



### Feb. 2022 Calendar

Tues., Feb. 1, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Thurs., Feb. 3, 1:00-3:00

**Pruning Ornamental Shrubs**

Tues., Feb. 8, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Wed., Feb. 9, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

Tues., Feb. 15, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

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

Winter Training Class

Mon., Feb. 21, 1:00-3:00

**Pruning Roses & Hydrangeas**

Tues., Feb. 22, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse crews

Thurs., Feb. 24

Continuing Education (9:00)

Chapter Meeting (10:00)

Fri, March 4, 1:00-3:00

**Pruning Hedges**

Fri., March 11, 1:00-3:00

**Pruning Japanese Garden**

Sat., March 12, 9:00-5:15

**Spring Into Gardening, Phoenix School**

## The Prez Sez...

**Julie Stanbery**

Welcome to February! I've seen golden crocus and daphne in bloom, rat babies scurrying through the ground cover, and all the pretty little bittercress - spring must be just around the corner.

Aftermath of the 2019 snow dump has finally been taken care of at the Discovery Garden. Cowboy Tree Service had 5 guys working 6 hours to remove the last of the hazard limbs and worked to rejuvenate the remaining trees. Limbs that had fallen onto the Kiwanis building roof were cut down and, with volunteer MG help, the enormous pile of limbs were dragged to the park's burn pile.

Speaking of burn piles---all MG's should know that no one is allowed to dump refuse on our burn pile behind Punches Palace. There is **NO** exception. If you see someone dumping, ask them to leave, take their picture and let me know of the problem. We've run one fellow off who said he "had permission to dump because we had a chipper". **NOT!**

Winter pruning continues this month (Thursday, February 3, 1-3 PM) in the ornamental garden with shrubs, rhodies and *pleaching*, an interesting pruning technique many may not be familiar with. Monday, February 21, 1-3 PM, we will prune roses and hydrangeas.

"Spring into Gardening", our educational gardening class day led by Chris Rusch, needs volunteers to help with registration. Call Chris if you can help or you may want to become a participant and attend the classes which qualify for continuing education for MG volunteers.

Finally, I encourage you to attend the Continuing Education program before the February 24th Chapter meeting. Veteran volunteer Jim Leet (MG 2005) will be presenting on seed propagation. Jim is talented and a bit of a jester, so this should be entertaining as well as educational.

*"We live in a time of unrest and worry, but the same crocus will grow near the Black Sea as grows in Spain, and these flowers don't need passports and frontiers. The seed is beyond frontiers and beyond nationalities, and the growing of things and tilling the earth is one of the most international, one of the most unpolitical things we can possibly do. Don't ever forget the seed is the most important thing in this whole world."* - Claire Leighton, garden writer, 1948. See you in the garden!



**Treasurer's Report**  
12/22/2021 - 01/26/2022  
Dawnetta Loomis

**INCOME**

Donations	\$750.00
Membership Dues	\$2,064.25
Soil Testing	\$80.00
Interest	\$16.35
Plant Sale Post	\$12.00
Trash to Treasure	<u>\$1,254.23</u>

**TOTAL INCOME** **\$4,176.83**

**EXPENSES**

Management and General	\$182.56
Plant Sale	\$1,623.00
Waddington Memorial	\$137.99
HLC	\$1,180.13
Utilities	<u>\$299.17</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$3,422.85**

**Breakdown of our accounts at 01/26/22**

NWCC - Checking	\$485.40
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,009.28
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$35,439.34
NWCC - Waddington Fund	<u>\$89,530.74</u>

**Ending Balance** **\$130,464.76**



The Plant Clinic was surprisingly busy in January even with our shortened schedule and winter weather. We had over 20 visitors in January. Many insect, plant identification and garden questions continue to come in.

Beginning in February we will be devoted to training our new students from our 2021 Fall class. We are lucky to have a great training team for 2022 with Leo Grass, Bonnie Courter, Linda Estep, Diane Smith-Lewsadder, and Chris Rusch. A BIG thank you to all of you who regularly work at the Plant Clinic!

Speaking of our talented training team, we are always in need of new volunteers and alternates to step up and take on this challenging and important position on our Plant Clinic training team. Call me or send an email if you are interested; [crusch3837@gmail.com](mailto:crusch3837@gmail.com) or 541-825-3827.

Starting in April, we will need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic both in continuing to help our new volunteers and keeping up with the work load of assisting our visitors to the Plant Clinic. I realize we all have very busy lives, but, I encourage each of you to take time, look at your calendar and pick just one afternoon each month and give the office a call to sign up. The Plant Clinic is where we give service as part of our Master Gardener obligation to our community. Please try to volunteer your expertise at least once a month to help out in this important outreach program. The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County. And besides, it's a fun way to get to know fellow MG's as well as a chance to learn new things!

If you are in town, stop by and say hi!

What a perennial bed looks like in winter 🍀😊



Shared by Kish Doyle

Don't miss our "Spring into Gardening" event on Saturday, March 12, 9-5, at the Phoenix Charter School in Roseburg. Registration is now open. The cost is \$25 per person. Discover practical approaches to vegetable gardening, home orchards, improving garden soil, pest control, creating pollinator gardens, garden tools, and so much more.

Be sure to register for the OSU Extension and Master Gardener SPRING INTO GARDENING event scheduled for March 12. Visit our website at: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/county/douglas/events>

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event send an email to Chris Rusch at [crusch3837@gmail.com](mailto:crusch3837@gmail.com) If you have already signed up to volunteer THANK YOU!

Douglas County Master Gardeners		OSU Extension Service
<h1>Spring Into Gardening</h1>		
<h2>Educational Gardening Classes</h2>		
Saturday, March 12th 9:00am to 5:15pm Phoenix Charter School 3131 NE Diamond Lake, Roseburg OR		
<b>Keynote: 9:30am-10:45am: Why Natives?</b>	<b>Lunch 12:15pm-1:00pm Bring your Own</b>	
<b>Session 1 11:00am-12:15pm</b> A. Managing Vertebrate Pests B. Principles of Xeriscaping C. Growing Berry Crops	<b>Session 2 1:00pm-2:15pm</b> D. Garden Soil Basics E. Growing and Propagating Succulents F. Principles of Permaculture	
<b>Session 3 2:30pm-3:45pm</b> G. Garden Soil Advanced H. Growing Peppers & Tomatoes I. Managing your Home Orchard	<b>Session 4 4:00pm-5:15pm</b> J. Growing and Propagating Succulents K. Growing and Managing Olive Trees L. New Vegetable Varieties from Territorial Seed Co M. I have tomatoes, now what do I do with them	
\$25.00 for 1 or more classes Registration deadline Thursday, March 3, 2022 Masks are required Registration will be complete with payment Cancellation policy: No refunds.		
The registered participant may invite another person to substitute in their place. Please notify us at 541-672-4461. To Register go to <a href="https://extension.oregonstate.edu/county/douglas/events">https://extension.oregonstate.edu/county/douglas/events</a>		
		
<small>OSU Extension Service prohibits discrimination in all its programs, services, activities, and materials. Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made by 03/03/2022 to Anita Clark, 541 672-4461, <a href="mailto:anita.clark@oregonstate.edu">anita.clark@oregonstate.edu</a></small>		
 <b>Oregon State University</b> Extension Service Douglas County		



Each month I contemplate which succulent I'd like to talk about. I never know until a few days before publication. I will stand in one of my four greenhouses and look around at which

one I just might want to write about. Sometimes it takes a bit of time to get the feeling which one of hundreds of varieties I will pick.

Once again the succulent that I am going to write about is from my friend, John Oltman.

Like the pregnant onion I wrote about two months ago, I didn't have this succulent either.

*Kalanchoe Orgyalis* or "Copper Spoons", grows wild in the rocky mountains and dry lands of Madagascar. It was first discovered in the late 1800's. An interesting little fact about the name, "Orgya" - it's a Greek word that means a measure of six feet, also known as a fathom. This succulent is more like a little shrub than small varieties of



succulents that we are used to. As the Copper Spoons grows it can reach the height of 6 feet tall. This succulent does better as an outside plant than as an indoor plant. It will need full to partial sun for the best results for its growing habits. Make sure that you have the right weather climate. It grows best in zones 9a-11b, which is about 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Then if you live in a colder climate, you can have this as an indoor plant, as long as you have ample bright light. The Copper Spoons, like most succulents, take little care and watering. Do not let this succulent sit in water. Let it dry out, then water again.

The leaves are shaped spatulate-ovate that fold up in the middle. The leaf coloring on the underside can be a grey to bronze coloring, while the top is a chocolate dark brown that has the fuzzy or felt-like texture. In the late winter to early spring you can expect this cute plant to bloom with bright yellow flowers at the branch tips. The flowers on the Copper Spoons are colorful and long lasting.

They do most of their growing in the fall to winter months, so water moderately and cut back the watering in the hotter summer months. A sign of trouble for this plant is the leaves. Watch to see if they become fleshy. This indicates water distress for this plant. Either cut back the watering or water more. You can use basic potting soil mix. During the growing season you can fertilize every other week with either a liquid or pellet slow release fertilizer. As these plants mature, they, like most house plants, will need to be up potted with new soil. The leaves of the Copper Spoons are easy to snap off, so be careful when getting ready to up pot this adorable succulent.

After a few weeks of owning this Copper Spoons plant I thought I would propagate it. It was not like any of my other succulents in my greenhouses. There it stood, all three feet of it, just daring me to make new ones out of it. So, I went up to it and took a good look at it and how many branches it had and how many I could cut off to make new little Copper Spoons. Then I stopped. Wait. So



instead of cutting off the branches, I did the next best thing. I read up on this cute plant. Low and behold, I would have killed it if I had cut off the branches! You only propagate it by its leaves. So, I waited until I saw a few fall off of the plant, and now I have a few that may be growing. It is not a fast-growing succulent. So it will be a treasure for years to come.

(The following was written by Steve in the year 2000 after the first fall of taking on the position of Horticultural Agent. He is sharing it as good reminder that DCMG's need to keep moving forward to serve the local public.)

*Dear Master Gardeners,*

*My first year in Douglas County went by very quickly. It must mean that I'm having fun and keeping pretty busy. During the first year I have had a chance to get a feel for what the Douglas County Master Gardeners like to do and what type of programs they want to be involved with. We are all really refocusing our attention on the core of the Master Gardener Program and that's education. The MG's had a fine Winter Training Program thanks to excellent preparation by the coordinating committee. We have never had so many community outreach presentations to all types of organizations in our county. We elevated the level of contacts with the public at the Saturday Farmers Market to be on a par with our Plant Clinic. The Plant Clinic has also had large numbers of contacts while adhering to the proper response policy (be certain you are right or pass the buck to the agent).*

*For the organization to stay healthy or grow we need to accomplish a few basics each year. First we need to offer something to the members that holds their interest and keeps them in the organization. This group has strong social ties that helps in this area, but I need to offer you new classes and contacts that keep you learning. I will do that with hands on clinics in a variety of topics. However, I would also like to find out what your interests are in more detail to design classes and invite speakers.*

*Secondly we need to keep attracting a solid class of new recruits. This will be accomplished if we all keep making a lot of contacts in the community and asking good leads to join us. These contacts may come through the plant clinic, the Saturday Farmers Market or across the street from your home. We will also have to keep our Winter Training Program top notch and affordable to draw participants.*

*Thirdly we need to continue to focus on our outreach program. We should all be making several presentations a year to other community groups that we know. We should also keep working on the development of a library of top notch presentations we*

*can all use. As part of the outreach effort I continue to believe that the Master Gardeners effort to make the Discovery Garden is an important one. My gut tells me that an OSU Horticultural Learning Center with the Discovery Garden will make our educational mission fly. This is why I appeal to you all to stay in the organization. Your 60 hour payback during the first year is important but it's the effort made in subsequent years by the veterans that moves our program forward. Don't forget to join us at the Discovery Garden on every group workday.*

*You are a great group of volunteers. Thanks for your effort.*

*Steve Renquist  
Horticultural Agent*

## **RAFFLE DONATIONS NEEDED!!!**

We are in need of items provided by chapter members for the Raffle tables at the Plant Sale, which will be May 7.

Donations such as potted plants, tools, gardening books, artwork, handmade crafts, baskets of goodies - all kinds of items - would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Diana Circle or Sharon Hopkins if you have something to donate.

Diana: [dianalcircle@gmail.com](mailto:dianalcircle@gmail.com), 541-530-7123  
Sharon: [svhopkins1@gmail.com](mailto:svhopkins1@gmail.com), 541-673-6735

## Plant Sale

Bonnie Durick



Well, we are off and running for our plant sale in May. Deposits at the Fairgrounds have been made, the team leaders have had their first meeting to get things rolling. Seeds have been

obtained to start the seeding process in the Westside Greenhouses, pruning is completed in the Eastside Greenhouses. There is still a lot more work to be done before the great event, but I'm excited that we are moving forward to have the sale at the Fairgrounds once again.

Here are a couple dates to keep in mind. The Master Gardener only sales will be at the greenhouses on Thursday, April 28 from 1-3 after the chapter meeting and again on Sunday, May 1 from 1-3. For the new MG's, this sale is for Master Gardeners only and gives them first dibs on the wonderful plants we will be selling. There will be more to come as the dates get closer. The other dates to put on your calendar are Thursday, May 5, for those who will help get the tables and supplies from the Extension Office and the HLC; Friday, May 6, to set up for the sale and Saturday, May 7, for the sale. We are also again planning on having potluck lunch on Friday and Saturday for all MG workers.

We can't forget the raffle. Please start thinking of items you can contribute to the raffle. We make quite a bit of money every year with this event.

We are trying something new for sign-ups this year. Janet Bitter has stepped up to help with on-line signups. It should be ready soon and we will let you know about it through Shirley. I have also made paper sign-up forms for each team and they are in the plant clinic. You can decide which way works for you, but please sign up for at least one team. (More than one would be great). Some of the teams are for just Saturday, so that leaves Thursday and Friday teams needing help as well. Set-

up is a huge job, but goes quickly when we have a lot of hands helping.

We have 17 teams and I will list them below with just a quick note of what the job entails:

**BOXES** - Day of sale pass out boxes to customers, take boxes to the Holding area and anywhere needed. (Saturday)

**CASHIER** - Take payment from the customers - cash, check or credit card. Need smartphone, preferably one that can link to a "cube" for credit card payment. (Saturday)

**CHECKER** - Like a checker at the store, adds up the totals. (We have special forms for this process) (Saturday)

**CLEAN-UP** - Keep tables swept clean of soil. (Friday and Saturday)

**CUSTOMER SERVICE** - Help place table signs on Friday and be out circulating on the floor helping customers on Saturday. Can choose area you would like to work - i.e. veggies, shrubs.

**FAIRGROUND PLANT SETUP** - Help unload plants from the trucks, place in carts or on racks and take to designated tables (Friday) and help load plants into the truck after the sale to return to the greenhouses. (Saturday)

**FINAL PICKUP** - Area customers can leave plants to do more shopping at the vendor stalls or get their vehicle to load plants. (Saturday)

**FOOD MANAGEMENT** - Set up for potluck and keep area clean. (Friday and Saturday)

**HALL/VENDOR SPACE** - Mark floor for vendor locations and assist vendors to locate their spot. (Friday - starts at 7:30 a.m.)

**HOLDING** - Area where customers can leave their plants to continue shopping before they pay for their plants. (Saturday)

**LOAD/UNLOAD AT GREENHOUSES** - At the HLC, help bring plants from the greenhouses and load into the big U-Haul trucks we will rent (Friday), then after the sale, help unload unsold plants and put back into greenhouse areas. (Saturday)

**RAFFLE** - Help setup and organize the items for the raffle (Friday) and sell tickets at the plant sale. (Saturday)

**REFERENCE TABLE** - Like the plant clinic, be there to answer plant related questions. (Saturday)

**SECURITY/TRAFFIC CONTROL** - Be a presence to be sure people don't leave plant sale area without paying

for their plants, help with any traffic control issues. (Some on Friday but mostly Saturday)

**TABLE/CHAIR SET/UP AND TAKEDOWN** - We have over 100 tables that need to be put up. This team will put up the tables and chairs (Friday morning) and then after the sale, take them down and stack them on the carts provided (Saturday afternoon)

**TRANSPORTATION** - This is a three day job. On Thursday, all the tables and supplies from the Extension Office and the HLC are loaded into trucks and trailers. Friday, all these supplies are taken to the Fairgrounds and setup begins. U-Haul trucks will be driven to the HLC to load plants and driven to the Fairgrounds with as many trips as necessary. Saturday, returning plants and supplies to their appropriate spot after the sale.

**WHEREVER NEEDED** - This is a new team. If you don't know what you would like to do, sign up here for Friday and/or Saturday. I will put you to work wherever needed and will probably use you to help with lunch breaks for the workers everywhere.

I'm looking forward to a great sale and the more help we have, the easier it will be on everyone so please sign up.

## Swinger Bar Report

Kay Livermore

Members eligible for swinger bars for the months of November and December 2021:

### Hour Bars:

**60 hours:** Brian McCrea

**100 hours:** Jack Finney, Terry King, Natalia Spencer

**200 hours:** Roselle Benesh, Becky Carlson, Dawnetta Loomis, Jan Turley

**300 hours:** Joy Keeling

**400 hours:** Barbara Zastrow

**1,500 hours:** Kay Livermore

**3,000 hours:** Fred Alley

**4,000 hours:** Gale Robinson

**5,500 hours:** Barbara Robinson, Shirley Purcell

**19,000 hours:** Betty Ison

### Year Bars:

**5 years:** Sharon Bordeaux, Linda Brunancho, Lenore Drake, Steve Erickson, Lindy Follett, Tony Follett, Gerry Gerlach, Michael Lajko, Bruce Lewsadder, Brian Mahoney, Gloria McCrea, Donna Prchal, Margo Roten, Diane Smith-Lewsadder, Andrew Taylor, Amber Vincent, Gene Walker

**10 years:** Jen Bailey, Dave Clark, Bill Fuller, Barbara Horst, Vicki McAlister, Scott McKain, Janet Parkerson, Don Pearson, Geoff Puryear, Susan Scott, Elva Sellens, Martha Sinkula, Ed Stoll

**15 years:** Sandy Allen, Maureen Benice, Ted Benice, Diana Circle, Bonnie Courter, Douglas Gissel, Bill Howitt, Merrill McFarland, Janet Wicka

**20 years:** Judi Danielson, Leo Grass

**25 years:** Philece Humphrey, Kathy Shayler

**30 years:** Julie Stanbery





### Ask Fred "The Tool Man" Alley

This month, instead of preparing another tool tip, I want to follow-up on two other items.

In last month's tool tip article on "What is your best or favorite garden hoe?", I ended the article with a challenge question. I showed the photo of this hoe and offered a

free garden tool restoration, cleaning and sharpening to the first individual who can identify who owns the hoe and what type of hoe it is.

Over the years we Master Gardeners have heard about this special hoe. Some of us have actually seen this individual using the hoe in the Discovery Garden. The hoe is an older generation hoe, not commonly seen anymore. Today the "Skip Hoe" has been replaced with a 3-sided Scuffle Garden Hoe. I have attempted to find information about a "Skip Hoe" and found absolutely nothing, not even a photo. Surprisingly, I do have two in my garden tool collection, identical to the one Steve Renquist has.



Not surprising, one of our members, Steve Hart, quickly called me the day the Newsletter was sent by e-mail by Newsletter Editor Bonnie Courter. As they say, "the print was still wet". The winner is **Steve Hart. It is a skip hoe and the owner is Steve Renquist.** One of Steve's last presentations to the Master Gardeners was his experience working in Russia when he was young. One of his pictures showed an older woman hand picking weeds in her garden. Steve asked you if it would be better to use a "skip hoe", and her response was, "Oh, you lazy Americans."



Anyway, below is a picture of the winner of the contest Steve Hart along with Steve Renquist.

We have continued to add to our garden tools in the Green Building Tool Room. One highly used tool is not available in the tool room: hand pruners/clippers.

For this reason, I'm making a call for donated hand pruners/clippers of any size and condition. I will gladly recondition/sharpen all donated pruners and clippers back to the Master Gardener Tool Room, for the sole use by our Master Gardeners. I have included a photo illustrating the types of hand pruners that we are looking for. They can be any condition because I always have extra parts I can use to repair/rebuild if necessary. Many times, I see our



volunteers bring their own pruners and clippers to the Discovery Garden. This is certainly okay, however it would be nice to have the appropriate hand pruners available in the tool shed. Spring is just around the corner, so it's an excellent time to go through your garden tools and donate those worn-out and less desirable hand pruners to the Discovery Garden. I will leave a red five-gallon bucket in the Westside greenhouse where you can drop off your donated pruners.

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



Shared by Barb Robinson



MG's Hard At Work - No Matter the Weather!  
by Roselle Benesh

Westside Greenhouse work day, December 28. Joy Keeling and Roselle sanitized seeding trays and other trays in GH #1 while Carol Bolt & Karin Seder transplanted propagation plants in GH #3.



Snapshots from the Pruning Workshop  
Photos by Fred Alley & Bonnie Courter



**Pruning Schedule**  
**1:00-3:00**

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## DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting by Zoom

January 27, 2022

**Call to Order:** The meeting by Zoom was called to order at 10:00. There were 32 in attendance including President Julie Stanbery, Past President Nancy Fuller, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Membership Kay Livermore, Secretary Bonnie Courter, and Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis.

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

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

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Past President - Nancy Fuller:** Nothing to report except the last of her blooming snapdragons froze this morning (28 degrees). And the stink bugs are back!

**Membership - Kay Livermore:** We have 205 members, with some dues still coming in.

**OMGA - Kish Doyle:** Not present. Chris Rusch gave the report: The next quarterly meeting is March 3. Orientation for new OMGA members will be coming up in February. Mini College is being planned for two days the end of July. It will be on the OSU campus with garden tours offered as well.

**Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis:** Her report is from November to the present. The Alley's donated \$750. Dawnetta asked where are all the cash boxes for the plant sale? She has found only a few upstairs in the Annex. Please contact her if you know where they are. She is working on reports for OMGA. Dues to OMGA will be submitted by April. She goes into the plant clinic on Thursdays between 3:00 and 4:00 if you need to meet with her.

**Vice-President - Diana Woodward:** OSU's Level Up series is up on the website now for 2022 so MG's can listen in on the presentations which can be counted as recertification hours. She will send out the link to membership every month. Next month Jim Leet will be talking on seeding. March will be Fred Alley on tools.

Mini-college, participating in Spring Into Gardening, or any online classes qualify for recertification. Also, writers for Ask A Master Gardener newspaper articles can count their hours for recertification.

### President - Julie Stanbery:

Erika Szonntag, Master Gardener Coordinator from Jackson County, will be helping coordinate DCMG for 6 months through June. She has already visited our Discovery Garden. She is available to help with content for educational programs we may put on as well as offering guidance for situations that may arise. Her name and contact information will be on our next roster.

Julie expressed thanks to Bonnie Courter for writing an OMGA Impact Study for 2021 on our successful fall training program.

She also thanked Fred and Sandy Alley's for their family trust donation of \$750. Fred would like it to go to the soils project.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Awards Team - Ann Severson:** Ann is working on getting certificates made up and signed by Julie. She and Judy Huntley still need to get a building and dates set for the Awards Banquet which hopefully can be held mid April.

**Community Outreach - Leo Grass:** Not present - no report.

### Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

Cowboy Tree Service came out and did a wonderful job clearing out branches as well as limbs on the metal roof. Patrice Glasscock and Fred Alley hauled the branches out to the burn pile.

There are lots of bags containing irrigation fittings in Panches' Palace that someone got from a business and Julie would like to get rid of them. Diane Smith-Lewsadder recommended we give them to Heartwood Industries - they will even come and pick them up. Julie will contact them.

Steve & Kathy Hart have been working on the big Butterfly garden island. Geoff Puryear is revamping

Xeriscape garden. Sylvia Andino cleaned up the shade garden. Betty Ison retired as a MG, so Tasha King will take over the perennial garden and kiosk. Julie will check if Tasha would be willing to also be in charge of the pollinator garden in the Victory Garden.

We need new leadership in the iris bed and 2 islands in the Butterfly garden. Anyone interested, see Julie.

**Facebook - Barbara Horst:** Not present - her report:

*For the last 28 days up until January 8, the DCMG Facebook has had 1,737 followers. 1,043 people were reached. The posts that reached the most people were "Weeds to Pull Now" (504) and the News-Review article about Steve's retirement (464).*

*Please ask members to invite their friends to follow our page. Also encourage new trainees to follow us as well. Contact me if you have any suggestions or ideas for our page.*

**Fundraising - Nathan Baily:** He replenished the bag supply in the shed dispenser. There's a balance of \$510.50 in our BottleDrop account. He encouraged MG's to register with Amazon Smiles.

**Greenhouse West - Carol Bolt:** They are planting seeds, transplanting and cleaning plants.

**Greenhouse East - Bonnie Durick:** They are doing weed maintenance and root pruning. They will have a cleaning day for sedums on February 1 - hopefully 5-6 new students can help with that.

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

*My email was hacked...It's been fixed now, but I'm having to re-enter ALL of my contacts.*

- In December, Jim Leet received a card as he was recovering from back surgery.*
- The first of January we received word that Charles Ledbetter had died in November in Creswell - a sympathy card went to his family.*
- Sent a "Thank You" card to Cowboy Tree Service for their excellent work in the Discovery Garden.*
- Sent a sympathy card to Dennis Moore. His father, Frank Moore, died recently. Quite a few MG's knew and loved him too.*

It was also noted that Jon Thran had some heart issues and is in the hospital. Jan Kirchner has terminal lung cancer and is on hospice.

**Insect Committee - Richard Johnstone:** Not present - no report.

**Newsletter - Bonnie Courter:** Contributions to the Newsletter are due Saturday, January 29.

**Plant Clinic/Spring Into Gardening - Chris Rusch:**

Plant Clinic - We are ready to start training the new class starting February 1. Protocols have been updated and can be downloaded from the website. The calendar is full for February.

Spring Into Gardening - The links for registration are now on our website and the OSU website. Registration is \$25. The keynote speaker will be Glenda Kuntsman. March 12 is the date. If you take classes, they count for recertification hours. MG's are needed to help at the registration table and for room monitoring. Sign ups are at the plant clinic or you can email Chris.

**Plant Sale - Bonnie Durick:** We have put down the deposit for the Fairgrounds. Our big banner can't be put up, but instead we will get 2 weeks advertising on their marquee. Friday, May 6, is setup and the sale May 7. "MG only" pre-sales will be April 28, 1-3 and May 1, 1-3. Jen Bailey needs more vendors, so contact her if you know of anyone who would like to participate. Signup sheets for plant sale are in the plant clinic. Janet Bitter is working on online signups starting in February. Raffle items related to gardening are needed - let Diana Circle or Sharon Hopkins know.

**Publicity - Cheryl Caplan:**

Plant Sale: Jen Bailey wants 65 vendors. Cheryl will promote it on FaceBook as well as the plant sale. Cheryl wants to survey members to see how many flyers or bookmarks to print. She met with Sharon Hopkins who has some artwork from the past we can use for advertising.

Spring Into Gardening: She encouraged MG's to print out registration forms and hand them out to folks you

know who may want to take the classes. Space is limited, so register early.

**Plant Clinic:** Cheryl will put out a PSA to the News-Review and to gardening sites letting people know the clinic will be open Mondays through Fridays.

**Soils - Carol Bolt:** Carol is stepping down from soils. Terril Lowe and Patrice Glasscock will be co-chairs on the soils committee. Ken Hays has been also working with them to re-vision our soils testing program. We want to update the program with the goal of making it more efficient and able to offer better service for the community. Several people are interested in helping with testing.

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

Members eligible for swinger bars for the months of November and December 2021:

#### Hour Bars:

**60 hours:** Brian McCrea

**100 hours:** Jack Finney, Terry King, Natalia Spencer

**200 hours:** Roselle Benesh, Becky Carlson, Dawnetta Loomis, Jan Turley

**300 hours:** Joy Keeling

**400 hours:** Barbara Zastrow

**1,500 hours:** Kay Livermore

**3,000 hours:** Fred Alley

**4,000 hours:** Gale Robinson

**5,500 hours:** Barbara Robinson, Shirley Purcell

**19,000 hours:** Betty Ison

#### Year Bars:

**5 years:** Sharon Bordeaux, Linda Brunanchon, Lenore Drake, Steve Erickson, Lindy Follett, Tony Follett, Gerry Gerlach, Michael Lajko, Bruce Lewsadder, Brian Mahoney, Gloria McCrea, Donna Prchal, Margo Roten, Diane Smith-Lewsadder, Andrew Taylor, Amber Vincent, Gene Walker

**10 years:** Jen Bailey, Dave Clark, Bill Fuller, Barbara Horst, Vicki McAlister, Scott McKain, Janet Parkerson, Don Pearson, Geoff Puryear, Susan Scott, Elva Sellens, Martha Sinkula, Ed Stoll

**15 years:** Sandy Allen, Maureen Benice, Ted Benice, Diana Circle, Bonnie Courter, Douglas Gissel, Bill Howitt, Merrill McFarland, Janet Wicka

**20 years:** Judi Danielson, Leo Grass

**25 years:** Philece Humphrey, Kathy Shayler

**30 years:** Julie Stanbery

Kay will have badges for the trainees and will put holes in them for their 60 hour swinger bar. When they get their hours completed, Kay will meet them to trade out their temporary badge.

**Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson:** \$1248 made so far this year. Her goal is \$5000. She can take donations anytime at her house or at the Discovery Garden. The sale will be June 4.

**Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka:** The garden is still "sleeping" over the winter. We plan on meeting with the volunteers towards the end of February, first part of March to lay wood chips down the aisles. Panels will be rotated to accommodate our crop rotation plan. Onion sets have been ordered. I have worked with the Westside greenhouse ladies in ordering seeds and when plants are hopefully ready to set out. Cabbage is first on the list to be planted in early March.

**Website - Vicki McAlister:** Total hours are now posted on the website.

**Past Agent & Now MG Volunteer - Steve Renquist:** Steve encouraged everyone to prune their dormant plants now. With this dry January, buds are swelling rapidly on trees and plants that don't have a large chilling requirement. Plums and peaches are pushing out buds already. He put on a fall copper spray in November and now a dormant oil spray on fruit trees 10 days ago. In early February, put on a sulfur spray before bud break. The next Discovery Garden pruning session is on Thursday, February 3, on ornamentals from 1:00-3:00 followed by Monday, February 21, on roses and hydrangeas.

### **Waddington Fund Team - Toni Rudolph:**

After 3 months of fact-finding, meetings, and discussions, the Waddington Funds Committee (Toni Rudolph, Patrice Sipos, Lenore Drake, Steve Renquist, Georgia Richards, Kish Doyle, Nancy Fuller, Diane Smith-Lewsadder and Julie Stanbery) has the following proposal for investing the Waddington Funds:

DCMG should break the funds into 2 categories: 80% of the money (approximately \$72,000) in a long term

mutual fund company. 20% (approximately \$18,000) in a short term 6 month CD.

We recommend Vanguard Balanced Index Fund Admiral Shares which is a mutual fund and the CD (certificate of deposit) from Northwest Community Credit Union where we have our bank account.

Mutual fund money will be considered a long-term investment that will be seed money for future endeavors. The balance of 20% enables us to fund short term needs and still earn interest.

Discussion followed. **Toni Rudolph moved that we accept this proposal as stated. Kay Livermore seconded it. A vote resulted in it passing unanimously.** Dawnetta will take steps to implement the proposal.

**OTHER BUSINESS - Julie Stanbery:**

The Small Farms Agent who was selected will be announced soon and will start right away.

The OMGA newsletter, "The Gardener's Pen", sent out a survey to all the chapters, asking for a response by February 10. Chris Rusch sent them our Spring Into Gardening flyer. The purpose of the survey is to share ideas with other counties so we're all working together. Anyone who would like to send something in, see Julie or Chris.

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS: ByLaws Review**

A group from the Executive Board came together to review and update the chapter ByLaws recently. The changes will be published in the next Newsletter and voted on at the February chapter meeting.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 2: Active Membership: An active member is eligible to vote as provided in these By-Laws. Trainees become active **voting** members once they have successfully completed Master Gardener formal classroom training **and payback hours**. Their dues will be payable on January 1 **the following year one year after graduation.**

Section 4: Emeritus Membership: **Emeritus members are exempted from payment of local chapter activities and dues** and must meet the following criteria:

ARTICLE IV: ELECTIONS, Section 2: Eligibility

All nominees must be members in good standing. All elected officers will have completed their payback commitment by the installation date. Members may not serve as President in their first year **of membership.**

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND DUTIES, Section 6: Membership Director

The Membership Director will collect all dues and keep an address, telephone and e-mail list current for all members. The Membership Director will publish the list by **April 1**. February 1.

ARTICLE VI: DUES AND FINANCE, Section 1: Dues

Annual dues shall be decided at the **October** September Chapter meeting. The membership year shall begin January of each year. The Chapter dues are due and payable January 1, and OMGA dues shall be remitted to the OMGA Treasurer by April 1.

**SHOW AND TELL:** Birthday kudos to Shirley Purcell.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
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