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THE GRAPEVINE

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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

Fall is here and gardens are being put to bed. The Demo Garden is still going along for a while and will have a bit of activity into November as some of the vegetables being grown are still producing and need to be picked and donated. We will also be moving a few plants around as they go dormant to a more suitable location. So if you can still help us get the rest of the garden ready for Winter, it would be truly appreciated.

Our last monthly general meeting we had a tasting of tomatoes and apples it appeared everyone enjoyed the variety available. Thanks to all who brought items to share, especially Dennis Snyder with his explanations of the various apples he brought.

I will be giving out awards at the October meeting for Behind the Scenes, Bejeweled and Master Gardener of the Year. Please attend if you can to help congratulate these individuals for a job well done.

Hope to see you at the meeting and until then keep your hands dirty and your minds clean.

--Chuck Petersen, CCMGA President



Upcoming Events

October 6

Demo Garden & Project Mtg 10 am

October 6

Board Mtg 10:30 am

October 6

Bug Crew Meets 1 pm

October 15

Mason Bee Wash, @ SBWC Fall Native Plant Sale, Scappoose

October 20

Bug Crew Meets 1 pm

October 27

Chapter Meeting 6:30 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

2017 Election of Officers

The Columbia County Master Gardeners nominating committee presented at the September meeting a list of candidates for the 2017 year; nominations were also made from the floor. In October, a ballot will be mailed out to members to vote. You will have the option to either mail in the ballot, drop it off at the OSU Extension office or bring it with you to the October meeting. We of course would prefer you take the time to attend the meeting and bring your ballot with you! We will count the votes at the October meeting and welcome our new officers at that time!

Members running for office are:

- President - *Chuck Petersen*
- Vice president - *Linda Bainbridge*
- Secretary - *Angela Sorensen*
- Treasurer - *Kathy Johnson*
- State OMGA Rep - *Wes Bevans*
- Alt State OMGA Rep - *Pat LaPointe*



Making Gardening Dreams come true for Habitat For Humanity Families

Dirt tuned into useful garden and green grass. It's what we can do for those who need our creative green thumbs.

The new St. Helen's Habitat Home will be ready soon to plant. You can help CCMGs in two ways:

1) **Donate garden-related crafts, bagged fall bulbs** and/or starts to us for the **November 19** Presbyterian Holiday Bazaar so we can raise funds for the CCMG/H4H projects. We already have some African Violet starts coming!



2) **Help plant when the time comes.**

Dreams sometimes need a jump start...let me know if you can help start those dreams!
Gail Taylor, CCMG/H4H Project Instigator, 503-621-1169, glpihlaja@gmail.com

October's Chapter Meeting – Thursday, the 27th

Speaker, Lynda Boyer of Heritage Seedling Co.; she will talk about the value of native plants in the landscape. Lynda is a restoration biologist and native plant manager for Heritage Seedlings Inc., a Salem area Nursery.

Mason Bee Wash Joins the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council Fall Native Plant Sale - October 15



The New Bug Crew will be available at the Scappoose Bay Watershed Native Plant Sale, Saturday, **October 15** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., to answer questions about Mason Bees and help clean bee cocoons that can be removed from nests. Even if you have nests that can't be opened, stop by and learn the best way to maintain your nests and keep your bees healthy.

The plant sale has the best selection of native plants for your gardens and bees, and people who can help you make good selections. See www.scappoosebay-wc.org for a plant list.

The greenhouse is located behind the Scappoose High School.
--*Deb Brimcombe*

CCMG Demo Garden

Work continues at the Demonstration Garden. Volunteers have been busy harvesting crops for the Food Bank. To date 412 pounds of fresh produce have been donated. We continue to meet at the garden on Mondays at 10:00 am
--*Thank You, Demo Garden, Linda Bainbridge*

The Scappoose Garden of Weed'in

We have now delivered 1873 pounds of produce. This year we got off to a painfully slow start. Luckily our corn was good and appreciated by many. Though we struggled with getting seeded rows started earlier in the on-again, off-again heat waves, we did finally get a couple of rows of greens, cabbage, sprouting broccoli, and peas growing for a fall harvest. We were also amazed at how well two rows of bush beans are doing this late in the year . . . well, maybe dismayed is a better description if you take into account the cursing caused by picking so low to the ground.
--*Deb Brimcombe*

Please remember to turn in Your
Volunteer Log Sheet!



Columbia County Master Gardeners Association

Board Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2016

President Chuck Petersen, Presiding

House Keeping:

Secretaries Report – Accepted as presented

Treasurer's Report – Accepted as Presented

Kathy reminded all that Budgets need to be into her by 9-20-2016, she will be sending out an email reminder.

Committee Reports:

Fair Grounds Demo Garden - Linda Bainbridge Handing Coordinator's responsibilities to LaVina Patterson. 495 pounds of produce has been donated to the local Food Bank. Pat LaPointe has agreed to do additional work on the watering system.

Picnic - Very successful with 37 attendees. \$200 worth of plants donated my means Nursery and given out to attendees. Brian and Crystal coordinated and agreed to do so next year as well.

Field Trips - No coordinator yet. Gail Longelletto sent out an email about OSU's Vegetable Tour which Chuck Petersen sent out to our members to see if there is any interest in attending. Sebright tour was well attended and successful per Linda Bainbridge and LaVina Patterson who attended.

CCMG Awards - List of those receiving awards is complete, Kathy Johnson has ordered the swing bars and Chuck Petersen is arranging for the certificates. Master Gardener of the Year for 2016 will be awarded a Scholarship to the International next year as will the Master Gardener of the Year for 2017.

New Business:

We clarified CCMG policy on **CCMG Table use**. If it is for a MG event there is no problem just notify Chuck Petersen or Kathy Johnson so they are aware of the use. If it is a non MG event it has to go through the Board for approval.

Next **speaker** for the September 22, 2016 Membership Meeting will be Maurice Horn from Joy Creek Nursery about Plant Watering Strategies.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 AM

Respectfully Submitted by Angela Sorensen, Secretary