



Douglas County Master Gardeners

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YOUR PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

—Judith Huntley

Well, our Plant Expo is just around the corner. Many took advantage of the early-bird sales today after the General Meeting. We master gardeners are like the postman. Neither rain nor snow can keep us from our deeds. Many were working and many were buying in the inclement weather. Hoping for some warmer weather to get the tender veggies and annuals to put on a bit more growth. By the time you get this newsletter we may have already had the Plant Expo, if not please ya'll come.

After the Plant Expo, we can all begin to put more of our efforts toward our other activities. Judy Mercer reported that the plant clinic calendar has a few blank spaces for May, and June needs lots of volunteers. Remember: if we each just do one day a month there will not be a burden on anyone. Sounds like preaching, but some need to step up. Also, consider one day sometime during the summer at one of our Saturday venues: Saturday Market, Brosi's, or Kruse Market.

The Victory Garden is up and running and will need lots of work. Planting of new seeds and plants will be necessary in the next few weeks. After that, we will need to tend to weeds, watering and later harvesting the produce. Last year we produced and contributed over a TON. Yes, that was a TON. There are already peas planted. This will be our second year for this venture to help those in need.

As always our showcase, the Discovery Garden, will continue to need work all summer. As the rain lets up I am sure Julie will be setting up a watering schedule and this might be right up your alley to help. We will continue to work each Tuesday from 9 to noon, and when it gets hot, from 8 to 11 or whenever. We will hear more as the summer goes on.

Please put your thinking hats on and come up with some good ideas for fun trips. We need a coordinator. After all our hard work we need to take a day off and just have some FUN enjoying each others'

company and seeing something new possibly. Give me a call if you have an idea or would be interested in helping schedule a fun day trip

If you have not seen the new T-Shirt, please ask Larry Sutton or the many who have purchased one. A big thank you for all your hard work to get them by the Plant Expo. They are really nice. Again, Thanks Larry.



Judith Huntley
DCMG President

Scholarships to Mini College at Newport on July 13 – 16 will be available. Please let me know if you are interested in attending and bringing back some great information for the rest of the Douglas County Master Gardeners. Applications will need to be filled out and will be available at the May General Meeting. Thanks to Sharon Hopkins and Eileen Kelly for stepping up to work on the Chapter Display for Mini College. If you would like to help them I am sure they would not turn down anyone.

Hope for a few more sunny days like last Sunday and Tuesday. Happy planting.

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DCMG General Meeting

April 28, 2011

The **meeting** was called to order by President, **Judy Huntley** at 10:08 a.m. There were approximately 55 members present.

Agent Report: **Steve Renquist** confirmed future dates and programs which are shown under Announcements.

Officer Reports

Membership: **Barb Robinson** has the new roster finished. It will be mailed to all members who have not picked up their copy. We currently have 281 members. There are orange discount membership cards available allowing a 10% discount at Territorial and Down to Earth. See **Barb** if interested.

OMGA: **Maureen Benice** reminded everyone that Mini College will be July 13th - 16th, 2011 in Newport. Information is posted on the bulletin board in the plant clinic for available classes.

Treasurer: **Toni Rudolph** reported we have \$8,309.49 in our multiple accounts. **Toni** reminded the group to turn in signed expense forms for reimbursement. There are forms available in the Plant Clinic. (For the first time anyone can remember, our meeting was interrupted for approximately 10 minutes for a Douglas County Courthouse fire drill - meeting resumed.)

Vice President: **Leo Grass** gave a big thank you to **Steve Renquist** for our CE class this morning on the Experimental Station at Mt. Vernon, Washington and the beautiful botanical garden in Bellevue. Our May CE speaker will be Bill Cannaday from Oregon Fish & Wildlife. **Leo** is looking for members who are interested in hosting the June, July, and August meetings on their property. Please contact **Leo** if interested.

President: **Judy Huntley** made a request for **Pam Barrows** regarding time sheets. Please be sure to add your hours by category. **Judy** is looking for a new Historian as **Marjorie Orr** will not be able to continue. The duties include compiling articles and club photos. **Judy** also passed around the current list of committee chairs asking volunteers to sign up for next year.

Committee Reports

Community Outreach: **Leo Grass** and **Shirley Purcell** have entertained approximately 50 young 3 to 8 year olds over the past several weeks in the Discovery Garden through some of the youth programs. Recent outreach programs have also been completed by **Betty Ison** and **Lori Salars** for various groups.

Plant Clinic: **Judy Mercer** happily reported the May calendar is almost full. She is looking for several people to sign up as alternates. Business is picking up. Training is going very well and trainees feel more confident. **Maureen Benice** announced the MG's will begin working at Kruse Farm's on May 21st. We need just one MG each Saturday.

Discovery Garden: In **Julie Stanbery's** absence, **Debbie Hesseltine** announced that **Julie** will be looking for

volunteers to work in the Discovery Garden as soon as the Plant Sale is over.

Awards: **Betty Ison** has mailed information to the OMGA for awards.

Publicity: **Bonnie Courter** has accepted the Publicity Chair and has advertising, PSA's, announcements, etc., set up all over the County for the Plant Sale. Good job **Bonnie!**

Farmers Market: **Marty Katz** announced they had over 20 contacts at the Farmers Market.

Plant Sale: **Gloria Amorde** thanked all the members helping prepare for the Plant Sale. Just a reminder on our support for UCAN - be sure to bring a canned item to the Plant Sale. Work will begin Friday a.m. at both the Fairgrounds and the greenhouses. **Richard Johnstone** is in charge of transportation. He requests help on Thursday, 10 a.m. at the Annex to haul tables to the Fairgrounds. **Richard** will also need crews to haul plants, racks, carts, etc., back to the greenhouses on Saturday after the sale. **Gloria** mentioned we had visitors from the Josephine County MG association and they were very impressed with our operation.

Compost Tea: **Shirley Purcell** advised there will be compost tea for sale beginning May 10th for \$2 per gallon. Tea will only be available on Tuesdays this year.

Hallmark: **Linda Thames** let us know that **Jim Ivey** has moved and **Fred Muir** got married.

Old Business

Newsletter: **Joe Yetter** will hold the newsletter to 5 pages to help with the USPS increases.

MG T-Shirts: **Larry Sutton** advised our T-shirts had been delivered.

New Business

Mini College: **Judy Huntley** is looking for a volunteer who is interested in putting together our Chapter Display for Mini College. **Judy** also wanted members to be aware there are scholarships available to help with expenses attending Mini College. Obtain applications from **Judy** or **Toni**. **Judy** is also looking for a volunteer who would be interested in organizing "fun trips" for our group.

Missing Box: **Roger Sawyer** is asking for help in locating the Winter Program files. The box is white plastic containing green hanging files (no lid) - last seen heading out the Plant Clinic door and should have been delivered to the attic.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Announcements

April 28th Pre Plant Sale - noon till 3 @ the Greenhouses

May 1st Pre Plant Sale - noon till 3 @ the Greenhouses

May 6th Plant Sale Set-up - 8 a.m. until cleanup done @ the Greenhouses/Fairgrounds

May 7th Plant Sale - 8:30 a.m. until cleanup is done - Bring canned food for UCAN

Announcements (continued from previous page)

- May 7th Plant Sale - (Public 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) - Bring canned food for UCAN
- May 11th Executive Meeting - 9:30 a.m. @ Annex
- May 14th Tree Fruit Class - 10 a.m. till noon @ Discovery Garden
- May 18th Advanced Diagnostics - 10 a.m. till noon @ Discovery Garden
- May 26th CE - Bill Cannaday - OR Dept. Fish & Wildlife - 9 a.m. - Annex
- Chapter Meeting - 10 a.m. - Annex

- October 8th Awards Banquet - First Methodist Church on Harvard

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Hesseltine
 Secretary



Toni Rudolph
DCMG Treasurer

Policy for Payment of Receipts
Toni Rudolph, Treasurer

Our fiscal year runs from 01/01 - 12/31. To be reimbursed, all invoices must be submitted on an Expenditure Form, approved by the Committee Chairperson and in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 12/31 of the year the expense is incurred. Those invoices not turned in on time and requiring reimbursement, will need documentation which states why they could not be turned in as required. This documentation along with the signed Expenditure Form will be presented to the Executive Board. The Board will determine reimbursement. If reimbursed, the funds would come from the current year's budgeted amount.

Spending Funds as Budgeted
Toni Rudolph, Treasurer

Committee Chairs will need to monitor expenses to insure they stay within the budgeted amount. If additional funds are required, the Committee Chair will need to request those from the Executive Board. In order to get a better handle on actual costs, we will no longer have one budget subsidizing another.

Treasurer's Report as of 4/28/11	
Toni Rudolph	
INCOME 3/29/11 - 4/28/11	
Dues	\$20.00
Interest - Umpqua Bank	\$1.71
Soil Testing	\$270.00
Plant Sale - Vendor Booth	\$2,001.40
Cookbook	\$18.00
Misc. Event - Tee-Shirts	\$94.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,405.11
EXPENSES 3/29/11 - 4/28/11	
Management & General (Hallmark, Postage, Soil Testing)	\$239.89
Plant Sale - Advertising	\$1,156.53
Plant Sale - Supplies	\$1,046.90
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,443.32
Breakdown of our accounts	
Checking	\$3,467.52
Money Market - Reserves	\$4,657.25
Bulk Mail	\$168.72
Ending Balance 4/28/2011	\$8,293.49

OMGA report MGA Report For April 2011

The Mini College Speakers, Topics, Tours, Workshops, the Conference Agenda, and the Conference Costs were sent to you by email and posted on the bulletin board in the Plant Clinic. If you haven't had the chance to look at them, please do as the subjects for classes are really good and there are LOTS of classes. Instead of having a choice from three each period, there will be a choice of four! Mini College is July 13 – 16th in Newport. Many of us have reservations made in local motels or at camping facilities. You will be able to register by internet starting May 1st. Just go to www.oregonmastergardeners.org and on the left of the page *click* on Mini College. If you don't have email, forms will be printed at your request. Just ask anyone in the Plant Clinic. Then you may mail the registration by snail mail. Volunteers are needed to make the Douglas County display at Mini College, You get a small space, half of a table, and you may be creative! There are criteria to follow and there are some pictures of past displays to look at to get ideas. Please let Judy Huntley, Debbie Haynes or me know if you are interested.

Maureen Benice
OMGA Rep for Douglas County
mbenice@douglasfast.net

COMPOST TEA - A FUND RAISING EVENT YOUR GARDEN WILL LOVE!

Compost tea is available beginning May 10 between 9-9:30 at the Discovery Gardens, at the rear of the green shed. \$2.00 a gallon. Please place your orders by emailing hopover@gmail.com

Your soil and plants will appreciate you as do we for helping with fund raising activity.

Thank you from The Compost Tea Team -
Barbara, Eileen, Gale & Shirley

Douglas County Extension Endowment Development

Grow it! Plant a tiny acorn, and grow a mighty oak! Read on....

Support the Douglas County Extension Endowment Development Fund.

Master Gardeners know about growing things. We plant, we nurture and manage, and we harvest. Some things we grow for the short term: spring radishes, say; others take a little longer; some things we grow take a really, really long time to mature, but are worth it.

Think acorns and mighty oaks.

We plant oaks not for ourselves, but for generations we may never see.

We Master Gardener can have a mighty impact on the Extension Service's ability to work in Douglas County for generations to come. We know that demands on our Extension Agents will only increase over time, and their resources are already stretched thin. One way to relieve some of this pressure is to endow the positions and programs we value most.

Endowment is not a new idea. Universities rely on endowments for centuries. It's a way for people to support what is programs are most important to them. We have the option of putting our money to work right here in Douglas County at our Oregon State University Extension Service.

You've probably seen (and I hope you've responded to) the annual endowment development letters John Panches, our Extension Staff Chair, has mailed over the past two years, and you may have heard about donations made to the Douglas County Extension Endowment Development fund by Master Gardeners, Master Food Preservers, and lots of individuals. John tells me that over \$25,000 has been donated to date, and that he's getting ready to kick off an official

endowment very soon. This is a great start, but the real impact will come when caring individuals in our community decide to include our local Extension office in their estate plans. A major gift could endow our Horticulture faculty position, create new support positions, provide secure long-term funding for a special program – pretty much anything the person making the gift wants to ensure our Extension Office has the capacity to do. Gifts can be money, property, stocks, etc.; they can be given now or identified in a will; or in some cases they can be placed in trust to provide income streams to both the donor and Extension.

If you're interested and would like more information, talk to John (he's the one who taught our Master Gardener Botany classes recently). He can help you identify options and put you in touch with the various non-profit foundations that handle these matters for OSU and its Extension Service.

Remember, the choice to give is entirely up to you, but your generosity will have a huge positive impact on what the Extension Service can do here in Douglas County!

Plant an acorn. Grow a might oak. Future generations will thank you.

——Joe Yetter

Plant Sale is Just Around the Corner!

Remember, everyone is expected to be at the fairgrounds Exhibit Building at 8:00 am on both Friday, May 6 for setup and Sat., May 7. Please remember to bring your potluck food for both days, and wear your badges. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact your committee head or contact me at toma@mcsi.net or call 541-672-4869.

(And bring food for UCAN)

——Gloria Amorde

Editor's note:

This newsletter is your publication. Your editor solicits articles, essays, and photographs. I'd love to have reviews of books and other arts related to gardening, alerts to new techniques and developments, and any feedback you can offer to improve this publication. And, if you have gardening websites that you find valuable, I'd be happy to include them in "Links to Other Sites" so you can share with the rest of this community.
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LINKS TO OTHER SITES:

OSU-recommended vegetables provide best yields in local gardens

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1181&storyType=garden

Herbs to the rescue: fend off deer with aromatic plants

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1182&storyType=garden

Eat fresh out of the garden all year round

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1183&storyType=garden

Stumped over which succulent to grow? Go native

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1184&storyType=garden

Tips for first-time gardeners

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1133&storyType=garden

Gardening tips that save money

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1131&storyType=garden

Something for everyone in two new OSU potato varieties. Two new potato varieties just released by Oregon State University:

<http://bit.ly/OSUESnews765>

OSU to study farming methods in bid to curb, adapt to climate change. OSU is part of a \$20 million grant to ensure the viability of farming in the inland Pacific Northwest amid a changing climate: <http://bit.ly/OSUESnews762>

Pheromone increases foraging honey bees, leads to healthier hives

<http://bit.ly/OSUESnews761>

More Links:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/> Welcome to the Mother Ship! Browse, read, repeat.

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/horticulture> The Horticulture link, with further valuable links

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/enews/> Northwest Gardeners' e-News.

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/calendar/> What you should be doing in your garden this month.

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/metro/newsletter> The Metro Master Gardener Newsletter.

<http://hort.oregonstate.edu/> OSU Horticulture.

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/gardening/mga>

Jackson County MGs' *Garden Beet*

<http://oregonmastergardeners.org/GardenersPen.htm> The Gardener's Pen! Don't forget to sign up by e-mail.

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Articles for the June 2011 Newsletter are due Noon Saturday, May 28. Send to: (joeleeyetter@yahoo.com) as an attached file.

PC users: Word for Windows

Mac users: Pages

Font: Arial 12pt

Include "Newsletter" 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:

Website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/mg>

Discovery Garden: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/douglas/discovery-garden>

MG Plant Clinic Email: douglasmg@oregonstate.edu

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