



June 2022 Calendar

- Thurs., June 3, 11:00-?
Setup for Trash to Treasure Sale
- Fri., June 4, 9:00-3:00
Trash to Treasure Sale, Winston Community Center
- Mon., June 6, 10:00-Noon
Insect Committee
- Tues., June 7, 9:00-Noon
Greenhouse Crews
Victory Garden Crews
Discovery Garden Workday
- Wed., June 8, 10:00
Executive Board Meeting, Annex
- Tues., June 14, 9:00-Noon
Greenhouse Crews
Victory Garden Crew
Discovery Garden Workday
- Tues., June 21, 9:00-Noon
Greenhouse Crews
Victory Garden Crew
Discovery garden Workday
- Mon., June 20, 10:00-Noon
Insect Committee
- Tues., June 21, 9:00-Noon
Greenhouse Crews
Victory Garden Crew
Discovery Garden Workday
- Thurs., June 23, 4:00
Meet and Greet with Dr. Lyles from OSU at the DG
- Tues., June 28, 9:00-Noon
Greenhouse Crews
Victory Garden Crew
Discovery Garden Workday
- Thurs., June 30, 10:00
Chapter Meeting at Dave & Sharon Hopkins's home, followed by potluck

The Prez Sez...

Julie Stanbery

"Now I see secret the making of best persons. It is to grow in the open air, and to eat and sleep with the earth", wrote Walt Whitman in Leaves of Grass.

Our chapter had the opportunity to honor our "best persons" at our reinvigorated Awards Social. Our Nominating Committee made the unanimous decision to bring forward the names of our outstanding volunteers, making up for lost time these past years.

Each person recognized deserves their own moment to shine. Each honoree represents the outstanding character and determination that is the cornerstone of our Master Gardener chapter.

The three Douglas County "Master Gardeners of the Year" for 2021 and 2022 are Nancy Fuller, Bonnie Courter and Kish Doyle. These fantastic volunteers have been involved in virtually every aspect of our chapter activities and given much to our success as OSU volunteers. Nancy's leadership contributions are accented by her talent and enthusiasm. Bonnie has made her mark in multiple areas with seemingly tireless effort. Kish found numerous activities to offer her hard work and expertise. In total, these three have donated over 7,000 hours to DCMG.



The three "Behind the Scenes Mater Gardeners of the Year" for 2021 and 2022 are equally deserving of recognition. Bonnie Durick, Bruce Gravens and Ann Severson have each found a niche where they indeed have become the backbone of many of our most important projects. Bonnie found her home in the Eastside Greenhouse which has led to chairing the Plant Sale for the past 5 years. Bruce has also found his place in the ESG and most of our other fundraising events. Ann has become our most enthusiastic cheerleader and the force behind our 2nd largest fundraising event, Trash to Treasures.

Each honoree is outstanding in their own way. Each is the epitome of generosity of heart and spirit. Congratulations one and all!



Here's a peek behind the scenes at what it took to present this year's event. First, the new Nominating Committee: 5 volunteers gathered who have been in

the chapter for the past 5-7 years. They have been asked to remain on the committee for up to three years when they will be replaced by other volunteers of the same length of service. Debbie Bishop, Barbie Hamby, Margo Roten, Lenore Drake and Kay Livermore are the current members. Kay has stepped up as Chair. Their diverse areas of service has added a much needed new outlook on choosing honorees. They are to be commended on their ability to work as a team and their marvelous talents in fact gathering, writing skills and presentations.

The new format envisioned by Awards Chair Ann Severson was enjoyable and will continue to evolve as time goes by. Ann put tremendous thought into making our Social more welcoming and interactive. Her efforts brought out some of our MG friends we had not seen in some years (welcome back, Philece Humphrey - 25 years and still volunteering!).

Finally a big thank you to Judy Huntley who has co-chaired the Awards Social/Banquet event for the past 12 years. A valued volunteer, Judy has served as Treasurer, Chapter President and is now retiring from the Awards Social Chair. Many thanks for all your years. You still have much to offer!

Kudos to all of our honorees and to each and every Douglas County Volunteer who work so hard to make our chapter the success it is.

See you in the garden,

Julie Stanbery

JUNE GARDENING CALENDAR

Prune lilacs, forsythia, rhododendrons and azaleas after bloom.

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

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

Pick ripe strawberries regularly to avoid fruit-rotting diseases.

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

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

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

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

Pest monitoring and management

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

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

Monitor azaleas, primroses and other broadleaf ornamentals for adult root weevils. Look for fresh evidence of feeding (notching at leaf edges). Try sticky trap products on plant trunks to trap adult weevils. Protect against damaging the bark by applying the sticky material on a 4-inch wide band of poly sheeting or burlap wrapped around the trunk. Mark plants now and manage root weevils with beneficial nematodes when soil temperatures are above 55 degrees Fahrenheit. If root weevils are a consistent problem, consider removing plants and choosing resistant varieties

Control garden weeds by pulling, hoeing or mulching.

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

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

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

Indoor gardening

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

Master Gardeners of the Year

Bonnie Courter

Bonnie is being given this award because of her multiple and tireless efforts on behalf of the Master Gardeners of Douglas county. She has generously shared her talents and devoted her time to this organization for 15 years, starting in 2007, and amassing 3,325 hours. Her work benefits not only our organization, but our community and state as well. She has been involved in fundraising, education, community outreach, Discovery Garden, plant clinic, the greenhouse and numerous committees. She has been Newsletter Editor for 6 years, and Chapter Secretary for 2 years. She has been a co-coordinator of our Master Gardener Training Program for 3 years and coordinator of a MG writing team who submit a weekly column, "Ask A Master Gardener", to the local newspaper. We should just say she has been involved in everything! That would have been accurate and much shorter!



In addition, Bonnie received the "Behind the Scenes" MG of the Year Award in 2012 and the Chapter Horticulture Agent's Award in 2015.

Nancy Fuller



Nancy is an all-around, outstanding MG having donated 1,345 hours to this organization and community. She began her volunteer work for Master Gardeners in 2015. Her talents and enthusiasm were, and continue to be, tremendous assets to the wide range of activities as OMGA Representative and

Alternate Rep which she held for a total of 3 years. She served as Chapter President for 2 years and has been involved in fundraising, community outreach, education, and Discovery Garden activities. In 2015, Nancy was named "Outstanding Apprentice".

Kish Doyle

Kish is a Master Gardener that has worked very hard and given generously of her time and expertise. Kish became a Master Gardener in 2014. Since that time, she has racked up 1,921 hours working for Master Gardeners in numerous activities. Kish has shown her exceptional leadership skills as OMGA Alternate State Representative for 3 years and as Master Gardener Training Program Co-Coordinator for 3 years. Additionally, she has been involved in multiple fundraising activities, education, photography team chair, community outreach and chapter duties.



"Behind the Scenes" Master Gardeners of the Year

Bonnie Durick



Bonnie has been generously donating her time and expertise to Douglas County Master Gardeners since 2014. In those 7 years she has devoted 1,617 hours to our organization benefitting every activity to which she contributed. She has been an outstanding all-around asset to Master Gardeners.

Her versatility and talents are on display and really shine with her work in such a wide range of activities. Bonnie has led the Plant Sale for 5 years and, due to her commendable organizational skills, the sales have all been a huge success. She has also been involved in multiple clinics, fundraising activities, community outreach, greenhouse crew, and trainings - wherever there is a need.

Ann Severson



Ann became a Master Gardener in 2015 and has given the organization 1,567 hours of her time. In 2015 she was named "Outstanding Apprentice". Her numerous behind-the-scenes activities include: Discovery Garden, greenhouse crew, committee work, community outreach, plant clinic, and mentoring

new students. Where Ann really shines is fundraising. She has been involved in all fundraising activities: compost tea for 2 years, the Bake Sale for 3 years and Trash to Treasure fundraiser for 5 years (3 of them as the coordinator). We can honestly say that Ann has been a "treasure" to us for several years!

Bruce Gravens

Bruce became a Master Gardener in 2014. Since joining Master Gardeners, Bruce has generously given us 2,028 hours of volunteer time, working tirelessly behind the scenes in a wide variety of capacities. Bruce has been involved in fundraising with the plant sale for 6 years, Trash to Treasure in 2015, and the Bake Sale in 2018. In addition to working in the Victory



Garden for 3 years, he has worked in the greenhouse for 5 years and been Discovery Garden Orchard Coordinator for 2 years. Additionally, he has served on several committees, and been involved with Continuing Education programs for 3 years.



Treasurer's Report

04/28/2022-05/23/2022

Dawnetta Loomis

INCOME

Contributions	\$22.00
Kroger Community Rewards	\$25.58
Bottle Drop	\$200.00
Membership Dues	\$40.00
Interest	\$15.40
Plant Sale Event	\$40,782.71
Plant Sale Post	\$560.75
Pre-Event Sale	\$2,509.77
Compost Tea	\$213.00

TOTAL INCOME

\$44,369.21

EXPENSES

Management & General	\$85.51
Soil Testing Overhaul	\$533.84
HLC	\$109.65
Plant Sale	\$1,545.86
Utilities - Electricity	\$512.99
Class Fees	\$300.00

TOTAL EXPENSES

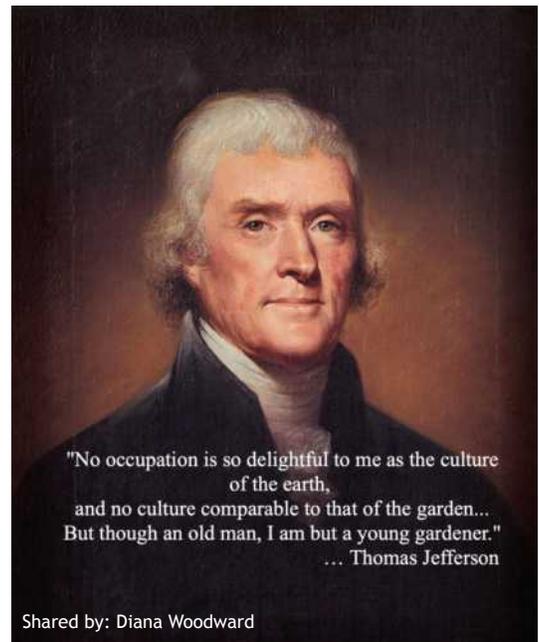
\$3,087.85

Breakdown of our accounts at 05/23/2022

NWCC - Checking	\$680.01
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,010.10
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$65,647.09
NWCC - Waddington Fund	\$71,860.27
NWCC - 6 Month CD	\$17,716.80

Ending Balance

\$160,914.27



Shared by: Diana Woodward



OMGA Mini-College Presents:

The Joy of Gardening Conference 2022

at Oregon State University Alumni Center
Corvallis, Oregon
July 29 & 30

The Joy of Gardening Conference has something for everybody, featuring classes on sustainable landscaping and regenerative gardening, natives' why-what-how, fruits & veggies, bees, birds, plant & soil maintenance, tours and field trips, and much more. The instructors are seasoned speakers as well as topic experts. Our 2-day, 4-class session format allows time for Q&A with the instructors and discussion among fellow participants. Master Gardeners can earn re-certification credits for all classes.

Exhibits, book sales, an awards dinner, and a silent auction are all part of the program.

A Thursday night social at Goss Stadium and a Corvallis Knights baseball game are planned. We have reserved the Omaha Room. Have a beer and a hot dog, enjoy the game, and catch up with friends.

Our awards dinner on Friday offers a Marimba band, no host bar and Mexican dinner buffet.

Lodging is available at the Hilton Gardens Inn, or you can book a room in the OSU dorms. Other motels and area campgrounds are also an option.

Make your reservation today! Visit our website at:
<https://omga.org/mini-college-2022/>

Community Outreach Leo Grass



Photo: Lynn Foster

Recently Leo gave a tour of the Discovery Garden to 25, 3-6 year-olds from a Montessori class.



Sylvia Andino and Leo manned a booth at the Green Elementary School, handing out 48 tomato plants and information about Master Gardeners. Sylvia is sporting the temporary tattoos from OSU Extension which were a big hit!

If you'd like to join Leon and Sylvia and be a part of the fun, they could use some help with upcoming events and garden tours. Contact Leo if interested: 541-530-1279

Swinger Bars Kay Livermore

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- 300 hours: Ellen Campbell
- 400 hours: Roselle Benesh, Janet Bitter
- 500: Joy Keeling
- 3500: Carol Bolt



String of Buttons is not like most string plants, like the String of Hearts and the String of Pearls, to name a few. These plants tend to cascade over the edges of their

garden pots unlike the String of Buttons. It grows with tall stems growing up to 18 inches high. At this point, the weight of the stacked button will then be so heavy that it will bend over and have the appearance of a String of Buttons. Most do not do this. Many like to keep this plant small by cutting it back. The leaves of this plant grow in a spiral around the stems of the plant having two opposite leaves across from each other. Each leaf has a grey-green coloring and the edges of the leaves will have a pink tint.



There are several String of Button varieties, all having the same characteristics. Some are quite small and some have bigger and fatter leaf structures, like The Ivory Towers.



This succulent makes a nice houseplant that does not require too much care. It does require at least six hours of sunlight a day. So select a nice sunny location and water this plant when it is completely dry to the touch. It is best to water this plant by taking it to the sink and letting the water drain out of the pot, completely soaking the plant. By doing this you will not have to water the plant for several weeks. A quick

little thing to do if you are unsure if you should water your succulent plants is to find a nice flat rock. Place this rock on the top of the soil to your succulent after you have watered it. In a few weeks lift the rock up and if it is wet under the rock then it is not needing to be watered for a bit more. Remember, succulents usually

do not require a lot of water as their leaves hold the water. They can go a long time with out much care.

If you plan on having this plant outside it will do great, however it is not frost hardy and cannot survive the cold. Make sure that you bring it in when the weather has turned cold.

If you would like to propagate this plant, you can do it by stem cuttings or by offsets. Make sure that you are using a clean, sterile tool. To propagate by stem cutting, you will need to remove a few of the leaves from the stem by gently twisting the leaves around the stem. You will need at least 1½ inches of stem to plant into the soil. Let the stem harden off for at least two days before planting.

In the early spring The String of Buttons will bloom a light yellow flower. This little succulent will make any home a happy place.

A Pleasant “Pheasant” Encounter

Fred Alley

When I arrived at the Discovery Garden one morning, this rooster pheasant was just walking down the lane so I followed him, taking photos.

He walked behind the Westside greenhouse towards the gate next to the green shed. I gently opened the gate, and he continued to walk by me into the Butterfly Garden then proceeded down to the Rock Garden. I alerted Tasha King and Nancy Fuller that they had a “helper” coming to their garden.

He then proceeded through the Rock Garden and into the Park.

He was never in any hurry, never attempted to fly, just calmly paraded through the Discovery Garden, as though it was HIS GARDEN.



It was just a nice calm moment, one to enjoy.

Tales from the Plant Clinic

Leo Grass



There was a time, in my foolish youth, that I actually said, “Nothing that grows in nature will harm you”. A message on our Plant Clinic phone reminded me of

those words. The caller was concerned that there was **Hog Weed** (*Heracleum manteyazzianum*) growing on his coastal property. However, a short journey down the road of plant identification proved his fear to be unfounded.

Hogweed is the largest member of a most notorious family of sinister plants - the “Carrot Gang”. The most notable of its victims was Socrates who was sentenced to death by drinking “hemlock tea”. Snow White’s apple would pale in toxicity to water hemlock. The sap from hogweed is capable of causing permanent blindness, and leaving lifelong scars.

Hogweed’s smaller sister, cow parsnip, turned out to be the plant in question. She bears a striking resemblance to her big brother. Some people do have a mild sensitivity to her sap. My later years have dispelled my utopian visions of Mother Nature - she requires vigilance from her children and, at times, demands caution.



One of our most ubiquitous weeds, wild carrot or “Queens Ann’s Lace”, is one of our beautiful wild flowers.

Chris Rusch

Plant
Clinic

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We 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. We have plenty of openings. 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 and 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 it’s lots of FUN!!

Pics from the Plant Sale

Photos: Bonnie Courter



Plant Sale “magic” happened again as scores of helpful, hard-working MG’s set up tables, unloaded plants, set up raffle tables, paused for delicious potluck, tallied purchases, manned booths, and then reversed the whole thing by the end of the day.
Donna Abare posed for a photo of her spectacular hat.



Laugh Lines

Shared by Barbara Robinson



DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting
May 26, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:10. There were 34 in attendance including President Julie Stanbery, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Past President Nancy Fuller, Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis, Membership Kay Livermore, OMGA Reps Kish Doyle and Barbie Hamby, and Secretary Bonnie Courter.

Agenda Approval: "Officer Nominations" will be added to the agenda.

Minutes Approval: The minutes were approved as posted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Past President - Nancy Fuller: Nothing to report.

Membership - Kay Livermore: We have 210 members presently. Cynthia Moyer, who was a Master Gardener in Washington and recently took the OSU online course this year, will join our chapter, bringing the total to 211 members. Cynthia will audit our fall training class as a mentor.

OMGA - Kish Doyle: June 3 at 2:00 is the second quarterly meeting by Zoom. July 29-30 is Mini-College at OSU campus. Kish is looking for 25 donation items worth \$20 each for the raffle. She needs items by July 20. Scholarships are available for MG's. You can register now for Mini-College at [OMGA.org](https://www.omga.org).

Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis:

- The application for the Waddington Fund is still being processed.
- Dawnetta congratulated everyone for a great Plant Sale. We made over \$43,000. We had a little problem with Square, but it was a glitch on their end.
- Some have asked if they can be reimbursed electronically instead of by check. If you are a customer of Northwest Bank, you can use Zelle to be paid for reimbursements.

Vice-President - Diana Woodward: Ann Severson gave an informative presentation on succulents for the

preceding Continuing Education hour. June 30 the chapter meeting and potluck will be at the home of Dave and Sherry Hopkins. June 18 is the Spring Garden Tour sponsored by the League of Women Voters.



President - Julie Stanbery: Alicia Christensen is holding a forestry and natural resources workshop class on June 23 and 24 on "Oaks in the Umpqua" to learn about oak conservation and its importance. Day one is a field tour at Mildred Kanipe Park, 8:30-4:15, and the second day is a workshop at Phoenix School, 8:00-5:00. Cost is \$15 for both days, or \$10 for one day. Advanced registration is required by June 12. Here's the link to find out more about it and register: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/events/oaks-umpqua>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Recognition & Social - Ann Severson: Last Sunday was the Awards Social held at the Sutherlin Community center. It was a big success. Next, Ann gave out awards to those not present at the social.

Community Outreach - Leo Grass: Leo had 25, 3-6 year-olds from a Montessori class touring the Discovery Garden. Sylvia Andino and Leo hosted an event at Green Elementary School, handing out tomato plants and gardening information. July 28, starting at 9:15, there will be 100, 6-11 year-olds from a couple of elementary summer schools. The students will be divided into 4 groups of 25, so Leo is asking for 3 others to help lead these groups. The tour usually lasts about one hour. Diane Smith-Lewsadder volunteered to help. They have agreed to a 3 adult to 25 students ratio and willing to use the park restrooms. (The park is going to be their 4th activity that day, so there will be 3 groups in the DG and one in the park at any one time.)

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery: Any use of the pavilion has to be put on the calendar located in the Plant Clinic. Saturday was the start of irrigation. Watering will take place Thursday mornings, and when days are warmer, Mondays and Thursdays. Two MG's

came out to weed, but there is still more to do. Someone needs to take over the iris beds. The pavilion floor and bench in the Xeriscape garden needs someone to power wash them. Leo said he will do that. Anyone can come out and work any day or time, just contact Julie for direction.

Facebook - Barbara Horst: We have 1,863 followers. 5,625 posted about the Plant Sale, and Barbara created an event for Trash to Treasures which was liked by 1,023 people.

Fair Booth - Diane Smith-Lewsadder: Diane met with Chris Rusch yesterday to start planning our Fair booth. August 9-13 is the Fair. We will put wildflower seeds in packets to hand out this year. Jack Finney will build a stand for the sign. We will try Signup Genius for signing up to volunteer. We need 2 MG's for each shift. Volunteers get a free Fair ticket if you sign up.

Fall Training Class - Bonnie Courter:

The class schedule is coming together well - all speakers have confirmed except Gail Langellotto for IPM. It will be a shortened 8 week schedule like last time with 4 additional Thursday hands-on "labs" at the DG and HLC. The first day will be September 6, the day after Labor Day, and the final & graduation October 25.

We are in urgent need for 2 MG's to step up and shadow Kish and I so they can take over coordinating the class of 2023. Please let Kish or myself know as soon as possible since planning has already begun. We have documents on file, timelines, and spread sheets available for anyone taking on the task of coordinator.

Last year we failed to pay our speakers \$150 each to cover travel expenses, probably because money had not been budgeted for class. We are in the same situation this year as we just recently were granted permission to hold a fall class. Therefore we are asking membership for \$600 to cover speakers' gas money. **Toni Rudolph made a motion to set aside \$600 for speaker fees for the Fall Class. Diane Smith-Lewsadder seconded the motion, and it passed with only one vote against (our "Roger" - Earnie Amabisca).**

We also need to decide a cap on how many students to allow for the class. The 2021 students we spoke with liked the smaller, more intimate class of 20 and so we

would like to see that again. A larger class doesn't always translate into students who will become involved MG's.

I'm assuming we can have snacks again to share as well as holding a "welcome" potluck for the new students out at the Discovery Garden following the September chapter meeting.

Farmer's Market Umpqua Valley - Sylvia Andino: Not present. Julie passed around a signups calendar. One new student and one veteran are needed each Saturday.

Fundraising - Nathan Baily: Not present. Nathan wants feedback on whether we want to make compost tea available to the public as a fundraiser. We will discuss this at another time. Nathan has sold the irrigation "T" connectors on eBay for \$28.81, and wondered if we should set up an account with eBay which would give us a discount. Toni Rudolph said there could be a problem doing that when we change treasurers.

Greenhouse West - Carol Bolt: Next week, plants are half price. We still have some unnamed peppers. The crew is propagating a lot right now.

Greenhouse East - Bonnie Durick: The crew is working on propagating. We are in need of sturdy 1 gallon pots in good shape. Logan Bennett came out and assisted us in making our own planting soil by mixing wood chips with our compost. Ann Severson said with the extra 70' expansion to the Eastside greenhouse area, they will be making a learning garden with 6 raised beds using mason bricks. They have pre-planted new sedums for next year's sale. Her husband is donating all the materials for the raised beds which is on the south end of the shade greenhouse.

Hallmark - Linda Thames: Not present - her report: "The only card I sent out this month was to Kay Livermore when she had back surgery. I saw her at the Awards event in Sutherlin. The good news is she looked wonderful. Said she was doing great!"

Insect Committee - Diana Woodward: Diana is officially the head of the Insect Committee with Richard Johnstone and Roger Djemal remaining as committee workers. The Insect Committee identifies insects

brought into the Plant Clinic that the clinic is unable to identify and then keeps samples. They meet the first and third Mondays each month at 10:00. This counts for Plant Clinic hours and new MG's are encouraged to join the team.

Newsletter - Bonnie Courter: Articles are due this Saturday, May 28.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:

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Also registration is open for Mini-College. The flyer will be in the next Newsletter. Visit our OMGA website to register.

Plant Sale - Bonnie Durick: We need boxes as we ran out at the end of the sale. Her goal is 7,000 boxes for next time. Costco has sturdy ones. Throughout the year, MG's can bring boxes to Panches's Palace to store. Next year will be Bonnie's last time as chairman. She would love to have someone shadow her and then take over in 2024.

Publicity - Cheryl Caplan: She will put in a classified ad for Trash to Treasure, and post the event on Facebook and Craig's List. Cheryl talked with Richard Johnstone about putting out "a little buzz" about the Insect Committee to draw attention to their work.

Soils - Patrice Glasscock: The lab is complete. However, they were not aware how much costs have skyrocketed. Electrical went up \$200 more, and the cost of equipment and of wood have greatly increased. Right now they are \$1200 short. **Kish Doyle moved that we pay the needed \$1200 to cover the increase. Toni Rudolph seconded the motion. It was approved, with one "Earnie vote" against.**

Having the lab out at the HLC enables them to process soils at any time. They can also leave everything out instead of putting it away after use as done at the Annex. They will set up a calendar for MG's to sign up to test soil - perhaps have one person covering each day. They now have a dehydrator so soil will be dry without having it sit out for a week. Once things are stable, they will advertise through Publicity and the Newsletter. Diane Smith-Lewsadder suggested they have a flyer about soil testing to hand out in the Plant Clinic.

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Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson: Three trucks are needed to come to Ann's house at 10:00 Friday, June 3, to pick up pre-priced items and take to the Winston Community center. There are no signups - just show up to help. 11:00 for setup on Friday and 8:00 on Saturday before the sale begins.

Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka: Not present. No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Laptop Purchase - Kish Doyle: Kish will present her findings at the next Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Lyles, the new OSU Vice-Provost for University Outreach & Engagement, will visit our Discovery Garden on June 23 from 4:00-5:30. We will provide finger food appetizers and give him a tour of the garden and HLC. Anyone who wants to can come - maybe 20 maximum.

Logan Bennett: Logan has some projects going on at the HLC:

1. He wants to create a soil pit near the kiwi tree to show soil profiles as an educational tool.
2. Also starting a growing program for veterans to grow vegetable crops as a business.
3. Working on creating our own source of potting soil which can also be used for the veterans as well.

Officer Nominations - Julie Stanbery: All the officers are willing to stay on for another year except for Kish Doyle who wants to step down as OMGA Rep. Barbie Hamby is willing to mentor an OMGA Rep or Alternate. Anyone who wants to be on the slate, let Julie know. The slate will be presented at the June chapter meeting.

Strawberries are available for order from Douglas County Mounted Posse. You need to get your order in by June 1.

SHOW AND TELL

Fred Alley: This Tuesday, May 31, between 9-12, Fred will be at the Discovery Garden to sharpen shovels or hoes.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:49.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Courter, Secretary



Fred captured this beautiful yellow swallowtail butterfly sipping nectar from a dianthus.



Awards Social

Photos: Bonnie Courter

A wonderful time was had by all for the Awards Social held at Sutherlin Community Center. Ann Severson and Judy Huntley were the emcees and put a lot of time and effort into this fun and friendly event. Held on a Sunday afternoon, everyone brought finger foods and appetizers to share while lemonade and ice water were provided. Everyone there came away with a smile on their face along with certificates of appreciation and wonderful door prizes. Thank you, Ann and Judy, for pulling off a laugh-filled, celebratory time.



The tables were groaning with lovely prizes, pictures, succulents (of course!), and potted flowers.

Lots of tasty num-nums graced the food tables. And even little Bethy Hotovec was excited about the watermelon slices (her first?)



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