



Nov. 2021 Calendar

Mon., Nov. 1, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Tues., Nov. 2, 8:30-4:00

Fall Training Class

Mon., Nov. 8, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Tues., Nov. 9, 8:30-4:00

Fall Training Class

Wed., Nov. 10, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

Mon., Nov. 15, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Tues., Nov. 16, 10:00-3:00

10:00 Fall Training Class at DG

1:00 Final Exam Review and

Graduation at Annex Auditorium

Thurs., Nov. 18, Annex

9:00 Continuing Ed, Steve

10:00 Chapter Meeting

Mon., Nov. 22, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Thurs., Nov. 25

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!

Mon., Nov. 29, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Thurs., Dec. 16, 2:00-5:00

Steve's Retirement Party, C.H.

Bailey House B&B, Dixonville

The Prez Sez...

Julie Stanbery

The "Bug Boys" are back!



Roger & Richard

Fall is the time of year that many of our insect friends decide to come inside for warmth and protection. Much has been written in literature about nature and insects. Bill Duncan (MG 1999) was a long-time journalist, MG volunteer and MG newsletter editor. His column, "Elder Statesman" is periodically reprinted in the News-Review. In 1999, he wrote how he hoped to convince his wife, Ada, to appreciate spiders in the house and yard as much as he did. He referenced

"Charlotte's Web" and quoted from the classic: Says Charlotte, "A spider's life can't help but be something of a mess, with all this trapping and eating flies".

Bill wrote of spiders as "the farmer's best friend". They eat grasshoppers, locusts and all kinds of insects that are harmful to crops. Of poisonous spiders he offered that only hurt or frightened spiders bite human beings. Leave them to do their job and they'll peacefully co-exist. To Bill, killing a spider was like killing the watch dog for barking at an intruder or the cat chasing a mouse.

Our chapter has had an active insect committee for the past 25 years. Joy Perry and Mike Reid were our first bug people, followed by Jeff Havener (MG 1998). I found an interesting factoid from Jeff's 2001 insect column: In China, farmers build little spider houses in their fields to help spiders over-winter!.

Present day, we have 2 veteran volunteers who have been the insect committee leads for many years. Richard Johnstone (MG 2000) and Roger Dejmal (MG 2013) teamed up after the retirement of long-time bug guy Bob Brindley (MG 2004). Richard says Roger is the brains of the committee and he's just the spokesperson. In truth, they both have strong backgrounds in science. Roger has quite the interesting background in entomology. At OSU, Roger took his entomology degree in insect physiology. His field of study was cockroach egg yolk protein. Now that's something to imagine! Wonder how he prepared the eggs - sunny side up or over-easy? Richard's major was biology which took him to start his long career as a teacher and counselor. He has been our volunteer presenter to the winter training class for many years.



Numerous volunteers have worked with the insect committee over the years. A science background is not necessary, just an interest in learning about the world of insects that abound in nature. This coming spring, the committee will be looking for volunteers who would like to join the team.

Here's a pop quiz from the May 2002 Newsletter that may help you decide if you 'd like to become a "buggy":

1. Which years will there be more grasshoppers?
2. What do bugs have that no other animal has?
3. How does a queen bee groom herself?
4. Why do bees hum?
5. Why don't flies fly through screens?

Here's your answers!!

1. Leap years
2. Baby buggies
3. With a honeycomb
4. They don't know the words
5. They don't want to strain themselves

If you got 2 or more correct, you'd be a perfect fit for the insect group!!!!

The insect committee meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. Let us know if you'd like to join the fun.



Shared by Sharon Hopkins

*"When you get to be my age, things don't work like they used to."*

## Treasurer's Report

9/30/21-10/25/21

Dawnetta Loomis

### INCOME (Treasurer out of the area)

No deposits made	\$0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### EXPENSES

No checks written	\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Breakdown of our accounts at 10/25/21

NWCC - Checking	\$176.45
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,008.44
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$40,914.50
NWCC - Waddington Fund	<u>\$89,485.51</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$135,584.90</b>

## Membership

Kay Livermore

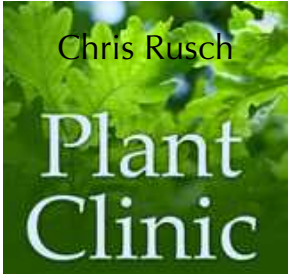
The student trainees have been added to the roster. We currently have 247 members.

I am accepting dues for 2022. The membership approved a dues increase at the October Chapter Meeting. 2022 dues are \$20.00 with a 50% discount if paid by January 1, 2022. So dues are \$10.00 if you pay by January 1st. A copy of the 2022 dues form is included with this Newsletter.

Anita Clark will be sending out docusign OSU forms by email on Nov. 15th. By policy, I cannot put dues through as paid until you have signed the OSU forms. If you don't want to do the docusign forms, you will need to go in to the Extension Office and sign them. Current trainees don't pay dues for 2022 but do need to sign the OSU forms.

One other change: if you want to order a new badge, note that on the dues form and include \$6.00 with your dues payment.

**Please don't cut up the dues form, leave it the 8.5 X 11 size.** Thank you!



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. We are lucky to have a great staffing

team this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Chris Rusch, and Karolyn Riecks. Other veterans that have helped us out on Thursdays this year include Linda Estep and Diane Smith-Lewsadder. Our Plant Clinic team is looking forward to begin training for our new volunteers in the clinic starting in February 2022.

During the month of October we had over 40 calls, visits or emails to the clinic. Questions for October were diverse, including cover crops, lawns, plant and weed identification and lots of insects. In addition, we have been helping clients with landscaping questions especially regarding sun scorch damage to trees and shrubs.

The Plant Clinic will be moving into our winter hours beginning in November. We will staff the clinic on Monday and Wednesdays from 1-4 PM.

### Fred's Fav's



## 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-to-4" 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.

## Swinger Bars

Kay Livermore

Members eligible for swinger bars for the month of September are:

100 hours: David Campbell, Kathleen Donovan  
400 hours: Lynn Foster, Diana Woodward  
1500 hours: Kathy Hart  
3000 hours: Mik Carlson



About two weeks ago I received a wonderful gift of many plants from my good friend, John Oltman. John had called and said he had many plants that he wanted to give me.

Site unseen, I said, “Yes”. Later, I took the time and found what he had given me. I must say that I was taken by surprise. Until recently I had not seen or known anything about the pregnant onion. The Westside Greenhouse just gave us some to sell. At that point I still had no idea what it was or what it would do. Now, I have received some as a gift from John. After a bit of research on the pregnant onion, I must say that this plant might just become one of my new favorite succulents.



The pregnant onion comes from South Africa, and is known by many names including false onion and sea onion. Looking at this odd plant you would most certainly believe that you are looking at an onion. Who in their right mind would buy an onion to grow and then have that wonderful eye-tearing smell of the onion?

First thing to know is that the pregnant onion is easy to grow. The roots of this plant retain water, so it only needs watering when dry to the touch, not soggy. There are no diseases or pests at this time known to harm or attack this plant. The bulb of this plant sits on the top of

the soil, so don't try to plant it up to the top of the leaf or stalk. It gets its name, pregnant onion, because of the little bulblets that form on the side of the mother plant. As they grow they make a colony of bulblets on the side of the mother under the skin of the plant. It is a very odd looking sight for sure. (It looks like something is attacking the plant under the skin.) As they get bigger they can be removed and planted up. As the bulblets are removed, many will have a few root hairs, though some may not have any. The bulblets are about the size of an almond and can be planted without any roots visible.



The mother plant can grow to about four inches wide. The stalk-like leaves on the top of this plant can grow to about two feet long. In good conditions they can grow to be five feet long. In the spring to summer months a long stalk will rise out of the middle of the plant.



It blooms with hundreds of small, white, bell-shaped flowers that have a nice smell. When the outer layer of the pregnant onion plant becomes dried out, just remove the outer skin. This process will help the plant's growth for the next growing season.

This plant requires at least four hours of bright sunlight a day and likes south-facing windows. You only use liquid fertilizer on this plant and no fertilizer in the winter months.

If you decide to get one of these plants, it will make a great conversation piece, besides being a great indoor houseplant.

Until then when I see you in the garden.



MG PROPOSED 2022 BUDGET			
<b>INCOME</b>			<b>Community Outreach</b>
<b>Donations</b>			DC Fair Outreach Booth 400
Contributions	0	Printing of bookmarks & materials	100
Grants	0	<b>TOTAL Community Outreach</b>	<b>500</b>
Amazon Smiles	100	<b>Discovery Garden</b>	
Bottle Drop	750	Butterfly	500
Fred Meyer Community Awards	75	Children's	300
<b>TOTAL Donations</b>	<b>925</b>	Compost/Biochar/Worm Bins	80
<b>Dues &amp; Membership</b>		Easy Access (Container Garden)	300
Membership Dues	2,290	Educational Kiosk	150
Newsletter - Income	245	Entry	50
Class Fees	0	Herb	100
<b>TOTAL Dues &amp; Membership</b>	<b>2,535</b>	Hummingbird	80
<b>Interest Income - Bank</b>		Iris	0
<b>PSP Income</b>		Irrigation	300
Soil Testing	1,200	Japanese	60
<b>TOTAL PSP Income</b>	<b>1,200</b>	Kiosk - donor board	100
<b>Plant Sale</b>		Maintenance - DG	900
Drawings	1,200	Mulch	600
Entrance Fees	2,500	Orchard & Ornamental & Pavilion	0
Sales - Event	23,000	Perennial Border	300
Sales - Post	800	Raised Beds (Dahlia/Lily)	300
Sales - Pre	3,000	Rock Garden	470
Vendor Booth	3,000	Shade & Sun Garden & Signage Project	0
<b>TOTAL Plant Sale</b>	<b>33,500</b>	Xeriscape	100
<b>Special Events Other</b>		<b>TOTAL Discovery Garden</b>	<b>4,690</b>
Bake Sale	0	<b>TOTAL PSP Expense</b>	<b>6,215</b>
Compost Tea	900	<b>HLC Horticultural Learning Center</b>	
Misc Events - Tee-Shirts ETC.	0	Annual Pumping Expense (diver)	300
Trash-to-Treasure Sale	3,500	Eastside Greenhouse Maintenance	1,000
<b>TOTAL Special Events Other</b>	<b>4,400</b>	Eastside Greenhouse Supplies	1,200
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS</b>	<b>37,900</b>	Garbage Dump Fee	150
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>42,760</b>	HLC Fire Extinguishers	80
<b>EXPENSES</b>		HLC Maintenance	1,200
<b>Awards &amp; Banquet</b>		HLC Orchard	500
Awards	350	Toilet Supplies and Repairs	150
Banquet	500	Tree Trimming Professional	1,000
Swinger Bar	200	Victory Garden	730
<b>TOTAL Awards &amp; Banquet</b>	<b>1,050</b>	Victory Garden Signage	70
<b>Conferences</b>		Westside Greenhouse Maintenance	1,000
OMGA Travel/Meetings	1,225	Westside Greenhouse Supplies	350
<b>TOTAL Conferences</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>TOTAL HLC - Expense</b>	<b>7,730</b>
<b>Dues-OMGA</b>		<b>Plant Sale Expenses</b>	
<b>Grants/Gifts/Scholarships</b>		Advertising	1,500
4-H Donation	80	Contributions/Plant Sale Volunteers	300
Hallmark	50	Exhibit Fees	3,412
Officer Gifts	50	Next Year Seed	850
Scholarships - Mini-Col 2022	400	Plants - Eastside	400
<b>TOTAL Grants/Gifts/Scholarships</b>	<b>580</b>	Plants - Westside	800
<b>Other Management &amp; General</b>		Supplies (combining this and next yr)	6,100
Bank Charges	0	Vendor Costs	200
Print Check Charges	100	<b>TOTAL Plant Sale</b>	<b>13,562</b>
Hospitality	100	ESG house Tank #1	600
Liability Insurance	800	ESG house Tank #2	600
Newsletter Printing & Postage	245	WSG house Tank #3	500
Postage for Exec Board	112	WSG house Tank #500	500
Supplies / Copies for Exec Board	105	<b>TOTAL Propane Tanks</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>TOTAL Other Mgmt &amp; General</b>	<b>1,462</b>	<b>Special Events Other</b>	
<b>(PSP) Expenses/ Program Service Project</b>		Compost Tea	145
Advance Training	0	Trash-to-Treasure Sale	475
Winter Program	0	<b>TOTAL Special Events Other</b>	<b>620</b>
<b>TOTAL Advanced Training</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTAL SPECIAL EVENTS EXPENSES</b>	<b>16,382</b>
<b>Clinics and Office</b>		Electric - meter 82346502 - HLC	3,000
Farmers Market - Canyonville & Roseburg	0	Electric - meter 81156829 - pump	150
Insects	100	Water - Heleck Hall meter #30015613	1,000
Library	100	Water - Caretaker meter #69151311	50
Plant Clinic and Office Supplies	175	<b>TOTAL Utilities</b>	<b>4,200</b>
Soil Testing	500	<b>Expenses Approved Not Budgeted</b>	
Website	150	Extension Educator Grant - 2020	400
<b>TOTAL Clinics and Office</b>	<b>1,025</b>	Class Fee reimbursement	1,900
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>42,747</b>
		<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>13</b>

## A True Love of Gardening

Steve Renquist

Part of my responsibility as an OSU Extension horticulture agent over the past twenty one years has been to teach Douglas County Master Gardener volunteers the art and science of sustainable gardening. When we garden or landscape sustainably we adopt a low input style of gardening that strives to follow good science but also reconnects us and our landscapes to nature.

This physical reconnection with nature means that we want our property to provide all the ecological services that the native land once provided. Services like habitat for wildlife which includes insects, food sources for pollinators, natural water-absorbing surfaces that feed ground water, allowing leaves and other organic waste to be recycled on our property to enhance the soil, and layers of vegetation in our landscape that approximate the original biomass of our forests to clean air and cool our cities.

Sustainable gardening teaches us to move away from gardening practices that do not provide these necessary ecological services. Strive to stop fighting all insects with pesticides, use native plants that require less irrigation and provide habitat and food for our native birds and insects, reduce the amount of chemical fertilizers that can create too much vigor and pollute waterways, and minimize the use of high input lawns that are a monoculture and lack plant diversity. Managing these practices better can create a healthier environment for all of us.

Gardening or landscaping has a number of other practices that can contribute positively to our health. Growing our own vegetables and fruits provides a fresher, often healthier local source of food. The practice of having both food and ornamental gardens in our landscapes is environmentally sound, and is a sustainable practice that works well for any sized yard.

Another healthy benefit of gardening is the physical exercise necessary to maintain a garden. Exercise is always considered one of the key inputs to a healthy body and mind. And contrary to walking, jogging, or riding a bike, gardening takes place in our landscapes surrounded by plants that are cleaning the air. Many of

the other exercise activities take place on the road where we are breathing in car exhaust.

Finally one of the most positive aspects of gardening on our health is made through the connection gardeners have with nature. Our garden is one of the only places where many of us make contact with nature, and this contact has a calming, stress reducing, positive impact on us. Over the years my family often wondered how I could spend so many hours in my yard caring for our gardens. The serious gardener just feels more relaxed and at peace surrounded by nature's beauty. A gardener who feels this peace often has difficulty explaining it to non-gardeners. I imagine this feeling I get is not unique but is also felt by many of you. I hope it is. Keep gardening and never stop learning.



### STEVE'S RETIREMENT PARTY!!!

**When:** Thursday, December 16

**Time:** 2:00 - 5:00

**Where:** C.H. Bailey House B&B  
121 Melton Rd. in Dixonville

Bring hors d'oeuvres and a  
bottle of wine to share.

More details to follow.



## Ask the Tool Man Alley

Last Thursday I had the pleasure assisting in the propagation class for the new 2021 Class students at the Westside Greenhouse. In preparation for the session, I was cutting 10-12" fig tree stems for the class. In order to accomplish my

task, I obtained a pair of loppers from our tool shed. I had just reconditioned the loppers the week before. They were clean, shiny and very sharp. While I was cutting the fig stems, a straight cut on top and an angled cut on the bottom, one of the students was impressed how nicely the loppers cut the 1/4" to 2" fig branches. Later, in the class, another student asked how I got the garden tools in the tool shed so clean, sharp and shiny. My response to both students was, "With a variety of grinders, files, sanders and polishes, a lot of time and a number of special tricks." Also, I indicated **"not to expect your garden tools to always be nice and sharp. Your goal is to keep your garden tool as clean and sharp as possible."**

In this article, I'm showing you the condition of a recently purchased ten-year-old classic 22" Corona lopper. I get excited when I find Corona tools because they are good quality, the steel is top grade and the handles are made of fine grade oak. On top of it, I purchased the loppers for a whopping \$3.00. Today that Corona forged classic cut bypass 21" lopper WL 6430 could cost you \$69.00.



This shows the loppers disassembled. To truly restore a garden tool, you need to disassemble the tool as much as possible. Note how rusted the loppers are. The entire handles were spray painted light brown. It is best to leave

wood handles free from paint. Keeping the wood handle routinely treated with boiled linseed oil is the best. I have sanded down the right handle, with four grits of sand paper, using an orbital sander, grits 40,80,120, 220, then rubbed it down with a Scotch sanding pad and applied three coats of boiled linseed oil. Let them

dry several hours between coats. After sanding, I sealed both handles with boiled linseed oil. I applied two coats of Minwax fast-drying polyurethane - clear satin or clear semi-gloss.



This illustrates the first steps in removing the rust from the cutting blade. A special note: look closely at the top

of the pivot bolt. Corona clippers and loppers use a **reverse (right-hand) turn bolt**. To loosen, turn the bolt to the right, not the usual left. This technique keeps the pivot bolt from loosening, which many times happens with right hand bolts. I find a number of Corona pivot bolts that are severely damaged because a previous owner tried to take the pivot bolt out by applying a left-hand turn. One of the tricks I have learned prior to attempting to remove the pivot center bolt, is to place the loppers on a flat surface with the nut facing up. Using Liquid Wrench penetrating oil, put a few drops on top of the nut. Let the lubricant soak into the bolt and nut for a day. This will dissolve some of the rust, cut through the grease and penetrate the corrosion. Do the same technique on the four small nuts and bolts securing the oak handles to the blade and cutter. Removing these four nuts and bolts are the most difficult in disassembling the loppers. After you get the nuts off, carefully use a hand punch to center drive the bolt down and out of the handle.

I removed almost all the rust by using a steel oscillating brush on my hand grinder, followed with sanding the blade down with 120 and 220 grit sand paper. The last three steps are to finish cleaning with a medium grade bench brush grinder, followed with a special metal polishing compound (stainless Inox inoxidable) with a cloth cleaning wheel. I was able to find both the compound and cloth wheel at Oregon Tool. This shows the finish cleaned and polished blade.



After re-assembly of the loppers, you should apply a final finish coat of polyurethane and prepare for a few final passes with your sharpening file. My final file of choice is the Barnel file which has a coarse side and a fine side. As you run

your file across the blade you will immediately see the blade edge becomes very shiny. It is sharp. You are ready to go to the garden. When you are through, remember to thoroughly clean your pruners with a brush, soap and water, dry, put a light coating of on the linseed oil on the handles and a light coat of oil on the metal parts. Lastly place them in a dry location.



For me, I have another step. One you don't need to do, but it answers the question, "how do I get my tools so shiny and sharp?" This step involves the use of a special polishing compound, specifically developed for buffy/polishing stainless steel. It's a simple step, but it makes such a difference. You need a bench grinder, a stick of the grinding compound and a



cloth polish wheel that fits on a bench grinder. Apply the polish compound occasionally and continue buffing your tool until you get the "luster" you want. It's that simple. This last step really makes using the tool so much more enjoyable. The compound adds a layer of corrosion protection and makes it much easier to clean the loppers when you are through.

I use the final polishing step on many of my tools. This time of year, I'm in the process of digging up and dividing daffodils, lilies, calla lilies and relocating many geraniums to a protected raised garden area on the west side of my house. I have found these two shovels, my short D-ring handle edging shovel and my short D-ring garden shovel are my go-to shovels in completing these fall projects. These two shovels are very sharp, making it easy to dig up plants with minimal plant damage. The final polishing, again, provides a sharp, clean cutting edge, and the plants and dirt just slide off the shovel. The shovels are very easy to clean with a cloth and hot water and soap and lastly the compound polish provides an extra layer of protection from rust. Since this article is about loppers, maybe my next article will focus on the shovels. I do have a number of surprisingly easy steps in reconditioning garden shovels.



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

WINTER DREAMS
SUMMER GARDENS

Sponsored by Jackson County Master Gardener Association

~~~~~ Exciting News! ~~~~~

The Jackson County Master Gardener Association is back, virtually!

**Dates:** Friday, November 5, and Saturdays, November 6 and 13, 2021

Dig into three days of virtual garden immersion seminars taught by 15 presenters, all designed to help you plan next year's spectacular garden. Early November's **Winter Dreams Summer Gardens Symposium** is an ideal time to take stock while learning with experts about Gardening in Our Rogue Valley Climate, Berries, Vegetables, Native Plants, Hemp Research, Landscaping, Soils, Pruning, and more.

**Cost:** \$20. Pick your favorite topics or watch them all. Most sessions will be recorded and available for a limited time for paid participants.

**Registration:** For Details, Program Information, and Registration, visit the Master Gardener website:  
<https://jacksoncountymga.org/winter-dreams-summer-gardens-symposium/>

~~~~~ Please help spread the word ~~~~~





## DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting, Extension Auditorium  
October 28, 2021

**Continuing Education:** Discussion of LevelUp Series on "Adapting Your Garden for Climate Change".

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:01AM. There were 20 in attendance including President Julie Stanbery, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Past President Nancy Fuller, Secretary Bonnie Courter, Membership Kay Livermore, OMGA Rep. Kish Doyle and OMGA Alt. Rep. Barbie Hamby.

**Agenda Approval:** The agenda was approved as posted.

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

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

The new class is going very well. Steve encouraged mentors and other veterans to keep in touch with the new students, making sure they stay involved.

MG's, be sure to turn in your time sheets to Vicki McAlister by year's end.

Steve is giving a workshop this afternoon at 1:00 at Stewart Park to discuss turf management and diagnostics. The final will be on November 16th. We will have the morning field final at the Discovery Garden, then review the final at the Annex at 1:00, followed by cake and celebration.

John Panches is scheduled to give his condensed Botany lecture next Tuesday, and will do a blend of anatomy and chemistry. Rich Little will talk about insects in the afternoon session. Veterans are invited to attend.

At the November 18 chapter meeting, Steve will present the Continuing Education at 9:00. He may do a program highlighting his career before coming to DCMG.

Steve has been in contact with an Oregon Department of Agriculture agent who specializes in invasive insects. Steve has noticed a lot of feeding by the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug on apples and pears this year.

The agent says the BMSB lays its eggs in spring through early fall. During the winter it persists by finding overwintering habitat such as old structures like barns, buildings and fallen logs. It could be helpful to try to eradicate them in these structures where they harbor. Holly and Oregon grape are attractive places for BMSB to lay their eggs, but the samurai wasp, which parasitizes the eggs, can more easily find the eggs in these plants, so best to leave them alone. Trapping is not working well, and he cautioned to not stretch your spray intervals over 10 days, especially in the spring.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

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

Nancy encouraged MG's to watch the webinars put out by the OSU Forestry & Natural Resources Extension Fire Program called, "Fire Aware", which can be found at: <http://beav.es/bmfireaware>. It's a great resource on how homeowners can protect their property from wildfire. You will first need to register to participate, but it is free of charge.

Nancy made a request of Kish to send out the Zoom links for upcoming OMGA meetings to our general membership so others can sit in on them.

**Membership - Kay Livermore:** Students have been added to the roster. We have 247 members. Kay is accepting dues now for 2022 - she handed out forms during the meeting. She will send out an email next week to membership about dues. They are \$10 if paid before January 1, \$20 after January 1. DocuSign forms will go out via email November 15 from Anita - the forms need to be signed before dues can be posted. If MG's want a replacement badge, make a note on the dues form and include \$6 for the badge. Kay asks that MG's leave the form in the original size - don't cut it up.

**OMGA - Kish Doyle:** November 5th is the next OMGA meeting, 2:00-4:00 on Zoom. Julie asked why the OMGA budget is not a balanced budget? It is \$9000 over. Kish will send out the minutes including the budget to Shirley. DCMG will say that we don't approve of a budget that isn't balanced. Also in Gail Langellotto's report, she's asking for money from OMGA to support her projects. Kish should communicate to OMGA we do not feel OMGA should be supplementing her salary unless there's a drastic need. Steve clarified that Gail's

job description is such that she is only an advisor to OMGA, not a manager of agents or have the authority to tell each chapter how to run their organization.

**Treasurer - Toni Rudolph for Dawnetta Loomis:** Dawnetta is home now from her trip. Toni sent out the financials. She will pass everything to Dawnetta tomorrow.

**Vice-President - Diana Woodward:** Next LevelUp series lecture will be November 9, "Using Life Cycle Analysis to Understand Sustainability of Your Garden Products & Practices" by Gail Langellotto. Steve will present the Continuing Education on November 18th at 9:00.

**President - Julie Stanbery:**

- Geoff Puryear won 2nd place in the OMGA photo contest.
- For budget approval, we need a quorum of 25. We can vote by email or Zoom, but we all need to try to get more students and MG's to come to the November chapter meeting to vote on the budget. We hope to hold the meeting in the Annex Auditorium.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Awards Team - Ann Severson:** Lynda Harding is helping Ann document MG's activities. Still no date set for the banquet. Ann has asked garden heads to submit names of MG's who have been helping out. Six people are on the nominating committee to nominate MG of the Year and Behind the Scenes MG of the Year: Sharon Hopkins, Chris Rusch, Fred Alley, Vicky Barrett, Carol Bolt, and Garry Gerlach. Ann wants to make the banquet more interactive and fun.

**Community Outreach - Leo Grass:** Not present. No report. Julie said he did give one tour at the Discovery Garden. If working at the Discovery Garden, Julie asked MG's to monitor groups of children to remind them of proper garden etiquette. The bathrooms are for us, not for the public.

**Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:**

- Irrigation is now winterized. Sylvia Andino and David Campbell blew out the Eastside water system.
- Julie had budgeted \$1000 in 2022 for tree service to take care of hanging limbs. There are presently some

hanging limbs that pose a danger so she would like to fund tree service expenses now, then not use the \$1000 next year. **Julie made a motion to allocate \$1000 now to remove hanging limbs as soon as possible. Fred Alley seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.** Julie will send out an email to membership to get a quorum vote. She will need to have MG's come out to help with cleanup. (Addendum: Including the email vote, the motion passed 32 yes, 1 no.)

- On days when Gale Robinson is not available, Larry Rich and Doug Gissel will run the tractor for the HLC.
- During the class concurrent session, Julie passed out signups for working in the garden. She got some good feedback from students wanting to help.
- Help is needed to bring the picnic tables in under the Pavilion for the winter.

**Facebook - Barbara Horst:** Not present. No report.

**Fundraising - Nathan Baily:** We're getting a good response on the BottleDrop bags. BottleDrop is giving a 20% bonus from November 15 - December 1.

**Greenhouse West - Joy Keeling:** They are moving plants inside and have turned on some heat beds to root cuttings. Students came out for propagation with Carol Bolt last week and it was a big success.

**Greenhouse East - Ann Severson:** They are working on the plants, cutting back, weeding. She had 4 new students working with Ann on Wednesdays. This Monday from 9-12 they will work on succulents.

**Hallmark - Linda Thames:** Not present - her report:

The only two cards I've sent out this month are:

Laura Corder's husband Alan died of a heart attack while hunting. This loss was particularly felt by many of our members not only because of Laura working in the Extension Office but also many people loved Alan as members of his gym. He is sorely missed.

Another death, though not directly associated with DCMG, was that of one of our long time loyal vendors at

the Plant Expo. Carole Incze, the wife of Attila Incze died. Their business is Nuts for Life.

**Insect Committee - Richard Johnstone:** Not present. Julie said the committee is starting up again. Richard and Roger Dejmaj will be coming in Monday to get organized. Once they are allowed to have more MG's in the clinic, they will open it up for helpers and new students.

**Newsletter - Bonnie Courter:** Submissions are due Saturday, October 30.

**Plant Clinic/Spring Into Gardening - Chris Rusch:** Not present - her report:

Plant Clinic: First of all, I want to thank everyone who worked this past summer 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. We are lucky to have a great team this year with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Chris Rusch, and Karolyn Riecks. Other veterans that have helped us out on Thursdays this year include Linda Estep and Diane Smith-Lewsadder. Our training team is looking forward to begin training for our new volunteers in the clinic starting in February 2022.

During the month of October we had over 40 calls, visits or emails to the clinic. Questions for October were diverse, including cover crops, lawns, plant and weed identification and lots of insects. In addition, we have been helping clients with landscaping questions especially regarding sun scorch damage to trees and shrubs.

Spring into Gardening: Working with the Phoenix School for a great event on March 12. Speakers getting lined up! If you want to volunteer to help or be a speaker send me an email.

**Publicity - Cheryl Caplan:** Not present - her report: She interviewed Steve recently for her upcoming biographical article for the News-Review.

**Soil Testing - Carol Bolt:** Not present. Julie extended kudos to her on her excellent presentation at the concurrent sessions for class.

### **Swinger Bars - Kay Livermore:**

Members eligible for swinger bars for the month of September are:

100 hours: David Campbell, Kathleen Donovan  
400 hours: Lynn Foster, Diana Woodward  
1500 hours: Kathy Hart  
3000 hours: Mik Carlson

**Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson:** Due to a tremendous amount of donations already, Ann is planning a Trash to Treasure "Pre-Sale". It will be held at Treat's Cafe in Tenmile. November 4 is setup day, starting at 10:00. The sale will be November 5-6, 9:00-2:00. Due to limited space, she is actively recruiting the new students to sign up and work the sale. Advertising is in the News-Review and on social media.

**Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka:** Tuesday they cleaned up, put compost down and planted cover crop.

All the equipment has been put away. They harvested 2,000 lbs. more than last year - a total of 9,278 lbs.! Home gardens totaled 823 lbs., and Easy Access garden 121 lbs. It helps to harvest twice a week this year instead of once a week.



Photos: Fred Alley

### **Waddington Fund - Team:**

The team will meet once a month. At their last meeting it was decided that we need accounting advice. So Toni Rudolph and Patrice Sipos met with a local CPA for advice. The team recommends using chapter funds to pay for the memorial, saving the fund money for long term investment in the chapter.

**Toni Rudolph moved that we authorize \$400 for the purchase of the bench, plaque and stone pavers. Kish Doyle seconded, and it was approved unanimously.** Julie will send out an email to membership to get a quorum vote. Fred Alley said he would like to help with the placement. He should contact Sharon Hopkins. (Addendum: Including the email vote taken, the motion passed 33 yes, 0 no.)

**OLD BUSINESS - Budget Review:** Toni eliminated lines that were 0 and combined some that were 0 to fit on one page of the Newsletter. It will be voted on at the November chapter meeting.

Julie presented Toni with a potted succulent to thank her for helping out with the budget while Dawnetta was gone.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Save the Date! We are going to host a retirement party for Steve on Thursday, December 16, from 2:00-5:00 at the C.H. Bailey B&B in Dixonville (where we had the July Chapter Meeting). We will all bring hors d'oeuvres and a bottle of wine to share if you want. Details will follow.

Ken Hays asked us to consider ways to improve the soil testing procedure as it takes such a long time to do one test.

Fred Alley said there was a Head Start group of staff and children at the garden this week. Fred took photos of the kids after one staff member said it was okay, but was corrected by another staff member. So he will not take photos of children at the garden unless he has permission to do so.

Julie said that the Jackson County Master Gardeners are giving 3 days of virtual garden seminars for the November "Winter Dreams Summer Gardens Symposium" to be held November 5, 6 and 13. Information will appear in the Newsletter.

**SHOW AND TELL:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

November 10, Executive Board Meeting, 10:00, Annex Auditorium

November 18, 9:00 Continuing Ed featuring Steve Renquist, 10:00 Chapter Meeting, Annex Auditorium

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:32.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Courter, Secretary

Scenes from FTC 2021

Photos by Bonnie Courter, Fred Alley and Jon Spencer



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Please mail dues to the Membership Director or put in the plant clinic locked drawer. Copies of the Dues Form are available in the plant clinic. Dues payment includes an E-mail copy of the Master Gardener monthly Newsletter.

**Replacement Badges:** Replacement badges need to be ordered by mid-January. Please provide your name as you want it to appear on the badge, class year, and include \$6.00 with your dues payment. You will be contacted when the badge arrives.

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

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