

# Douglas County Master Gardeners

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## YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

—Judith Huntley

Well, I think summer is finally here. Several days of 80-degree temperatures, and things are beginning to look a whole lot better. I even finally have tomatoes on my plants, and I picked my first zucchini. Can't believe it is July 26<sup>th</sup> and just picking my first squash. My lettuce is still nice, and I am picking peas. Wow, what a crazy summer.

I have just returned from Overland Park, Kansas and I thought I was in hell. The whole week I was there they were having a heat advisory and telling people to stay indoors. Each time I had to go out I knew why. It was nice and green and the countryside was beautiful, but the Missouri River looked like chocolate because of the flooding. Sure makes me thankful that I live in Oregon with our cool evenings and crisp mornings. Also cold water out of the faucet!!! Funny what kind of little things you take for granted.

I know that summer is a busy time for us all, but please find the time to help out one day in the plant clinic. With our membership numbers, we each would only need to give up one day if everyone did their part. So please look at the calendar and make sure you are doing your part to help our mission of helping here in Douglas County. I know several of our members are working in the clinic many days each month and they need to be relieved.

I am looking forward to the fair and our great appearances throughout the week. I know Leo has worked hard to fill all the presentation slots and hopefully the other slots are filled also. Again this is a great way to make our

presence and say thank you to the people who need our expertise.

A big thank you to Betty Ison for setting up the August 4<sup>th</sup> Garden Open House, and to Tricia Creswell, Tedie Hash and Kathy Mitchell for inviting us to their homes and yards. Hope many of you will be able to take the tour of some if not all four of the homes.

I would like to remind you all that Larry Sutton will be taking over the job as President in August and I am sure he will be looking for many of you to step up to chairmanships. If you are interested in continuing or beginning a new position, please let him know so that he might fill the committee positions. We are still looking for someone to take over the Historian position. Give it some thought.

Judy Huntley  
President DCMG



**Judith Huntley**  
**DCMG President**

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## YOUR VICE-PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

If there's anything more American than a county fair, it would have to be painted red white and blue, and play the Star Spangled Banner!

The Douglas County Fair will happen on August 9<sup>th</sup> through 13<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year will be hazards in the garden, landscape, and countryside.

We will highlight topics such as: poisonous plants, pesticide safety, and pets in the garden. We need some good visuals that depict those subjects to display on our 'Master Gardener Tree'. If you would like to help with the display, call me.

We are coordinating with the other Extension services this year to present a continuous series of short informal presentations. We Master Gardeners have four time slots per day: 12:30 ; 1:30 ; 3:30 ; and 4:30. Each presentation will be from ten to thirty minutes in duration. Ideally, each will be hands-on and be practical in content. Presentations will probably be to a small handful of fair-goers. A big THANK YOU to all of you who stepped up to perform our presentations. We still need folks to sign up to work in the booth. I believe three people per shift will be sufficient; we should include at least one veteran per shift. There is a signup sheet in the plant clinic. You will receive a free ticket to the fair on the day you work in the booth. Thanks...

—Leo

First, a very large thank you to Eileen Kelley for hosting our July meeting at her beautiful home in Drain, and thanks to all of you that attended that meeting. A good turn out is the nicest way to say thank you to members who volunteer their homes for our summer meetings.

August's meeting will be at Rosemary Brinkley's home in Melrose. Rosemary's address is: 609 Ponderosa Drive, Roseburg. Let's start at the Melrose store: Take the first right turns after the store, which would be Cleveland Hill Road. Continue for 3.1 miles and turn left on Ponderosa Drive, continue 0.6 miles to 609 Ponderosa. Now



Leo Grass

here's the trick: Let's all meet and car pool at the Melrose church parking lot, say 9:45. Any questions, call: 541-673-8814. See you there...

—Leo

## AGENT'S REPORT

—Steve Renquist

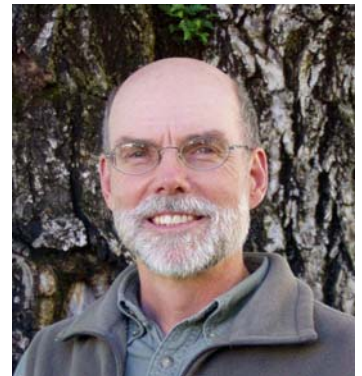
### Spotted Wing Drosophila Hits Fruit Crops Hard in 2011. Act now to save your crop!

In 2009, OSU Extension joined with WSU and UC Berkeley to get a major grant from USDA to study the Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD), and develop effective controls. Amy Dreves from OSU has been heading up the research effort in Oregon. Amy and others have covered the state meeting with growers and gardeners, advising them about their ongoing research findings. In 2010 the SWD was present in most crop-producing areas of the state: however, the insect pest did not cause much crop damage.

Because the SWD did not cause much crop damage in 2010, it is my feeling that many producers and homeowners did not take the insect threat very seriously as they prepared for the 2011 crop year. Now fast forwarding to the middle of the 2011 crop year, we are seeing growers abandon up to half of their fruit crops because of insect infestation.

The SWD have not chosen one favorite crop to attack but have focused on nearly any soft fruit crop. Crop infestation has been reported in strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, and cherries.

You may wonder why many u-pick operations this year seemed to close early with fruit still in the trees. The reason was the fruit was infested with SWD.



Steve Renquist

## NOTES FROM THE CLINIC

My SWD vinegar traps in 2011 had very light catches up until the middle of July. Then in the third week of July catch numbers increased dramatically, and all areas of the county had SWD present in traps. It seems that the SWD were busy getting established and dispersed last year, setting the stage for this year's serious crop damage.

The time is right to make sure you share this information with your friends, family, and anyone else who is gardening in our county. Ask them if they have lost fruit crops to spoilage that is accelerated by rot entering little holes in their fruit. If they have lost fruit to crop deterioration, have them look for little white larvae in the softening fruit. If crop loss is a problem this year have your contacts come by our OSU Extension office to get a flier on SWD. This will inform them about the pest and how to deal with the pest.

One thing I have learned this year while working with my own crops and talking with others is when the most effective time to apply controls is. That key time is when your fruit crop gets full sized and starts to color. Don't wait until the crop is ripe and ready to harvest or the insect will have already laid eggs in the fruit.

So far the homeowner available pesticides that are working well to control SWD include spinosad, malathion, PyGanic®, and Sevin®. We are currently recommending that when you are done harvesting fruit, if there are residual fruit still in the trees or bushes, you should apply a second spray. This can be especially important if you have other fruit crops developing in the same yard or vicinity.

We have had a lot of calls from people with infested cherry crops. Most of them are just leaving the fruit in the trees. The birds may eat many of them, but if you have a developing peach crop you should spray the cherry tree and then spray the peach when it is full sized and starting to color. This method is working well for me so far.

I will share any other ideas that come from the OSU-WSU-UCB research group as they publish information for the public.

—*Steve Renquist*

Hello fellow garden fanatics! I was happily spreading mulch when I remembered that I needed to send this off by noon; so here I am straight from the garden to you.

We've had some interesting questions this month. Many gardeners are finding various fungi and rusts on plants that had never been bothered by them before. The weather this year has been ideal for them.

We also had a client drop off an insect sample for ID. It looked like a sample of dust. After searching for quite a while I was just about to call him and tell him there were no insects in the jar when low and behold there it was. But what was it? I had never seen anything like it nor had my co-workers. We went on the internet and got all the bug books out and no luck. When in doubt, call Steve. Steve had never seen it either. The client had recently purchased an outdoor carpet for a covered patio and that is where the largest concentration seemed to be. Since that raised the possibility that it was an import we decided to send it in to OSU for identification. I will let you know what we find out.

Thanks to all of you who helped out in the Clinic this month.

We still have some open slots in the Plant Clinic so come on in and join in the adventures of our intrepid Garden Detectives.

Judy Mercer  
Plant Clinic Manager  
Alternates  
Plant Clinic  
Jim Leet & Liz Zamba

### **Editor's note:**

Improve your clinic and diagnostic skills by participating in sessions August 2 or 3, and by attending the Advanced Diagnostics class August 17 (and every month!) Details in this issue.

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## OMGA Report

The quarterly OMGA meeting was held at Mini College in Newport on Thursday morning. It consisted mostly of Chapter Reports. The Treasurer and the President gave short reports, and Larry Sutton discussed a CD he was giving out to Chapter Reps that held information and hints about applying for the Search For Excellence. We will use it next year if Douglas County Chapter applies for the award. The next quarterly OMGA meeting will be in Albany on Nov 5th. I plan to go and introduce Debbie Haynes, our next OMGA Rep.

Mini College in Newport was great. Best of the 4 years I've been going (I got to eat at Mo's restaurant twice!) All my classes were excellent and I learned a lot of stuff I can't remember...good thing I took notes! But I did learn how to be a better OMGA Rep and pass stuff on to Deb. I heard that some of the classes didn't cover the expected topic but after the participants thought it over, the classes were still were thought to be good.

Some interesting info from my classes: the History of Roses teacher was the owner of Heirloom Roses, Louise Clements. She's a very interesting person who knows where and when the first depiction of a rose on a cave wall was. She also said that the first fossil of a rose found in the US was found in Colorado. A perennials class was taught by Judy Abruzzo. She works for Al's Nursery and is on TV's Garden Time. She didn't talk much about perennials. She talked and demoed arranging plants together in pots and around the garden...though I was told the class was very interesting.

The most important class topic to me was a Leadership class on Wednesday, "How to Say Thank You" ... what came out of that was maybe you can say, "Thank You" to one person every MG day (like in Plant Clinic, at the DG) who has done a good job...and continue to do it.

The DC Chapter Display got 2nd in the judging and won the "Peoples Choice" award. We all should thank Sharon Hopkins, Eileen Kelley and Karen Orr for such a good job. I have pix to show at a later time

AND .. A BIG 'Thanks!' to Debbie Haynes who took care of collecting and transporting the Douglas County contributions to the Mini College door/auction items. That was a big load off my list of things to do.

Lastly... Mini College will be in Salem at Willamette University at the end of July 2012. Many Thank-You(s) to all you Master Gardeners who have contributed so much to my being a Master Gardener!

—Maureen Benice - OMGA Representative

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## OMGA addendum

—(courtesy Larry Sutton)

Hello Master Gardeners,

Just wanted to remind all the chapters about the upcoming deadline for the Northwest Newsletter (formerly The Gardener's Pen) for the 3rd quarterly electronic edition.

If you have articles of an educational nature, publicity for events, photo, etc., please send them to me at [fallers@teleport.com](mailto:fallers@teleport.com) before August 22nd. The newsletter will be electronically dispersed around September 19th. Please make certain that articles are research-based with a source and any photos have prior approval for release.

Thank you and have a great summer.

Betty Faller  
OMGA President

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## ***Urgent! Time-sensitive!*** **MG GARDEN OPEN HOUSE** **AUGUST 4th**

A Summer (if you can call it that) MG Garden Open House is set for **Thursday, August 4, 2011**. The hours are **9 am-4 pm** and **6:30 pm-8:30 pm (notice reduced hours at last site)**. Please feel free to attend either session. Come and visit beautiful gardens and

stay as long or as little as you like. Also feel free to bring friends, relatives, or neighbors along. Hope to see you there! All participants have granted permission to have their names and addresses posted.

**Betty Ison: 1591 NW Keasey, Roseburg**

At the YMCA turn at the light onto Harvey Ave., then take an immediate right on to Keasey or from Stewart Parkway turn onto Valley View Dr. (by Staples), then turn left onto Keasey. (Cream-colored house, chain-link fence, diagonally across from Colony Market)

[Lots of annuals and perennials, and a little of everything else]

\*\*\*As a Note\*\*\*There is **NO** longer any on street parking on Keasey---they replaced parking with bike lanes. I recommend parking on Calkins or Moritz streets. I will not be responsible for any tickets written if you park in the bike lane (trust me they do write tickets). You can also park on Rachel---see next garden below. Tricia and I are within walking distance of each other.

**Tricia Creswell: 1532 NW Rachel Ave., Roseburg**

Follow Directions to Betty's (see above). From Harvey Ave directions, turn left onto Rachel just before getting to Betty's house. From Valley View directions, just past Betty's and turn right on Rachel. Second house on the right. [Beautiful perennial beds]

**Tedie Hash: 258 Melqua Rd., Roseburg**

Take Garden Valley Boulevard to Melrose Rd. Go 3 miles on Melrose to the Melrose Country

Store & Melqua Rd. Turn on to Melqua, go 1/8 of a mile to the driveway with the duck.

[A pond & stream, vine covered rocks, xeriscape garden, trees, perennials, manicured lawn & shade, garden art, and children's play area all can be comfortably viewed from the patio & pergola, in the evening all enhanced with solar lighting]

**Kathy Mitchell: 364 Selmar Ct., Roseburg** (hours only: 12:00pm-4-pm & 6:30-8:30)

From Harvard Ave. turn north on Bellows St. (at SB freeway exit/old DC Hospital site). Bellows St. will end at a stop sign on Finley. Turn right on Finley; take first left on Selmar CT. (It is the first house on the left, two-tone olive green.)

[The front yard has been her focus for last 2 yrs.----with an emphasis on Green & Black perennials & Berry Patch. The back yard has a large pool/ hot tub patio, & grass garden. In process on the north is a sunken garden of shade, and vegetable garden.]

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**Kruse Farms – July 2011**

The Satellite Plant Clinic Master Gardener and Master Food Preservers at Kruse Farms are getting a lot more contacts since the farm has more produce to sell ... berries, squash, and other local foods. The weather is nicer, too. The Master Gardeners working at Kruse Farms in August:

August 6<sup>th</sup> ... Diana Pierce and Diane Billings

August 13<sup>th</sup> ... Shirley Purcell and Richard Johnstone

August 20<sup>th</sup> ... Cindy Rich and Robin Grant-Crooks

August 27<sup>th</sup> ... Lisa Gosciejew and Beverly Guyton

Many Thanks to all of you who have worked at Kruse Farms for the OSA Extension. You have made my job so easy!

—————*Maureen Benice*

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**HALLMARK**

This message was received the day after our Membership meeting:

"Rusdee & Mike Chastain will be hosting a Celebration of Life party for Len Lanza, MFP, MG extraordinaire! Saturday, August 6th, 2011, from 3PM until 8PM, BYOB!

We will have an **Italian theme potluck!** Please remember to bring chairs, eating utensils and place settings. We will provide water and soft drinks. **Rusdee asks**

**that you co-ordinate the foodstuffs with her!**

Len loved to drink wine and bourbon, so be prepared to toast his memory in some fashion. Looking forward to an afternoon by the river in remembrance of our good friend, Len! Hope to see you there!

Rusdee & Mike Chastain, 1313 Quail Lane, Roseburg OR, 97471 541-229-1313

From I-5 southbound: Exit at Del Rio Rd. Turn right and follow it to the 'T' with Garden Valley. Turn left on Garden Valley and proceed south, across Brown's Bridge, take your first right - Quail Lane (next to the Riversdale Grange). Proceed west to 1313, which will be on the right.

From I-5 northbound: Exit at Exit 125 and turn left on Garden Valley. Stay on Garden Valley thru town and proceed to Quail Lane (just past the Riversdale Grange - across the street from the Country Club). Turn left and proceed west to 1313 which will be on the right."

Please notify me if you know of an MG to whom a card should be sent and/or if the membership should be notified.

—Linda Thames, Hallmark

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### DCMG General Meeting July 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by President **Judy Huntley** with approximately 45 people in attendance.

**Agent Report: Steve Renquist** gave an updated report on some of our local pests including the Grape Mealybug and the Vine Mealybug. The Spotted Wing Drosophila population has exploded resulting in several of the commercial growers losing about half their cherry production. Solutions to the SWD include applying malathion or spinosad when the fruit is full size and just changing color to ripen. Big Bend's solution is to hang a trap in every tree and bush to try to trap and keep from spraying. The

Department of Agriculture is introducing a new program called "Peoples Garden Project." There will be a webinar on August 4<sup>th</sup> explaining qualifications and how to obtain funding for a new garden from \$1 to \$150,000. The new Master Gardener handbook will probably not be ready for the class of 2012 due to publishing deadlines. There will be two webinars on the Ask An Expert program - August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2 - 3 p.m. and August 3<sup>rd</sup> noon - 1 p.m.

### Officer Reports

**Membership:** **Barbara Robinson** reported we have 286 paid members.

**OMGA Report:** **Maureen Benice** gave a short synopsis on some of the classes she attended at Mini College. The DCMG display won the Gardener's Choice award and a huge thank you to the hard work from **Eileen Kelley, Sharon Hopkins, Dave Hopkins, and Karen Orr**. Also another huge thank you to **Debbie Haynes** for collecting and all the people who donated for the door prizes for Mini College. The tally was not in to see if Douglas County made the most money for the OMGA. Next year's Mini College will be held in Salem at Willamette University.

**Treasurer:** **Toni Rudolph** handed out the monthly report showing a total of \$26,213.87 held in all our accounts. The audit was recently completed and **Roger Sawyer** will give a report next month. **Toni Rudolph and Debbie Hesseltine** met with our current insurance carrier to discuss our current policy. **Toni** has received an increase from the carrier without providing requested information. There will be a follow-up with Umpqua Insurance. **Toni** made a recommendation we pay overage (amount over budget) on all electric bills as presented throughout the calendar year. **Elaine Moriarty** made a second. After a discussion, the motion was withdrawn since the membership felt the issue was handled in June. **Elaine Moriarty** suggested a committee be formed to study solar power for the greenhouses. The committee will be comprised of **Elaine Moriarty, Steve Renquist, and Richard Johnstone**.

**Vice President:** **Leo Grass** had a big thank you to **Eileen Kelley** for hosting the July meeting in her beautiful garden. Next month we will meet at **Rosemary Brinkley's** home in Melrose.

**President:** **Judy** had no comment at this time.

### **Committee Reports**

**Community Outreach:** **Leo Grass** said several groups have toured the Discovery Garden in the last several weeks. The Douglas County Fair schedule was passed around for more signups. The Mini College display will be used at the Fairgrounds. Thank you **Eileen** for your photos of the Victory Garden. Tickets for volunteers working the fair will be available in the Extension office.

**Plant Clinic:** **Judy Mercer** thanked all the members who helped by signing up for Plant Clinic in July. She doesn't want people to forget about August and September. **Judy** also discussed some common problems people are bringing to the clinic.

**Discovery Garden:** **Julie Stanbery** wanted to point out what a wonderful job **Betty Ison** has done with the perennial border around the EZ access/container garden. All plants are well labeled. **Judy Dake** in the Children's Garden and **Jamie Gentry** in raised beds are both looking for a team of people to help in their respective areas. Thank you to **Marty Katz** who is working on the Discovery Garden website. All garden heads need to get their garden description to **Marty** for inclusion. If you know of any chipping business looking for a place to dump a load of chips, the Discovery Garden could use them. Don't forget to wear your nametag while in or near the Discovery Garden area. Kudos to everyone who works and has worked in the Discovery Garden. It is spectacular right now.

**Awards:** **Betty Ison** reported the volunteer hours have been completed through June. The following have earned their 60-hour swinger bars - **Pat Dinsmore, Sharon Hopkins, Marty Katz, and Eileen Kelley**. You can pick up your bars from **Betty**.

**Farmers Market/Brosi/Kruse:** **Debbie Haynes** advised the hours for the Farmers Market have been revised back to 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. She appreciates all who have signed up and still needs help to complete the schedule into October. **Maureen Benice** reported all sign ups

are complete through the season for Kruse Farms.

**Plant Sale:** It was announced that plants are always for sale at the greenhouses on Tuesdays from 9 - noon.

**Compost Tea:** **Shirley Purcell** says business is good and they are still selling tea.

**Victory Garden:** **Robin Thompson** reported they are picking lots of produce at the Victory Garden. As of several weeks ago, 262# had been delivered to UCAN.

**Discovery Garden Website:** **Judy Huntley** asked people involved with the Discovery Garden to get information on their gardens to **Marty Katz**.

### **Old Business**

**Request from Native Plant Society:** **Judy Huntley** advised **Judy Dake** met with a member of the Native Plant Society to see about using their plants in the Children's Garden. The member is to get back to **Judy** regarding varieties and quantities of plants.

### **New Business**

**Nominations:** **Debbie Hesseltine, Larry Sutton, and Karolyn Riecks** presented a slate of officers to the membership in May and published the list in the newsletter in June. **Debbie** read the list of names at the meeting -

President	<b>Larry Sutton</b>
Vice President	<b>Barbara</b>
<b>Robinson</b>	
Secretary	<b>Debbie</b>
<b>Hesseltine</b>	
Treasurer	<b>Toni Rudolph</b>
Membership	<b>Cindy Rich</b>
OMGA Rep.	<b>Debbie Haynes</b>
OMGA Alt.	<b>Maureen Benice</b>
Past President	<b>Judy Huntley</b>

Nominations were solicited from the floor. Hearing none, the above officers were voted into office and will be sworn in at the August meeting.

**MG Garden Open House:** Thank you **Betty Ison** for organizing a Garden Open House this year. The gardens on tour will be at the homes of **Betty Ison, Tricia Creswell, Tedie Hash, and Kathy Mitchell** on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Show & Tell**



In case you are not able to attend the session, but are interested in a quick review of relevant policies and components of a well-crafted answer, I've posted a list of these items, below.

#### MG Plant Clinic Policies

*No commercial questions*

*No medical diagnoses or advice*

*No mushroom IDs*

*No questions outside of the realm of community/home horticulture (i.e. no veterinary, poultry, livestock questions)*

#### Components of a Good Answer

*Ask questions, rather than providing an immediate diagnosis or identification*

*Qualify your answer, if you're not able to provide a definitive diagnosis or ID*

*Cite relevant, research-based references – but realize that the client often needs help finding/interpreting relevant information in a larger reference*

*Provide good customer service in your answer – devoid of judgment of the client and/or their practices*

*Use your answer as an opportunity to educate the client*

*When in doubt, seek advice from county or campus faculty*

Thank you again for your work on AAE. Together, we're providing the bulk of the answers for the OSU Extension AAE system. It's exciting that so many folks want to learn more about gardening. We literally could not do what we do without your great work.

Take care,

**Gail Langellotto, Statewide Coordinator**

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Include "Newsletter" (one word) in subject line. Include permission if you want your telephone, email, etc., published. Include hyperlinks.

Executive meetings: second Wednesday, 9:30am, kitchen conference room; Chapter meetings: last Thursday, Jan thru May: 10am, annex auditorium; June, July, August: members' gardens, 10am; Sept: Pavilion, Discovery Garden, 10am; Oct, Nov: 10am, annex auditorium; (no December meetings)

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Important internet links:

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