



June 2021 Calendar

Tues., June 1, 9:00-Noon

Discovery Garden Workday

Tues., June 8, 9:00-Noon

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., June 9, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, HLC

Tues., June 15, 9:00-Noon

Discovery Garden Workday

Tues., June 22, 9:00-Noon

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., June 24, 10:00

Chapter Meeting at residence of Kay Livermore

Tues., June 29, 9:00-Noon

Discovery Garden Workday



The Prez Sez...

Julie Stanbery

"The love of dirt is among the earliest of passions", wrote Micheal Pollen, and that passion has brought us four new leaders in the Westside Greenhouse. Friendship and dedication are the virtues shared by these volunteers. **Carol Bolt** (2013), **Barbara Zastrow** (2015), **Roselle Benesh** (2020) and **Joy Keeling** (2020) were hard at work when I spoke with them last Tuesday.

Carol considers herself a mad-scientist who loves plants, herbs (lavender!) and soils. She finds fun in everything while working together to get the job done. Eight years ago, her friend Judy Weaver (MG) introduced her to our group and a summer meeting at the lavender gardens sealed the deal.

Barbara is spurred by her love of learning. New plants, new techniques and more knowledge of plants are her joy. Barbara's 99-year-old mother is still gardening in South Dakota where Barb's love of gardening began. She and her sister used to sell homegrown produce to the neighbors from the back of their '56 Chevy! She enjoys working together with other gardeners and is glad to join the WSG group.

Roselle is native to Douglas County, having been born on an Applegate land claim and graduated from Drain High School. She worked many years as a legal secretary and always wanted to join the Master Gardeners. Self-taught, she read and studied the Sunset Garden Book, and she has since done her own

landscaping. Roselle has found fulfillment and friendship to be the best part of her Master Gardener volunteer experience.

Joy was just looking for something to do for her volunteer hours and wandered over to the WSG. Luck was on our side that day! Joy and her husband owned a garden center and demonstration park in southwest Colorado. She enjoyed the retail work and talking to garden shoppers and teaching them about their plant purchases. Coming to Roseburg, they lived at Twin Rivers Park and spent time in the Discovery Garden where they met Steve and Kathy Hart who encouraged Joy to become a Master Gardener. Joy is interested in the year- long aspect of watching plants grow, understanding plant problems and maintaining the greenhouse year round to run like a well-oiled machine.

We are so fortunate to have these four dedicated volunteers come together. Bonded by friendship and their dedication to the DCMG's, they are determined to have a successful greenhouse experience.

This story can't end without expressing great gratitude to **Barbara Robinson** (2009) who dedicated many years to the Westside Greenhouse.



In the Garden

Julie Stanbery

This report is to bring you up-to-date on the activities in the Discovery Garden. These last 5 months have been productive and busy!

The Rock Garden group, Tasha King, Nancy Fuller, Kish Doyle and Diana Woodward have been joined by Kathleen Donovan (2020). They have done much improvement and planted new drought-tolerant landscaping along the fence line and under the trees.

Geoff Puryear spends many early mornings tending the Xeriscape garden. Assisted by random volunteers, the xeriscape area continues to expand to the west fence line. Thanks to Sharon and Dave Hopkins who refurbished the round picnic table, now painted a lovely cranberry color.

The E-Z Access Garden is tended by Jeanie Owen, Ernie Amabisca and Jan Turley. They have all their beds planted and labeled and will be repairing the large wheelchair accessible table. They (and we all!) are sad to say good-bye to stalwart volunteer Mark Schmoll as he and his wife are moving on to a new adventure.

Betty Ison has maintained the educational kiosk in the E-Z access area for the past year and more. It is viewed almost daily by people visiting the garden. She has kept it timely and informative. And of course she has maintained the beautiful perennial border and the iris bed.

Both the Herb Garden and the Shade Garden have new labels made by Terril Lowe (2020) with plant stakes fabricated by Steve Hart.



Musical chairs in the Butterfly Garden. Kay Livermore has taken over the bee house island and Janet Bitter is taking on the pieris island. Meanwhile Julie Bell, Fred Alley, Doralee Hayden, Kathy Hart, and Terry King are maintaining their islands.

Bobbie Schneider has teamed up with Nancy & Phil Nessel in her island.

Ken Hays is back to work in the compost area and Nathan Baily is tending the worms, fighting off "armadillo bug" poop that is mixing in with our red wiggler poop. Oh, the travails of a gardener!

Winter pruning classes worked extensively to clean up the remaining damage from the snow storm on the rhodies and overgrown shrubs in the Ornamental area. Plants now have more structure and air flow.

Sharon Bordeaux keeps the Sun Garden and surrounding seating areas neat as a pin.

The Entry Garden is tended by Garry Gerlach and Lynn Foster under the guidance of Maureen Benice.

Garden floater John Oltman (2020) can be found wherever a chore needs to be done. He has cleaned the west fence border, weeded the orchard, dug ditches and done a great deal of weedeating along with tending the weeds in the Westside Greenhouse.

When Elva Sellens is not tending the dahlias, lily or the shade beds, she is constantly raking under the trees or helping dig ditches.

Betty Bean, Sharon and Dave Hopkins had the Children's Garden in great shape for the many happy rug rats who use the area daily. Many parents used it as a classroom this past year while home schooling.

Hope you all saw the wisteria in full bloom atop the 100' (?) fir tree. AMAZING!!!

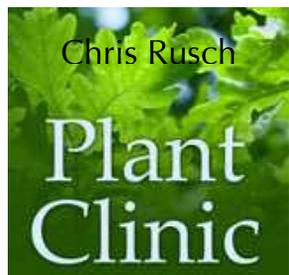
Mark Schmoll and Ernie Amabisca (soon to be the "Lone Ranger" when Mark moves to Oregon City), have followed Steve's teaching in pruning techniques and have the area nicely tended.

Maintenance: Mark Schmoll repaired and cleaned the gutter on the green shed. Watch for a report on the pavilion roof gutters. Bids are being taken on repair to the gutters and fascia.

UPDATES:

1. The irrigation team has been joined by Janet Bitter. Starting June 1, we will water twice weekly. Days and times will vary.
2. David Campbell and Andi Bertling are the new storage tank filling crew.
3. The new storage tank in Children’s area is almost up and running. More info next month.
4. Tables and chairs are out for public use.

That's all for now. See you in the garden!



The OSU Extension Master Gardener Plant Clinic is now open. The OSU Master Gardener Plant Clinic is an outreach opportunity to help our community plan their

summer gardens and landscapes by answering a wide range of questions. This includes diagnosing plant problems and identifying insects. Our hours are 1-3, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. You can call us anytime during office hours or you can leave a message and we will return your call. The phone number is 541-236-3052. You can also send us an email at douglasmg@oregonstate.edu. We are looking forward to helping our community with encouraging sustainable gardening techniques.

With all of the OSU guidelines and restrictions, we will most likely not be able to return to our program of old, at least for the summer. At our first phase of opening we will be answering questions by the phone and emails, but not visiting with the public. Our staffing will be limited to just one person at a time. Hopefully this is not our “new normal”, but just a temporary setback to our program.

KUDOS KORNER

A HALLMARK MOMENT



Kudos to our dear **Linda Thames** who has been our Hallmark correspondent since 2005. In

that time Linda has sent out over **700** handmade cards of well-wishes and sympathy, courage and empathy to our members. Job well done!

-Julie Stanbery

KUDOS TO KEN HAYS, AKA, RAT DISPATCHER!

We would like to nominate Ken Hays for an award for removing a dead rat from under a table at the Westside Greenhouse recently. Several of us had discovered it, and decided we needed a big strong man to help us. At the next moment, Ken magically appeared on an errand. With the help of a shovel, the rat was scooped up and dispatched with the garbage. And, life went back to normal. Crisis averted.



Our thanks to Ken for saving the day!
- Barbara Zastrow

MASTER GARDENER PROPOSED 11/21 THRU 12/31/21 BUDGET

INCOME		Discovery Garden	
Donations		Butterfly Garden	0
Contributions	736	Children's Garden	0
Amazon Smile Foundation	78	Compost - Biochar - Vermiculture - Worms	0
Fred Meyer Community Rewards	66	Easy Access (Container Garden)	0
BottleDrop	415	Educational Signage	150
TOTAL Donations	1,295	Entry Garden	0
Dues & Membership		Herb Garden	0
Membership Dues	2,333	Hummingbird Garden	0
Newsletter - Income	192	Iris Garden	0
TOTAL Dues & Membership	2,525	Irrigation	0
Interest Income - Bank	35	Japanese Garden	0
Program Service Project Income (PSP)		Kiosk - Donor Board	0
Soil Testing	810	Maintenance - DG	1,252
Spring into Gardening	0	Mulch & Gravel	0
TOTAL PSP Income	810	Orchard	0
Special Events		Ornamental Garden	0
Plant Sale		Pavilion	0
Sales - Event	7,048	Perennial Border	0
Sales - Post Event	500	Raised Beds (Dahlia/Lily)	0
Sales - Pre Event	805	Rock Garden	0
TOTAL Plant Sale	8,353	Shade Garden	0
Bake Sale	0	Signage for Plants	0
Compost Tea	700	Sun Garden	0
Trash-to-Treasure	3,500	Xeriscape Garden	0
Vermiculture - Worms	0	TOTAL Discovery Garden	1,402
TOTAL Special Events	12,553	TOTAL PSP Expense	2,202
TOTAL INCOME	17,218	HLC Horticultural Learning Center	
EXPENSES		Annual Pumping Expense (diver)	300
Management & General Expenses		Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	700
Awards & Banquet		Eastside Greenhouse Supplies	800
Awards	295	Garbage Dump Fee	144
Banquet	224	HLC Fire Extinguishers	58
TOTAL Awards & Banquet	519	HLC Maintenance	604
Conferences		HLC Orchard	0
OMGA Travel	229	Toilet Supplies and Repairs	94
TOTAL Conferences	229	Tree Trimming Professional	0
OMGA Dues	0	Victory Garden	226
Grants/Gifts/Scholarships		Victory Garden Signage	0
Gifts - Hallmark	0	Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	269
Gifts - Miscellaneous	0	Westside Greenhouse Supplies	173
Gifts - Officer Gifts	0	TOTAL HLC - Expense	3,368
Grant Purchases	0	Special Events	
Scholarships - Mini-College	300	Plant Sale (PS)	
TOTAL Grants/Gifts/Scholarships	300	Advertising	200
Administration		Contributions - PS Volunteers	0
Bank Charges	0	Exhibit Fees	0
Check Print Charges	50	Next Year's Seed. (SEEDS)	800
Historian	0	Next Year's Supplies - PS	800
Hospitality	35	Plants	
Liability Insurance	637	Plants - Eastside	150
Newsletter Postage & Printing	193	Plants - Westside	650
OMGA Search for Excellence	0	Supplies	2,033
Postage for Exec Board	106	Vendor Costs	0
Supplies/Copies for Exec Board	127	TOTAL Plant Sale	4,633
TOTAL Administration	1,148	Propane - Tanks	
(PSP) Expenses/ Program Service Project		Eastside Greenhouse #1 75532	912
Advanced Training		Eastside Greenhouse #2 MO327516	825
Continuing Education	0	Westside Greenhouse #3 49518	574
Spring into Gardening	0	Westside Greenhouse #500 48450	399
Winter Program		TOTAL Propane Tanks	2,710
New Class - Supplies	0	Bake Sale	75
Speakers	0	Compost Tea	0
TOTAL Winter Program	0	Trash-to-Treasure	475
TOTAL Advanced Training	0	TOTAL Special Events Expenses	7,893
Clinics and Office		Utilities	
Farmers' Market - Canyonville	0	Electricity - 82346502 - HLC	2,964
Farmers' Market - Roseburg	0	Electricity - 81156829 - Pump	301
Insects	0	Water - Pitchford meter # 30015613	1,077
Library	0	Water - River Forks meter # 69151311	69
Plant Clinic and Office Supplies	100	TOTAL Utilities	4,411
Soil Testing	450	Expense Approved not Budgeted	
Website	150	Rock Garden - 2019 Karl Carlson	144
TOTAL Clinics and Office	700	Signage - 2020 Karl Carlson	150
Community Outreach		Extension Educator Grant	400
DC Fair Outreach Booth	100	ESG - 2020 Cow Creek Grant	790
Printing Materials 4 Outreach	0	TOTAL Expenses Approved not Budgeted	1,484
Speakers Bureau	0	TOTAL EXPENSES	21,554
TOTAL Community Outreach	100	NET INCOME (LOSS)	-4,336

Treasurer's Report

Diane Smith-Lewsadder
04/29/2021-05/26/2021

INCOME

Contributions	\$7.50
Membership Dues	\$37.50
Soil Testing	\$117.00
Interest	\$3.75
Plant Sale Event	\$7,013.46
Plant Sale Post	\$717.00
Pre-Event Sale	\$620.00
Compost Tea	\$251.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$8,767.21

EXPENSES

Management and General	\$364.25
Discovery Garden	\$56.58
HLC	\$38.52
Plant Sale	\$119.38
Utilities - Electricity	\$392.24
Signage 2020 Karl Carlson	\$39.99

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1,010.96

Breakdown of our accounts at 05/26/21

NWCC - Checking	\$2,254.73
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,007.60
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$36,046.85

Ending Balance

\$43,309.18



Shared by K. Doyle



The Succulent Corner

By Ann Severson

When I am looking to buy a new succulent I look for the unusual. It's always fun to watch a new succulent grow and flower.

For this reason I have chosen the Propeller

Plant also called the Scarlet Paintbrush. I tell people all the time that this is my favorite flowering succulent. If you have had the chance to see this in bloom then you will understand. It is absolutely beautiful.

This oddly-shaped plant comes from South Africa and is part of the Crassulaceae family. It is also related to the Jade family.



The leaves of this plant are fat oblong green-grey in color. As it grows taller, each section will have the "propellers" going different directions, filling in the plant as it grows to its full height. Smaller offsets will grow around the outer edges of the mother plant. At any time you can remove them from the mother plant to start another plant or just leave them there and watch it grow and bloom. This succulent can grow to about eighteen inches tall to two feet tall. In the early summer months it will start to bloom by sending a long shoot out of the middle of the plant. This is the best part. This flower is spectacular! Blooming in a bright red scarlet color, the bloom is huge. I call this bloom, "fireworks." This bloom will last for several weeks. After the bloom has died back, just cut off the stock and enjoy for the rest of the season.

The Propeller Plant loves full sun. Water it when dry to the touch like many other succulents. Fertilize it at least once during the growing season but not in the fall to winter months. It can be a house plant but it will need good light to do it's best. Because its leaves are full of water, this succulent is drought tolerant, but not frost hardy.

Like many succulents, you need to watch for spider mites and aphids. The aphids usually come when the plant is in the early stages of getting ready to bloom - kind of like candy to the aphids. I usually start spraying all my succulents in my greenhouses before the bloom



and then again a few weeks later I mist all of them. Because the leaf sections of this succulent are tightly grown together, it makes it easy for the spider mites to attack this wonder jewel of a plant. Keep a watchful eye on the center of the plant by pulling back the leaf sections and look for white webs. If you find them, there is a quick remedy. Take a cotton ball with rubbing alcohol and rub the leaf and drip some of the alcohol into the center of the plant. If this doesn't work, there are some great products on the market that we use on the Eastside Gardens (see me for the name of the product).

Our Eastside gardens have these Propeller Plants and they will be getting ready to bloom shortly. Keep your eye out for the "fireworks." Until then, I'll see you in the garden.

My Favorite Weeding Tools

Vicki McAlister

I'm probably in the minority, but I don't mind hand weeding too much! If you're going to do much hand weeding, it really helps to have the best tools for the job. I have two tools that make my work easier.

The first is a heavy duty weeder that I have used on big bunch grasses that got away from me out in my garden. It also works well on smaller oaks. I'm not sure this is the same brand, as I've long since worn most of the label off of my weeder, but here is one listed out on Amazon that looks identical [Radius Garden 20501 PRO Garden Stainless Steel Weeder]. I've had this weeder for about 8 years and it works great.



The second tool that I just recently found is a variation on the traditional hand



weeder. This weeder has a curved section that lets you easily leverage popping the weed out of the ground. The curve is a big improvement over the straight handled weeders.

Happy weeding!

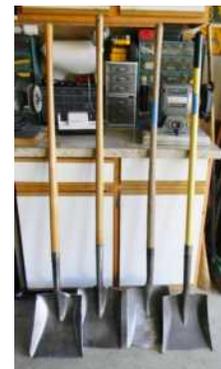
Ask the Tool Man Alley



When has a garden tool reached its "point of no return?" Several weeks ago, Steve Hart asked me to look at two of his long-handled transfer shovels. His question was, "Through many years of use, I have two flat shovels that look more like 'owl heads'. How would you go about restoring these shovels?" The photo

illustrates Steve's two shovels on the right, and two of my more recently restored shovels on the left.

One can easily see Steve's two shovels are almost **reaching their point of no return**. Both shovels are quality shovels, just used many years. The wood handled shovel has 1-1/4 inches removed from the blade. The wear is uneven, not straight across the blade. The fiberglass shovel has 1-1/2 inches removed from the blade. The wear in this case is even across the shovel.

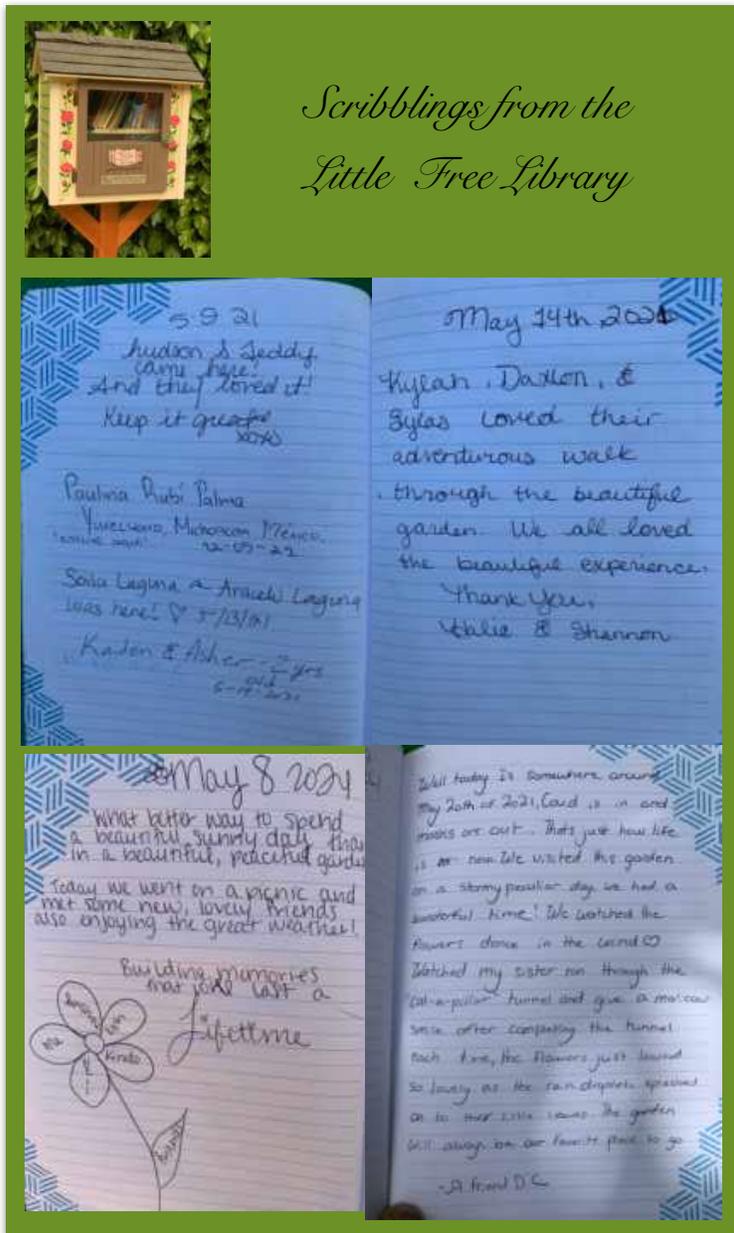


My two restored shovels are nearly perfect. Both have no wear and both shovels have the full 11 inch deep and 8-1/2 inches wide top blade, 9-1/2 inches bottom blade. All four shovels are quality USA – TEMPERED 2.

This article is only a lead-in to the complete article to be printed in the July Newsletter. First, I want you to think from Steve's position what he might want to pursue if he were to restore the shovels. Then I want you to think of it from my perspective, as someone that has restored a number of such shovels. I have a supply of used tools and equipment that should make the restoration easy to complete. Obviously, the approaches will be different. Some of the questions you may ask, are:

- Are they both at a “point of no return?”
- Does it make any difference if one shovel has a wood handle as opposed to a fiberglass handle?
- If you grind off more shovel blade, will enough blade remain to have an efficient shovel?
- Is one of the shovel blades worth saving more than the other?

Ok, it's your time to make the decision on how to approach the restoration of these two shovels. Let's see your approaches. I will show you my approach and solutions in the July Newsletter.



Scribblings from the Little Free Library

Sansevieria Has Got a New Name! Did You Know That?

Diane Smith-Lewsadder shares this article taken from Flower Aura Blog at:

<https://www.floweraura.com/blog/another-name-of-sansevieria>

Imagine waking up one day and calling your favorite flower Rose by the name “Rangeela”. Damn, that’s not gonna happen, right? You will just stick with the Rose. So, we can understand that when the name of your favorite plant is changed, you won’t get easily adapted to the new name. So, did you know that *Sansevieria trifasciata* is now called *Dracaena trifasciata*? Yes! It has got a new name.

But why are the names of the plants changed? There are two or three reasons why plant names are changed. To start with, the oldest name on paper is the name that comes first. In case a printed record is found with another name for a plant and is a more established report than the one that has the current name, it is changed. The next explanation is that it was misidentified from the start. The mistake is found and rectified. The third explanation is the plant is totally reclassified. When taxonomists previously gave names to plants, they divided plants by their "looks", their blossom parts that looked similar to other plants' blossoms, etc. With DNA sequencing available, things are different now. So, basically when all of the DNA testing will be done, no one has to worry about the name changes anymore.

As for the Sansevieria plant, you will now have to call it by Dracaena. Commonly known by the name “Snake Plant”, the plant is popular for its amazing benefits. Let’s have a look!

Benefits

Increases the Oxygen Flow

We know that every green plant produces oxygen, which helps us to be alive. However, the Snake Plant is one of the most oxygen-producing house plants. Ficus and Pothos also fall in this rundown. And when the amount of oxygen at your home or office increases, there will be



an improvement in your mindset as well. You will feel less stressed and more focused!

Control Carbon Dioxide at Night



Snake Plants work even around evening time by decreasing carbon dioxide from your home environment. Crassulacean Acid Metabolism or CAM is a term used for nighttime photosynthesis. Those plants which can perform CAM are drought tolerant and dry season plants like succulents. If you have some of these at your home, you can be protected even around the evening time while sleeping.

Prevent Allergy

Apart from eliminating carbon dioxide even at night and increasing oxygen levels, snake plants additionally lessen airborne allergies. It is okay and acceptable to use air fresheners or air purifiers; however, keep in mind, what a plant can do no man-made machinery can, so don't forget to bring this dazzling plant to your home - as this plant will not only purify the air, but also add a charm to your home decor.

So, these were the different benefits of your favorite so called *Dracaena trifasciata* plant. Fill your house with these beautiful plants and enjoy the benefits. Also, good luck adapting to the new name!



Shared by: B. Robinson



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Dr. Jay Pscheidt

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Saturday Keynote: Our own Gail Langellotto will present..."Oregon Master Gardener Program – Successes, Challenges and Opportunities." OSU Master Gardener Annual Report.



Dr. Mhuireach will introduce the body of research investigating human exposure to environmental microbes, including those associated with soil and plants, and their potential health effects. We will also explore microbial sampling methods and a citizen science project to understand microbial transfer dynamics during gardening.

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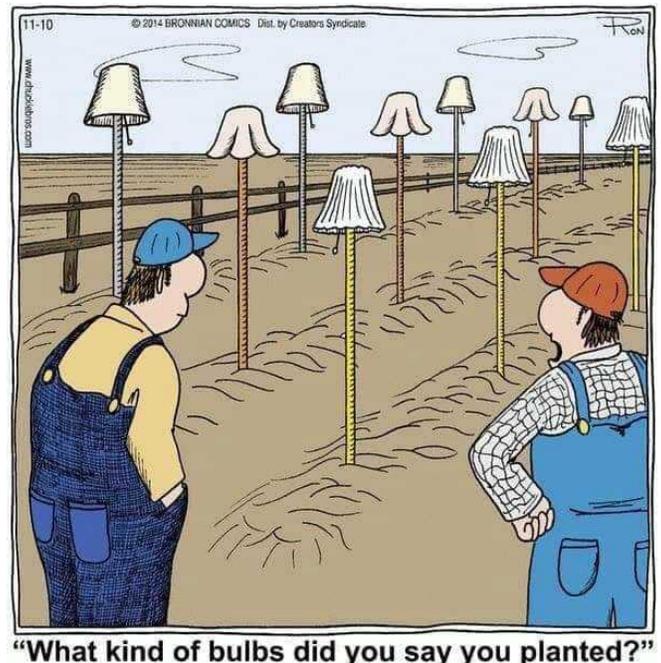
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“What kind of bulbs did you say you planted?”



JUNE GARDEN CALENDAR

Maintenance and cleanup

Prune lilacs, forsythia, rhododendrons and azaleas after bloom.

Fertilize vegetable garden one month after plants emerge by applying a side dressing alongside rows.

Harvest thinning from new plantings of lettuce, onion and chard.

Pick ripe strawberries regularly to avoid fruit-rotting diseases.

Use organic mulches to conserve soil moisture in ornamental beds. An inch or two of sawdust, bark dust or composted leaves will minimize loss of water through evaporation.

After normal fruit drop of apples, pears and peaches in June, consider thinning the remainder to produce a crop of larger fruit.

Make sure raised beds receive enough water for plants to avoid drought stress.

Mid-June: If green lawns are being maintained through the summer, apply 1 pound nitrogen per 1,000 square feet to lawns. If you want a green lawn, water frequently during periods of heat and drought stress. Irrigate 0.25 inches four to six times per week from June through August. Measure your water use by placing an empty tuna can where your irrigation water lands.

Pest monitoring and management

Spray cherry trees for cherry fruit fly, as necessary, if fruit is ripening.

Spray for codling moth in apple and pear trees, as necessary. Continue use of pheromone traps for insect pest detection.

Monitor azaleas, primroses and other broadleaf ornamentals for adult root weevils. Look for fresh evidence of feeding (notching at leaf edges). Try sticky trap products on plant trunks to trap adult weevils. Protect against damaging the bark by applying the

sticky material on a 4-inch wide band of poly sheeting or burlap wrapped around the trunk. Mark plants now and manage root weevils with beneficial nematodes when soil temperatures are above 55 degrees Fahrenheit. If root weevils are a consistent problem, consider removing plants and choosing resistant varieties

Control garden weeds by pulling, hoeing or mulching.

Control aphids on vegetables as needed by hosing off with water or by using insecticidal soap or a registered insecticide.

Watch for 12-spotted beetles on beans, cucumbers and squash and cabbage worms or flea beetles in cole crops (cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts).

Continue monitoring blueberry, strawberry, cherry and other plants that produce soft fruits and berries for spotted wing drosophila. If these pests are present, use an integrated and least toxic approach to manage the pests. To learn how to monitor and manage spotted wing drosophila.

Indoor gardening

Move houseplants outdoors for cleaning, grooming, repotting and summer growth.



Breaking News!!!

As of Memorial Day Weekend, Douglas County Parks will no longer be charging parking fees! Due to the Parks Department having now achieved a self-sustaining budget through increased revenues, grants, investments and cost-cutting measures, they have eliminated the park fees. Yay! When's the last time you saw the government eliminate a source of income??? Kudos to the Parks Department!

Douglas County Master Gardeners

Chapter Meeting at Diana Woodward's Residence
May 27, 2021

Discussion of Continuing Ed video: "Waterwise Gardening"



Diana Woodward: Her beautiful property displays 100 blooming rhododendrons planted by the former owners, which she personally

deadheads each year after they bloom! This year she also planted a rock garden.



Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Julie Stanbery at 10:23 AM. 18 members were in attendance including President Julie Stanbery, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Treasurer Diane Smith-Lewsadder, Membership Kay Livermore, and Secretary Bonnie Courter

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved as posted.

Minutes Approval: The minutes were approved as posted.

Agent's Report - Steve Renquist:

Yesterday we received approval from OSU to have a booth at the Douglas County Fair this summer.

As Master Gardeners, we need to lead the charge for minimizing pesticide drift. There are a lot of vulnerable crops in our county, and with the fluctuating temperatures this season, it's important to warn people not to use herbicides during high heat days.

He has heard many gardeners saying their gardens are not growing very well. The question is, did you plant

early? Most of us planted a month earlier than normal so the warm season crops like tomatoes, peppers and corn will not take off until we get consistently warmer temperatures. There is also no moisture in the subsoil - it's abnormally dry. The soil can't keep a recharge, so it might be a tough late summer. Steve advises us to utilize all the water we can afford now before water sources are shut down.



Diana's MG transport

Steve is seeing hundreds of spotted wing drosophila in his vinegar traps. If you have blueberries and raspberries, it's important to pick fruit just as it shows color, even though immature, or start using Spinosad spray. So far he's not found any brown marmorated stinkbugs in his traps. We should be thinning fruit on our fruit trees now. He saw huge numbers of the coddling moth about 2 weeks ago, so he subsequently sprayed. It's important to get spray on early in the season and keep monitoring traps.

OFFICER REPORTS

Membership - Kay Livermore: We have 231 members.

OMGA - Barbie Hamby: (not present - her report):

There isn't anything new to report.

* However, as a reminder to our MG's, please mention that OMGA's Virtual Mini College will be July 16-17 and registration is open and costs \$49, which includes access to all the classes and the keynote speakers. Enrollees can watch their chosen workshops from the comfort of their homes, and then view all the other sessions at their convenience. Scholarships are available for mini-College as well as the International Conference. Just let Julie know if interested.

* Landscape photos of Oregon are needed for slide shows that will be presented during each morning of the program. Photos may be sent to Richard Taylor at rpt851@gmail.com

* DCMG donated \$250 to OMGA in lieu of donating items to its Silent Auction.

* OMGA International Conference, hosted by the state of Virginia, is scheduled for September 12-17. Cost is \$150 and includes access to all events and classes. Registration is open.

Treasurer - Diane Smith-Lewsadder: We've received about \$8,000 through the sale of our plants.

Vice-President - Diana Woodward: Our next chapter meeting will be at Kay Livermore's, Steve will host in July, Dawnetta Lewis in August, and the September chapter meeting will be at the Discovery Garden.

Past President - Nancy Fuller: Not present. Nancy has helped Julie with email communication issues. Our emails are meant to be chapter-based, educational, and plant related. If you want to sell something, the money must be donated to the chapter. Our DCMG emails can't be used for private business.

President - Julie Stanbery: Julie expressed her gratitude for the generosity of MG's, even throughout the isolation of the past year. There are so many behind-the-scenes volunteers who generously donate to our chapter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Awards - Diana Circle: Not present - her report was given by Toni Rudolph. Diana sent a note to all the garden heads to please let her know who's done what so they can be acknowledged. The Awards Committee submitted a nominee for State MG of the Year (not a Statewide Behind the Scenes as we didn't have anyone who met that criteria) and DCMG nominees. The Awards Banquet will be back on the

agenda - Judy Huntley and Judy Dake have reserved the First United Methodist Church for the event in October.

Community Outreach - Leo Grass: Not present. No report.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery: Julie will put a detailed report in the Newsletter. Betty Ison has maintained the educational kiosk at the border garden throughout this time. We still need help in the Butterfly Garden big island. Metal name stakes will be used in the Butterfly Garden. Terril Lowe is making embroidered cloth labels for the Herb and Shade Gardens. We are almost finished with the water storage tank for the Children's



Garden which will supplement the dahlias and irises as well. Mark Schmoll and Ivor Chapman have been in charge. Mark is moving, so we will all miss him and all his enormous contributions to the Garden. David Campbell will be the water tank filler for the big tank. Janet Bitter has joined the water team, and we will be watering twice a week from now on.

The roof gutters on the Pavilion are leaking and the fascia is rotting away. Overhead Door gave us a bid to replace the flashing, fascia and gutters of \$800-\$1300 to be done by the end of summer. Steve suggested we go ahead and schedule the repair with them since contractors are scheduling far ahead.

Compost tea equipment is getting plugged up. Nathan Baily says there's too many pill bugs that are defecating and mixing with the worms, so we need more worms to combat the problem.

Fundraising - Nathan Baily: We need more people to take blue bags, so bags were available at the meeting. The fundraiser has brought in over \$500 so far.

Greenhouse East/Plant Sale - Bonnie Durick: (not present - her report):

Eastside greenhouse will continue to sell plants throughout the summer on Tuesdays from 9-11, cash or check only, and we can't make change. When Bruce

gets back from vacation, there may be some plants at discount prices, but he will be deciding which plants they are. We will send out an email through Shirley announcing when this will happen. If anyone has plants that they think would be good for our plant sale next year and are getting rid of them in their garden or can make cuttings, we would be happy to take them. If you do this, though, please have the complete botanical name for them. We hate to guess and then guess wrong - that has happened. The plants in the patio have really enjoyed the sun and then the rain and they are looking good. Now comes the work to divide, root prune and propagate so we have an adequate number of plants for next year.

Greenhouse West - Carol Bolt: (Not present - her report) - Barbara Zastrow, Roselle Benesh, Joy Keeling, and Carol Bolt are co-chairs for Westside Greenhouse. Joy says they are busy cleaning plants. There are still some veggies available at half price.

Hallmark - Linda Thames:

- Ann Severson's son, Michael, is finally getting his surgery in Portland June 10, so she will go up there to be with him for about a week.
- Fred Alley's 100-year-old mother passed away.
- Jan Turley was hospitalized with a heart problem.
- Janet Parkerson has been ill.
- Janice Bunyard passed away. Janice was a long-time MG known as the "herb lady".
- Maureen Benice had shoulder replacement surgery, and doing great. She sent a thank-you card to Linda for her thank-you card!

Newsletter - Bonnie Courter: Contributions are due this Saturday, May 29. Also Janet Bitter has joined our Ask A Master Gardener team of writers. Her first article will appear in next week's News-Review issue.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch: We are back in the clinic as of the first week in May. Our team, Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Chris Rusch and Karolyn Riecks are manning the clinic each day except Thursdays, from 1:00-3:00. Only one person is allowed in the room at a time, so no visitors. But we can answer emails and phone calls. We've had 50 contacts so far since our opening.

Chris would like to have Spring Into Gardening in February again next year, and would like to start planning early. She would like to form a committee to help put it together, so anyone who wants to help, let Chris know. It will be held at Phoenix School.

Publicity - Cheryl Caplan: Not present - her report: Cheryl sent out the following PSA on soil testing:

Here is a unique service that the Douglas County Master Gardeners can perform for local gardeners that unlocks the mystery of your yard.

For more information, contact Carol Bolt at 541-817-6353.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS OFFER SOIL TESTING TO GARDENERS

ROSEBURG, OR - May 24, 2021 - Testing your garden soil informs you on the nutrients in the soil and helps select the correct kind and amount of fertilizer and liming material. With a little preparation on your part, volunteers with the Douglas county Master Gardeners of the Oregon State University Extension Service can perform lab work on your soil and send you the results.

Soil tests require one cup of dry soil in a clean jar or Ziploc bag. For each sample submitted, include a \$20 check made out to DCMG or \$20 cash. Include your name, address and phone number. More than one sample may be submitted. You can drop off your dry soil samples to the front office at the Extension Office at 1134 SE Douglas Ave. in Roseburg between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

For more information on why, when and where to collect your soil sample, read this informative handout at <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/ec628>. Some gardeners prefer to test their soil after the growing season or in January to get ready for the year.

The Douglas County Master Gardener program offers free gardening advice, information through outreach events, examples at the County's demonstration garden, and an annual plant sale except during pandemics. Have a gardening question? Email it to douglasmg@oregonstate.edu or call 541-236-3052 and ask for a Master Gardener.

Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson: The dates for the sale are July 9-10, setup being on the 9th starting at noon. Call her to volunteer or just show up and she'll put you to work.



Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka: Not present - her report:

The Victory Garden has started producing for the year. We have taken a few pounds of radishes and artichokes to UCAN, and this week the first of the peas were harvested and dropped off at UCAN. Next week we will be harvesting lots more peas if the weather holds up and also the first of the rhubarb. Strawberries are coming along. Rodents have eaten most of the garlic, having only 11 plants left. Onions look great and are starting to bulb. The cooler weather has slowed growth on the peppers and tomatoes. Squash is coming along, and the cabbage is a bit disappointing as it should have started to form heads by now, but hasn't. As soon as production increases we will go to working two days a week, Mondays and Thursdays, harvesting the abundant beautiful vegetables. A big thank you to all the faithful volunteers who show up each week to work in the Victory Garden.

OLD BUSINESS: Budget Approval

Since we don't have a quorum to approve the budget, Julie will accept a motion to accept it, then will send out an email to our members by May 31. Toni Rudolph has already sent out an email of the budget to membership. Toni stressed that this budget will show that we are spending more than we're taking in as it will include January 1-December 31, 2021, so it will look different for the June budget. As approval for the Fair booth happened yesterday, \$100 will be added into the budget to cover any costs for that. There probably



will not be any copying fees involved since we haven't been using any monies for that in the office.

Kay Livermore moved to accept the January 1-December 31, 2021 Budget and Toni Rudolph seconded it. It passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Officer Nominations: Unable to get anyone to be on the Nominating Committee, Julie had a meeting of the officers last month, and all agreed to continue on as officers for the coming year except for Treasurer. Kish will serve as OMGA Rep and Barbie Hamby as OMGA Alt. Rep. Julie will present the current slate of officers to the membership at the June chapter meeting, leaving it open to anyone else who wants to serve. The slate of officers for next year are Julie Stanbery (President), Nancy Fuller (Past-President), Diana Woodward (Vice-President), Kay Livermore (Membership), Kish Doyle (OMGA Rep), Barbie Hamby (OMGA Alt. Rep), Bonnie Courter (Secretary). The nominees will be published in the July Newsletter, they will be voted on at the July Chapter Meeting, and installed at the August Chapter Meeting. Julie has some possible leads on filling the Treasurer position.

Old Receipts: There is an issue with accepting old receipts from a few garden heads dating back from mid-2019 and 2020 in the amount of \$800. Garden heads were told to turn in all receipts by the end of March of 2020 or they won't get reimbursed. Old receipts from the Rock Garden, Perennial Garden and Children's Garden are involved. Do we want to make a one-time exception? The Children's Garden is not asking to be reimbursed. Any grant money could be used to reimburse garden heads, but it won't cover all expenses. Since there was not a quorum to vote on it, it was decided to table the issue and present it again to the membership at the next chapter meeting.

SHOW AND TELL

Diane Smith-Lewsadder's son, who is a local podiatrist, is looking to get support to create a family fun center which will be located on Harvard Avenue called Thundering Waters Recreation Center. It will be a non-profit educational center which will include a mini golf course, climbing wall, and other features to help improve the health of our community. He needs 1,000

signatures to present to the Ford Foundation for approval. He hopes to involve MG's and MFP's in the project. Diane handed out petitions for members to sign and return to him.

Kay Livermore brought her year-old potted Honey Crisp apple tree that she got from Bruce's grafting class last year that had been cancelled because of the pandemic. Bruce grafted the trees all on his own and offered trees to MG's. It's doing great, but she wanted Steve to show us how to prune it properly. It's a full dwarf rootstock. Steve demonstrated how to remove most of the shoots, leaving 2-3. He advised to keep the graft union about 2" above the soil when she plants the tree, which will be next year some time.



ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Courter, Secretary



(Braving the cold and drizzle, Linda Thames sought warmth by hugging the coffee pot!)





May 13, 2021

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PRESS RELEASE

2021 Spring Garden Tour Features Five Local Gardens

Roseburg, OR., May 13, 2021 — The ninth annual "Spring Garden Tour," sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley, will take place on Saturday, June 12, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

This year's tour includes five unique landscapes within seven miles of the Roseburg/Garden Valley areas. Explore creative private gardens not open to the public ordinarily. This is a one-time opportunity to see these unique gardens. Local artists and musicians volunteer in each garden for added ambiance, making this a real community event.

Tickets go on sale May 11th for \$15 (cash and checks only) and include a descriptive guide to each garden, along with a map and driving directions. Tickets can be purchased at the following locations:

Roseburg:

While Away Books
Umpqua Sweets and Treats
My Coffee

Sutherlin:

Central Feed and Supply
Glide: Atom Espresso and Coffee Bar

Tickets can also be purchased on the day of the Tour at the garden site located at 29 Country Hill Drive, Roseburg. Look for the "League of Women Voters" table.

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