition.

Contact? Ann Severson, grannieannie_56@yahoo.com, or call her at: 541-817-4983

Thank you for volunteering!

Spring into Gardening

Educational Gardening Classes

Saturday February 29th 8:30am to 4:00pm

Pre-registration is required. Seating is limited. For details, visit [Douglas County Extension website](#).

SESSION 1: 9:00AM-10:15AM

- A. Growing Peppers
- B. Growing Dahlias
- C. Garden Tools

SESSION 3: 1:00PM-2:15PM

- G. Building Healthy Garden Soil-Compost, Cover Crops, Minerals and Biochar
- H. Value of Chickens to a Home Garden
- I. Growing Berry Crops

SESSION 2: 10:30AM-12:00PM

- D. Vegetable Gardening 101
- E. Firewise Landscaping
- F. Fruit Tree Care for Home Orchards

SESSION 4: 2:30PM-4PM

- J. Vertebrate Pest Management
- K. Pollinators in the Garden-Who Are They and How Can We Help Them?
- L. Ask a Master Gardener

How to Register

Registration for 1 or more classes: **\$25.00**

Class Selections ~ When registering, select 1 choice in each session (4) time blocks

Registration Deadline: Thursday, February 20, 2020. No walk in registration.

Easy online registration with credit card is available at:

https://apps.ideal-logic.com/osuextension?key=F3T9-25VWY_K9KH-5PTF_a7d74101



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Don't miss our "Spring into Gardening" Symposium on Saturday, February 29, 9:00-4:00 at the Phoenix Charter School in Roseburg. The cost is \$25 per person. Advance registration is required by February 20. Discover practical approaches to vegetable gardening, home orchards, improving garden soil, pest control, creating pollinator gardens, garden tools, and so much more. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event send an email to Chris Rusch at crusch@hughes.net.

Plant Clinic Data 2019

Contacts

| Month | Call-in | Walk-in | email | Totals |
|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| January | 20 | 3 | 3 | 26 |
| February | 15 | 14 | | 29 |
| March | 25 | 30 | 4 | 59 |
| April | 52 | 51 | 1 | 104 |
| May | 51 | 70 | 2 | 123 |
| June | 47 | 45 | 7 | 99 |
| July | 47 | 68 | 12 | 127 |
| August | 27 | 67 | 2 | 96 |
| September | 28 | 58 | 1 | 87 |
| October | 36 | 26 | 2 | 64 |
| November | 8 | 14 | 3 | 25 |
| December | 11 | 9 | 6 | 26 |
| Totals | 367 | 455 | 43 | 865 |

Question categories

| Category | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Totals |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| Disease | | 1 | 2 | 6 | 19 | 9 | 16 | 12 | 10 | 3 | 2 | | 80 |
| Insects | 1 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 19 | 25 | 27 | 20 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 147 |
| Pesticides | 2 | | | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | | | 1 | | | 13 |
| Lawn | | 2 | | 8 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 26 |
| Orchard | 7 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 72 |
| Plant ID | 1 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 11 | 18 | 15 | 22 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 110 |
| Wildlife | 2 | | 1 | | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | 15 |
| House plants | | | | | 2 | | 1 | | | 2 | | 1 | 6 |
| Gardening | 2 | 4 | 13 | 31 | 12 | 14 | 18 | 11 | 12 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 139 |
| Weeds | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 45 |
| Pruning | 2 | 1 | 3 | | 5 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 14 |
| Trees/Shrubs | 1 | 4 | 12 | 11 | 21 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 5 | 105 |
| Water | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Soil Test | 3 | | 2 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | | | 28 |
| Misc. | 3 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 62 |

Top Five most cited references:

- 1) Ext. Search website
- 2) Sustainable Gardening Handbook
- 3) PNW Disease Management Handbook
- 4) PNW Insect Management Handbook
- 5) Steve Renquist/Master gardener knowledge

Plant Clinic

Chris Rusch

The Plant Clinic was surprisingly busy in January even with our shortened schedule and winter weather. We had over 30 visitors in January. Many insect, plant identification and garden questions continue to come in.

February and March will be devoted to training our new students from our 2020 Winter Class. We are lucky to have a great training team for 2020 with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Ernie Amabisca, Barbara Horst, Karolyn Riecks and Chris Rusch. 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 and alternates to step up and take on this challenging and important position on our Plant Clinic training team. Call me or send an email if you are interested. crusch@hughes.net or 541-825-3827.

Starting in April, we will 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. I encourage each of you to take time, look at your calendar and pick just one afternoon each month and give the office a call and sign up. Please try to volunteer your expertise at least once a month to help out in this important outreach program. The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County. And besides, it's a fun way to get to know fellow MG's as well as a chance to learn new things!

Plant Sale

Bonnie Durick

It is getting time to start thinking about the Plant Sale. This year's sale is Saturday, May 2, at the Douglas County Fairgrounds with set up on Friday, May 1. As usual, we will have two MASTER GARDENER ONLY sales. One will be on Thursday, April 23rd, and the other on Sunday, April 26 in the afternoon. More details will be coming in the months to come. Sign-up sheets for where you would like to work will be available at the Winter Class sessions on Tuesdays, in the Plant Clinic and at the chapter meetings beginning January 30. Be sure to come in and sign up. For the new students, this is a great opportunity to work off some of the pay-back hours. Feel free to sign up for more than one day and/or job.

Work has already begun to get ready for this event. The Westside greenhouse has started seeding and cleaning up their plants and the Eastside greenhouse is pruning, root pruning and getting plants ready to come out of their dormant state.

If you have any wonderful items you could donate to the raffle, let Sharon Hopkins or Diana Circle know. These don't have to be plant-related items, just nice items that would generate interest for purchase at the raffle tables.

For our new people, here is a short Plant Sale History provided by Betty Ison: The Plant Sale was born out of a plant exchange among MG's. It used to be in the foyer of the Extension Annex, but not everyone had plants they could trade for other plants. So a plant sale was created so members could buy each other's plants. It was then decided to try and do this for the public and create a small fundraiser for the organization. In about 1990, we had our first sale in the Annex auditorium. It was mainly tomatoes and peppers and some annuals. From there it consistently evolved and eventually we outgrew the Annex and moved it to the National Guard Armory. We then outgrew the Armory and moved to the Fairgrounds, where we had space to add vendors who also wanted to sell garden-related items. It has been a win-win ever since!

Speaking of vendors, if you know of anyone who has garden-related items they would like to sell at our plant sale, contact Jen Bailey or go the Master Gardeners

website where Jen has already added the vendor information and contract to download.

Thank you in advance for signing up to work. All hands are really appreciated to get this great job done well.



Our Awards Committee would like to recognize the following gentlemen for their talent and commitment to DCMG. **Ivor Chapman** is leading a crew including **Ernie Amabisca, Bruce Gravens, Steve Hart, Gale Robinson, Mark Schmoll and Ray Warren**. They are building 94 new tables for the Eastside Greenhouse yard and doing a wonderful job. These tables will replace the pallets we have used in the past and will make everyone's work more accessible. These tables will last for years to come. Great job! Thank you!

Diana Circle, Awards Chairperson



[Tables Before & After]



New Swinger Bars for 2020

Diana Circle

Congratulations to the volunteers who have earned new swinger bars for 2020. Come see me to get your new swinger. You must turn in your old swinger to get a new one. New swinger bars are only given out once a year in January. For those with 60 hour bars, if you have already got your bar - congratulations!

60 HRS: Donna Abare, Christian Andino, Sylvia Andino, Julie Bell, Debbie Bishop, Cap Caplan, Cheryl Caplan, Ellen Campbell, Jennie Compton, Darrell Dollens, Larisa Dollens, Jack Finney, Gordon Fleig, Verge Jones, Dawnetta Loomis, Deborah Orwick, Kim Pleich, Bobbi Schneider, Mary Ann Shea, William Spink, Jan Turley, Suzanne Wayne, Jan Wildy

200 HRS: Ernie Amabisca, Evelina Amparo, Vicki Barrett, Linda Estep, Debby Finley, Lynn Foster, Gwen Graham, Doralee Hayden, Ron LaRose, Gloria McCrea, Nita Nettleton, Diane Smith-Lewsadder, Diana Woodward

500 HRS: Diana Circle

750 HRS: Nathan Baily, Jean DeCato, Bill Fuller, Barbara Horst, Kay Livermore, Georgia Richards, Lorreen Robinson

1000 HRS: Sharon Bordeaux, Jon Thran

1500 HRS: Rosemary Brinkley, Ivor Chapman, Ann Severson, Patrice Sipos

2000 HRS: Carol Bolt, Bruce Gravens, Toni Rudolph

2500 HRS: Fred Alley, Jackie Carpenter, Dave Hopkins, Sharon Hopkins, Vicki McAlister

3000 HRS: Bonnie Courter, Chris Rusch

3500 HRS: Gale Robinson

5000 HRS: Karolyn Riecks

8500 HRS: Larry Sutton

10,000 HRS: Tasha King

11,000 HRS: Julie Stanbery

18,000 HRS: Betty Ison

Discovery Garden Heads

Julie Stanbery

Discovery Garden Coordinator: Julie Stanbery

Xeriscape& Herb Garden: Geoff Puryear

Lilies and Dahlias: Elva Sellens

Entry Rose Garden: Garry Gerlach

Children's Garden: Betty Bean & Sharon Hopkins

E-Z Access Garden: Jeanie Owen & Mark Schmoll

Perennial Border: Betty Ison

Pavilion Sun Garden: Sharon Bordeaux

Pavilion Shade Garden: Julie Stanbery

Compost Area: Ken Hays

Hedgerow Area: MG volunteers

Hummingbird Garden: Tasha King

Vermicomposting & Bio-char Demo: Nathan Baily

Ornamental Shrubs: Steve Renquist

Orchard: Bruce Gravens

Japanese Garden: Mark Schmoll

Rock Garden: Tasha King

Iris Garden: Betty Ison & Elva Sellens

Butterfly Areas

Picnic table circle: Kathy Hart

Rock Stack: Kathy Hart

Daylilies: (need volunteer)

Coreopsis: Julie Bell

Sign circle: Jan Kirchner

Rudbeckia: Bobbi Schneider

Asters: Fred Alley

Pieris: Kay Livermore

Succulents: Janet Bitter

Butterfly "Cabin": Barbara Zastrow

Anemone & Gnome House: Doralee Hayden

Cannas/milkweed: (need volunteers)

Equipment Guru: Dave Hopkins

Tractor Guy: Gale Robinson

Compost Tea Sales: Elva Sellen



Scribblings from the Little Free Library

Thank you
for this garden
and the time and effort
to keep it for the
public to enjoy!
1/20/20
Patty
Erika
Loving
the green!
Daniel

This beautiful Paradise makes me feel like I'm in a real garden! 1-21-20

Beautiful place
I can't wait to
bring my children here
+ take pictures TV TV
♥ Heather Smith
Hi, I'm Janie 1/20/20
Can't wait to come
back when the
garden is thriving
Clean date
12-10-19
Beth

Fred's Fav's



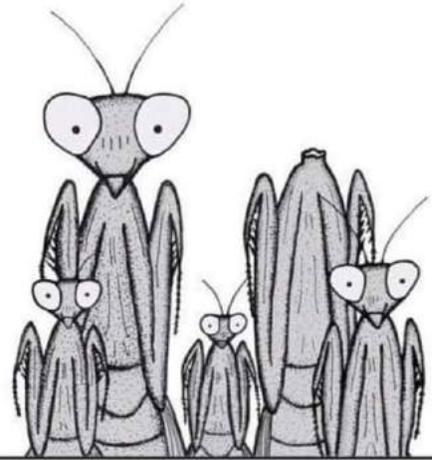
RIB TICKLER'S

(Contributed by B. Robinson)



Thank goodness my seed catalogs finally arrived. I almost starting cleaning the house.

PRAYING MANTIS FAMILY PHOTO



Illustrations by Steve Thompson

Me eyeballing a plant out in public that I want a lil' snip snip of



Scenes from Winter Class 2020

(Photos: B. Courter, K. Doyle, F. Alley)



John Punches (Botany)



Steve Renquist (Tree Fruit)



Class in Session



Chris Rusch (Plant Identification)



Krystal - the happy taxonomist!



Carol Bolt "dishes out dirt" on soil testing



Chris expounds on Plant Clinic protocols



Propagation Class



Getting familiar with PNW's



On the greenhouse/garden tour



Learning about the care of tools



Rane testing out the ladder



Steve whacking away!

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting
January 30, 2020

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Vice-President Diana Woodward. There were 38 members in attendance along with VP Diana Woodward, Treasurer Toni Rudolph, Past President Chris Rusch, Membership Kay Livermore, OMGA Rep Barbie Hamby and Secretary Bonnie Courter. Diana welcomed the 5 new students who were also in attendance.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved as posted.

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

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:

- Steve said the Winter Training classes are going very well. He asked the new students to not be afraid to challenge presenters and ask questions, and to continue to socialize with other Master Gardeners. Mentors are encouraged to invite their students to attend events with them.
- Wednesday, February 5, is Weed Day at the Fairgrounds. The cost is \$20 for the whole day. The morning sessions are more technical and geared toward commercial growers to renew their licenses, and the afternoon sessions are more suited to the general public.
- The ginkgo tree that was grown from seeds taken from one of the surviving Hiroshima trees has arrived, and Steve has the two-year-old tree at his house. It was decided to have an official planting of the tree in our Japanese Garden on February 20 (2/20/2020) at 2:20 PM. There are two other trees to be planted in the Roseburg area - one at the VA cemetery and the other at UCC.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Kay Livermore: We have 240 members, including the 32 new students.

OMGA - Barbie Hamby:

- The quarterly OMGA meeting will be March 6-7 at Grants Pass. Friday will be an educational forum, open to anyone, but specifically an orientation for OMGA Reps.
- Mini-college will be July 24-25 at the OSU Alumni Center in Corvallis. Robert Michael Pyle, who has a PhD in butterfly ecology, will be the main speaker. There will be various classes to attend, tours, etc.
- The OMGA is well-represented by Douglas County with President Chris Rusch, Treasurer Patrice Sipos, Secretary Sharon Bordeaux and Reps Barbie Hamby and Kish Doyle. They are still looking to fill the positions of President Elect and 1st Vice-President. If you are interested, see Chris.

Treasurer - Toni Rudolph:

- Financials are available here as well as online.
- Last year we made \$37.45 from Amazon Smiles program. Fred Meyer donation program only resulted in \$1.29 (they won't give us a check unless it reaches a certain amount). Toni encouraged members to sign up for these programs that benefit our chapter.
- 2019: Everyone stayed within their budgets.
- 2020: The \$1000 deposit paid to PP&L will be refunded by a reduction in our bill instead of getting a check. The grant received from the Karl Carlson fund hasn't yet been spent on the Rock Garden. Ann Severson has already deposited \$500 to the Trash to Treasures sale for items she was able to pre-sell.
- Toni will be stepping down in August as Treasurer along with President Nancy Fuller, so these two positions will need to be filled. Toni would like to mentor someone as soon as possible so they will more easily step into the responsibilities of Treasurer. Contact Toni if interested.

Vice-President - Diana Woodward: Diana is still working on lining up speakers for our Continuing Education programs. One of our new students has said she will teach a class on bonsai in March. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Diana.

Past President - Chris Rusch: Nothing to report.

President - Nancy Fuller: On vacation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards - Diana Circle: On vacation. Toni Rudolph reported for her as Toni is on the Awards Committee. 2019 class members who completed their 60 hours of payback in October were Cheryl Caplan, Jennie Compton, Verge Jones, and Deborah Orwick. In December, Cap Caplan, Jack Finney, Kim Pleich, William Spink and Suzanne Wayne completed their hours. There are still 11 left in the 2019 class who need to complete their payback hours, most of whom have been granted extensions by Steve. Ellen Campbell from the 2018 class completed her payback hours in December. 2019 year-end hours are completed and swinger bars are ready for exchange. Diana will return February 6 to help give those out. 32 members were updated last week.

Community Outreach: Leo Grass has volunteered to be Community Outreach Coordinator again. Thanks, Leo!

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

- Kudos to the veterans for helping out when help is needed.
- Next pruning session will be for ornamentals on February 7, 1:00-4:00. Mentors are encouraged to bring their students. There was a fantastic turnout for Steve's fruit tree pruning class last week. If students do actual work, they can count those hours for their payback. February 17 is pruning roses and hydrangeas. Bring your own clean pruning tools.
- At this week's Concurrent Sessions, two new students expressed interest in working in the Herb Garden and one in the Butterfly Garden. Still need a few more to help with the Butterfly Garden.

Facebook/Publicity - Barbara Horst:

- Our Facebook page has 1,352 followers. Barbara encouraged everyone to "like" our page. She needs someone to join her as an administrator. If interested, let her know.
- Publicity - Barbara has begun sending out PSA's about the Plant Expo to VIA Magazine and posting sale information on online media calendars and the News-Review. Sharon Hopkins finished the art work for the Plant Sale so will be getting posters and flyers ready. Barbara will also get publicity out to the News-

Review about Spring Into Gardening and Trash to Treasures.

Greenhouse East - Bruce Gravens: Ivor Chapman, Steve Hart, Ernie Amabisca, Mark Schmoll, and Ray Warren have completed building the new tables. Getting a good crew out on Thursday mornings each week to get plants ready for the sale.

Greenhouse West - Barbara Robinson: Carol Bolt reported for Barbara. The Westside Greenhouse crew is busy cleaning up plants, transplanting, and seeding. The Winter Training Class has been out for their training in propagation and almost completed their seeding sessions with Betty Ison instructing. Then they will be able to help out on Mondays.

Hallmark - Linda Thames:

- In December, Dave Clark had heart surgery and Bobbi Schneider received a heart stent.
- In January, Bonnie Courter's husband, Rick, had rotator cuff surgery and Diane Smith-Lewsadder is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Linda sent a "Thinking of You" card to Sidney Richardson.
- Bill Decker passed away January 14, and many MG's attended his memorial service. Bill was instrumental in creating the Easy Access Garden, perennial border, hay bale garden and installing the water tank by the Green Shed.

Newsletter/Winter Training - Bonnie Courter:

- Newsletter articles and photos are due to Bonnie by Saturday, February 1.
- Winter Training is going great. Enthusiastic group!
- Bonnie and Kish will coordinate one more Winter Training Class (2021), then will be stepping down. They would like one or two volunteers to shadow them starting in September of this year to orient them to what is involved in organizing the class and doing interviews. See Bonnie or Kish if interested.

Plant Clinic/Spring Into Gardening - Chris Rusch:

- Plant Clinic was busy in January. Still training some 2019 class members to finish out their clinic hours. Starting in February, new students will be starting their clinic training. Chris asked that veterans not sign up for clinic until April to allow for all the new students

to get their training days in. Statistics for 2019 will be published in the February Newsletter. More than half of our contacts were walk-ins last year. Most of the questions were on insects, plant identification and gardening questions.

- Spring Into Gardening - the flyer is available now to pass out. Registration is done online or at the Extension office. Last day to register is February 20. The cost is \$25. These sessions do qualify for Recertification hours. There will be four sessions during the day. We will need helpers, and a signup clipboard is in the Plant Clinic. The location is at Phoenix School located on Diamond Lake Blvd.

Plant Sale - Bonnie Durick:

- The Plant Sale is May 2nd this year with setup May 1st. Master Gardener Pre-Sales are April 23 and 26. Signup sheets are at the back and in the Plant Clinic and will be available at Winter Training class and chapter meetings.
- Raffle items are needed
- Admission this year will be \$3.00 instead of \$2.00.
- Boxes: Ken Hays noted that a lot of the boxes in the storage area at HLC are too large. He asked MG's to select sturdy boxes that can easily be carried - best ones being Costco's strawberry flats because they stack well.

Trash to Treasures - Ann Severson: The sale is March 7 with setup March 6. It will be at the Winston Community Center. Setup on Friday will start at noon. We have 37 long tables plus some round tables. Bathroom facilities are available as well as use of the kitchen. Ann is getting a lot of donations - her trailer is full already. Signups are at the back table and in the Plant Clinic. Helpers are needed for both days. Ann emphasized that donations cannot be dropped off at the Annex - they need to be dropped off at the Winston CC on Friday or at Ann's home which is right across the street.

Victory Garden - Ruth Stafford: Garlic is coming up nicely. Perennials are looking okay. The fava bean cover crop looks good, but the crimson clover did not work very well. Ruth will be sending out emails when it's time to start work in the garden, around the end of February or first of March. They will work on Mondays until Winter Training is over, then on Tuesdays.

OLD BUSINESS

Eastside Greenhouse Tables: Toni Rudolph showed photos of the old and new tables which were built. Bruce Gravens came up with the idea and designed them. Bonnie Durick wrote a grant to the Ford Family Foundation for the funding. Steve Hart, Ray Warren, Ernie Amabisca, Mark Schmoll, Gale Robinson, and Ivor Chapman put in a lot of hours building them. All the \$5000 from the grant has been spent and the tables are completed. Kudos to a great team effort!

NEW BUSINESS

Timesheets Update - Vicki McAlister: There's been a slight change on the new payback hour time sheets. There is a new category for Continuing Education for Recertification. Most Continuing Education sessions before chapter meetings do not qualify for Recertification. Diana Woodward will let members know if a CE session qualifies or not. There are new instructions on the website. Time sheets don't have to be on colored paper - you can print them off from your home computer. Also as of now, only 28 clinic hours are required for new students instead of 36. It constitutes 8 times in the Plant Clinic.

Plant Sale Admittance Fee Increase - Bonnie Durick. The admission fee for the Plant Sale has been raised to \$3.00 this year to help cover costs.

New Printer for Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch. Kish Doyle purchased a new printer for the Plant Clinic to replace the old one which was unreliable. The cost, \$220 for the printer, new cartridge and warranty, was not covered in the budget, so will need to be approved by membership. **Julie Stanbery moved that \$220 for the new printer be allocated over the budget amount to cover the cost of the new printer. Betty Ison seconded the motion. The vote was taken and the motion unanimously passed.**

Policy/Procedures/Bylaws Review - Diana Woodward: Diana reminded everyone to review their position descriptions and send updates to Jen Bailey.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
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