



Nov. 2020 Calendar

Tues., Nov. 3, 9-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

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

Greenhouse Crews

**Tues., Nov. 10, 10:00**

**Executive Board Meeting, Annex**

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

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

Greenhouse Crews

**Thurs., Nov. 19, 10:00**

**Chapter Meeting (Zoom)**

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

Eastside Greenhouse Crew

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

Greenhouse Crews

**Thursday, November 26**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**



involved in gardening than tending a few tomatoes and prettifying my yard. It put one into a relationship with nature that was anything but innocent."

Next on my nightstand is my favorite genre, murder mysteries with a theme. Susan Wittig Albert has a great series of "who-dun-its" based on herbalist sleuth China Bayles. Titles include Indigo Dying, Rueful Death, and Lavender Lies. Each book has recipes using the herb that solved the mystery. I wish I could wrap myself in my comforter and spend the rest of the afternoon reading. Alas, Kasey and I are heading out back to confront our nemesis with trusty flame throwing torch in hand. Wish us luck!

The Prez Sez...

Julie Stanbery

Kasey and I have just high-tailed it in from an encounter with a *very* active wasp nest. I had assumed that the freezing nights would have put them down for the winter, but, nay, nay - and we have the welts to prove it!

It's always challenging for me to find a topic for this column. I've not yet formulated in my mind the proper response to OSU quashing our winter training program. The minutes of our Zoom chapter meeting will cover all the news that's fit to print regarding current activities.

So let's go with a book review. I just finished reading Old Herbaceous, A Novel of the Garden by Reginald Arkell. Born in 1872, Arkell wrote this book in 1950, his seventy-eighth year. The story of Herbert Pinnegar's ("Old Herbaceous") spans 70 years of life in a British manor seen through the eyes of the garden. My interest is always piqued when world history is recounted in the storyline. Many cultural and social changes occurred during these years which are very nicely woven into the story of the young lad who apprenticed as gardener's boy and learned many life lessons tending the garden.

This is a charming book with many botanical references and observations that hold up to this day. "OH" is part of a series of books from the Modern Library Gardening Series by editor Michal Pollan. Pollan, author of The Botany of Desire, has included eight books in the anthology.

An example of his writing comes from his introduction to the book: "I'd come to gardening in the naive belief it offered a fairly benign way to kill an afternoon...first came the rodent. A series of increasingly desperate measures to run a hungry woodchuck out of my vegetable patch escalated into a personal Vietnam with me in the role of General Westmoreland, fully prepared to destroy the garden in order to save it. The spectacle of my own rodenticidal rage suggested that more was

## Winter Training Class

Steve Renquist

I am disappointed to have to share this message with you that the University has shut down our plans for a winter training program. We will have to wait until sometime next year to see when we can start the trainings again. I will alert you to when the statewide Master Gardener online training classes begin and send out links. I will also work with your Board members to find alternative training classes. We are fortunate to have our Discovery Garden where we can do outdoor classes. I will focus initially on pruning sessions in December to March. It is difficult to keep a program going without activities so just know your Board and I will do what it takes to keep us all connected. Stay in touch.

## Membership

Kay Livermore

### **2021 DCMG Dues**

With the prospect of putting 2020 in the past and looking forward to better times in 2021, it is time to think about paying your 2021 DCMG Dues. A copy of the 2021 Dues form is included with this newsletter. Due to Covid-19, access to the OSU Extension Offices is limited so we are asking all members to print the form and mail it along with your payment to:

**Kay Livermore  
135 Indian Point Ln.  
Glide, OR 97443**

I will also be sending the Dues form out via Shirley the first week of November.

Note: If you are unable to print the form, you may pick up a copy at the Extension Office, but please mail dues to me at the above address.

### **2021 OSU Forms**

The OSU Extension Office will be emailing the required DocuSign forms to you on November 13. Those of you who do not have email will receive the forms by mail. *All members must sign the OSU required forms and pay dues to be a member of DCMG. The deadline is January 1, 2021.*

## October 26-30 is Master Gardener Celebration Week

Anita Clark

Hey, Douglas County Master Gardeners - we at the Extension front office have a small token of appreciation for you. Please stop in the Douglas County Extension office to pick up your free OSU mask and candy bar, and enter your name into our "Thank You" drawing. We are extending this until **November 6**, so come by soon!



### Treasurer's Report 9/29-10/28/2020

Diane Smith-Lewsadder

#### **INCOME**

Interest	\$5.58
Soil Testing	\$210.00
Compost Tea	\$103.00
Plant Sale - Pre-Event	<u>\$226.00</u>

#### **TOTAL INCOME**

**\$544.58**

#### **EXPENSES**

Administration	\$130.53
Website	\$129.39
HLC	\$459.00
Plant Sale	\$566.99
Utilities - Electricity	\$191.77
Utilities - Water	\$138.88
ESG - 2020 Cow Creek Grant	<u>\$191.31</u>

#### **TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$1,807.87**

#### **Breakdown of our accounts at 10/28/2020**

NWCC - Checking	\$635.81
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,005.94
NWCC - MMK Savings	<u>\$32,013.35</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$37,655.10</b>



## HOW DOES 2020 EFFECT MY STANDING AS AN OSU EXTENSION VOLUNTEER?

- ➔ **Master Gardeners remain active in the program into 2021, no matter the number of educational or volunteer service hours accrued.**

*We encourage continuing Master Gardeners to pursue opportunities to complete their continuing education hours, as circumstances allow. Please report your 2020 volunteer service hours and continuing education hours using your program's volunteer reporting system. Remember that reading relevant OSU Extension publications can be applied to continuing education requirements.*

- ➔ **Master Gardeners who were certified in 2019 or 2020 (meaning that they completed required educational and volunteer service hours) can carry over their certification to 2021 and are eligible to receive recertification stickers for their badge.**

*Current Master Gardener certification is required to work in the plant clinic, teach workshops, or write articles on behalf of OSU.*

- ➔ **Master Gardeners are eligible for the 2021 training program, which will be focused on skills building for current Master Gardeners.**

*This includes 2020 students and will be offered at no charge.*



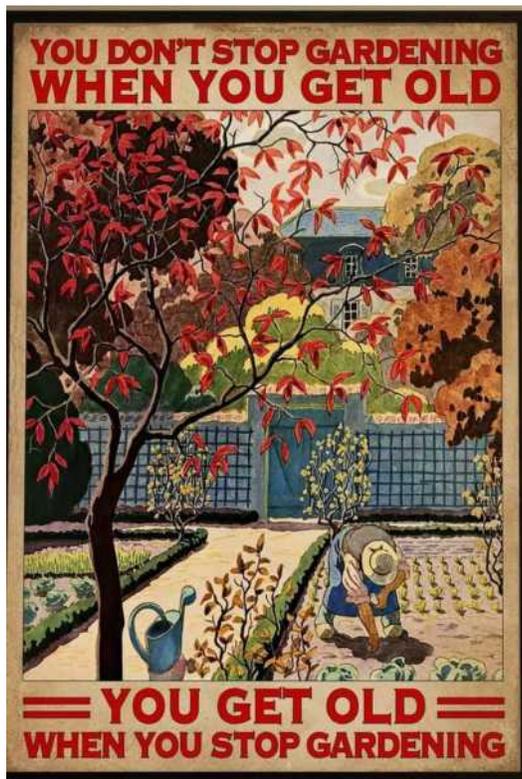
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### What now?

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO CONTINUE AS A MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER IN 2021?

- ☑ Complete OSU's required 'Conditions of Volunteer Service' form
- ☑ Complete 10 hours of continuing education\*
- ☑ Complete 20 hours of volunteer service\*

*\* If limited volunteer activities are available in 2021, as a result of COVID or other factors, this requirement may be suspended.*



Shared by Barbara Robinson



## Ask Fred "the Tool Man" Alley

**Question:** How do I place a new wood handle on my steel garden rake?

**Answer:** The steel garden rake is one of our most versatile garden tools. We use it for many tasks,

from raking the garden, smoothing the gravel in a pathway, breaking soil clumps in the garden, raking the burn pile, to raking and beating dead grass from our lawns. Not surprisingly, we frequently find the steel rake turns on the wood handle, or simply falls out of the end of the handle after years of use.



Photo 1 illustrates the end of a steel lawn rake that has fallen out of the steel collar at the end of the wood handle. Note the end of the wood handle has actually broken apart inside the collar. This is common. Unlike a shovel, the rake has a weakness

in keeping the steel rake within the steel collar. The wood handle is drilled horizontally into the end and then the rake is forcibly inserted down onto the handle. The driving force creating pressure between the wood handle and collar is what holds the rake in place. Eventually the rake will twist, become loose and the steel rake may even fall out. **"Time to replace the handle"**.

**Step One:** Remove the steel rake from the end of the wood handle. Clean off all the dirt and rust from the shaft of the steel rake. This is important because a clean, smoother shaft will go back into the wood handle much easier. See difference in condition from Photo 1 to Photo 2.



**Step Two:** This step is most important, because the shovel pin will hold the steel rake in the handle and will prevent the rake from ever twisting on the handle. Carefully drill a 3/16" hole at the very end of the rake shaft.

**Step Three:** Place the rake shaft on top of the steel collar, carefully placing the shaft at the point where it will eventually be inserted into the rake handle and collar. Drill a 3/16" hole through the collar and rake handle. The shovel pin will go through both the collar



and wood handle. (photo 3) and (photo 4). You may have to slightly tap the pin down through the collar for a tight fit.

**Step Four:** After you have fully inserted the pin through the collar and the handle, cut off the pin with a hack saw, with 3/16" remaining. Place the collar with the cut end up on a vise or other piece of metal and with a ball-pin hammer strike the end of the pin until you have a nice flattened smooth pin. The tighter the pin the better. Take a metal file and file off any rough edge on the pin.



(Photo 5): You can use these steps 1 thru 4 when replacing a handle on a cultivator. Unfortunately, neither the steel rake or steel cultivator are manufactured with a pin of any size to assist in keeping the rake or cultivator on the handle.

**Step Five: You are done with replacing the rake handle.** Note the top of the pin shown on top of the collar. Whether you use a new or used handle, I suggest you lightly sand down the handle, lightly wipe it down with Boiled Linseed Oil, and let it stand for a day. Several days later, wipe the shovel handle down with lemon oil. The best is Hope's Fine Lemon Oil. The combination of the Linseed Oil and the Lemon Oil just makes the handle



nice to the touch, plus the rake will retain the needed moisture in the wood handle.

As always, for some Master Gardeners, this tool tip will be easy to accomplish, while for others it is not. Please do not hesitate to email or call me if you have questions or need assistance. Sometimes a quick phone call is all one needs.

Happy gardening and keep those garden tools clean, sharp and carefully stored.

### Fall Blooms Bring Joy to This Gardener's Heart by Betty Ison

This has been a trying year with the Coronavirus changing our lives in so many ways and there being no sense of normalcy. Then to top it off, I had family devastated by the Archie Creek fire. It all makes you stop and think about so many things that we take for granted.

Something I've always taken for granted is my few fall-blooming plants. This year in particular they have brought me such joy and happiness I haven't had in awhile. One plant in particular just brings a smile to my face every time I look at it, *Helianthus angustifolius*

(Narrow Leaf or Swamp Sunflower). Its 3" golden-yellow blooms are so bright and cheery, and it is a prolific bloomer that loves full sun. My plant is about 8' tall and I do cage it to keep it upright. I highly recommend it to be

a show piece in the back of any flower bed. It not only makes me smile, but the neighbors enjoy it as well. A neighbor on the alley walked by the other day while I was working, then turned back around and thanked me for having it in my yard. It makes her feel happy every day as she walks past it. I did find another new perennial sunflower last year at a nursery clearance sale. This is its first year. A small version that just started blooming, *Helianthus salicifolius* "Table Mountain" (Willow-

leaved Sunflower). It is listed at 12-16", but mine is about 3', a perfect fit for my garden.



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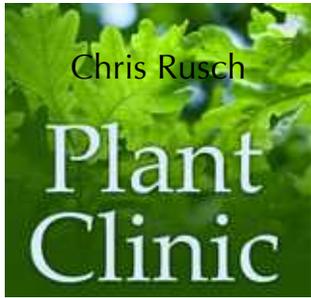
Another fall bloomer are asters. I have a number of different types of asters in my garden that bloom at various times, but the two that bloom last are my favorites, Aster "LeReve" and Aster novi-belgii "Marie III" (New York Aster). Marie III is one I cut half way back in early/mid-summer, - it keeps the plant more compact and less floppy, and in doing so delays blooming. Both of these full sun lovers are very prolific and very similar in color.



The last plant I'd like to mention is *Camellia sasanqua* "Cleopatra". This plant has been blooming about 3 weeks now in partial shade and sometimes will bloom until after the first of the year if we don't have any really severe frosts. The frost we just had didn't bother it, but anything more severe and it tends to abort its blooms and buds. The flowers are semi-double rose-pink with yellow centers - a long bloomer in mild weather, at a time when there is not much else.



This year we need something to smile about, and these current bloomers have brought me such joy this fall, much more than I could have imagined. They may be additions you'd like to add to your garden.



First of all, I want to thank everyone who worked in October 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. If you were part of the class of 2020, have an interest in working in the Plant Clinic, and have not had the opportunity to work in the clinic more than twice, please contact the clinic and we will get you on our schedule. Days available are Mondays and Wednesdays.

During the month of October we had over 50 calls or emails to the clinic. Questions for October were diverse, including questions regarding lawns, plant and weed identification and freezing weather. In addition, we have been helping clients with landscaping questions.

The Plant Clinic will be moving into our winter hours beginning in November. We will staff the clinic on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1-3 PM.

## Victory Garden

Ruth Stafford

The Victory Garden has finished the crazy year of 2020. We added compost and planted a cover crop of fava beans to prepare for next year. One change we made for 2020 was working twice a week in order to keep the crews to a smaller number because of Covid. It turned out to be a popular change and we plan to continue next year.

Carolyn Ruzicka and Linda Brunanchon volunteered to be co-chairs next year as I step down. They will be an outstanding team to work with the Victory Garden crew.

Our total poundage taken to UCAN this year from the Victory Garden is 7,267 lbs. This is 32# more than 2019. It is also the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year our total poundage has increased from the previous year. Sustainable gardening practices have made all the difference in the Victory Garden and confirms the

importance of all Master Gardeners to share our gardening knowledge with the community.

## Awards Committee

Diana Circle

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Awards Committee members who served our organization this past year. A lot of these members have served on this committee for years and deserve an excessively big thank-you from us all. Time donated is our greatest gift, so thank you to Mik Carlson, Sharon Hopkins, Betty Ison, Vicki McAlister, Karolyn Riecks, Barbara Robinson, Toni Rudolph, Julie Stanbery, and Chris Rusch.

As we come to the end of 2020, I want to remind all of you to turn in your volunteer service hours. The swinger bars attached to our OSU Master Gardener badges recognize members' contribution of hours of service and years of membership as recorded by the Hours Data Coordinator.

An apprentice receives a 60-hour swinger bar after completing 60 hours of payback time, with a minimum of 6 hours of clinic time, for the year of 2020, that is three two-hour sessions, as approved. We have one 2020 class member that has completed her payback hours - congratulations to Becky Carlson on her accomplishment. Also a big "thank-you" to David and Diana Campbell (Class of 2020) for their faithfulness and great work ethic and all the time they contributed to the Victory Garden.

Members exchange their swinger bar in January as they reach 200, 300, 400, 500, 750, 1000 hours of service, and every 500 hours thereafter.

Members receive a longevity swinger bar for five years of membership, and every five years thereafter.

The Awards Chair is responsible for issuing swinger bars. I will have bars ready for exchange in mid-January. See you in the gardens.

## Plant Sale 2021

Bonnie Durick

I'm sure by now everyone is tired of hearing about the plant sale and we still have 6 months to go. As you read in the chapter minutes, we are going to be able to have the sale out at the greenhouses. The exact details of how we are going to do that have yet to be determined. We won't be able to have vendors since there is no way they could set up on Friday and have their items secure. For that same reason, I don't think we will be able to have a raffle at the sale. That plus the fact that we have limited parking and need to move people in and out at a reasonable pace so multiple shoppers can buy our plants. We are looking into how we can have shoppers pre-register for shopping times to limit the number of people shopping at one time. We will abide by all the COVID restrictions for having an event such as having masks available for anyone who shows up without one, limiting the number of people present at one time, social distancing and keeping our workers safe.

With the topic of COVID at the forefront, I am asking anyone who usually works the plant sale to let me know if they are not willing to work the sale - either with setup or the sale itself. I don't want anyone to feel like they are putting themselves in a situation they regret, but I would like to have some type of handle on how many people I can count on to help. We will have setup on Friday, April 30 and the plant sale is Saturday May 1. Everything is outside (so hopefully the weather cooperates). If you don't feel you are willing to help, please email me at [bonniedurick505@gmail.com](mailto:bonniedurick505@gmail.com), or call or text me at 541-671-8954.

Also, I am looking for someone who would like to make any plant signs we might need to identify plants at the sale. We have a ton of signs already, but as new plants come into the sale, we need new signs for them. I currently have all the signs at my house along with the supplies to make new signs. The list of plant signs needed would be provided probably in January and that would give you several months to get the information and make the signs. If you would be interested, again email, call or text me.

## "Sweet" Success

Betty Ison

This spring I was sharing my extra vegetable starts with Linda Thames. Since she's our resident "Sweet Potato Queen", I asked her if she thought I could grow sweet potatoes in a whiskey barrel. She informed me that I could, and she ended up digging several of her slips to share with me.

I did plant them in one of my vacant whiskey barrels. I put a cage around them that had plastic around it, creating a little hot house that was open at the top. They were slow to get going, but finally took off. Once they filled the cage, I took it off. They were growing great

guns by then. Unfortunately, just about that time, my neighbors built a really tall fence that now blocks half the sun to my garden half the day. (I will have to rethink my garden next year, but that is another story). The barrel was still getting sun, but not as much as I knew it needed.



The plant did continue to grow quite well all summer, but I wasn't sure it was producing potatoes. As the plant started to yellow a little, I talked to Linda, and decided to go ahead and see if there was anything to harvest. The first few tubers were small, but then, pay dirt, I dug out several giants. What excitement!!! I called Linda and informed her I had potatoes and she was as excited as I was. I took them over to her place as she was going to cure them for me in her hot box before she started

digging her own. We were both jumping for joy. Many thanks to my sweet potato coach. For the first year, I consider it "sweet" success - 11+ pounds! Looking forward to trying again next year.





## *Remembering Anne Waddington*

Anne passed away this month. Many of us remember her as our sparkling "British" flower guru. Here's some remembrances from fellow MG's.



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Anne was an integral part of the Eastside Greenhouse when I started working there over 6 years ago. She and Gloria Amorde were running the place at that time. She worked many long hours caring for the plants and coming to the greenhouse during the week to do watering - which took several hours each time.

Anne had a great British accent and could rattle off the botanical names of most of the plants in the nursery. That always amazed me that she could say them with ease while I was just trying to sound out the words.

Anne had an adventurous spirit. She had lived in several countries and loved to travel. I think her last trip was to Cuba. She was planning another trip when her heart issues came up resulting in surgery. She will be greatly missed by all of us who worked with her at the greenhouse over the years.

### **BONNIE DURICK**

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We chatted at length whenever she came across me during my construction or destruction projects in or on the East Greenhouses, I would always refer to her as "number 8" as her e-mail was Bridlington8.

For those of you who are not familiar with the geography of Britain, Bridlington is a coastal town in Yorkshire, England, from where she came. A lot of Yorkshire people tend to be very proud of their heritage and some can be outspoken. Anne was

proud of her heritage but not outspoken, she was a kind and caring person and full of humor...you may not have noticed, unless you're a well travelled American, that she had a very distinct Yorkshire accent.

I shall miss her.

She leaves a sister, who she referred to as "much younger", living in Norwich, England. I'll leave you to locate this city.

### **IVOR CHAPMAN**

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I appreciated Anne's knowledge and dedication to the creation and care for the plants we grow for Master Gardeners. She brought in a number of plants for the group to make cuttings from and was always ready to provide information related to a specific plant. Anne was a stickler for writing plant start dates on the identification labels for new plant starts. She either knew or researched the expected time for the plant to be ready for up-potting to a larger container.

Anne will be missed, but her legacy will live on as we take cuttings for new starts from the plants she brought in over her time in the Eastside Greenhouse, and as we duly write the start date on the new start labels.

### **LENORE DRAKE**

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One of my favorite memories of Anne Waddington was at one of our plant sale potlucks. Anne brought THE MOST DELICIOUS chocolate desserts I've ever tasted that happened to be gluten free also. She gave me the recipe: <https://theviewfromgreatisland.com/belgian-chocolate-cake-gluten-free/>

Ann was such a darling lady. Loved her English accent & sweet laugh.

### **LINDA THAMES**

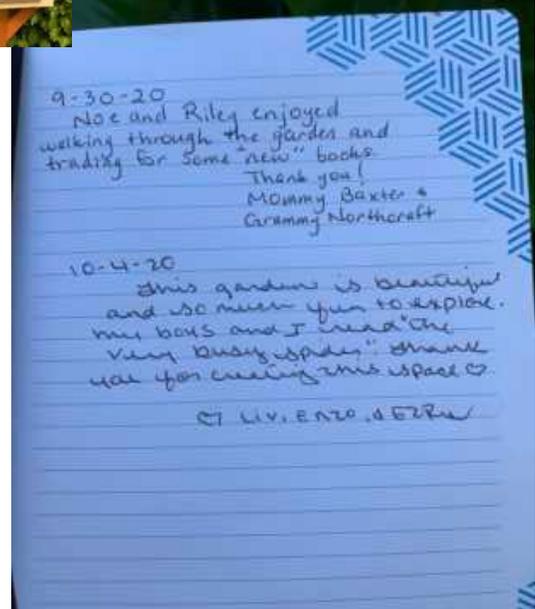
## NOVEMBER GARDEN CALENDAR



- Service lawn mower.
- 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.
- Drain and store hoses carefully to avoid damage from freezing.
- Protect tender evergreens from drying wind.
- 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.
- Last chance to plant cover crops for soil building. You can also use a 3-4-inch layer of leaves, spread over the garden plot, to eliminate winter weeds, suppress early spring weeds and prevent soil compaction by rain.
- Take cuttings of rhododendrons and camellias for propagation; propagate begonias from leaf cuttings.
- Prune roses (tea and floribunda, but NOT climbers and ramblers) to around 3 feet in height to prevent winter damage.
- Plant a window garden of lettuce, chives and parsley.
- It's a good time to plant trees and shrubs. Consider varieties that supply food and shelter to birds, such as sumac, elderberry, flowering currant and mock orange.
- Still time to plant spring-flowering bulbs, such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses. Don't delay.
- Good time to plant garlic for harvest next summer, and to transplant landscape trees and shrubs.
- Rake and destroy leaves from fruit trees that were diseased this year. Remove and discard mummified fruit.
- Treat peaches four weeks after leaf fall spray for peach leaf curl and shothole diseases.
- Moss appearing in lawn may mean too much shade or poor drainage. Correct site conditions if moss is bothersome.



### *From the Little Free Library*



## Diagnostics Dilemmas

Bonnie Courter

This month our merry band of diagnostics sleuths tackled plant problems at four different locations.



The first stop was at the residence of Steve Renquist where we followed our Fearless Leader around his estate as he played “Stump the MG” with us, pointing out different issues in the landscape. After we combed the whole premises, we were treated to some delicious apple cake baked by his long-suffering wife, Cida.



Next time we converged on the beautiful home of Vicki McAlister to get some instruction on lawn care. Vicki has an

expansive lawn which she cares for diligently, so it was hard to find anything that needed to be addressed, but we did learn a lot about types of grasses, identified a



few weeds (very few!) and also looked at some of her conifers.



From Vicki's we motored over to Hucrest to look at Barbara Zastrow's lawn.

Her husband joined us so he could get some advice from Steve

on issues he's been dealing with in his turf. Next thing you know, he hands Steve a spade and Steve sets to digging away to expose the soil condition (which was quite good, by the way). Steve reviewed subjects like when to fertilize the lawn and what kind of lime to use.



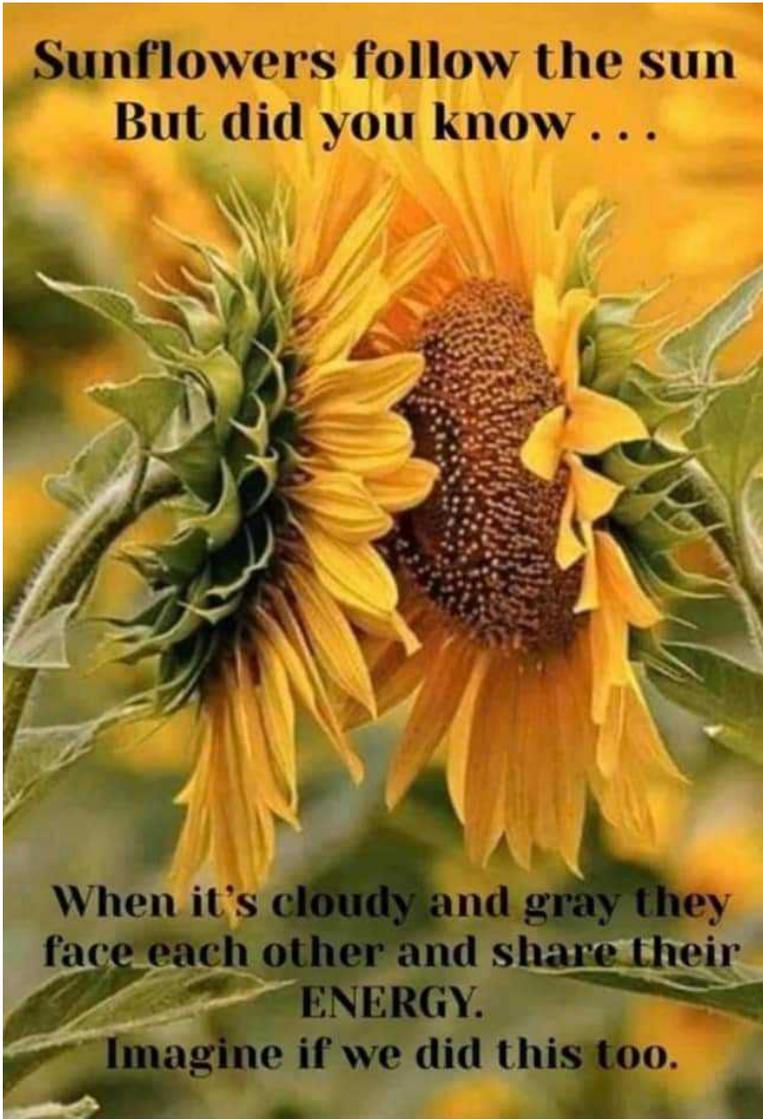
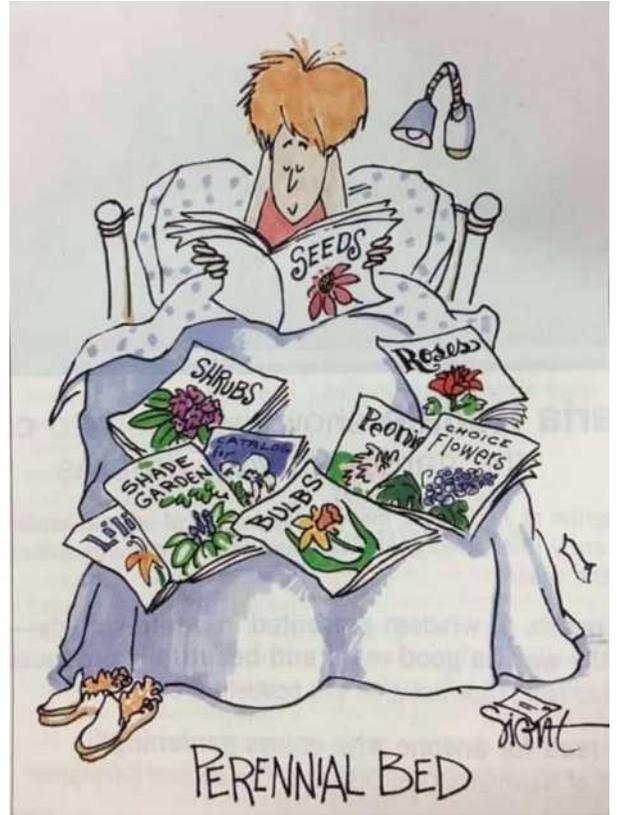
Last week we returned to the hilltop home of Ron Owan, who hosted our chapter meeting in 2019, to discuss pruning conifers and look over his huge, diverse orchard. Steve told us how to best shape conifers by pruning lightly in the fall, and snapping off the “candles” on the trees when they emerge in the spring.

Thanks to Steve for sharpening our diagnostic skills so we can better serve the public in the Plant Clinic.





Nathan Baily wanted to share a photo of double oak galls. "I saw it staring up at me when I was watching a woodpecker over in Stewart Park's disc golf course section. And yes, the feather was stuck in it!"



## DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

### Chapter Meeting, via Zoom

October 29, 2020

**Call to Order:** The Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. There were 23 members in attendance including President Julie Stanbery, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Past President Nancy Fuller, Membership Kay Livermore, Secretary Bonnie Courter, Treasurer Diane Smith-Lewsadder, OMGA Alt. Rep. Kish Doyle, and Agent Steve Renquist.

**Agenda Approval:** Add "Awards" to Committee Reports.

**Minutes Approval:** Approved as published.

#### **Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:**

- Today at 11:00, Steve will be attending a statewide online viticulture meeting, and then at 1:00 he will be meeting with the Dean of the OSU Ag school to discuss the pros and cons of our having in-person Winter Training Class this winter. If we can't do it, we will need to examine what other options we have. He will let everyone know the results of today's meeting later.
- The public is finding ways to reach Steve by phone with their gardening questions. This just emphasizes the importance of Master Gardeners as educators for the public.
- The freeze this week isn't generally causing too many problems, even though the commercial people have expressed concern that their crops weren't hardened off sufficiently. But Steve feels that because it's been so dry, we should be okay.

*Addendum: Steve reported later today that the OSU administrative group denied his request for a winter training program. He will meet next week with Kish, Bonnie and Julie to explore other alternatives and options.*

#### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**Membership - Kay Livermore:** Kay is sending out an email through Shirley about dues along with the dues

form attached. Anita will send out the OSU docuSign forms on November 13th. She will mail the forms out to members who are without email. Dues will need to be mailed to Kay directly.

Kay will tell Vicki McAlister to update the officers on our website.

#### **OMGA - Kish Doyle:**

On September 18 a virtual OMGA 4th quarter meeting was held via Zoom.

- Four MG's lost their properties due to the wildfires last month.
- OSU has an estimated \$18-23 million shortfall in revenue due to COVID.
- A virtual celebration of Master Gardeners will be held the week of October 26-30. The event will include a mini-film festival, the "State of the Statewide MG Program" report, and a garden trivia event. An official announcement and link to register will go out soon.
- Gail Langellotto stated there will be no training of new volunteers next year. The focus will be on strengthening current MG's skills and knowledge instead.
- On July 15-17, 2021, a virtual Oregon Mini-College will be held. The International OMGA Conference will be hosted by Virginia virtually beginning Sept. 21, 2021.
- OMGA still needs to fill the position of President-Elect for 2021 as well as a news editor for "The Gardeners Pen" quarterly newsletter.

**Treasurer - Diane Smith-Lewsadder:** No new business. Financials were sent out and posted on the website.

**Vice-President - Diana Woodward:** There has been no Continuing Education since the shutdown. Diana was told there was a partnership with The Oregonian and OSU providing educational subjects online. Discussion ensued on how to make online videos available to the membership to count for Continuing Education. Diana could send links to educational videos out via Shirley before chapter meetings so Zoom attendees could discuss them during the meetings. Steve suggested that we make sure we know the source of these videos, that they are university-based videos. They can be counted for recertification. Beginning in November, Diana will send links out to

Julie so she can include them in her email she puts out asking for agenda items.

#### **Past President - Nancy Fuller:**

- “The Love Bugs” video posted on the OSU Master Gardener Celebration Week was very good.
- Nancy shared a little trivia about the full moon taking place this Halloween. It’s called a Hunter’s Moon and is a Blue Moon (occurring twice in one month) as well. There won’t be another Halloween full moon until the year 2039! So get out there and give it a good HOWL!

#### **President - Julie Stanbery:**

Julie asked if anyone had seen any of the “Master Gardener Celebration Week” offerings on the OSU website. Very few had since the information email was not sent out to the general membership. Chris Rusch sent out the link to all the chapter reps and chapter presidents. Kish Doyle will send it out to Shirley. The event ends Oct. 30, tomorrow.

Julie also asked if anyone has reported the change in our officers to OMGA. She was told that in the past, the President should do that.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Awards - Diana Circle:** Diana thanked her awards committee for the work they did this last year. Also, she announced that Becky Carlson from the 2020 class has completed her hours and is now an official Master Gardener.

#### **Community Outreach - Leo Grass:**

Leo has only one Community Outreach input and that was from a 3rd grade teacher to teach Botany to her students. Leo emailed her, but never heard back. Probably we can’t arrange tours of the Discovery Garden during this pandemic. Diane Smith-Lewsadder had a request to do private lessons with an 8 year-old on gardening.

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

All the irrigation is down and Umpqua Basin water turned off. Fred Alley took pictures of the ginkgo tree

which was in brilliant yellow before the freeze took down the leaves.

#### **Farmers Market - Sylvia**

**Andino:** Barbara Horst will continue to head the Canyonville Farmers Market when it starts up again. Sylvia reported that because of COVID restrictions, we didn’t participate in the Umpqua Valley Farmers Market until September.

Approximately 30 people per Saturday were counted as contacts. Many people filled out yellow information cards to enroll in the winter training program.

#### **Fundraising Team - Nathan Baily:**

**Bottle Drop -** Blue bags with our bar code can be filled with pop bottles and cans and taken to the redemption center, and our chapter as a non-profit gets the proceeds from the bottles. We will most likely have the blue bags available to MG’s at the greenhouse or green shed. Documents have been submitted to fulfill the application process. The bags will probably be available in the first couple weeks in November.

#### **Greenhouse East - Bruce Gravens:**

Not present - no report. Julie said thanked Dave Clark for coming out with the Andino’s to teach them how to shut down the Umpqua Basin water by the greenhouses just before the freeze occurred. All the outside water is shut down now.

#### **Greenhouse West - Barbara Robinson:**

We are working on Tuesday mornings with a skeleton crew due to COVID distancing requirements. We are keeping busy maintaining all the perennials not sold at the Plant Sale.

Our watering team has been relieved of their duties for the season. Many thanks go to Kathy Hart, Barbara Zastrow, Roselle Benesh, and Carol Bolt for their dedication to this important task.

Further thanks go to:

- Kathy and Steve Hart for taking on the “spider wrangler” job in the transplant greenhouse



- Ron Owan for volunteering to power wash the seed starting greenhouse
- Ivor Chapman and Mark Schmoll for replacing the roof to our patio shade structure
- John Oltman for his weeding expertise

**Hallmark - Linda Thames:** Linda sent out sympathy cards for Anne Waddington who passed away and to Linda Estep who lost her 42 year-old daughter to a brain aneurism.

**Insect Committee - Richard Johnstone:** The Insect Committee will start to meet again on Mondays, twice a month, at 10:00 at the Plant Clinic.

**Newsletter - Bonnie Courter:** Articles are due this Saturday, October 31. The price to receive the Newsletter by mail is the same as last year - \$17.50.

**Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:** The clinic has had 50 emails and phone calls this month. Chris thanked her core people for helping out this summer. Leo and Chris took on trainees on Mondays and Wednesdays. November starts winter hours - Mondays and Wednesdays, 1-3 PM. Chris updated the contact list in the clinic - it needs to be updated also on our website. Chris will send the list to Vicki to update it.

**Plant Sale - Bonnie Durick:** Not present. The County is allowing us to have the sale at the HLC next year. We should be able to combine Westside/Eastside plants on the tables. We will need to restrict the numbers of people attending at one time as well as parking, so we will have an online pre-registration. A total of 200 will be allowed there at one time, including MG volunteers. We won't need as many cashiers or have a holding area, as well as other logistical changes. We will not exhibit perennials alphabetically. Registration online will restrict buyers to a certain time frame, per half hour slots. Excess cash at the sale will be stored in the Treasurer's locked vehicle. There will be no potluck, so bring a sack lunch. Tables could be set up in Panches' Palace. Diane Circle asked about Raffle items. It was suggested they be stored up in the Annex attic or donate items not valuable to Trash to Treasure since we will not be having a raffle.

**Publicity - Cheryl Caplan:** Not present. She submitted a radio public service announcement about Master

Gardener Celebration Week which appeared on the local radio station.

**Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson:** Not present. We had a great sale in 2020. The venue was much improved over using the Annex. The City of Winston had glowing reviews of our sale as well. The placing of the tables and appointing certain MG's to man certain areas worked very well. Next time we will have a different layout for cashiers, select certain MG's to price items, designate someone at the unloading area who will be able to reject items we won't accept. The first vehicle to unload will be Ann's trailer as those items are already priced.

**Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka/Linda Brunanchon:**

Ruth Stafford reported that Carolyn Ruzicka and Linda Brunanchon are now co-chairs for the Victory Garden. Ruth is stepping down but will remain on the crew. This Tuesday they had a good turnout and finished everything, put the garden to bed with compost and a cover crop. The Victory Garden produced 32 pounds **more** than 2019 as of Tuesday. Ruth thanked everyone for their support. The total for 2020 was 7,267 pounds, not including home gardens. UCAN will send us the total tally in January.

**Winter Training - Kish Doyle/Bonnie Courter:** We are waiting to hear from Steve's meeting with OSU this afternoon, so we are on standby. Right now we are limiting class to 14 students and 7 mentors. Veterans can't sit in on classes. Potential students know that we're waiting to hear whether we'll have a class or not. If given the go ahead, then we will interview them and get them registered.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**SHOW AND TELL:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Courter, Secretary

**DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENER 2021 DUES**

(Please pay **BEFORE** January 1, 2021)

**Print ALL information EVEN if nothing has changed:**

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\_\_\_ Enclosed is \$10 for my 2021 Dues which includes an E-mail MG Newsletter.

\_\_\_ Please mail my newsletter. I have included an EXTRA \$17.50 to cover printing & postage.

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**Do not write below above line:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2021 Dues: \$10.00**

*Due to Covid-19, access to the Plant Clinic is restricted. Therefore, we are asking that all dues be mailed to the Membership Director. If you need a copy of the dues form you may pick one up at the OSU Extension office.*

**Make checks out to DCMG. Print this form and mail with dues to:**

Kay Livermore  
135 Indian Point Ln  
Glide, OR 97443

**Replacement Badges:**

Those needing a replacement badge should contact me before mid-January. I will be keeping a list to add to the trainee class member's order. Provide your name as you want it to appear on the badge, your class year, and your contact info (email or phone number). You will be contacted with the cost when the name tags arrive.

Kay Livermore, DCMG Membership Director  
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