



Dec. 2022 Calendar

Tues., Dec. 6, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Tues., Dec. 13, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

**Thurs., Dec. 15**

Expense Forms Due to Dawnetta

Tues., Dec. 20, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Sunday, Dec. 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

Tues., Dec. 27, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

**Thurs., Dec. 29**

Newsletter Articles Due to Bonnie

**Friday, Jan. 6**

Time Sheets Due to Vicki McAlister



The Prez Sez...

One of the best aspects of our MG chapter is the diverse background and interests of our volunteers. So many life experiences and skills make each member unique and worthy of sharing their stories. One fellow who has intrigued me is Doug Gissel. Doug is one of our "behind the scenes" guys, very involved in many aspects of our MG projects.



Photo: J.Stanbery

Doug joined our chapter in 2007 to share his love of flowers he inherited from his mother. She was partial to roses, gladiolas and dahlias. Doug was raised on a big farm where he worked in the hayfields to make money to buy his first motorcycle, a WWII courier bike. His love of motor vehicles grew from there. His first two cars were a 1936 Olds Coupe (paid \$50) and a 1933 Plymouth for which he paid \$75. He wishes he had them today! At the time of the Archie Creek fire, Doug had over 55 vehicles in his barn. The barn was lost along with over a dozen vehicles. His good fortune was his house was not involved.

A Portland native, Doug moved to Douglas County in 2005 and purchased acreage in Glide. Doug has literally built his home from the foundation up. Using ICF-Insulated concrete forms for the structure and installing a geothermal heat pump that holds a steady 70 degrees indoor temperature.

Doug began woodcarving in grade school, learning from his dad to choose wood properly. For the interior of his home, he chose hickory for the doors, cabinets and finish trim.

His career has included working as a Toyota line mechanic for many years and as mechanic at the West Linn paper mill.

Doug is a Vietnam Army vet with a proud heritage of military service. His father was a WWII B17 co-pilot and tailgunner. His maternal grandfather received the French Congressional Medal of Honor in WWI.

Doug has a soft spot for rescue cats and is an avid supporter of Saving Grace Animal Shelter. He says he likes people which led him to our volunteer group. He gives many hours to the Victory Garden, Eastside Greenhouse and multiple projects at the HLC. We are fortunate that this kind fellow chooses to be part of our Master Gardener chapter.

Julie Stanbery, Chapter President

## Continuing Education for 2023

Diana Woodward

All our Continuing Education takes place at the OSU Extension building in the "upstairs" auditorium at 9:00 AM.

### January 26, 2023

Alicia Christensen and Logan Bennett will be teaching a Key Pest Identification class. Alicia and Logan are encouraging all Master Gardeners to attend and be briefed on the upcoming year's "bad" pests, about 6 of them they say. "Be On the Look Out, a BOLO Call for Destructive Pests."

### February 23, 2023

Bruce Gravens will be teaching a class on propagating peppers and tomatoes from seed. Bruce grows acres of peppers and tomatoes every year on his property, and he is an expert in getting these fussy seeds to sprout and thrive. Do you grow peppers or tomatoes or both? Come learn from a pro.

### March 23, 2023

Fred Alley, our resident tool man and oak logs driller, will give us tips on how to take care of our garden tools. We can never get enough tips on how to take the best care of our tools. Fred has taught us how to refurbish an old shovel, how to clean and sharpen our clippers and has restored hundreds of tools for the Master Gardeners. Come learn from the best!

### April 27, 2023

Ann Severson will be teaching a class we are calling, "How to Make Your Succulent Great Again". She will focus her class on how to revitalize ailing succulents. She is encouraging us to bring our problem succulents, so she can help us learn to diagnose succulent plant problems and how to make them great again. We will update you with more details when we get nearer to the date.

### May 25, 2023

We will have our first outdoor meeting and potluck at a Master Gardener's home! Details and directions will come as we approach the time. I am looking for other Master Gardener homes to have our summer meetings for June, July and August. We need shade big enough for 20-40 people, parking for their cars and a place to serve a potluck. I can come visit and help you figure it out if in doubt.

## Treasurer's Report

Dawnetta Loomis

10/26/2022-11/28/2022

### INCOME

Grant/Gift/Scholarship	\$300.00
Fred Meyer Rewards	\$37.62
Soil Testing	\$190.00
Interest	\$32.10
Plant Sale Post	<u>\$205.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$764.72</b>

### EXPENSES

Management & General	\$272.52
Discovery Garden	\$353.72
HLC	\$363.31
Plant Sale	\$2,716.00
Utilities	\$403.70
Class Deposit Return	\$200.00
Black Apparel	\$451.50
Propane	<u>\$246.10</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,006.85</b>

### Breakdown of our accounts at 11/28/2022

NWCC - Checking	\$573.23
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,011.36
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$50,022.12
NWCC - Waddington Fund	\$71,920.33
NWCC - 6 Month CD	<u>\$17,740.98</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$145,268.02</b>



Shared by Kish Doyle

## The American Grange

Logan Bennett

One hundred and fifty-five years ago in 1867, Oliver Kelly, commissioned by the US Department of Agriculture, took a tour of farmlands across the United States. What he found was many outdated farming practices, and a lack of representation for agriculturalists. The need for centralized advocacy, educational support, and representation for farmers then formed an organization that is now called the National Grange. The first Grange came to be in New York, and since then, local Granges have established in rural communities across the United States as a place for farmers and ranchers to gather and learn about new farming practices, promote self-advocacy, and find support in community. Today, The National Grange hosts a membership of 150,000 members across the United States, and still provides a place for gathering, community, and education. The Grange also provides community service, lecture circuits, communication programs, and youth and young adult development programs. This sort of community development is still a pivotal part of the success in rural America.

In 1911, The Extension Service was created at Oregon State University. This was before the Smith Lever Act of 1914 that created the National Cooperative Extension Service. The Oregon Grange was an advocate in lobbying for the state Extension services formation. Since Extension's creation, it has provided science-backed education, research, programming, and crop services for stakeholders. Extension has engaged with rural America since its creation, helping to facilitate the American agricultural revolution, allowing farmers to increase their productivity, creating more food with fewer acres in production.

Before coming to Extension, I had never been in a Grange. I knew they existed, seeing them while passing through rural areas, but I had never stopped by one to see what they were up too. Now, it seems that I visit at least one Grange a month, providing classes, helping with outreach, or attending a Grange event. Through the Grange, I have had the ability to create outreach to areas in the County where we have had poor connections previously for the small farms program, and so has the Master Gardener Program. In October, Leo Grass as I visited with Camas Valley Grange and gave a presentation on how to prepare your garden for the

winter. We now have a quarterly program with the Camas Valley Grange, providing education on seasonally appropriate topics. Not only does this help the Master Gardeners with providing education, but it allows us to reach new audiences that may not have had Extension outreach previously.

Together, the Extension Service and local Granges are able to provide important community programming and education to members of our community. Partnering with the Grange when possible to provide education can be an important facet of Master Gardener outreach. Personally, I look forward to spending more time in the Grange.



Photo: Logan Bennett

### BLUE BAGS

Dawn Shumack

I have assumed the responsibilities of Nathan Baily for the "Blue Bag" project fundraiser. I will be bringing blue bags with me to chapter meetings and other MG events, and will keep the blue bags supplied out at the Discovery Garden. I am also available to pick up full blue bags and deliver them to the Bottle Drop center. Folks can feel free to either email me or call me if they need cans picked up or blue bags delivered.

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## Swinger Bars Kay Livermore



### Members who have swinger bar updates for September 2022:

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**Sandi Anderson**

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**Cynthia Moyer**

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## Timekeeping Vicki McAlister

I will not be picking up timesheets again until January 6, 2023. Please review your posted time out on our website. If there are any corrections that I need to make for you, please send me an email with the details.

You will have until **January 6th**, 2023, to submit time for this year. If you would rather not drop your time sheets off at either the clinic or greenhouse, you can mail them to me at the address on the roster. Once I do the final posting in mid-January, I will not make further changes or updates to our 2022 time file.

Please continue to submit your time on our paper timesheets going forward until the VRS is implemented for our chapter. The 2023 version of the timesheet is available on the website and should be in the Plant Clinic soon.

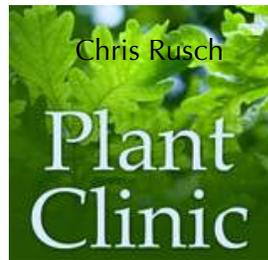
A recap of our 2022 data by Master Gardener can be found at this link - [http://douglascountymg.org/docs/other/2022\\_Hours\\_Recap.pdf](http://douglascountymg.org/docs/other/2022_Hours_Recap.pdf)

This report contains all MG's with data for any months in which they reported time. If no time was reported, the month will not be shown. If the MG did not report time for any months, the MG's name will not appear on the report. This is generally the same data that is in the binder in the Plant Clinic although the web is always the most current.

Also, for those MG's who are in the process of recertifying, there is a report of recertification hours and current status at - [http://douglascountymg.org/docs/other/2022\\_Recert\\_Status.pdf](http://douglascountymg.org/docs/other/2022_Recert_Status.pdf)

You can also get to these documents, along with many other good things, from our Documents and Forms page at - [http://douglascountymg.org/mg\\_documents\\_forms.html](http://douglascountymg.org/mg_documents_forms.html)

Questions, please let me know.



The Plant Clinic was not very busy in November, however, interesting insect and garden questions continue to come in. First of all, I want to thank everyone who worked this past year at our Plant Clinic!! The Plant Clinic is one of our DCMG programs that reach out to our community to help people solve a wide range of gardening and landscape questions. Our training team is looking forward to begin training for our new volunteers in the clinic starting in February 2023.

We will begin our winter hours in December. The clinic will only be open on Mondays for the months of December and January.



### Plant Sale Help Wanted Bonnie Durick

**Wanted: Youth volunteer coordinator.**

Last year we had a great group of kids from the youth groups of two local churches. They indicated they would be willing to help us again. I'm in need of someone to contact them or additional groups and coordinate their helping us out. Also you would be the point person for them on the day of the sale.

If you are willing to help in this area, please contact me at 541-671-8954 or email me at [bonniedurick505@gmail.com](mailto:bonniedurick505@gmail.com)

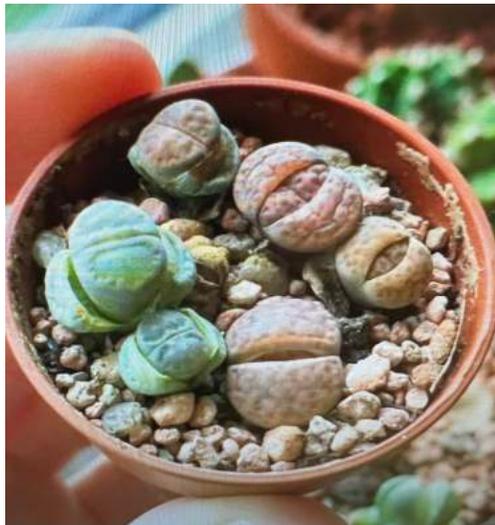


If you have read any of my articles about succulents then you know that I like the ones that tend to very different or odd. I purchased some of these little succulents this past summer, and now I'm going to share what I have learned about them.

This succulent has several different names and I'm sure that there may be many more that I am not aware of. Lithrops are a small succulent that comes from the southern part of Africa. They are also called "Brain Plants", "Living Stones", "Pebble Stones" and "Butt Plants". Yep. Just silly.

This succulent (you choose the name that you like) is small: about the size of a dime when I got mine, and now about the size of a quarter. They form beautiful clumps of colors when grown together. Lithrops are not a fast-growing succulent, so they can be put in smaller garden pots for someone who has very little room. Their leaves look like stones rather than leaves. They have adapted to take sunlight in their native habitat, but depending where you live, it is best to give them at least 4-5 hours of sunlight in the morning and partial sunlight in the later part of the day. If they get too much sunlight, their leaves will become elongated and the pattern on the top of it may lose its pattern. It's best to watch that they are not exposed to too much extreme heat. They do best with 65-80 degree temperatures.

While most succulents can be planted with each other to make beautiful colored arrangements, the lithrop cannot be planted with any other succulent other than other lithrops, mainly because the watering cycle is completely different. Watering needs of this plant are every two weeks until summer ends. When winter begins, cut off all watering as it is going into its dormancy period.



During its dormancy period, the leaves will start to die and new ones will begin to grow inside. This can happen anytime between spring to fall. It may look like your plant is dying. It's incredible to see, as the lithrop will split open in the center and the new leaves will emerge. Over time you will get to see the marvelous flowers that this little succulent has. They bloom in an array of colors from white, yellow and orange and look like little daisies. Their bloom only lasts from early morning to later in the day. If you have many of these in

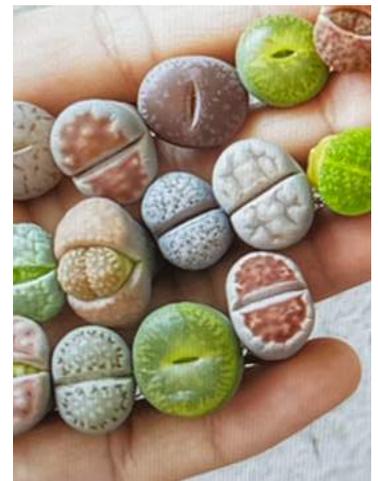
one garden pot the flowers of the lithrops will cover the entire plants, with only the flowers showing for that one day. How marvelous that would be to see. I'll be watching mine.

I have found with this little plant that it is best to just leave it alone and water as needed in the summer. Watch the tops of the plant to see if it starts to wrinkle or pucker as this is a sign of needing water. As crazy as this plant sounds, it really doesn't need much - sunlight, watering every two weeks in the summer months, and no fertilizer needed. If you do want to add any, it is best to use one that is higher in potassium.

But do not put directly on the plant as it will burn it. Cut off watering in the winter.

These plants do best in a sandy cactus soil, not your everyday potting soil. If you do overwater them, they can end up having problems with pests and root-rot.

I'm going to enjoy mine over the winter months, watching and waiting for that new leaf to appear and then flower. Maybe this one might be *your* next new plant. Until then, when I see you in the garden...



## Thank You for Tool Donations

Fred Alley

THANK YOU TO ALL THE MASTER GARDENERS WHO DONATED HAND GARDEN TOOLS AND GARDEN BOOKS TO THE DOUGLAS COUNTY FARM-TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

This last August the Douglas County Master Gardeners donated over forty hand garden tools as well as garden books to the Douglas County Farm to School Program. Erin Maidlow, Farm-to-School Educator/regional education Executive Director was so pleased that the two organizations joined together to assist in the Farm to School Program. This multifaceted program goals are: “increasing the consumption of locally grown products, building relationships between farmers and schools to provide local good for school meal programs, and education youth on local food systems and agriculture.” Thanks to Julie Stanbery for initiating this joint effort. Fred Alley has also extended his tool renovation expertise to the Farm to School program. While the gardening season is over, we are looking forward to continuing this effort next spring.



Upper Left: Westside Greenhouse Crew  
Upper Right: Eastside Greenhouse Crew

Left: Hiroshima Gingko Tree

Right: Moon Gate, Japanese Garden

*Photos by Fred Alley*





## DECEMBER GARDEN CALENDAR

- Spread wood ashes evenly on your vegetable garden. Use no more than 1.5 pounds per 100 square feet per year. Don't use if the soil pH is greater than 7.0 or if potassium levels are excessive.
- Protect new landscape plants from wind. Use stakes, guy wires or windbreaks as needed.
- Yard sanitation: rake leaves, cut and remove withered stalks of perennial flowers, mulch flowerbeds, and hoe or pull winter weeds.
- Turn the compost pile and protect from heavy rains, if necessary.
- During heavy rains, watch for drainage problems in the yard. Tilling, ditching, and French drains are possible short-term solutions. Consider rain gardens and bio swales as a longer-term solution.
- Check stored flower bulbs, fresh vegetables, and fruits for rot and fungus problems. Discard any showing signs of rot.
- Tie limbs of columnar evergreens to prevent snow or ice breakage.
- Make sure that landscape plants in protected sites receive water regularly during the winter.
- Western Oregon: This is a good time to plant trees and landscape shrubs.
- Use chemical controls only when necessary and only after thoroughly reading the pesticide label. First consider cultural, then physical and biological controls. Choose the least-toxic options, and use them judiciously. Some examples include insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, and organic and synthetic pesticides.

- Monitor landscape plants for problems. Don't treat unless a problem is identified.
- Check for rodent damage around bases of trees and large shrubs. Remove weeds to prevent rodents from using them as hiding places. Use traps and approved baits as necessary.
- Avoid mounding mulching materials around the bases of trees and shrubs. The mulch might provide cover for rodents.
- Monitor spruce trees for spruce aphids. Treat if present in large numbers. Read and follow pesticide label directions.
- Protect poinsettias from cold. Place them in sunlight; don't let the leaves touch cold windows. Fertilize with houseplant fertilizer to maintain leaf color.
- Monitor houseplants for adequate water and fertilizer. Water and fertilizer requirements generally are less in winter.





One might ask: **Where do I find ideas for the tool tip articles?**

That answer is easy. From you readers, from the tool questions you ask and from those who bring me garden tools for cleaning, sharpening or for total renovation. I'm always surprised what tools I find or receive from week to week. Most are not that unusual. Some are new, some old and

sometimes rare. The photograph illustrates eight garden tools I have been working on for the last two weeks. Several of the tools are mine, but most are from Master Gardeners.

During the last 2 plus years I have prepared articles on many tool repairs including these eight garden tools and more. All of these eight tools required complete restoration. Now they are in perfect condition, ready for use, and they will most likely last your life-time.



- Lightweight 40" D-Ring handle garden spade
- 48" D-Ring handle edging shovel
- 3.2 lb., 36" single bit axe
- 2 lb., 27" single bit youth axe
- 3 lb., 34" single bit axe
- 3-tine 60" hay pitchfork
- 60", 4-prong heavy digging fork
- 60", 5-prong cultivator

The second question one might ask is: "I have one of these axes and it needs cleaning, sharpening and a new handle. **Where would I find one of your tool tips articles regarding my question?** I would like to fix my axe on my own." (If you find you can't, you can always call me.)

I suspect most of you will know the answer because you remember reading a past article in one of our Master Garden Newsletters, but you may not remember which monthly Newsletter contained the particular article. I thought it might be helpful to have an annual "Tool Tip Article Index". We are fortunate to have an archive of

our monthly Newsletters available at our finger tips on our website. I enjoy reviewing old Newsletters, remembering special events, and seeing past and present Master Gardener members and OSU Extension Staff members.

## 2022 INDEX TO TOOL TIP ARTICLES

- **January:** What is your best or favorite garden hoe?
- **February:** The skip hoe and a call for donations of hand pruners/clippers for the Discovery Garden.
- **March:** What is the best oil to keep the rust and corrosion of the metal parts off my garden tools.
- **April:** What is the most basic cleaning techniques in keeping a shovel clean and sharp.
- **May:** How to replace a broken D-Ring handle on a digging spade with a new polypropylene D-Ring handle
- **June:** (No article)
- **July:** (No article)
- **August:** Can a manual weed eater with a double serrated edge blade be cleaned and re-sharpened?
- **September:** Replacing a broken garden hoe handle.
- **October:** How to remove an old broken hoe handle
- **November:** Four easy step 20-minute clean-up of hand pruners
- **December:** 2022 Index to Tool Tip Articles

So, to this question: What tool repair questions do you have? Have you had a broken or discarded garden tool in the corner of your garage or garden shed - one you just can't get rid of because it has sentimental value and you don't know how to fix it? Just this week, I found a rare 5-prong long-handle cultivator. Three days later, a gardener gave me an identical cultivator he had found on his family's homestead. Contact me. Or, while at the Discovery Garden on Tuesdays, stop and talk to me. I'm always interested to discussing unusual and rare tools, and/or how to fix them.

Happy gardening, and continue keeping those garden tools clean, sharp, oiled and properly stored.

## DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting  
November 17, 2022

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:22. There were 43 in attendance, including President Julie Stanbery, Past President Nancy Fuller, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis, OMGA Rep. Barbie Hamby, Membership Kay Livermore, and Secretary Bonnie Courter.

**Agenda Approval:** The agenda stands as posted.

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

### OFFICER REPORTS

**Past President - Nancy Fuller:** Nancy attended Jackson County's "Winter Dreams" program and says it was excellent.

**Membership - Kay Livermore:** We currently have 227 members. 55 have already signed their OSU DocuSign forms which went out to membership on Tuesday. She is receiving dues now.

**OMGA - Barbie Hamby:** The OMGA 4th Quarter meeting was held on November 4 by Zoom. Patrice Sipos attended it. Gail Langellotto proposed a new statewide MG Program award to be called the "Growing and Belonging Award", which will honor MG volunteers who demonstrate commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.

The International Master Gardener Conference will be June 18-22, 2023, in Overland Park, Kansas. Early registration starts today. The cost is \$397 if paid by March 1, and \$459 after that date. For more information, go to <https://imgc2023.com>.

All new volunteers as well as veteran MG's who recertify need to take the DEI training.

**Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis:** Toni Rudolph got the necessary paperwork signed for the Waddington Fund to be invested with Charles Schwab.

### Vice-President - Diana Woodward:

Thanks to Ken Carloni this morning who gave an excellent presentation on "Oaks in the Umpqua".

The next Continuing Ed will be by Logan Bennett and Alicia Christensen in January about invasive pests. Bruce Gravens will present on seeding peppers and tomatoes in February. Fred Alley will talk

tools in March, and Ann Severson will possibly speak on succulents in April. May chapter meeting will be at the home of Dave Clark and Iva GreyWolf. Diana sent out the links for the different LevelUp Series classes we can take on the OSU website, which count toward CE recertification.



### President - Julie Stanbery:

- Julie praised OMGA Secretary Sharon Bordeaux for her excellent OMGA minutes.
- Benton County is sponsoring an "Insights into Gardening" program February 11, 2023 at the OSU campus with many great classes to attend. Registration opens January 2, 2023.
- Central Oregon has a new trial fundraising opportunity for those who like to travel, offering exploration tours with Green Thumb Travelers and Collette Tours to Great Britain and Ireland for Fall 2023. For information, go to [www.gocomga.com](http://www.gocomga.com).
- Clatsop County offers a horticulture scholarship for a high school senior.

### MG Program Coordinator - Logan Bennett:

- His small farms team has sponsored 10 programs for the public in 7 months.
- He will be looking into what kind of DEI class can be offered in order to make that program useful to our chapter.
- The second MG Trivia Night contest is tonight from 6-7 on invasive and wood-boring pests.
- Impact statements are being done. Logan will be surveying members soon to complete that.
- There have been questions on reporting hours. The online VRS system is going through an update, and when that is available, we will be slowly moving towards everyone posting their hours online through VRS. Logan can appoint certain MG's to act as

administrators, who can upload info into the reporting system should some MG's not wish to post online themselves. So if you want to still hand in your hours by paper, the admins can enter your info for you. Logan will offer training on posting hours online once the new update is available in a month or so.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### **Awards Social/Black Apparel - Ann Severson:**

- Ann met with Phoenix School and we are signed up to hold our Awards Social from now on at their venue. The cost will be \$250. The Awards Social will be held March 4.
- Black Aprons: Ann spoke with Prince Charming and they will look into other options for aprons using a different material as the other ones are not coming. She will do another order in March before the Plant Sale.
- Trash to Treasure: Ann is loading up stuff to take to Lenore Drake's to store. She will now accept some holiday items since the sale is in June, but only quality items. The sale is the first Saturday in June at the Winston Community Center.

**Community Outreach - Team:** Not present. Julie got a lovely thank-you note from a Grants Pass school group that had a tour with Leo, signed by the children.

### **Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:**

The new class have really stepped up to take ownership of positions in the garden. Sue Waite and Andrea Collins are taking over the iris bed. Those taking on the butterfly garden are Janet Bitter, Terry Christensen, Fred Alley, Kathy & Steve Hart (picnic table), Laura Corder on the honeysuckle garden, and Julie Burchstead is taking over the milkweed garden. Doralee Hayden, Patrice Glasscock, and Bobbi Schneider also have plots in the butterfly garden. Mugsy Kolb and Rebecca Taylor have taken over the task of keeping the toilets clean.

The Festival of Lights is not using Helleck Hall this year for their Holiday House.

**Facebook - Barbara Horst:** Not present. Her report: 2,195 are following our FaceBook page. Anyone who wants to send any research-based articles to post on FaceBook, send them to Barbara.

**Fundraising - Dawn Shumack:** BlueBags will always be available at our meetings. Dawn also offers to pick up filled bags from any MG's.

**Greenhouse West - Joy Keeling:** The crew is working Tuesdays, 9-12, transplanting and getting perennials covered and outside.

**Greenhouse East - Bonnie Durick:** Her crew is working every Tuesday, 9-12, root pruning, weeding, and cutting back grasses.

### **Hallmark - Linda Thames:**

- A celebration of life for Noel Groshong will be held at Dino's restaurant Saturday, November 19, from 11-2. Friends are encouraged to bring stories about Noel. Noel died unexpectedly from a complication from surgery. He was a Master Gardener since 2008.
- Kathy Shayler is recovering from surgery.
- On November 8, Gale and Barbara Robinson were rear-ended by a pickup truck pulling a boat near their home. They're both receiving physical therapy for a couple of months, and their SUV will need major repairs.

**Insect Committee - Diana Woodward:** No report.

**Newsletter - Bonnie Courter:** Contributions for the December Newsletter are due Monday, November 28. Contributions for the January Newsletter will be due Thursday, December 29.

**Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:** First, I want to thank everyone who volunteered to work in the Plant Clinic this fall. The Plant Clinic had just under 50 visitors, phone calls and emails so far in November. Most of our questions are about fall gardening, weeds and orchard pruning.

In November, our clinic is open 2 days a week. Coming in December and January, we will only be open on Mondays. Our training for the new class of 2022 will begin in February, 2023.

**Plant Sale - Bonnie Durick:** The sale is the first Saturday in May. She needs someone to help with junior volunteers - they would be the point person for kids and adults helping us during the sale. Boxes are still needed - bring them to Panches's Palace. Prices have gone up on everything - fertilizer is up \$30/bag

now. There are also a shortage of gallon pots, and small ones are out of stock. We will be doing online signups only this time - Janet Bitter will put it together like last year.

Bonnie is “retiring” the end of May as Plant Sale Coordinator. We desperately need a team to take over and shadow Bonnie now in order to get trained.

**Publicity - Cheryl Caplan:** Cheryl was on Thursday’s KQEN radio show with Kyle Bailey. She gave plugs to everyone working hard in the greenhouses and to Spring Into Gardening. Ann Severson might be able to do one on succulents. Anyone else that would like to be on the radio, let Cheryl know. Recordings of the show can go on our FaceBook page. She is still working on updating the photo of the Hiroshima ginkgo tree for our website.

**Soils - Gloria Cettina:** They are still getting a lot of soil samples. Lots of new students are involved in doing the testing. Soil tests are \$10 for MG’s, \$20 for the public. Info on how to take samples is available on our website. We now have a soil pulverizer too that helps so much.

**Spring Into Gardening - Chris Rusch:** This is a terrific community education event where we can bring our OSU Extension program on sustainable gardening to our greater community. It is also an opportunity for MG’s to get recertification hours by attending classes. We have set a date for March 11, 2023. So far we are working on scheduling speakers. If you are interested in participating please send me an email.

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500 hours: Dawnetta Loomis

**Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka:** The garden was put to bed this past week. They had a great team this year. This last harvest was over 1000 pounds. All plants were pulled down in 2-1/2 hours! Crops for next year have been planned. The total was 10,847 pounds over the whole year. Soil testing showed high potassium which can be caused by manures. Logan advised not fertilizing with potassium right away in the spring, and avoid compost this year.

**OLD BUSINESS - Budget Vote:** Dawnetta presented a proposed balanced budget. **Kish Doyle moved we accept the budget as given. Toni Rudolph seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS - Compost Sales:** We will receive income from selling our compost, but we won’t make a separate item in the budget until 2024. Discussion regarding what to charge for our compost ensued. Bruce Gravens had said \$7 for a 5 gallon bucket. Many felt that was too high. Compost can be purchased on Tuesday mornings only - cash or check - and bring your own bucket. The compost will have to be sifted onsite or take it home as is. **Bonnie Courter proposed charging \$3, and Kay Livermore seconded the motion. Vote on the \$3 per 5 gallon bucket passed unanimously.**

**SHOW AND TELL:** Ann Severson brought air plants to show.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

No meetings in December.

The next Executive Board meeting is January 11, 2023, 10:00 in the Annex.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting is adjourned at 11:37.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Courter, Secretary

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