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It has been decided to have a newsletter dedicated to just our membership/ organization. This newsletter will be published once a month and will be edited by the President of the Columbia County Master Gardener's Association. Please send any news items, pictures, etc. to Chuck Petersen @ chpete@opusnet.com by the last Thursday of every month.

The President's Corner

Well Fall is officially here and most gardens have been put to bed or look like they should have (like mine!).

The Holidays are coming and if there are any Master Gardeners out there who would like to share a recipe I and would like to see it in print please let me know. I am feeling somewhat adventurous about making something unusual, tasty and Holidayish this year and could use some help. So send or email those recipes to me and let the food explosion (and probably my waist line) begin.

The International Master Gardener Association meeting is coming to Portland next year and as mentioned in our last meeting this year's Master Gardener of the Year, Debbie Brimacombe, and next year's winner will get scholarships to go to the meeting on us? There is a flyer included in this Newsletter giving out some information so that you may be able to attend at least a part of it. We do not see the International very often and it is a good way to see what other gardeners in other locals and countries do that is similar or not to what we see.

Til next time,
--Chuck Petersen, CCMGA President



Upcoming Events

November 3

Demo Garden & Project Mtg 10 am

November 3

Board Mtg 10:30 am

November 3

Bug Crew Meets 1 pm

November 17

Bug Crew Meets 1 pm

CCMG Board of Directors

- Chuck Petersen, President
- Wes Bevans, Past President
- Linda Bainbridge, Vice President
- Angela Sorensen, Secretary
- Kathy Johnson, Treasurer
- Lavina Patterson, Historian
- Pat LaPointe, OMGA Rep
- Wes Bevans, OMGA Alt. Rep

Election Results - 2017 Officers:

President – **Chuck Petersen**; Vice-President – **Linda Bainbridge**; Treasurer – **Kathy Johnson**; Secretary – **Angela Sorensen**; Historian – **LaVina Patterson**; State OMGA Rep – **Wes Bevans**; and Alt. State OMGA Rep – **Pat LaPointe**.



Thank You All

You're Always Welcome



Project Planning Meetings are for everyone. If you have ideas for projects or want to help make plans for current projects, such as the Demo Garden or the New Bug Crew, please plan on coming to the Project Planning Meetings each month on the first Thursday at 10 am.

October in the Scappoose Garden of Weed'in

Let's not mince numbers. For our final October contribution we are proud to report 2322 pounds of produce donated to the Food Bank. Once again, though St. Helens has beaten the pants off of us, we cheer their exceptionally great job. One of these years, we hope to spend less time weed'in and more time tending our row after row of healthy vegetables so we can surpass their contributions. There is always next year! We might even be so old as to hope one of the other gardens can surpass their numbers.

--Deb Brimbcombe

SeedMoney Garden Grants

SeedMoney is a 501(C3) nonprofit offering grants to a wide range of nonprofit causes to help them start or sustain food garden projects in their communities. Their past grantees include food banks, churches, community gardens, homeless shelters, schools, tribal organizations and senior groups among others. The deadline for applying is November 12, 2016. For more info, see SeedMoney.org or you can download their grant instructions document here <http://bit.ly/SeedMoney-2016>

Video: <https://www.facebook.com/seedmoney.org/videos/10154401645065049/> Photo: <https://www.facebook.com/seedmoney.org/photos/a.469083205048.242886.203832850048/10154396468165049/>

If there is any interest in applying for any of these funds for Community Gardens now is the time to apply. This article is from Gail Langellotto, Associate Professor, Horticulture, Statewide Coordinator, Extension Master Gardener Program

--Chuck Petersen

Please remember to turn in Your Volunteer Log Sheet!



Columbia County Master Gardeners Association

Board Meeting Minutes October 6, 2016 President Chuck Petersen, Presiding

Housekeeping:

Secretary's Report - approved

Treasurer's Report - Approved with more discussion under the proposed 2017 Budget proposal.

Correspondence - Received the Oregon Entity Registration from OMGA Treasurer. This registers the CCMGA with the State of Oregon for any licensing or insurance purposes where there is a need for an ID instead of CCMGA using the OMGA ID number.

Committee Reports

- **CC Fairground Garden** – September had 310 pounds of produce donated to Food Bank for a annual total of 810 pounds.
- **Rainier Food Bank Garden** – No reports until next year
- **Bug Group** – Mason Bee Wash on October 15, 2016.

Old Business

- **Facebook Page** – Angela is making progress and has spoken to Rich Taylor from Benton County and Pami Opfer from Linn County on their processes for maintaining their Face Book page.
- **Picnic** – Chuck said that Brian and Crystal agreed to host this. Some discussion on selecting another location for next year.
- **Field Trips** – None planned
- **CCMG Awards** – Chuck announced that the awards would be given out at the October General membership meeting. Since he was too late to get the awards prepared for a scholarship to Mini College this year, this year's Master Gardener of the Year and next year's Master Gardener of the Year will get a trip to the International Master Gardener Association gathering in 2017.

New Business - Budget discussion. 2017 budget was discussed and a final draft to be presented to the membership at the October members meeting.

- **Time slot request** – Chip Bubl requested a 10 minute time slot for Linda Elain to address the membership. This is part of her requirement for a class she is taking from OHSU. This would be after our speaker and before the break.

Meeting adjured at 11:50 am

Respectfully Submitted by Angela Sorensen, Secretary

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Chapter Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2016

Presiding: Chuck Petersen, President

Topic: The Value of Native Plants in the Landscape

Speaker: Lynda Boyer; a restoration biologist and native plant manager for Heritage Seedlings Inc. from Salem area Nursery.

She talked about the need to improve prairie land and use native plants as pollinators.

Housekeeping:

Secretary's Report: Approved

Treasurer's Report: Approved

Correspondence: Received information from Gail and Sherry about the National OMGA conference in 2017.

Committee Reports:

- **CC Fairgrounds** – Demo Garden closed down, except for Brussels Sprout plants. Total donation of food to local food bank is \$958.5 pounds.
- **Bug Group** - did a presentation of Batman and the Blood Suckers at Avamere. This Saturday is the Children's Fair.
- **Spring Fair** – Chuck ordered tomatoes and requested school rental.

Old Business:

- Still looking for field trip coordinator.

New Business:

- **Elections:** All officers were re-elected for 2017.
- **2017 Budget:** Kathy reviewed the 2017 budget line by line. It was accepted with one change that will include adding funds for prizes at next year's MG meetings.
- **Awards** – Chuck passed out the following:
 - *Behind the Scenes* – Debbie Broberg, Peggy Crisp, Joe Crisp, Diane Schnur, Gail Martyn, Pat LaPointe, Leo Mock.
 - *Be-Jeweled* – Sandy Neuman, Rose DeFreece, Sue Hart, Gail Taylor, Kathy Johnson.
 - *The Master Gardener of the Year is Deb Brimacombe*

Congratulations to all the award winners.

Respectfully Submitted by Angela Sorensen, Secretary.

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Becoming an 'Early Bird'

Act now to save money! Registration just opened and we offer five easy steps toward becoming an 'early bird'.

1. Review the [conference planning](#) guide for an overview of what the 2017 IMGC has to offer.
2. Select from among 44 [concurrent sessions](#); you will be asked to commit during the registration process.
3. Choose among 16 [conference tours](#). Note their timing because many overlap with speaker sessions. Exceptions are four tours scheduled for Monday, July 10th.
4. Read about the [mini film series](#); you will be asked to select during the registration process.
5. Now you are ready to register! Click [here](#) to secure your spot at the 2017 IMGC and enjoy the saving of 'Early Bird' registration!



Southern
Carmine bee
eater

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Tawny eagle

Then sit back, relax, and dream of a grand time in Oregon next summer!

Photos of birds were taken by Sherry Sheng, Clackamas County Master Gardener, in Kruger National Park, South Africa.

Key dates for the 2017 IMGC:

'Early Bird' registration: October 10, 2016 through January 13, 2017

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