



August 2023 Calendar

- Tues., Aug. 1, 8?-12
Greenhouse Crews
Discovery Garden Workday
Victory Garden Crew
- Thurs., Aug. 3, 8?-12
Victory Garden Crew
- Mon., Aug. 7, 10:00
Insect Committee
- Tues., Aug. 8, 8?-Noon
Greenhouse Crews
Discovery Garden Workday
Victory Garden Crew
- Wed., Aug. 9, 10:00
Executive Board Meeting, Annex
- Wed.-Sat., Aug. 9-12
DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR
- Thurs., Aug. 10, 8?-12
Victory Garden Crew
- Tues., Aug. 15, 8?-12
Greenhouse Crews
Discovery Garden Workday
Victory Garden Crew
- Thurs., Aug. 17, 8?-12
Victory Garden Crew
- Mon., Aug. 21, 10:00
Insect Committee
- Tues., Aug. 22, 8?-12
Greenhouse Crews
Discovery Garden Workday
Victory Garden
- Thurs., Aug. 24, 8?-12
Victory Garden Crew
- Tues., Aug. 29, 8?-12
Greenhouse Crews
Discovery Garden Workday
Victory Garden Crew
- Thurs., Aug. 31, 10:00
Chapter Meeting/Potluck
at Patrice Glasscock's residence

The Prez Sez...

I spent a lovely afternoon in paradise, well, that's how it felt from the hillside overlooking the North Umpqua River. Gloria and Mauro Cettina (MG's 2021) moved here ten years ago to be closer to their 2 daughters and 4 grands. Their amazing property is home to 3 dogs, a herd of meat goats, a flock of chickens and 3 "bottle baby" ewes who might become the progenitors of the next generation of sheep on the property.



Mauro & Gloria Cettina
Photo: Fred Alley

The animals do their part to keep the property clean. The goats are voracious grubbers of blackberries and poison oak and provide fresh meat which Mauro skillfully butchers at the farm. The fruit and vegetable garden produces more than enough for the family and for generous donations to the food bank.

Gloria's lovely ornamental garden with shade trees and dogs ambling along side feeds her passion for gardening and gives her space for meditation.

Married for 47 years, they have traveled the world. Douglas County attracted them with its quiet tranquility. Beyond their primary directive to be present in their grandchildren's lives, they see value in the garden, of being part of a process of giving back to their community. Joining the DCMG has given them much in terms of personal education, particularly gaining insights from veteran gardeners.

They have both found their place in the program:

Gloria loves soils and, as co-chair of the soils committee, helped develop our much-improved outreach in this important topic. She also spends time in the Eastside Greenhouse. With her background as administrative assistant to the senior pastor of her church she has skillfully stepped up to co-chair the Fall Training Classes. She delights in talking with people, organizing the curriculum and working with the office staff.

Mauro is a first generation immigrant born in Italy. Following WWII and the ensuing economic hardships, his family came to America and settled in Portland. His summer jobs were spent working in the bakery, and for many years he owned and operated three different Italian restaurants. After a time, he turned to his church where he spent the rest of his career as the facility manager. Mauro finds his bliss working in the Victory Garden. He brings enormous energy and expertise to our garden.

As we sipped a lovely local wine and enjoyed a platter of cheese, pickled zucchini and Mauro's fresh baguettes just out of the oven, they shared their dream of one day having an olive ranch with a small guest cottage for visitors to come to enjoy the serenity of their 12 acre homestead. It should be heavenly.

See you in the garden,
Julie

Vice-President's Report

Diana Woodward

Patrice Glasscock has offered her home for our next Chapter meeting location, August 31, at 3217 Cole Road, Oakland. Meeting begins at 10 AM.

The Glasscock's have 130 acres and have planted many acres in grapes. We will be meeting under their 100-year-old Coastal Redwood, in the shade. Their property is so picturesque with views in all directions, and Patrice's new gardening skills are apparent everywhere. Their home is just west of Sutherlin, off Hwy. 138.

Directions:

via I-5 North or South:
Exit 136 and head west on Hwy. 138W for approximately 2.5 miles, Left turn onto Wilcox Rd. and take it to the end (about 1.3 miles). Right turn on Cole Rd. to address on right (about 2.2 miles).

via the back roads using Garden Valley Rd:
Head north on Garden Valley for approximately 10 miles to the end.
Right turn onto Ft. McKay Rd. You will pass the Lighthouse Bakery on the left (just over 1 mile) Make a left onto Cole Rd. to the address on left (about 3.5 miles) Cole Rd. is more curvy from this direction. Ours is the first driveway on the left after Murdock Rd.

Come down the dirt drive (about 1/4 mile) to the green gate which should be open. If not, text me 541-817-5536 and I will come open it for you. The gate will open automatically when you leave our property.

*If you use GPS for directions, DO NOT go via Stump Ranch Rd. There is no access to our property from

there. It will lead you to a dead end at a home on the other side of the hill from our home.

**Our house dates back to 1912. Please be aware that we are on an old septic system. Please do not park on the left side of the driveway directly across from the house where the drive splits. That is where the leach fields are for the septic system. Anywhere else around the house and along the road should be fine as long as you do not block any roads. This is a working ranch and tractors and equipment may be moving around the property and in and out of the vineyards. Come and enjoy our beautiful vineyards! We look forward to hosting all of you! Feel free to call if you have any questions. (541) 817-5536

July 2023 Swinger Bar Report

Kay Livermore

Members who have swinger bar updates for June:



Two 2022 trainees completed their 60 payback hours:

Andrea Collins & Mugsy Kolb

60 hours: Andrea Collins

100 hours: Chuck Goodin, Mugsy Kolb, Mark Ramp

1000 hours: Lenore Drake

2000 hours: Steve Hart

3500 hours: Elva Sellens



The DG Butterfly Garden is living up to its name with Swallowtails hovering all around this 'Miss Molly' Buddleia!
Photo: Kathy Hart

Joy of Gardening Conference

Chris Rusch

I hope you were able to enjoy the OMGA Joy of Gardening Conference July 7-8. It was an amazing opportunity for Master Gardeners to get together, enjoy 25 excellent Sustainable Gardening presentations (all of which count towards recertification hours), and network with folks from other chapters. It was a fun-filled 2 days.

OMGA welcomed Brooke Edmunds as our interim State Master Gardener Program Manager.

Several awards were presented:

Oregon Master Gardener Extension Educator Grant 2023:

Klamath Chapter. Amount \$400. Drip irrigation teaching kit.

Clatsop County. Amount \$150. Support for Saturday Market outreach booth improvements.

Douglas County. Amount \$400. Spring into Gardening event.

Karl Carlson Grant 2023:

Columbia Gorge. Amount \$250. Educational signage for a new composting site at their demonstration garden.

Search for Excellence Award 2023:

Clackamas County. Amount \$1000. Let's grow together! 10-minute university webinar series.

MG Award winners were:

STATE MASTER GARDENERS OF THE YEAR:

Lynn Kunstman - Jackson

Marilyn Berti - Washington

STATE BEHIND THE SCENES AWARDS

Deb Schmidt - Lane

Linda Coakley-Yamhill

STATE GROWING AND BELONGING AWARD

Dennis Brown - Multnomah County

Congratulations to all our award winners! Thanks to everyone for your continued support of our program.



(Photos shared by Colleen Baida)





Aeoniums are from the Crassulaceae family and there are about 35 varieties. They originated from the Canary Islands and from Africa. They are also called Tree Houseleeks. Aeoniums

can grow several feet or be only a few inches in height. What is wonderful about these plants is that each variety is a bit different. The rosettes can be very large from several inches across to about an inch in size. They also come in a vast array of colors, from reds, greens, yellows to dark brown and white.

As the plant grows, it will have a stem that will produce many aeoniums around the mother plant. These clusters will have anywhere from 6 or more aeoniums around the mother plant. Sometimes the plant has so many rosettes that the plant stems break due to the weight of them, making them top heavy. If this happens, you can take the branch that has broken off and propagate that rosette into another plant.

The rosettes will often appear to have leaves dying around the bottom of the rosettes. This is a normal look to the plant. Just remove any leaves that appear to be dead or dying. Another thing that you might see is the stems of the plant having roots coming off the stems and rooting into the soil. At this point the Aeonium is root bound and needs to be re-potted.

Most succulents can be potted up with just about any type of soil. However, the Aeonium is a bit more finicky. It doesn't like the soil that you might use for succulents with the sand. The best is to use your favorite soil and add perlite and peat moss. They tend to like their soil moist but not over watered.

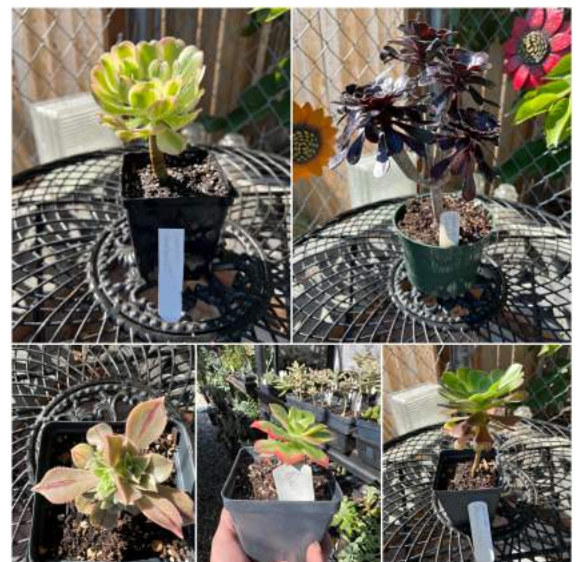
The Aeoniums are great house plants that don't require much care and are able to be outside in the summer months up until the cold months start. They are not frost hardy. Many varieties of them love the sun and they actually thrive better and have their leaves turn spectacular colors in the summer months. But, then again some do better with partial sun and shade. A sign of too much sun is white to brown spots on their leaves. If you see these spots, then move to a shady location with less sun.

I told you many articles ago that there are some succulents that are monocarpic. This is one of them. But not all varieties are monocarpic. If you see your mother plant blooming, it may die. At this point, watch it bloom. If it dies, remove the mother plant and the dead bloom. You will have the offsets of the mother plant to enjoy.

Here are a few varieties of Aeoniums that you might be interested in getting. I have about four varieties and the Kiwi one is one that I had growing on my porch for many years until it bloomed. Stunning to have and watch grow.

- *Aeonium arboreum* has green rosettes and has a shrubby form can grow to about 3 feet in containers.
- *Aeonium arboreum 'Atropurpureum'* can grow to 3 to 5 feet and has maroon leaves if grown in bright light.
- *Aeonium arboreum 'Zwartkop' or 'Black Rose'* has almost dark black leaves to burgundy colored and is a very large plant.
- *Aeonium Garnet* is a hybrid of Zwartkop and has green leaves in the middle and tipped with dark red.
- *Aeonium davidbramwelli*, Sunburst is a shorter variety only growing between 1 to 2 feet tall. The rosettes are yellow with white and green stripes and pink on the tips.
- *Aeonium Kiwi* is the most common variety. It can grow to 2-3 feet tall in the right conditions. This variety loves the sun and its leaves will get more brilliant. The center is a pale yellow to red and green.

Until then when I see you in the garden.





The Plant Clinic was busy in July. We have been helping folks plan their gardens and landscapes by answering a wide range of questions. This includes diagnosing plant problems and identifying insects. We had over 100 visitors this month!

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. The Plant Clinic training program is a great opportunity for our new members to put their knowledge of Sustainable Gardening to work. We are lucky to have a terrific Plant Clinic team this summer with Leo Grass, Barbara Horst, Diane Smith-Lewsadder, Gerry Crane, Ken Parry, Linda Estep, Doralee Hayden, and Chris Rusch.

We need veterans to help in the Plant Clinic both in continuing to help our new volunteers and keeping up with the workload 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 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 lots of FUN!!

Victory Garden Class

Lenore Drake



The first summer class in the Discovery Garden Pavilion was held Thursday, July 20. There were 34 people in attendance. Carolyn Ruzicka, Co-Chair of the Victory garden, conducted a tour of the garden providing

information relating to garden practices employed in the production of their bountiful harvest. Topics covered was information on planting times, successional planting, maximizing space, and irrigation. The participants took lots of notes and asked very topic-related questions.



Logan Bennett then provided a detailed description on how to develop a quality soil for your garden. Covered areas were information about composting and soil amendments. He also answered numerous questions asked by the participants. Prior to walking over to the Victory Garden, Logan gave a short talk on the history of victory gardens.



Participants completed a brief survey at the end of the class. The comments made were very positive about the class. They also suggested some ideas we might explore for future classes. Many of those in attendance expressed an

interest in our upcoming classes and took the information off the flyers for the next three scheduled classes which will be held the third Thursday of the month as follows:

August 17: Sustainable Garden Basics: Low maintenance, low water gardening

September 21: Simply Shrubbery, What's Not To Like?

October 19: Garlic and Shallots: How to keep growing during the winter!

Thanks to Lenore Drake, Sharon Bordeaux, Logan Bennett and Cheryl Caplan for their efforts to bring this summer class to us and to the public.





Ask the Tool Man Alley

The question in this article is threefold: 1) What are the three garden and yard tools that are most likely to need repair? 2) What is the reason these three garden yard tools are top of my repair list? 3) What repair can be done to eliminate that repair?

1. During the years I have been renovating, repairing and sharpening yard and garden tools, I have found the three most common

tools I work on are garden hoes, garden cultivators and steel lawn rakes. (Photo 1.)

2. These tools commonly need repairs to the head of the hoe, cultivators and lawn rakes, because the head comes loose from the handle. We have all experienced these occurrences. First, the hoe



head becomes loose, and the hoe begins to turn in the steel socket of the handle and eventually falls completely out of the hoe handle. The lawn rake does the same thing, as does the cultivator. All three of these receive a lot of pounding and pulling action that is very hard on the tools.

3. Is there a repair that can be done of all three tools that will prevent the tool heads from coming loose from the handle? Absolutely. For years we gardeners have found these tools have a weak point in the design and construction. You don't have to look far in your garden tool shed to find an example of the solution. The next time you pick up your best garden shovel, you will see your solution. Do you see it? On the side of the shovel collar, you will see a "Shovel Pin" that has been installed, from side to side, through the shovel collar.



The pin end is pounded round using a ball pion hammer, securing the shovel blade firmly to the handle. The shovel pin will not allow the shovel blade to move side to side or dislodge from the handle. (Photo 2). Hoes, steel lawn rakes and cultivators do not have such a pin installed in the collar. The heads are simply secured by forcing the head into the end of the handle and the collar.

The repair solution for all three of these tools is relatively simple. Install a shovel pin! You can purchase a shovel pin at a local hardware store. The process for all three tools is the same. Photo 3 shows the process for the cultivator.

1. With the cultivator head fully inserted into the collar, make a single cut with a hack saw even with the end of the collar. If you look closely at Photo 3 you can see three saw marks on the shaft of the cultivator head. I have already drilled a

7/16-inch hole in the shaft of the cultivator head. This 7/16 hole is exactly the diameter of the shovel pin.

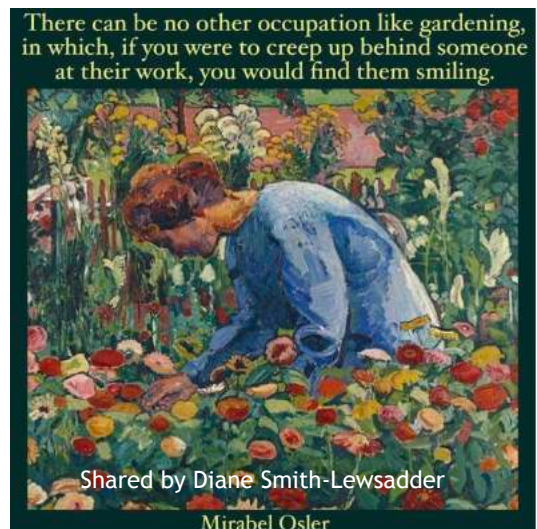
2. Remove the cultivator head. Measure the distance between the hack saw cut and the end of the hole in the cultivator, or simply lay the cultivator head next to the collar and line up the center of the hole to the collar. Drill the 7/16-inch hole in the collar all the way though to the other side of the collar. Reinstall the cultivator head, making sure the saw mark is on top of the handle, and the hole in the cultivator head and handle line up. The easiest method to install the head is to hold the handle upright, force the head into the collar by hitting the end of the handle on a concrete floor. Eventually the head will go down into the collar and you will be able to see the two holes matching up.



3. Insert the shovel pin down through the pre-drilled 7/16-inch holes. Set the cultivator on a vise with the end of the pin facing upward. With a hack saw, cut the end of the pin off, leaving 3/16 inches of the pin. Place the cultivator on a vise or piece of steel with the pin end up. Using a ball pion hammer strike the end of the pin a number of times, rounding the top of the head flush with the cultivator collar. This will securely anchor the collar and cultivator head together. You are done! Alternatively, instead of using a shovel pin, you can use a 7/16-inch carriage bolt. Insert the bolt and secure with a nut on the other side of the collar. It's not as neat as a shovel pin, but it works the same with less work.

Again, this process will apply to the hoe, cultivator and lawn rake. Once completed, this upgrade will most likely last the life of the garden tool.

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



Treasurer's Report
Dawnetta Loomis
06/29/2023-07/27/2023

INCOME

Contribution	\$5.00
Bottledrop	\$200.00
Soil Testing	\$60.00
Trash to Treasure	\$90.00
Interest	\$20.21
Plant Sale Post	\$8.00
Other (Investment)	\$0.87
Compost Tea	<u>\$205.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$589.08

EXPENSES

Soil Testing	\$10.31
Management & General	\$0.00
Grant/Gift/Scholarship	\$80.00
Discovery Garden	\$119.19
HLC	\$121.75
Plant Sale	\$279.93
Trash to Treasure	<u>\$425.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,036.18

Breakdown of our accounts at 07/27/23

NWCC - Checking	\$4,743.26
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,013.02
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$76,640.85
Charles Schwab	\$72,370.87
NWCC - 6 Month CD	<u>\$17,828.06</u>
Ending Balance	\$176,596.06

AUGUST GARDENING CALENDAR



Practice preventive pest management rather than reactive pest control. Identify and monitor problems before acting and opt for the least toxic approach. Conserve biological control agents such as predators and the parasitoids that feed on insect pests.

Planning

- The optimal time for establishing a new lawn is August through mid-September.

- Dampwood termites begin flying late this month. Make sure your home is free of wet wood or places where wood and soil are in contact.

- Maintenance and cleanup

- Make compost out of lawn clippings and garden plants that are ready to be recycled. Don't use clippings if the lawn has been treated with herbicide, including "weed-and-feed" products. Don't compost diseased plants unless you are using the "hot compost" method (120 degrees to 150 degrees Fahrenheit).
- Fertilize cucumbers, summer squash and broccoli to maintain production while you continue harvesting.
- Clean up strawberry beds.
- Use mulch to protect ornamentals and garden plants from hot weather damage. If needed, provide temporary shade, especially for recent plantings.
- Camellias need deep watering to develop flower buds for next spring.
- Prune raspberries, boysenberries and other caneberries after harvest. Check raspberries for holes made by crown borers, near the soil line, at the base of the plant. Remove infested wood before adults emerge (approximately mid-August).
- Monitor garden irrigation closely so crops and ornamentals don't dry out.
- If you want your lawn to stay green, you'll have to 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.
- Prune cherry trees before fall rains begin to allow callusing in dry weather. This will minimize the spread of bacterial canker.

Planting and propagation

- Plant cauliflower, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, spinach, turnips, and parsnips.

Pest monitoring and management

- 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



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soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, and organic and synthetic pesticides.

- Remove cankered limbs from fruit and nut trees for control of diseases such as apple anthracnose and bacterial canker of stone fruit. Sterilize tools before each new cut.
- Check apple maggot traps: spray tree if needed.
- Control yellow jackets and wasps with traps and lures as necessary. Keep in mind they are beneficial insects and help control pest insects in the home garden.
- Watch for corn earworm on early corn. Treat as needed.
- For mite control on ornamentals and most vegetables, hose off foliage, spray with approved miticide if necessary.
- Check leafy vegetables for caterpillars. Pick off caterpillars as they appear. Use Bt-k, if necessary.
- Continue monitoring peaches, plums, prunes, figs, fall-bearing raspberries and strawberries, and other plants that produce soft fruits and berries for Spotted wing Drosophila. If SWD are present, use an integrated and least toxic approach to manage the pests.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting at residence of Dawnetta Loomis

July 27, 2023

Photos: Bonnie Courter & Fred Alley



Dawnetta spoke about her home, which Dan and she purchased in 2014. Most of the landscape is edible. They have a mushroom tower, elderberries, fruit trees, berries, herbs and medicinal herbs, vegetable garden, worm bin, potato patch, grape vineyard, and even edible roses used for culinary purposes. They have honey bees as well, and are making

their own compost soil. Homemade pizza made in their pizza oven will be served after the meeting. Dan then spoke about the history of their place in Tyee. Across the river from their property was the site of Camp Tyee, part of Roosevelt's



CCC program during the Depression. He also told of other historical events that took place in the area.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:08. There were 30 in attendance, including President Julie Stanbery, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Past

President Nancy Fuller, Membership Kay Livermore, Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis, OMGA Alt Rep Patrice Sipos, and Secretary Bonnie Courter.



Agenda Approval:

Add "Audit Report" to Old Business.

Minutes Approval: The minutes were approved as posted.

Introduce guests: Dawnetta's neighbor, Rosalee, and Natalia Spencer's husband, John, joined the gathering.

OFFICER REPORTS

Past President - Nancy Fuller: She has swarms of bee-like insects at her home which are a nuisance. While at the Rock Garden, there were some kids running wild through it. Someone broke the birdbath, crushed plants, and knocked off rocks. Another man had his young grandson practicing driving on the dry grass, and she confronted him and asked him to stop.

Membership - Kay Livermore: We have 214 members.

OMGA - Patrice Sipos: "Joy of Gardening" was held at the OSU campus in Corvallis on July 7-8. Awards for grants, longevity, Master Gardener of the Year and Behind the Scenes MG of the Year were given. There was a local vendor - Grassroots Bookstore, a Silent Auction and Raffle for Send-a-Friend as well. Keynote speakers were Brook Edmonds who spoke on raised bed gardening, and Anthony Melathopoulos who spoke on "The Remarkable Wild Bees".

Nancy Fuller and I drove out to the Polk County Inspiration Garden located in Independence, Oregon, and took a tour with one of their tour guides. It was very inspiring and beautiful - actually one of the best I've seen not counting our garden. I suggest that if any of you are up in that area and to stop and visit - it is worth the time.

Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis: The Charles Schwab account has been added to the financial report - it already made \$1000 this month. The CD has matured and will be rolled over - It made \$14.27 this month. Otherwise, financials were about the same. Dawnetta will be purchasing a much-needed new laptop for the Treasurer. She's found some refurbished ones for \$450.

Vice-President - Diana Woodward: The next chapter meeting will be at Patrice Glasscock's place on Cole Road. Patrice has a 100-year-old house under a huge redwood tree and lots of acreage. Diana is working on Continuing Education classes starting in October. Bruce Gravens will talk about garlic at the October meeting, and Shelby Filley may do one on weeds for November.

President - Julie Stanbery:

- We still need a hospitality chair starting right away. Dawnetta & Diane Smith-Lewsadder volunteered.
- The Entry Garden needs a new chairman as Garry Gerlach is stepping down. Lynn Foster & Maureen Benice are still working in it and are knowledgeable about roses.
- Toni Rudolph has been representing DCMG to advocate for the MG program in Oregon, and would like to step down. Anyone interested, talk with Chris Rusch.

MG Program Coordinator - Logan Bennett: We had our first Pavilion education summer session which was very successful. 34 participated in it and many MG's helped. Kudos to Sharon Bordeaux, Beth Brown, Lenore Drake, Leo Grass and Carolyn Ruzicka. The next one will be August 17 on sustainable gardening basics and irrigation. The Fall Training Class is coming up. The search for the State MG Rep failed so the search continues. After the meeting, Logan will be going to The Boys & Girls Club to conduct a workshop making "Oreo mud cakes" and looking at bugs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Blue Bags - Dawn Shumack: 22 bags were turned in this month. She experimented with scanning the barcode tag and using it to open the locked door. She copied one and mounted it on a stiff piece of paper and it actually works!

Community Outreach - Dawn Shumack:

July presentations:

- Completed 2 more classes at the Umpqua Valley Boys & Girls Gardening Club: topics were: All about Cabbages & the Brassica Family by Cheryl and All About Apples by Dawn
- 3rd presentation to the Secret Wine Club on Bulbs & Watering Practices by Leo & Dawn
- Of course, the July 20th class at the Discovery Garden with 34 attendees. Great job!

Upcoming:

- 3 more Wednesday afternoon classes at the Boys & Girls Club of Umpqua Valley.
 - o 8/2 – Succulents with Ann Severson
 - o 8/9 – Wonderful World of Summer Squashes – Cheryl Caplan
 - o 8/16 – Pollinator Gardens – Julie Burchstead
- August presentation to the Secret Wine Club

Reminder: Cheryl Caplan & Dawn Shumack like to know who has a program ready to share with a group along with information on any presentations you are giving as a Master Gardener. While there is a place to note the outreach on the back of your monthly timesheet, we also keep a spreadsheet of all the presentations to make the end-of-year reporting go more easily.

Funds for Community Outreach: There are no funds in "speakers bureau" in the budget. **Bonnie Courter made a motion to add \$300 to the budget for Community Outreach speakers bureau, line item #62330. Kay Livermore seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.**

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery: The river diver is ready to clean the pump on Sunday. We've been having some sand and algae in the filters. The leak near the compost area was fixed, so now we have great water pressure. Dave Hopkins and Larry Rich (Dave's protege) replaced lots of sprinkler heads.

Facebook - Barbara Horst: Not present. Her report:

On July 15 when I posted Cheryl's photo and description of the onions from the Victory Garden, our viewers spiked to 2.43 million! I'm not sure how it happened, but that is what Facebook is telling me. It also received 7,539 reactions (likes, loves, etc.), 455 comments, and 522 shares. This is the most views we have ever had by far.

Also popular and just posted today was the post about fixing the wheelbarrow at the Discovery Garden. 5,429 have viewed it so far and I'm sure that number will go up with more time.

Fair - Chris Rusch: We will be manning a booth at the Fair August 9-12. All time slots are now staffed except one on Friday morning. Shifts are 3 hours. We will be decorating our booth with signs and plants from the greenhouses.

Farmer's Market - Sylvia Andino: Not present. Julie reported that Ken Parry covered at the market last weekend. We will be there through the end of September. Remember this counts as Plant Clinic hours.

Greenhouse West - Joy Keeling: We are busy taking cuttings and cleaning plants. We need lots of help.

Greenhouse East - Gloria Cettina: Cleaning up lots of grasses. We also need more helpers.

Hallmark - Linda Thames:

- The memorial for Jeff Havener, who created the Discovery Garden sign and started the Insect Committee, will be on Sunday at 2:00 at Dino's Restaurant.
- Julie reported that Gale Robinson got attacked by a whole swarm of yellow jackets recently, so could use a card.

Insect Committee - Diana Woodward: We did not meet as Richard was ill. We will start again next month.

MG Training Class - Gloria Cettina: We have all our mentors and alternates now. We sent out 30 applications, and will conduct interviews in August. We got 3 applications alone from the Pavilion series session

in July! Logan has the schedule finalized and it will be posted in this upcoming Newsletter. Everyone is welcome to attend classes for recertification.

Newsletter - Bonnie Courter: Submissions are due Saturday, July 29. The September Newsletter will be our special new student edition again, with chairpersons and board members introducing themselves to the new class. Be thinking what you will write - refer to last year's September Newsletter for reference. Let me know if you want to say the same thing, or something fresh and whether to use the same photo or not.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch: The clinic has been very busy with many Insect problems and visitors coming by - we had 10 yesterday. We could use more volunteers to sign up to help.

Publicity - Cheryl Caplan: Not present - her report:

- Posted an event notice in Facebook about the July summer class in the Discovery Garden Pavilion.
- For the August summer class, I'll issue a notice to the radio station and newspaper closer to the date along with Facebook posts.

Soils - Gloria Cettina: We got 8 samples this week.

Swinger Bars - Kay Livermore:

July 2023 Swinger Bar Report

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Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson: Not present - her report: My trailer is nearly full of donations for next year's sale! If anyone has donations, they can bring them to the HLC on Tuesdays.

Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka: Not present - her report:



The garden is almost in full swing now. In a couple of weeks we will be going to harvesting 2 days a week, on Mondays and Thursdays. As of this date we have donated 2,000 pounds of produce from

the Victory Garden and Master Gardeners' home gardens. This past Tuesday we donated 577 pounds and home gardens was 55 pounds. On Tuesday we harvested the first of the tomatoes and the first of the beans. The pea vines have been pulled. The summer squash is producing wonderfully. Cantaloupes are growing and will soon be ready for harvest. Cucumbers are doing great and peppers are coming along, ready for harvest soon. See everyone next Tuesday, August 1, at 8:00 AM.



OLD BUSINESS - Audit Report:

Douglas County Master Gardeners Audit Report For Period October 2022 through July 15, 2023

The audit was performed on July 24, 2023. We met with our current Treasurer, Dawnetta Loomis, in the DCMG conference room. The audit members were Bill Fuller, Laura Corder and Patrice Sipos.

The following items were reviewed during the audit:

1. Confirmed our Chapter 2022 Tax Return was filed with the OMGA Treasurer.
2. Verified the Chapter liability insurance is being maintained for the members.
3. Verified that the current budget is being used to monitor income and expenses.
4. Reviewed random financial transactions for the audited period to verify that transactions were properly documented and accurate.
5. Checked that financial documentation on the Treasurer's computer regarding financial statements, bank statements to the reconciliation reports were up to date, complete and accurate.

After reviewing the documentation, we were satisfied that the Chapter's books are being maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and are accurate. The Treasurer is following OMGA methodology for offsite backup of financial data by maintaining a backup on a thumb drive. Randomly the records are updated on the DCMG Plant Clinic computer.

Recommendations:

1. The financial reports footer should be updated to reflect the current budget approval date.
2. The current Treasurer's laptop needs to be replaced. It is very old by today's computer standards. We recommend replacing it with new or refurbished laptop with a warranty.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers:

The following slate of officers was presented to the membership:

OMGA Alternate Rep - **Chris Rusch**, OMGA Rep - **Patrice Sipos**, Membership - **Kay Livermore**, Treasurer - **Dawnetta Loomis**, Secretary - **Bonnie Courter**, Vice-President - **Andrea Collins**, President - **Julie Stanbery**.

Ken Hays moved to accept the slate as presented. Elva Sellens seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The new Executive Board will be Installed next month.

SHOW AND TELL:

Joy of Gardening conference reports - Chris Rusch thanked DCMG for our great participation in the conference. We had Fred Alley, Logan Bennett, and Joy Keeling speaking at some of the sessions. The silent auction made \$6000, a lot of that from us. There were 24 speakers. Chris really enjoyed the talk on bees and the one on how climate change is affecting native plants. The conference was well attended - 13 from Douglas County. We got the Educator's Grant for our Spring Into Gardening event. Dawnetta Loomis was presented with the 2023 Douglas County MG of the Year certificate.

Joni Leet: When she and Jim went to Hawaii, they got hooked on papayas. She bought one locally, took out the seeds and planted them. They all came up! She brought some potted seedlings to give away. They will

need to be indoors or in a greenhouse as they are a tropical plant.

Julie Stanbery: Her friend, Margaret Groshong, has a shefflera bonsai plant to give away.

Patrice Sipos: She brought a yellow squash that was an “unusual” shape to show.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, August 9, 10:00.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 followed by potluck and pizza.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Courter, Secretary



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2023 Fall Training Program
Douglas County- Roseburg Tuesday 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM

September 5th	AM	Botany	Chris Rusch
	PM	Xeriscape Garden (DG)	Geoff Puryear
September 12th	AM	Soils/Fertilizer/Compost	James Cassidy
	PM	Victory Garden Tour (DG)	Master Gardeners
September 19th	AM	Concurrent sessions	MG Team
	PM	Plant ID	Chris Rusch
September 26th	AM	IPM	Logan Bennett
	PM	Permanent crops	Logan Bennett
October 3rd	AM	Pesticide Safety	Logan Bennett
	PM	Plant Prop (DG)	Carol Bolt
October 10th	AM	Plant Diagnostics	Logan Bennett
	PM	Plant Path	Cindy Ocamb
October 17th	AM	Veggie Production	Jim Leet
	PM	Entomology	Rich Little
October 24th	AM	Discovery Garden final	MG Team
	PM	Final Exam	Class Coordinators

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Dress for the weather and conditions.

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