



July 2022 Calendar

Mon., July 4

Independence Day!!!

Tues., July 5, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Tues., July 12, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Wed., July 13, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

Mon., July 18, 10:00

Insect Committee

Tues., July 19, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Tues., July 26, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., July 28, 10:00

Chapter Meeting & Potluck at

home of Dawnetta Loomis, 911

Indian Bend Rd., Umpqua



The Prez Sez...

Julie Stanbery

Time for another book report. Looking back on my reading choices, I see a constant enthusiasm for any animal story that explored the bond between humans and animals: a kinship and rapport not commonly seen in our daily lives, Arnie the Darling Starling, That Quail Robert, The Bat In My Pocket and A Hummingbird in My House are just a few of the true stories of human/animal bonds that caught my fancy.

When I was about 14 years old, I found a book in my grandmother's library that totally enthralled me. archy and mehitabel, a book of poetry and drama, was first published in 1916. The author, Don Marquis, first discovered Archy in his office one early morning. He came upon the gigantic cockroach jumping upon the keys of his typewriter. "He would cast himself with all his force upon a key, head downward, and his weight and impact of the blow were just sufficient to operate the machine, one slow letter after another. He could not work the capital letters nor use punctuation." (Thus the title in lower case letters!).

In his past life, Archy has been a free verse poet and his companion Mehitabel, the alley cat, has a soul that once belonged to Cleopatra. Archy records their stories on the typewriter late at night. The gardener in me delights in his stories of a spider and a fly, the merry flea, "warty bliggens" the toad and the robin and the worm. I wonder if my staid, Presbyterian grandmother was aware of the risqué and pithy social commentary her dear granddaughter read with great pleasure?

A quick note to our wonderful volunteers: First, many thanks to the Dave and Sharon Hopkins for hosting the June meeting - serenity found at the end of the road! Next, to all the many volunteers who worked so diligently to gussy up the garden in preparation for the visit from the Vice Provost: although the visit has been rescheduled, your time and energy is much appreciated.

It was announced that we have two proteges who will shadow Bonnie and Kish this fall in training to take over the job of Fall Training Co-ordinators. Patrice Glasscock from Class of 2021 and Cynthia Moyer, a new transfer MG, have stepped up to take over in 2023. Thanks to both of you!

With Bonnie Durick giving notice that next year is her last as Plant Sale Chair, we need one or two volunteers to step into her position. The opportunity to shadow her this fall and next spring will be invaluable to a successful transition. Please consider talking with Bonnie to get a feel for the job and how she came to be the lead person.

See you in the garden!

Vice-President's Report

Diana Woodward

The following lists the next chapter meetings and Continuing Education classes for the rest of 2022:

July

Our July 28th Chapter meeting will be at Dawnetta Loomis's home at 911 Indian Bend Road, Umpqua, OR

Here are the directions:

From Garden Valley:

- Head west on NW Garden Valley. You will pass Norris Blueberry Farm
- Turn right on Fort McKay
- Turn right onto Tyee Rd. at yield sign
- Turn left at the "T" to stay on Tyee Rd. - go about 13.5 miles
- NOTE: After mile marker "2" there is NO CELL PHONE SIGNAL. Program your GPS prior to this point.
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From I-5

- From I-5; Take Sutherlin Exit 136
- Turn left onto 138 West, go 0.2 miles
- Turn left onto Fort McKay Rd, go about 6 miles
- Turn right onto Tyee Rd, go about 13.5 miles,
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(From I-5, to our home, is about 30 minutes. GPS may offer another route, but this is the safest.)

August

Our August 25th Chapter meeting/potluck will be at the home of Cynthia Moyer off Fisher Road: 191 Glenwood Ct. Directions will be in the next Newsletter.

September

Our September 29th Chapter meeting/potluck will be at the Pavilion at the Discovery Garden, beginning at 10am. Our new students will be attending as well.

October

Continuing Education begins again on October 27th in the Auditorium at the Annex. October and November are going to be about oak trees. I took a two day class and want to share some of the information I learned about our native Oregon White Oak. Still confirming but planning on having Alicia Christenson, the Extension Forestry Agent, help us with inoculating oak logs with Shiitake mushrooms. Everyone will go home with an "infused" log.

November

On November 17th, one week early due to Thanksgiving, Ken Carloni has agreed to share his presentation: "Beyond Acorns: Oaks have a keystone role in the PNW ecosystems". Oaks are the "keystone" of many PNW savanna and woodland ecosystems. Although they are well known for producing the acorns that sustain so many birds and mammals, they provide a myriad of other functions that dramatically increase the bio diversity of their communities.

Kudos from Kay 🙌

Due to a back problem, I have been unable to do any yard work this year. Before the arrival of out-of-town guests for my husband's memorial service, 6 Master Gardeners arrived on June 13 and spent 3-4 hours clipping, deadheading and weeding my yard. Even the morning rain did not deter them from their goal. What a huge difference they made! My guests thought my yard was beautiful. Thank you, Thank you. It was much appreciated! - Kay Livermore

Treasurer's Report

Dawnetta Loomis

05/27/2022-06/28/2022

INCOME

Contribution	\$28.81
Amazon Smiles	\$52.09
Soil Testing	\$20.00
Trash to Treasure	\$5,839.92
Interest	\$19.14
Plant Sale Post	\$1.25
Compost Tea	<u>\$130.00</u>

TOTAL INCOME **\$6,091.21**

EXPENSES

Management & General (OMGA dues resent)	\$1,102.82
Discovery Garden	\$233.73
HLC	\$148.14
Utilities	\$315.99
Special Events	\$643.89
Soil Overhaul	<u>\$2,166.16</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$4,610.73**

Breakdown of our accounts at 06/28/22

NWCC - Checking	\$307.26
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,010.31
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$68,376.71
NWCC - Waddington Fund	\$71,869.42
NWCC - 6 Month CD	<u>\$17,719.81</u>

Ending Balance **\$163,283.51**



Advanced Diagnostics Class

Kish Doyle

On Wednesday, June 1, Steve Renquist hosted an advanced diagnostics class at his home in Winchester. For those who missed the class, his yard was as amazing as one would expect. It is terraced and has both shady and sunny areas. It is the perfect spot to see a wide variety of plants, shrubs, and trees.

Steve started the tour by pointing out a number of plants with damage that could only be blamed on the extended wet winter and spring. The primary culprits were leaf spot and fungus. So many of the leaves that had black edges and spots, including his willow and madrone trees. The irises and roses were especially affected by the fungus and the raspberries had a lot of shot-hole fungus.

While inspecting the blueberries, Steve pointed out some damage to the branches and asked what caused the damage. See the attached photos and identify the insect and what it was doing to cause the damage. **The answer is on the next page.**



The takeaway from the class was that extended winter and spring rains caused a lot of fungal damage, and even the expert (Steve) couldn't control it. See you at the next class.

MFP Hotline & Pressure Cooker Gauge Testing

Master Food Preservers will now be manning the Hotline for canning/food questions:
Call: 1-800-354-7319

Also they offer pressure gauge testing the 1st and 3rd Thursdays each week starting July 11 - October 7 from 10:00-2:00 at the Annex



Answer to the Diagnostics question:

A Cicada caused the damage during feeding and egg laying.

Swinger Bars

Kay Livermore

2021 students, Teresa Grosenbach and Judy Ode have completed their payback hours.

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300 hours: Carol Dalu, Dawnetta Loomis
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750 hours: Diane Smith-Lewsadder
2000 hours: Ruth Stafford



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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. 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!!

The Spring and Summer of 2022

Off to a Cool Start

Steve Renquist

When farmers and crop advisors track crop development and crop conditions, they use a number of tools. One that I used regularly to follow crop development with perennial crops like grapes, tree fruit, alfalfa, and blueberries was called Growing Degree Days (GDD). The process for perennial crops in our area begins on April 1 when these crops begin actively showing a growth response like bud break. Every day from this point until harvest you will make a small calculation. Add the maximum temperature with the minimum temperature, divide the sum by two and then subtract 50 from the total. An example would be a day with the high temperature of 80 degrees and a low temperature of 50 degrees would give you, $130/2=65-50=15$ GDD accumulated on that day. Why did I subtract 50 degrees from 65? Because grapes, tree fruit and most perennials do not grow or do much below that temperature. The other thing that happens when you total the GDD units is you don't record or sum any heat over 86F in the calculation. This is because plants do not make much development when temperatures go over 86F. The plants start transpiring so much that the majority of their energy goes to cooling the plant, not making more photosynthate for plant growth.

As the season progresses you continue to calculate the GDD daily, and by knowing historical averages from previous years, you will be able to know approximately when critical stages of crop development like bloom, veraison (coloring of grapes) and harvest will occur and the potential quality of your wine grape or other crop.

Tracking GDD or heat units also helps farmers know when to expect insect pests that develop with certain

temperature regimes. There are several online sites that help farmers to stay up with GDD calculations and pest development. One site that tracks GDD and other helpful weather data is the Agrimet site which collects data from the weather site at our horticultural learning center near the Eastside Greenhouses. You can follow the data from that site at: www.usbr.gov/pn/agrimet/gdd.html. To get data from our site use the ROSO sign on which is our call letters.

You can also get great data from an OSU site called PNWPEST at, <http://pnwpest.org/wea/>

Go to these sites and play around. You will find a lot of great information.

Do you have any dogs or cats that love to chew on plants? Now where is this going? I have a steady customer who first asks me if this plant is pet safe? Who would ever think that some of our most



loved and popular houseplants could be toxic - not only to you, but to children, dogs, cats, birds and horses. So, let's go over some of the succulents that might be toxic to pets.

Now, who doesn't love the **Jade Plant**? It has been a favorite of many for years. Slow growing with beautiful green leaves that blooms with white little flowers, if you are lucky to see them. The Jade Plant takes very little care and little or no watering for long extended times. (I've actually killed one by over-watering.) So, one thing I tell people to do is just ignore this plant and water only a few times throughout the year. Mine now lives on my front porch and I've watered it only two times this year so far. Now, if the leaves are falling off of your plant, you are over-watering it. These leaves are toxic to your pets. Keep this up high so that the leaves are out of reach of your pets.



Panda Plant (*Kalanchoe tomentosa*) has light blue/green leaves that look like cat ears, thus also known as Pussy Ears. The leaves of this Panda Plant are a fuzzy texture and soft to the touch, but are also toxic to pets. This texture helps protect the plant from many critters. It's thick leaves hold a good amount of water, so it needs little watering over the summer months. Water when dry to the touch. Water from the bottom of the plant to not damage the leaves of this succulent.



String of Pearls (*Senecio rowleyanus*) is one of the most popular house succulents, that has trailing pea-like pearls on each vine. The pearls are toxic to both pets and people. The pearl has a sap inside it that can cause skin irritations and vomiting to pets and people. Keep this plant up high and do not let any of the pearls fall to the floor.



Aloe Vera is a wonderful houseplant that, like many succulents, need little care or watering. It is best to keep it out of direct sunlight as the leaves of this plant will dry out and turn yellow. The Aloe Vera has been used over countless years as a medicinal plant for sunburn and other things, but it is not edible. It can cause nausea, vomiting, indigestion, and is toxic to pets if eaten.



Snake Plant (*Sansevieria trifasciata*) comes in many new varieties now - more than you would think. As a houseplant, it can stand tall with its



leaves shooting up for several feet with many other plants crowded together in one pot. It doesn't need much water either. The leaves of this plant have a sap called saponins. When eaten by pets it can cause, diarrhea, vomiting and nausea.

Mother of Thousands is my least favorite succulent. Another Master

Gardener told me that she had done some research on it and found that it has been banned in another country, so I got rid of all of mine. It is extremely invasive. It can grow in a crack of a sidewalk. There are now many different types and varieties of this plant all over the internet and they are changing the name a bit so as to get people to buy it. The leaves of these plants have

hundreds of plantlets. They will grow anywhere. This plant is toxic to children and pets. Don't buy this plant.

So the moral of this story is, before you purchase your next succulent or plant, make sure it is pet and people safe.

Photos from Trash to Treasure Sale

by Fred Alley



Another fantastic fundraising event this year.

We made over \$5,800!

Great team of volunteers came out and worked setting up, helping customers and tearing down.

(Left) Ann proudly wearing Barbara McPherson's apron.

Kudos to all who helped. Well done!



JULY GARDEN CALENDAR



Swallowtail Butterfly on
milkweed at Discovery
Garden
captured by Janet Bitter

Maintenance and clean up

- If you want a green lawn, water frequently during periods of heat and drought stress. Irrigate a quarter inch 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.

- Mound soil up around the base of your potato plants. Gather and eat a few "new" potatoes from each hill when plants begin to flower.

- To reduce evaporation, water vegetable and flower

gardens in the early morning. Water the soil rather than leaves to reduce disease. Water deeply and infrequently to encourage root growth.

- Pay careful attention to watering and feeding hanging baskets of flowers or vegetable plantings during extended periods of hot weather.

- Weed and fertilize rhubarb and asparagus beds. A mulch of compost or rotted cow manure works well as fertilizer. Water deeply to develop crowns for next year.

- Mulch with paper, plastic, sawdust, etc. to conserve soil moisture.

- Stake tall-growing flowering plants such as delphinium, hollyhocks, and lupine. Stake tomatoes as necessary.

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

Planting and propagation

- Beets, bush beans, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, kale and peas planted in midsummer provide fall and winter crops.

- Dig spring bulbs when tops have died down; divide and store or replant.

Pest Monitoring and Management

- Control hollyhock rust by sanitation, picking affected leaves, or spraying with a registered fungicide. Read and follow label directions.

- Watch for cutworm damage in garden. In July, climbing cutworms become a problem and large portions of foliage will begin to disappear on established plants. Use barriers, remove by hand, use beneficial nematodes when soil temperature is above 55 degrees F, or spray with Bt-k according to label directions. Spider mites can become a problem on ornamental plants, vegetables, and fruit plants during hot, dry weather. Watch for dusty-looking foliage, loss of color, and presence of tiny mites. Wash infested areas with water or spray with appropriate pesticides. Continue monitoring raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, cherry and other plants that produce soft fruits and berries for spotted wing drosophila. If the fly is present, use an integrated and least-toxic approach to manage the pests. Learn how to monitor for drosophila flies and larval infestations in fruit.

- Late July: Begin to monitor for early and late blight on tomatoes. Correct by pruning for air circulation, picking off affected leaves, and/or treat with approved fungicide.

- Mid-July: Spray filbert trees for filbert worm, as necessary. Spray peach and prune trees for peach tree borer, and peach twig borer, as necessary. Third spray for codling moth in apple and pear trees, as necessary.

- Cover blueberry bushes with netting to keep birds from eating the entire crop.

- Monitor camellias, holly, and maple trees for scale insects. Treat if necessary.

- Monitor rhododendrons for adult root weevils. Look for fresh evidence of feeding (notching). Try sticky trap products on plant trunks to trap adult weevils. Manage root weevils with beneficial nematodes (if soil temperature is above 55 degrees F). If root weevils are

Douglas Chapter Master Gardeners

Chapter Meeting at home of Dave & Sharon Hopkins
June 30, 2022

Photos by: Fred Alley & Bonnie Courter



Dave Hopkins gave a short history of their beautiful, 2 acre place on Hinkle Creek where they have lived since 2007. The Archie Creek Fire came very close to their

home a few years ago, but they didn't have to evacuate as Dave stayed put on fire patrol.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:19. There were 35 in attendance, including President Julie Stanbery, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Past President Nancy Fuller, OMGA Rep Kish Doyle, Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis, Membership Kay Livermore and Secretary Bonnie Courter.

Agenda Approval: Under "New Business", it should read "*announcement of slate of officers*", not "*vote on slate of officers*".

Minutes Approval: The minutes were approved as posted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Past President - Nancy Fuller: Nancy hasn't noticed many bees at her place or at the Rock Garden. She took her visiting family to the Discovery Garden on Saturday and saw a monarch butterfly in the Butterfly Garden, which was exciting.

Membership - Kay Livermore: We have 211 members currently.

OMGA - Kish Doyle: Five DCMG's are planning on going to Mini-College. July 15 is the last day to register.

Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis:

- Trash to Treasure made \$5,839.92.
- July 6-10 BottleDrop is having a contest July 6-10 where they hide 6 special green bottles all over Oregon. If a non-profit finds one, they can get \$1000 for it. Go to their website at <https://www.bottledropcenters.com/hunt/> to find out more information. Clues are given daily.
- OMGA could not find our membership dues check, so Dawnetta voided it and resent it again.
- She is still working on the Vanguard application for the Waddington fund. They wanted more paperwork, so Dawnetta sent it in.
- Ruth and Michael Stafford donated \$1000 to the Victory Garden in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. They want to support our efforts with UCAN.

Vice-President - Diana Woodward: Next chapter meeting and potluck will be at Dawnetta's home, July 28, at 10:00. August 25 chapter meeting and potluck will be at Cynthia Moyer's home off Fisher Road. September 29 chapter meeting and potluck, welcoming the new students, will be at the Discovery Garden. October 27 we'll be back in the Annex with a continuing education on oak trees and growing mushrooms with Alicia Christensen. Ken Carloni will speak in November, giving his "Beyond Oaks" talk. Steve Renquist offered some tips that if oaks are watered well, they will grow faster than in the wild. Red oaks have leaves with pointed lobes while leaves from white oaks are rounded.

President - Julie Stanbery:

Julie introduced Cynthia Moyer who is a transfer MG. She has been working in the Discovery Garden - even washed our signs. Garry Gerlach brought his wife, Laura, and Ed Barrett brought his wife, Kay.



Dr. Lyles ended up cancelling his visit to the Discovery Garden because our County Commissioners cancelled his meeting with them. His visit has been tentatively rescheduled for August 26 in the morning. Logan

Bennett will do a workshop in Glide that afternoon and Dr. Lyles will go to that as well.

Erin Maidlow works with Phoenix School and other local schools through the SNAP program. We are helping her by donating garden-related books that are geared toward children grades 3-6 to these schools. The office made some DCMG donation stickers to put on these reference books. The schools also need tools such as hand tools, small trowels, shovels, etc. for their school gardens. If you have any to donate, Fred Alley will restore them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Recognition - Ann Severson/Kay Livermore: Certificates from the Awards Social were handed out. Sharon Bordeaux got her 5 year bar.



Kay Livermore announced that State Master Gardener of the Year award winners will be named at the OMGA Mini-College Awards dinner on Friday, July 29. Your Douglas County Awards Nominating Committee has nominated Patrice Sipos for the State Master

Gardener of the Year award. Please consider attending the awards dinner to support her. Good luck, Patrice!

Community Outreach - Leo Grass: Not present. Julie said Leo rescheduled his garden tour for the large group of summer school children for sometime in July.

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

- Julie thanked Steve Renquist for giving us a tutorial on summer fruit pruning recently. There were 7 of us who attended.
- Let Julie know about anyone who donates to the garden so she can send them a thank-you. Mike Madsen from Wildwood Nursery donated a ceanothus to the Butterfly Garden.
- Someone donated a composter which we can't use, so we can give it to Ann Severson for selling on the marketplace. Cynthia Moyer, however, may want it.

- One of the toilets is unusable. It will cost a lot for someone to come out to inspect it. Discussion followed whether we get it fixed, get a new toilet, or just use the one working toilet. **Kish Doyle made a motion that we fix it. Diane Smith-Lewsadder seconded it. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.**
- There are roots coming up in the Butterfly Garden from old stumps. Janet Bitter is getting a bid to have them ground down.
- Abigail Hotovec is weeding in the evenings, when her husband has the kids, in order to complete her hours. Anyone else who would want to work with her, please come out and join her.
- We are missing a 6' ladder and post hole digger. Anyone who knows where they are, let Julie know.

Facebook - Barbara Horst: Not present. No report.

Fair Booth - Diane Smith-Lewsadder: The Fair is August 10-13. We are setting up on Tuesday the 9th. Signup Genius is not working out, so email Chris Rusch directly to sign up. We have 2 people per time slot. Diane sent around a signup sheet. Alternates are helpful too. We will be giving out wildflower seed packets and succulent pots as freebies. If you work the Fair, you get a free ticket. Names need to be in by August 1st. You'll have to pay for parking or you can take the bus for free. This counts as Community Outreach hours.

Fall Training Program - Bonnie Courter/Kish Doyle: Bonnie completed writing up the weekly schedule. We are still asking for mentors and alternates, so she passed around the clipboard. Please consider being a mentor, especially new students. Kish is revising a handout that explains more of what the training involves so applicants realize the time commitment.

Farmer's Market Umpqua Valley - Sylvia Andino: Not present. Julie said some of the new students are helping out. The Cettina's are training with the Andino's so they can staff the booth when the Andino's are gone. In August, one of our new students will work Farmer's Market for clinic time.

Fundraising - Nathan Baily: Not present. No report.

Greenhouse West - Joy Keeling: We've been meeting Tuesdays at 9:00, working on propagating.

Greenhouse East - Ann Severson: Kristin Jennings has been faithfully working with Ann every Tuesday. Kristin's boys helped a lot too. We now have a Learning Garden with the extra 70' added. The last of the raised beds have been built and ready for soil. We have eight new succulent varieties that will be propagated this year.

Hallmark - Linda Thames: She sent out 2 cards - one to Ann Severson who injured her leg, and one to Jeff Havener who had a fall, fracturing 2 vertebrae and who had to have stitches in his forehead. He is wearing a neck brace, and says the pain is much less now, sleeping often and unable to garden yet. (Jeff made the large sign at the entrance of the Discovery Garden). Jackie Carpenter has stage 4 cancer, but is not on hospice. She is undergoing chemo and radiation, and enjoys phone calls and best wishes.

Insect Committee - Diana Woodward: We meet twice a month, working on identifying insect samples in the freezer. Debby Finley is re-doing the spread sheet to re-categorize them by alphabetical order.

Newsletter - Bonnie Courter: Submissions are due Saturday, July 2.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch: Not present. Her report:

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Publicity - Cheryl Caplan: Not present. Julie said she is working on bookmarks for the Fair and Farmer's Market that give general info about the Master Gardener program.

Soils - Patrice Glasscock: We had our first meeting yesterday. Only 4 were there - we would like more to help. If you don't want to do soil testing, you can enter data into the computer and speak with clients about their results. We plan on scheduling testing where someone's on call for one week. We will have an open house of the lab for MG's at the meeting Sept. 29. Logan Bennett is doing a presentation in September for the public about our soils program. He will be working with our new students as well. Logan suggested we modify our test report so it has graphics which make it easier to interpret. Cheryl Caplan will put a blurb in the newspaper and Facebook. Steve said the most accurate time for testing is early spring.

Swinger Bars - Kay Livermore:

2021 students, Teresa Grosenbach and Judy Ode, have completed their payback hours.

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Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson: While practicing jump roping for her promised exhibition, she came down on her leg and injured it. So in lieu of that, Ann performed a “geriatric” jump rope feat for us. The sale was a huge success. Ann thanked everyone for all their help and donations.



Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka: Not present. Her report:

The Victory Garden has been doing fairly well, considering the slow start everyone has had with the cooler weather. We have had a few pests consuming the plants, but nothing like last year. Onions are coming along, producing nice bulbs. Peas are going strong. Beets are doing well. The artichoke plant is amazing! Cabbages are almost finished. Lettuce, Swiss chard and rhubarb are in full swing, yielding a nice harvest each week. UCAN is happy with everything we take in weekly.

Shortly, our schedule will go from Tuesdays to twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays, for better harvesting of the vegetables. This change will take place when the tomatoes, summer squash, peppers and eggplant start producing.

Steve’s Minute: 2010 and 2011 were cool years when wine grapes struggled. 2022 is cooler to date than either of those dates and significantly so. We’ve had only 500 heat units so far. Typically we would be around 1000 heat units. Plants shut down when temps go over 90 degrees. Temps in the 80’s would be ideal.

OLD BUSINESS: Laptop Purchase - Kish Doyle: Tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS: Acceptance of slate for new term of officers:

Julie Stanbery, President
 Diana Woodward, Vice-President
 Dawnetta Loomis, Treasurer
 Kay Livermore, Membership
 Bonnie Courter, Secretary
 Barbie Hamby, OMGA Rep
 Patrice Sipos, Alternate OMGA Rep

Toni Rudolph made a motion to accept the slate. Fred Alley seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

SHOW AND TELL:

- Diana Woodward brought the bird nests that were in our display window at the Annex.
- Julie Stanbery showed off her cut dahlias. She also dug up her gooseneck loosestrife to share.
- Fred Alley brought some men’s MG T-shirts to give away.
- Maureen Benice said that Master Food Preservers will be testing pressure gauges starting the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month starting in July, from 10:00-2:00 at the Annex.
- David Campbell brought in some bracts that are coming down everywhere. They are from a Douglas fir tree, and probably falling due to weather conditions.
- Dave Hopkins reminded everyone that Fire Season has started. No burning allowed anywhere in the County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Executive Board Meeting, July 13, 10:00, Annex

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:42.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bonnie Courter, Secretary

More Scenes from the Chapter Meeting



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