



### August 2021 Calendar

- Mon., August 2, 8:30  
Victory Garden Crew
- Tues., August 3, 9:00-Noon  
Discovery Garden Workday  
Greenhouse Crews
- Thurs., August 5  
Eastside Greenhouse Crew, 9:00  
Victory Garden Crew, 8:30
- Mon., August 9, 8:30  
Victory Garden Crew
- Tues., August 10, 9:00-Noon  
Discovery Garden Workday  
Greenhouse Crews
- Tues.-Sat., Aug. 10-14  
**Douglas County Fair**
- Wed., August 11, 10:00  
Executive Board Meeting, DG
- Thurs., Aug. 12  
Eastside Greenhouse Crew, 9:00  
Victory Garden Crew, 8:30
- Mon., August 16, 8:30  
Victory Garden Crew
- Tues., August 17, 9:00-Noon  
Discovery Garden Workday  
Greenhouse Crews
- Thurs., Aug. 19  
Eastside Greenhouse Crew, 9:00  
Victory Garden Crew, 8:30
- Mon., August 23, 8:30  
Victory Garden Crew
- Tues., August 24, 9:00-Noon  
Discovery Garden Workday  
Greenhouse Crews
- Thurs., August 26, 10:00  
Chapter Meeting/potluck @ home  
of Dawnetta Loomis, 911 Indian  
Bend Rd. Umpqua
- Tues., August 31, 9:00-Noon  
Discovery Garden Workday  
Greenhouse Crews

## The Prez Sez...

Life can be very interesting. There are so many twists and turns, challenges and the occasional celebration. Today we have much to celebrate.

Our Chapter has been favored with a generous donation from the estate of our friend, Master Gardener volunteer, **Anne Waddington**. Anne's passion for gardening and her devotion to her garden family will long be remembered.



Anne with Mike Madson, Wildwood Nursery

I found these words from an essay by Howard Henjaji that I feel truly exemplifies Anne's character and dedication:

*"The simple attainment of excellence or proficiency in a given task is idle use of one's time. The true test of excellence is the extent to which it is put to practical use. When we learn to direct our pursuits to benefit others, we are provided with a sense of useful fulfillment that truly enriches life.*

*The true measure of human worth is what one individual inspires in others. Therefore, when death takes someone we love, it is the responsibility of our love to perpetuate those qualities which inspired our affection."*

Our adventure as Extension volunteers has been a crazy rollercoaster ride these last few years and the ride is far from over! The funds that Anne has bestowed upon us may well be the springboard for our ongoing success.

It is difficult for the living to envision eternity. Richardson Wright wrote, *"I can only hope that, if I ever get past the Pearly Gates, I shan't be made a member of the orchestra and put to twanging a harp, but will be assigned to the garden section, where I can wear my old corduroy pants and indescribably soiled work shirt and really have a chance to do all the many things I have left undone."* This is how I wish to remember Anne Waddington.

~ Julie Stanbery ~

## Treasurer's Report

06/24/2021-07/28/2021

Diane Smith-Lewsadder

### INCOME

Donation	\$5.00
Soil Testing	\$100.00
Interest	\$4.63
Plant Sale Post	\$393.50
Trash to Treasure	\$4,186.05
Compost Tea	<u>\$209.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$4,898.18</b>

### EXPENSES

Management & General	\$17.11
Soil Testing	\$254.58
Fair Booth	\$13.48
Discovery Garden	\$61.77
HLC	\$49.19
Plant Sale	\$469.91
Utilities	<u>\$553.98</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,420.02</b>

### Breakdown of our accounts at 07/28/2021

NWCC - Checking	\$2,868.28
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,008.02
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$38,054.99
NWCC - MMK Savings 2	<u>\$1,000.05</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$46,931.34</b>

## Awards - Swinger Bars

Kay Livermore

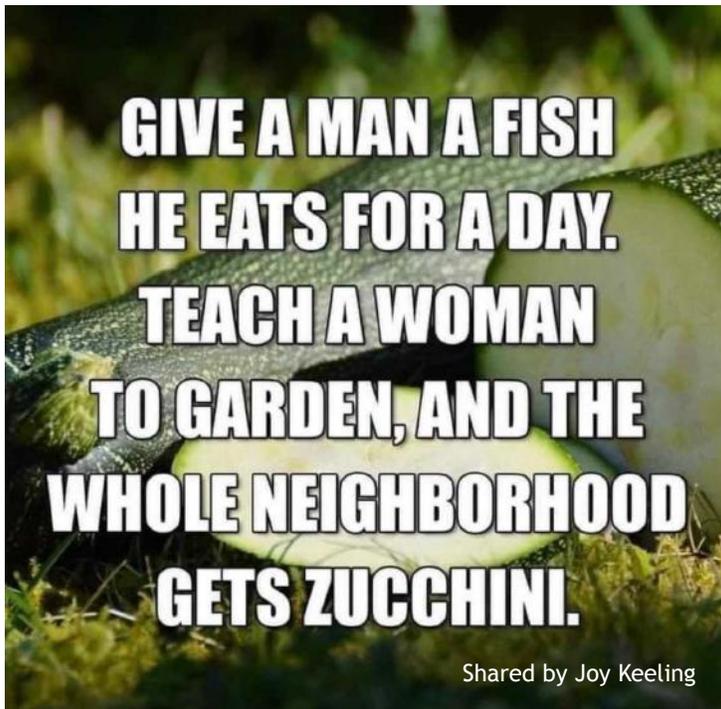
We have great news! Members will no longer have to wait months and months to get swinger bars. They will now be available following every Board Meeting and Chapter Meeting. That's 22 times a year! A list of newly eligible swinger bar recipients will be published in each DCMG Newsletter. If you are not sure if your swinger bars are current, please feel free to contact me. Phone: 541-496-4111; text: 541-430-2887; email: [kay.livmr@gmail.com](mailto:kay.livmr@gmail.com).

Year Bars are available in 5 year increments. If you joined DCMG between 2012 and 2016 you should have a 5 year bar. 2007–2011=10 year bar; 2002–2006=15 year bar; 1997-2001=20 year bar; 1992–1996=25 year bar; 1987–1991=30 year bar.

Hour Bars are given in the following increments: 60, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 750, 1000 and every 500 hours thereafter. Members who became eligible for hour bars from January–June 2021 are:

60 hours:	David Campbell, Diana Campbell, Terril Lowe
100 hours:	Roselle Benesh, Becky Carlson, Joy Keeling, Dawnetta Loomis, Kendra North, John Oltman, Alan Ward
200 hours:	Julie Bell, Debbie Bishop, Tony Follett
300 hours:	Linda Brunanchon
500 hours:	Diane Smith-Lewsadder
1000 hours:	Diana Circle, Darlene Morey
1500 hours:	Steve Hart
2000 hours:	Ann Severson
2500 hours:	Toni Rudolph
3000 hours:	Vicki McAlister
3500 hours:	Bonnie Courter

So come to a meeting and update your swinger bar!





With the hot summer months right on top us now, many succulents are beginning to show their beautiful blooming colors. As you know, they thrive in hot to humid

climates and can go very long without watering. But it is wise to remember that not all succulents can thrive outside during freezing temperatures.

This month's succulent is the Sedum Clavatum also known as Tiscalatengo Gorge Sedum. Like many succulents, it comes from Mexico and is a member of the Crassulaceae family.



I took my Sedum Clavatum and planted it in a pot that was given to me from Georgia Richards. In the beginning it was very small and was just sitting in the greenhouse. I love to test my succulents outside

to see just what might happen to them. (Oh, yes, I have murdered a few by doing this.) It has doubled in size and the coloring is just out of this world. I also started a new one in a two-level pot that I put together with several other succulents. The Sedum Clavatum in this pot is even bigger than the older one. I'm always amazed at what they do.

The Sedum Clavatum has fat fleshy leaves that form a rosette. The leaves are blue/green with a hint of pink on the tips. Propagation is very easy with this plant, by just taking a rosette with a section of the stem and placing it in a pot with good drainage. In little or no time the Sedum Clavatum will start putting on more rosettes and branching out. It works well in pots or as ground covers and in hanging baskets.

This little guy is not frost-hardy, so protect him. It can grow to 6 inches tall and 8 inches wide. In the late fall to early spring a shoot of small, white, bell-shaped flowers

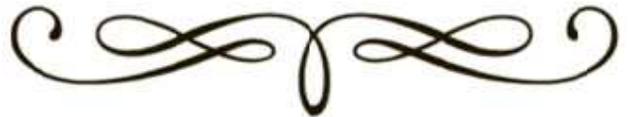
will bloom. This succulent needs at least 6 hours of full sun to keep it coloring. Sadly, if you would like to have this plant as a house plant, it will not live. Enjoy it in your yard or garden pot. If you love succulents, this is one that will give you many years of beauty and joy, watching it grow and bloom.



With any luck, the Eastside Garden will introduce this as one of our new succulents to take to our Plant Sale next year.

Also, while out at the gardens on Tuesday, I noticed that our Propeller Plants are getting ready to bloom. Check out this spectacular plant.

Until then when I see you in the garden.



## Vice-President's Report

Diana Woodward

**Save the Date! Chapter Meeting August 26th, 10:00.**

Our next outdoor, potluck Chapter Meeting will be on August 26, 2021 at 911 Indian Bend Road Umpqua.

This is the home of one of our newest students and our newest board member, Dawnetta Loomis. She is excited to share her place on the river with us. It has an outdoor pizza oven! Dawnetta is going to cook pizza for us in her oven, we bring salads or desserts to go with or any special topping you would like to put on your pizza. Sounds like a "don't miss" potluck and lots of fun. Everyone is invited. Bring a friend.

Watch for reminder emails and the directions as we approach this date.

(The following is the PSA written by our Publicity Chair, Cheryl Caplan, and sent to the local media)

## Chris Rusch Recognized as the 2021 Oregon Master Gardener of the Year

**ROSEBURG, OR – July 27, 2021** – Chris Rusch of Tiller has been selected as the 2021 Master Gardener of the Year along with Susan Albright of Washington County.



A Master Gardener for 11 years, Chris is currently serving at the state level as President of the Oregon Master Gardener Association and answering gardening questions submitted online to OSU Extension. Locally, she manages the Douglas County Plant Clinic where volunteers work to solve gardening questions. She writes newspaper columns and is coordinating the Master Gardener booth for the Douglas County Fair along with teaching Master Gardener students during the annual training program. She also served as past President of the Douglas County Master Gardeners.

Retired after 35 years in the Forest Service where she worked as the district botanist, silviculturist and the lead of reforestation operations, Chris enjoys sharing her deep knowledge of gardening and nature with others. Along with being a Master Gardener, she is a Master Watershed Steward and Master Naturalist.

Despite the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic this past year, she has kept the Douglas County program running, helping to change operations as needed. She is an advocate within the Oregon Master Gardeners Association for diversity, equity and inclusivity, and has served on multiple committees in previous years.

Chris is one of 44 dedicated Oregon State University Extension Master Gardener volunteers recognized for service to their counties and

communities in 2021. The awardees are among the nearly 2,900 Master Gardeners who work with Extension to share their knowledge of sustainable gardening practices across 26 Oregon counties. In 2020, volunteers put in 134,993 hours, despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

The OSU Master Gardener program and the Oregon Master Gardener Association, a nonprofit that supports the program, sponsor the annual awards, which are decided on by a committee of Gail Langelotto, statewide Master Gardener coordinator, the OMGA president-elect and past winners of the Statewide Behind the Scenes award.

### Courter's Corner

by: Bonnie Courter



My yellow summer squash seems a bit confused: “should I be a yellow squash or a zucchini?”



This year I tried sowing a mix of wildflower seeds I got at Walmart, just for the fun of it, on some bare land. The result was **spectacular** - and the bees LOVE it! Wildflowers are my “Happy Place”.





## Ask the Tool Man Alley

Recently I have experienced more and more Master Gardeners asking me to make repairs to their garden tools. In doing so, it provides me an opportunity to prepare more pertinent monthly "Tool Tip" articles. In this case, Master Gardener Kish

Doyle asked if I could look at one of her favorite tools, an Ames D-Handle steel and wood digging fork. The issue was, **"The digging fork has come loose from the handle and the handle wobbles"**. I suspect most of us have experienced this problem, because the garden spade is a "must have" tool for our gardens and they receive some heavy, sometime abusive use. They might be called a Potato Spade, a Garden Spade, a Spading Spade, or simply a Digging Spade. They are mostly all the same size, but are made from all types of materials from wood/steel, stainless steel/fiberglass and even come with long or short handles.

These two problems are quite common for digging forks and a number of other common garden tools such as the steel garden rake, garden hoe and razor back potato/refuse hook.

The first problem stems from the design of these types of tools. Unlike the garden shovel which has pins installed on the socket of the shovel handle which secures the shovel blade to the shovel socket and handle, the digging forks and steel rakes have no such pins. We tend to use our tools rather vigorously, and eventually the digging spade separates from socket and handle. Just in the last two months we have experienced two steel garden rakes that have had the steel rake separate from the handle. Again, the separation occurred because the rake has no pin securing the rake to the handle. I addressed this rake problem in my November 2020 monthly tool tip.

The second problem, a loose D-handle, or commonly called a grip handle, can be simply fixed by removing the existing brad or small stubby nail from the handle and **installing two new ½ inch Phillips screws on each side of the handle**. The D-handle normally has two manufactured screw holes in each side of the handle. You will need to drill a pilot hole in the side of

the handle where no brad existed. Having a new screw in both sides of the D-handle will eliminate the looseness or wobble.



The first problem is not as simple to fix. The fix is to **"Install a 3/16-inch shovel pin or a 3/16-inch bolt through the socket, through the spine of the digging fork, and through the other side of the socket.**



**Then insert the pin or bolt through the fork socket and the fork spine.**



To determine the correct location to drill the 3/16-inch shovel pin hole, you need to have the spade solidly inserted in the socket and then scratch a line across the spade spine. Then remove the spade and place to the side of the socket. This photo shows the pin hole should be drilled at 2 inches from the end of the socket.



Place the digging fork solidly back into the socket. Place the digging fork and socket in a metal vise and drill the pilot hole for the 3/16-inch shovel pin or 3/16-inch bolt and nut all the way through the fork socket and spine and through to the other side of the fork socket. It is important to keep a straight and clean drill size. If the drill hole is larger than the pin or bolt, over time the digging fork handle will feel loss and/or wobble. Here's the shovel pin inserted into the newly drilled hole through the spade socket.



If you are using a 3/16-inch bolt, insert the bolt through the socket and spine to the other side of the socket. Make sure you use a lock washer to keep the bolt tight. The nut and end of the

bolt does not provide a nice smooth end, but it provides a nice tight fit and can be removed any time with a new bolt, lock washer and nut.

I prefer to use a 3/16-inch shovel pin instead of a bolt for two reasons: 1 - the pin gives a much cleaner look; and 2 - after carefully pounding in the pin, it gives you a nice rounded pin, securely attaching the digging fork to the socket. When pounding and rounding off the pin, place the pin head on a steel base, like your vise. You may have to cut off the end of the pin if the pin protrudes through the entire socket more than 1/4-inch. This extra length can be cut off with a hack saw. This will ensure the pin is pounding and rounded tightly.

If you have a question, tool problem, or a tool tip you want to share, please free to contact me.

Happy gardening. Keep those garden tools clean, sharp and properly stored. Stay safe.



## Calling All Mentors!

Putting out the call for mentors and alternates for our Fall Training Class which starts September 29 through November 16.

It's a great way to make new friends, review the curriculum, and help new students plug in. If you would like to help out, either as a full-time or as a substitute, we could use some more bodies. Just call or email me, [Bonnie Courter](mailto:rbcourter@gmail.com), and I'll get you on the list. 541-391-2890; [rbcourter@gmail.com](mailto:rbcourter@gmail.com)

### *Anne Waddington's English Sausage Roll Recipe*

- 1 package Pepperidge Farms Puff Pastry Sheets
- 1 lb sausage meat
- Spices to taste – e.g. sage, cayenne pepper, thyme – your choice
- 1 egg wash (1 beaten egg with a TBL of water or milk)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.

Thaw sheets as directed and when able to unfold, cut each sheet into 3 pieces along the fold lines. On a floured surface roll out each piece to about 4"x13". Put sausage meat in a bowl and add your spices (you can divide the meat into two separate bowls and add different spices- I often do half mild and the other half spicy). Wet your hands and divide into 6 even amounts. Take each amount and form along the center of each piece of pastry – this is better with wet hands. With a pastry brush, brush egg wash along the long sides of the pastry, fold over and seal in meat using a fork. Brush top of rolls with egg wash and cut each roll into about 12 pieces, arrange on a baking sheet and bake for approximately 12-15 minutes, until tops are starting to turn golden. Best served slightly warm.

Oregon State University  
**Master Gardener™**  
2021 Fall Training Program

Douglas County- Roseburg Tuesday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM

<b>September 28</b>	AM	Climate and Weather	Steve Renquist
	PM	Pruning Shrubs and Trees	Steve Renquist
<b>October 5</b>	AM	Vegetable production	Jim Leet
	PM	Insects	Rich Little
<b>October 12</b>	AM	Plant Disease	Jay Pscheidt
	PM	Soils/Fertilizer	Steve Renquist
<b>October 19</b>	AM	Concurrent Sessions	Master Gardeners
	PM	Pesticide Safety	Steve Renquist
<b>October 26</b>	AM	Berry Crops	Steve Renquist
	PM	Plant ID	Chris Rusch
<b>November 2</b>	AM	Botany	John Panches
	PM	Weed Management	Steve Renquist
<b>November 9</b>	AM	Tree Fruit	Steve Renquist
	PM	IPM	Steve Renquist
<b>November 16</b>	AM	Discovery Garden final	Steve Renquist
	PM	Final Exam	Kish/Bonnie

Location: Douglas County Extension Office-Roseburg  
1134 S.E. Douglas Ave. Phone 672-4461



Zucchini is flowering!  
...and zucchini is a squash!  
Perfect time to help with the...  
Great Oregon Squash Bee Hunt!



## Squash Bees

By: **Miranda Jones,**  
**Honors College,**  
**OSU**

Help us track the movement of a new bee to the state; the

squash bee (an excellent pollinator of all plants in the squash family). We are particularly interested in observations from gardens in southern Oregon, Roseburg, Eugene, the south coast, and Bend. But observations across the state are welcome. Even if you DON'T see this bee, your negative results will help us pin-point the current range of this bee. Making an observation is super easy. Instructions can be viewed here: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/bee-atlas/squash-bee-survey>

### Squash bee 101

#### 1. *The bee that loves squash*

As pollinators go, squash bees are less well known than our friends, the honey bees. However, they are beautiful, useful, and have a rich natural history with the North American continent and its inhabitants.

Unlike honey bees, squash bees hone in on one type of plant. Maybe you guessed it? Squash plants! In fact, it's relatively unusual for a bee (and we have around 630 species in Oregon) to be so specifically connected to such a narrow group of plants. Squash bees will only visit plants in the genus Cucurbita, which includes not only winter squash, but zucchini and gourds.

If you wake up early enough in the morning, you'll notice squash flowers start to open. Even before there is enough light to see them, these bees start darting from flower to flower; the females gathering pollen and the males in hot pursuit of mates (Hurd et al. 1971). The flowers don't last long and they rapidly wither and close as soon as the sun gets hot (typically by mid-morning). Squash bees have adapted to this early morning flowering pattern. Although many bees visit squash and gourds to sip from the abundant pools of sweet nectar at the base of each flower, none show up as early as squash bees. Not only that, but squash bees appear to be one of the few bees that are able to digest squash pollen (Brochu et al. 2020), and the females load up on this pollen and bring it back to their underground nests.

Bees have to move pollen among different squash plants in order to get lots of well-shaped squash. That's because squash plants only produce flowers with one of the two reproductive parts (male or female). Since squash pollen is heavy and sticky, it can't move to another plant without a bee moving it. While many other species of bees shuttle pollen between squash plants (Tepedino 1981), squash bees make it their top priority. So thank a bee the next time you carve a pumpkin and know, over the coming years, Oregon pumpkins are going to be increasingly pollinated by squash bees.

#### 2. *Got squash, will travel*

Before squash was domesticated (over 10,000 years ago in south-central Mexico) squash bees were evolving alongside wild Cucurbita. Yes, squash was domesticated from wild native plants that can still be found growing throughout the US and Mexico. The range of these wild plants included the central US, the southwest and Florida, but, importantly, it did not extend into the Pacific Northwest (Khoury et al. 2020). About 5,000 years ago native Americans began cultivating squash in the Eastern US and Midwest, farther north than the original native plants. And squash bees followed right alongside (López-Urbe et al., 2016). But again, Oregon and the other Pacific Northwestern states lay outside the range of cultivation. In fact, until 2016, no one had ever seen these bees in the state. But then the first known squash bee specimen was spotted by a participant in youth Bee Biology Camp in Ashland (Best et al 2019). The bees had finally arrived in Oregon!

#### 3. *The great Oregon squash bee hunt*

Our new resident squash bee is *Peponapis pruinosa*, one of a dozen species of squash bees native to the US (all of which belong either to the genus *Peponapis* or *Xenoglossa*).

Since the discovery of squash bees in 2016 we haven't been tracking *P. pruinosa*'s spread through Oregon, although there have been a number of specimens collected and documented by members of the [Oregon Bee Atlas](#). The recent arrival of this bee provides an unprecedented opportunity to learn how a native bee expands its range over time; very few studies have ever done this. With your help, it can become the jumping off point for research to understand basic questions about how bees disperse in landscapes and how we

might expect bees to expand their ranges in response to factors such as climate change.

Squash bees are fascinating to watch and one of many native bees that visit your garden. Help us track this bee's movement through the state and learn more about its fascinating natural history. Make sure to fill out the survey and join us (and *P. pruinosa*) on this voyage of discovery (you will also get timely updates about how to encourage other native bees to your garden or small farm)!

## Trash to Treasure

Ann Severson



Many more thanks to everyone who had a hand or trucks in helping with T to T. I got the total we made so far as \$4362.05. This is actually pretty cool, as we didn't have any big ticket items.



Now, remember to save up for our next T to T. And I have already received donations for next year!

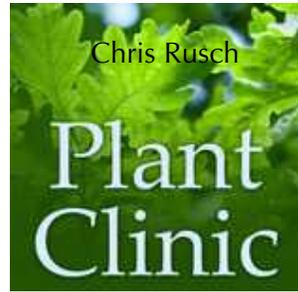


This year we sold plants for the first time and it was a big hit. We are considering moving T to T to June following our Plant Expo. We would be able to sell plants that were left over. I'll let you know if we change the date and month soon. Thanks again for all your help and support.

(Ann's promised hula hoop dance.)



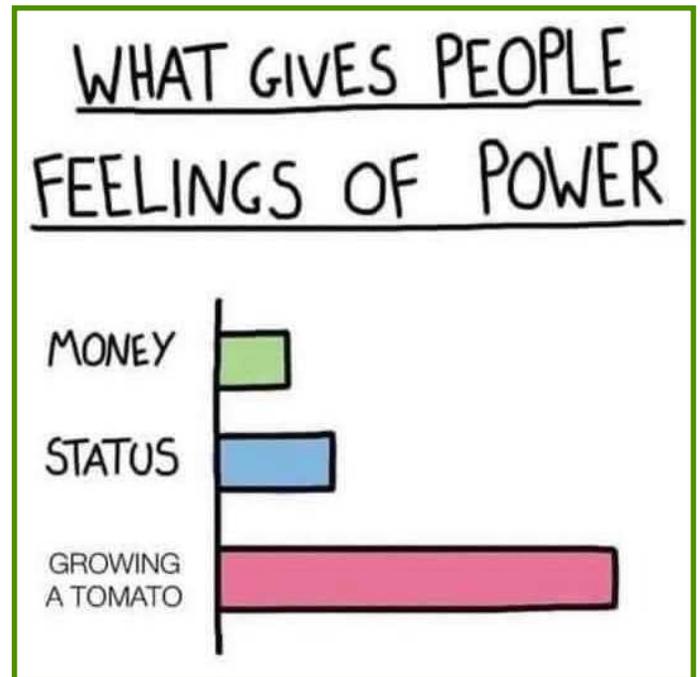
Photos: B.Courter, F. Alley



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 1-4, Monday through 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](mailto:douglasmg@oregonstate.edu). We are looking forward to helping our community with encouraging sustainable gardening techniques.

If you are interested in volunteering, the Plant Clinic will now be open to one additional volunteer per shift to work with our training staff. We are looking for volunteers that have completed their 10 hours of continuing education for 2021 through Steve's classes and the advanced OSU webinars that have been available. If you want to work at the Plant Clinic, send me an email ([crusch@hughes.net](mailto:crusch@hughes.net)). Looking forward to hearing from you.



Shared by: Barbara Robinson

## AUGUST GARDEN CALENDAR



### Planning

The optimal time for establishing a new lawn is August through mid-September.

### Maintenance and cleanup

Make compost out of lawn clippings and garden plants that are ready to be recycled. Don't use clippings if the lawn has been treated with herbicide, including "weed-and-feed" products. Don't compost diseased plants unless you are using the "hot compost" method (120 degrees to 150 degrees Fahrenheit).

Fertilize cucumbers, summer squash and broccoli to maintain production while you continue harvesting.

Clean and fertilize strawberry beds.

Use mulch to protect ornamentals and garden plants from hot weather damage. If needed, provide temporary shade, especially for recent plantings.

Camellias need deep watering to develop flower buds for next spring.

Prune raspberries, boysenberries and other cane berries after harvest. Check raspberries for holes made by crown borers, near the soil line, at the base of the plant. Remove infested wood before adults emerge (approximately mid-August).

Monitor garden irrigation closely so crops and ornamentals don't dry out.

If you want your lawn to stay green, you'll have to 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.

Prune cherry trees before fall rains begin to allow callusing in dry weather. This will minimize the spread of bacterial canker.

### Planting and propagation

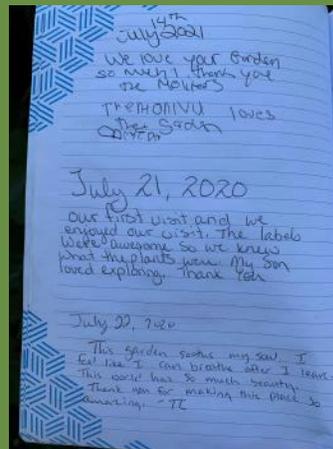
Plant winter cover crops in vacant space in the vegetable garden

Plant cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, spinach, lettuce, turnips and parsnips.

Check leafy vegetables for caterpillars. Pick off caterpillars as they appear. Use Bt-k, if necessary.



## *Scribblings from the Little Free Library*



### Fred's Fav's



## DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting at  
C.H. Bailey House  
July 29, 2021



### Welcome from our hostess, Sherry Couron:



Jay and Sherry bought this property 21 years ago and gradually transformed it into a popular Bed & Breakfast. Anne Waddington (who passed away this year) and Sherry's mother, Christine Hill, were like sisters, both from the same region in England, and later both immigrated to Canada along with their husbands. After their husbands passed, they ended up living

together near the C.H. Bailey House.

The Douglas County Master Gardener program was very dear to Anne's heart. She would often come here to take cuttings from Sherry's garden for propagation at the HLC. Anne actually designed the flower beds and the front landscaping. Sherry also noted that she made Anne's famous sausage rolls to include in today's potluck in her honor.

**Continuing Education:** Discussion of the LevelUp video on "Firewise Landscapes".

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:20 AM. 39 were in attendance, including President Julie Stanbery, Past President Nancy Fuller, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Membership Kay Livermore, OMGA Reps Barbie Hamby & Kish Doyle, Treasurer Diane Smith-Lewsadder, and Secretary Bonnie Courter.

**Agenda Approval:** Fair Booth added.

**Minutes Approval:** The minutes were approved as posted.

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

- Steve is officially retiring the end of this year and has turned in his notice.
- We are going to have a Fall Training Class from September 28-November 16, and only for 8 weeks instead of 11. In each of the weeks of October, Steve will have a hands-on class out at the Discovery Garden and greenhouses which will be optional. These classes, such as seeding, propagation, composting, xeriscape, and other topics not covered in the lectures, will be held Thursdays in October. They will be open to anyone. The class will be limited to 24, and we already have a number of signups. Mentors are needed, and a signup passed around.
- Drought: Be selective on what you keep watered in your garden as water tables are drastically low.
- Steve wanted to publicly congratulate Chris Rusch for her award as OMGA Master Gardener of the Year. Her service to our program has been invaluable.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Membership - Kay Livermore:** Nothing to report.



**OMGA - Barbie Hamby:** The online International Master Gardener conference will be held in mid-September. You can register online.

**Treasurer - Diane Smith-Lewsadder:** Diane will be gone until August 16, so will not be at the Board meeting. Mail any reimbursement requests to her or wait til she returns.

**Vice-President - Diana Woodward:** Next month's chapter meeting/potluck will be at the home of Dawnetta Loomis in Umpqua. Directions will follow.

**Past President - Nancy Fuller:** Nancy did "attend" the online Mini-College, and though there were some technical difficulties, she felt it was very well done. One thing she learned was don't water native trees or the roots may rot.

Chris Rusch was recognized as OMGA 2021 Master Gardener of the Year. Please refer to the Newsletter to read Cheryl Caplan's PSA about Chris sent in to the local media.



**President - Julie Stanbery:**

Julie says she is so proud of how MG's always step up to give each other a hand when needed. Yesterday, MG's took in 500 pounds of beets to UCAN from Terry Hallmark's garden since he and his wife have been laid up from a car accident.

Judy Wood, wife of Wiley Wood who helped establish our Japanese Garden, passed away in February. There will be a memorial service August 14 at noon at Riverforks Park. The family wants to give a Japanese maple to the Discovery Garden as a donation in her memory.

As a reminder, any emails sent out by Shirley cannot contain political opinions. Our email chain is to be exclusively used to share garden information, things you want to donate, upcoming chapter events, etc.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**



**Awards - Kay Livermore:**

We are in the process of making "Awards" into a 3 tier committee. Kay is taking on the swinger bars portion of it. She will make swinger bars available twice a month at each Board and Chapter meeting. When she is out

at the Discovery Garden, she will have them available as well. At every chapter meeting, she will name the persons getting updated bars. She has added a 100 hour bar and year bars in 5 year increments. The names will also be posted in the Newsletter. Members eligible for hour bars from January-June 2021 are:

- 60 hours: David Campbell, Diana Campbell, Terril Lowe
- 100 hours: Roselle Benesh, Becky Carlson, Joy Keeling, Dawnetta Loomis, Kendra North, John Oltman, Alan Ward
- 200 hours: Julie Bell, Debbie Bishop, Tony Follett
- 300 hours: Linda Brunanchon

- 500 hours: Diane Smith-Lewsadder
- 1000 hours: Diana Circle, Darlene Morey
- 1500 hours: Steve Hart
- 2000 hours: Ann Severson
- 2500 hours: Toni Rudolph
- 3000 hours: Vicki McAlister
- 3500 hours: Bonnie Courter

**Community Outreach - Leo Grass:** Not present. There hasn't been any activity lately.

**Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:**

Becky Carlson has joined the irrigation team. If temperatures are over 90 degrees, they will water 3 times a week, otherwise twice a week. The storage tanks are being used and kept full by David Campbell. Dave Cantwell, our diver, cleared the pump foot valve in the river recently.



The pavilion gutters are leaking and the fascia starting to rot out. Overhead Door gave us a discount, so we are waiting to get on their schedule. Costs will be between \$1300-\$1800 overall. **A motion was made by Toni Rudolph to set aside \$1500 to cover repair expenses for the pavilion roof. Sharon Hopkins seconded the motion, which was then passed unanimously.**

**Fair Booth - Diane Smith-Lewsadder:** She and Chris Rusch are co-chairs. All slots have been filled with 2 people at each time slot, August 4-7. An email with instructions will be sent out soon. Participants will get a free Fair pass, but will need to pay \$10 for parking or they can take the Fair Bus for free. New brochures from OSU about becoming a MG can be passed out along with other handouts. Reference books will also be available. Wear your name badge and wear your black T-shirts, aprons, etc. if you have them. The two wooden stands for the big painted sign are missing. If they can't be located, the sign will not be able to be used. Julie encouraged MG's to submit flowers, fruit, vegetables, or photography for the Fair. Items need to be submitted by

Tuesday, August 3. Go online to the DC Fair website to get instructions.



**Fundraising - Nathan Baily:** Nathan brought blue bags for BottleDrop. He reminded everyone that anything with an Oregon 10 cent label on it can be recycled.

**Greenhouse East - Ann Severson:** They're getting lots of volunteers, but can use more. Yesterday Ann went to Canby to one of the big distributor nurseries and bought 7 flats of succulents.

**Greenhouse West - Carol Bolt:** The crew is cleaning plants mostly. They can always use more helpers.

**Hallmark - Linda Thames:** Cards were sent to the following:

- Robin Hendry - major surgery
- Lenore Drake - thanking her for offering storage space for Trash to Treasure items
- Terry & Marla Hallmark - involved in a serious car accident. Terry lost his foot to amputation and Marla has a broken wrist.



Taking shelter from a surprise rain shower



**Newsletter - Bonnie Courter:** Articles are due Saturday, July 31. Also our September Newsletter will mirror our usual January Newsletter, introducing our upcoming class to our MG Board members and chairpersons. So be working on what you would like to submit as well as a headshot to go with your article.

Also remember my new "classifieds" section - anyone who needs help for hire or wants to sell something that is garden-related can email me and I'll post it in the monthly Newsletter.

**Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:** The clinic is back in full operation, open normal hours, and open to the public. In July we had over 60 contacts. We're limiting MG volunteers to only 2 in the clinic each day for now.

**Publicity - Cheryl Caplan:** Not present - her report: Cheryl sent out a PSA on Chris Rusch's award to the media outlets.

**Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson:** The sale brought in over \$4300 this year. She treated us all to her promised hula hoop dance to everyone's delight. Ann will always take donations for next year. This year she included some succulent plants that were going to be discarded and they sold well. She is considering moving the sale date to after our Plant Sale next year instead of March.

**Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka:** Not present. Diana Woodward gave her report. Last week the garden donated 167 pounds of produce to UCAN. Crews are working Mondays and Thursdays, starting at 8:30 AM. MG's can drop off home garden produce on those days for UCAN. UCAN takes food donations from Monday-Thursday. Tell them to credit the donation to Master Gardener home gardens.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Election of Officers

The following slate of officer nominees is as follows:

President - Julie Stanbery, Vice-President - Diana Woodward, Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis, Secretary - Bonnie Courter, OMGA Rep - Kish Doyle, OMGA Alt. Rep - Barbie Hamby, Membership - Kay Livermore

The membership voted unanimously to accept the new slate of officers. They will be installed at the August Chapter meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**SHOW AND TELL:**

Diana Woodward displayed her collection of bird nests. Kish will put them in the glass display cabinet at the Extension office.



Chris Rusch is forming a committee to plan for the next Spring Into Gardening seminars in February 2022. Please contact her if you are interested in being on her planning committee.

**AND NOW FOR THE BIG ANNOUNCEMENT!**



Included in her will, Anne Waddington generously left DCMG a donation of **\$89,472.15!!!!**. Sherry Couron and Christine Hill asked that we use some of that towards some kind of a memorial to honor Anne at the Discovery Garden. Steve & Julie have already selected a good site at the garden. Sharon Hopkins would like to be on the committee also.

August 11 is the next Board meeting at the DG Pavilion. Julie has reserved the Annex in case weather doesn't permit meeting at that location. We will begin to talk about how to apply Anne Waddington's donation at that meeting, so come if you'd like to contribute your ideas.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:36AM. Potluck followed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Courter, Secretary



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