



The *Garden Gate*

Lane County Master Gardeners™

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President's Message

In my last letter I mentioned that I had planned to explore an interesting topic to share with you every month. One of the eco-friendly items that intrigued me is the manufacturing process of transforming raw bamboo plants to making clothes, rugs, and other fabrics out of bamboo. I was pleased to find a storehouse of information available on various websites. I hope this brief overview piques your curiosity and that I can do justice to this topic.

Since bamboo is botanically categorized as a grass, it may be the world's most sustainable resource. It grows fast, does not require re-planting, is 100% biodegradable, and produces 35% more oxygen than an equivalent stand of trees. It also does not require pesticides and fertilizers. Bamboo offers a tremendous source of sustainable cellulose for textiles.

Bamboo is processed mechanically or chemically. The mechanical procedure is crushing the woody parts of the plant and then using natural enzymes to break down the bamboo walls so the mass can be mechanically combed out and spun into yarn. This is the same process used to produce linen fabric from flax or hemp.

The chemical procedure is more common and more destructive. It involves "cooking" the leaves and shoots in strong chemicals like Sodium Hydroxide (lye) and Carbon disulfide combined with bleaching phases. After five or six more steps and more chemical additions, the viscose bamboo cellulose is forced through spinneret nozzles into diluted sulfuric acid which hardens and converts to bamboo fiber threads. These are spun into yarns and thence into fabrics. Many of these chemicals and procedures are hazardous and can cause serious health problems for workers.

Newer facilities have been using other technologies to manufacture this fabric and will demonstrate

that this is an environmentally friendly product, is sustainable, and has great potential for the planet.

On a different note, it's time to get enthused about the plant sale. Please sign up for committees you would enjoy being on. If you are planting for the sale please check the list of invasive plants on the board so we don't get any of those creepy things.



*Your President,
Marylee Bowman*

P.S. Don't forget to pay your MG dues, \$15 payable to the LCMGA. A portion of your dues go to pay for the distribution of *The Garden Gate* newsletter. Your name will be removed from the mailing list next month without payment if you are not paid up.

Master Gardener Seminar

February 17, 2009

Attracting Wildlife to the Backyard

with Dan Gleason

Bring a friend and a snack to share.

Business meeting starts at 7 p.m.

with the program to follow

Reports

MG Board Meeting Highlights ~ January, 2009

Peter Thurston,, MG

1. Dianne will be taking special orders for sweat-shirts.
2. Plant Sale Committee met Jan.. 13, 2-4 p.m.
3. Horticulture Agent Report – Ross reported there are over 50 trainings and classes scheduled over the next few months. The first public pruning training was January 17 at Thistledown.
4. MG Staff Assistant – Linda reported on requests for MG training scholarships. An additional \$50 was approved for a total of \$1,050 for scholarships funded by LCMGA.
5. Linda reported that an assistant may be hired to help with website updates. Peter moved and Jim seconded to send a statement to Steve Dodrill supporting a position for website updating. This is essential for public information. The motion was approved by the Board.
6. The following event suggestions were discussed:
 - a) GrassRoots kids’ potting party and Garden tours in the fall festival, October 3, 2009, b) do some events with BRING, and c) make the fall festival a publicity event to tell about MG programs.
7. Peter presented a draft letter to support the Spring Creek Neighbors Natural Gardens project. It was approved and signed by Marylee.
8. Dorothy is planning garden tours in the summer.
9. Jim added that the treasurer had received a \$500 contribution for the GrassRoots greenhouse and some gardening materials.
10. Program goal statements – Peter read a sample goal statement for LCMGA publicity activities for 2009, and requested that LCMGA committee chairs and activity coordinators draft a similar short statement and send it to him for publicity purposes: The goals for Publicity and Public Relations in 2009 are to disseminate information to the public in a timely manner about MG programs and activities, thereby encouraging participation, and accomplishment of LCMGA 2009 objectives.
11. Next Board Meeting: February 9, 12:45 p.m.

Sustainable Landscape Program

Members of the first Landscape Specialists Training met on January 27 and 29 to evaluate procedures and outcomes. Preparation for public yard evaluations and yard sign distribution was discussed. Successes and possible ideas for improvement were shared with Ross Penhallegon.

We would like to thank Charlotte Barnhart for coordinating this program so professionally. The

next step will be to schedule pre-evaluations for the public participants. Then, in three to six months, site visits will be scheduled.

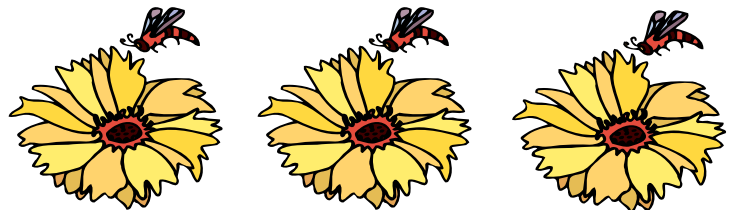


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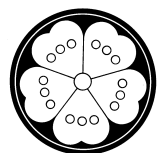
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February Hort Happenings

- 4 **MG Training**, 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Extension Aud.
- 5 Dahlia Society, 7:30 p.m. Campbell Senior Center
- 5 **Compost Spec. Mtg**, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Ext. Aud.
- 5 **Composting , Community Garden Series**, Annie Donahue 6:30 – 9 p.m., Extension Auditorium. \$10
- 5 **Pruning Tree Fruits**, 1-3 p.m. GrassRoots Garden, 1465 Coburg Rd., Eugene Hands-on.
- 7 **Pruning Tree Fruits & Blueberries**, 10 a.m.-noon, Urban Farm (North of U of O) off Franklin Blvd.
- 9 **LCMGA Board Mtg.**, 12:45 p.m., Conf. Rm.
- 11 **MG Training** Extension Auditorium
- 12 American Rhododendron Society, 7 p.m., Campbell Senior Center
- 12 **How to Build an Inexpensive Greenhouse** Sandra Horne, Patty Driscoll, 7-8:30 p.m., River Road Park Annex, 1055 River Road. Register 688-4052. Fee
- 15 Avid Gardeners, 6:30 p.m., 1645 High St. .
- 17 Eugene Garden Club, 1 p.m. 1645 High Street
- 17 **Master Gardener Seminar** 7 p.m. Extension Aud.
- 18 **MG Training** 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Extension Aud.
- 19 **IPM & Beneficial Insects - Community Garden Series**, John Parrott, 6:30-9 p.m., Extension, \$10.



- 19 **Pruning Roses**, 10 a.m.-noon, 4110 Hampshire Lane (Santa Clara Area). Hands-On.
- 20 Eugene Natural History Society, 7:30 p.m., Rm. 100, Willamette Hall, U of O.
- 21 **Pruning Tree Fruits**, 10 a.m.-noon. GrassRoots Garden, 1465 Coburg Rd. Hands-On
- 23 **Pruning Roses**, 12:30-2 p.m., Viking Sal Sr. Center, 245 W. 5th Ave., Junction City
- 25 Eugene Tree Foundation's Celebration of Trees. 7 p.m., EWEB, Training Room.
- 25 **MG Training**, Extension Aud.
- 26 **Pruning Roses**, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., River Road Park 1400 Lake Drive, Eugene Register 688-4052 . Fee
- 28 **Compost Workshop**, 10 a.m.-noon. GrassRoots Garden, 1465 Coburg Rd.

March 2009

- 4 **MG Training, Small Fruits & Plant Propagation field trip for trainees only**, Morning in Extension Auditorium.
- 5 **Great Soil, Community Garden Series**, Pat Patterson 6:30-9 p.m., Extension, \$10

Ross's Corner

Congratulations to all the new MG trainees. By now you have made it through four weeks of training. It is great to see such an enthusiastic group.

We know space is tight and the lunch hour is loud. We tried to find a larger facility, but were not successful this year. We hope we can go back to the Oregon Community Credit Union (OCCU) in the future.

Many of you came to the pruning session at GrassRoots Garden. We ask that new trainees attend two different pruning sessions as part of your MG training. We will have twenty new pruning specialists training this year.

Over the next three months we will have forty-six programs to present. This is an incredibly fun time of year.

To clarify any confusion about donations, please designate on your check what you would like your donation to go for. Money is coming in for the greenhouse at GrassRoots Garden, LCMGA, MG Program and Horticulture Program. We want to help Jim Giustina, LCMGA Treasurer, keep records and accommodate your wishes. People making donations should PLEASE make a note as to where they wish the extra money to go, i.e. MG Program Fund, Hort Fund, LCMGA, GrassRoots Garden, etc.

Your efforts to show up at the Commissioner's meeting and write letters of support are appreciated. Thank you for your continued verbal, monetary, and written support to keep the Extension Service and all its programs going.

Committee Reports



Don't Forget ANNUAL GARDEN FAIR and PLANT SALE **Saturday, April 25**

Gail Karlsen, MG , Chair

Our first Plant Sale meeting was held January 14, from 2-4 p.m. at the Extension Office. It is hard for me to believe that it is time again to start planning for our major fundraiser. I would like to thank the Master Gardeners who attended this meeting to pass on the information they have compiled chairing previous Plant Sales. This will help make my job much easier this year when referring to notes on what has worked best during the previous years. Thank you, Linda Martin and Wendy Gardner, for the notebook and handouts and your hard work and wonderful organization. Also, thank you to those that have stepped forward to chair a particular department during the sale.

Our next Plant Sale meeting will be held in the Conference Room February 10 from 2-4 p.m. As the old saying goes, "Many hands make light work." You are all encouraged to attend these meetings. The more of you that get involved, the easier it will be to accomplish our common goal. That is to have fun and raise money for our one passion, the Lane County Master Gardener Program.

Our meetings are held from 2-4 p.m. at the Extension office. Please mark your calendar with the following dates (April 23, 24 and 25 all day for set-up and sale):

February 10
February 24
March 10

March 24 **April 25 Sale!**
April 14
April 23-24 Set-Up

We still have committee departments that need a chairperson. We especially need help soliciting and organizing garden art vendors. I welcome all of you, new to seasoned Master Gardeners, to lend a helping hand.

At our first Plant Sale meeting we decided on the following policies when offered plants to sell from the public.

The Master Gardeners will accept plants for the Plant Sale from the public with these three conditions:

1. MGs will not dig plants on private property of non-Master Gardeners.
2. MGs will come to the home and pick up pre-dug plants. The plants can be in pots, boxes, trays or tarps. MGs will then pot the plants, if needed.
3. MGs cannot sell any plants on the USDA invasive plants list - if donated they will be disposed of.

I hope this will be helpful when you receive phone calls concerning plant donations.

If you are interested in helping please give me a call at 541-912-5286 or email me at lilypadde@yahoo.com.

Plant Sale Silent Auction

Great Aunt Jane gave you a beautiful large antique vase for your small contemporary house?

Donate your garden related prizes to the Master Gardener Plant Sale Silent Auction and everybody will be happy.

Silent Auction donations are being accepted until April 14 at 2 p.m. Items should be clean, complete and like new.

To donate or for further information contact:

Dorothy Cruickshank,
342-2577
dorothygc@earthlink.net

Rita Ostrofsky, 685-2875
ostrofsky@pacinfo.com

Ona Chambers, 942-9991
blacksheepona@yahoo.com



Committee Reports (cont.)

Recycled Garden Art Sessions Continue

By Wendy Gardner, MG

Glass ornaments, planter chairs, faerie houses and a few new projects are underway! Come join us for future sessions making garden art out of recycled discards. We have lots of fun surprising ourselves with our creativity and making items for the major MG fundraiser, The Garden Fair and Plant Sale, scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. We meet at the extension auditorium from 9:30 a.m. to about 4 p.m. We'll meet Saturday and Sunday, the 21st and 22nd of February, and Saturday, February 28, as well as Sunday, March 1. Wear work clothes. It's best to bring a bagged lunch, though sometimes we plan a group meal. Future dates are: March 14 and 15, March 21 and March 22, March 29, April 5, April 12, April 18 and 19. On March 21 and April 18, the times are 1-5 p.m., otherwise times are 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Even if unable to help make recycled items, you can contribute recycled goods. We use colored glass bowls, plates, vases, knick-knacks, paperweights, votives, fused glass frames, and even fused glass discards from glass workers.

Please do not contribute glass with color that flakes off. At this point we do not need any more clear glass vases. We use old wooden chairs especially those without seats, small wooden tables, and old benches. We use old wooden ladders and birdhouses. Wooden items should not be split or broken irreparably. We use daybed, cot, and crib springs and interesting metal grating. We use decorative old gates if not too unwieldy, and also small metal bedsteads. We can use metal stakes and rebar (not bent). We use latex and acrylic outdoor paint in bright colors and paintbrushes and stirrers. We can use garden and paint tarps. Our biggest expense is 100% CLEAR silicone and second is hot gun glue. We are happy to accept donations of these. Later we will be requesting prunings. Currently we have plenty of old fencing.

If you have any other suggestions or wish to donate something, please email or phone Wendy Gardner at wendyjg@comcast.net or 541-463-8471. Of course, if you are going to join us, just bring your "loot" with you. Thanks!

Adaptive Gardening Committee

Anami Ridge, MG, AGS, Chair

By the time this committee report is published, it will be February! Already, buds are swollen on trees and shrubs, bulbs are coming up and I am looking forward to that one warm week we always get in February that makes me anxious to plant tomato seeds too soon.

Thanks to Brian Stoner, we have a wonderful new design for a bench/planter/ trellis for the adaptive garden to replace the bench/planter arrangement we demolished. It will be a lovely, shady spot to sit and enjoy the garden this summer ...or at least by next summer depending on what we plant on the trellis. I hope we will all still be in the building to enjoy it.

Thanks to Diane McDonald and Allison Hassler who presented Adaptive Gardening ideas on January 10 to the Summer Oaks Garden Club. Thanks also to everyone who helped put together and present the Adaptive Gardening introduction to the new MG class the first day. I hope we were interesting and intriguing enough to have a few members of the new class come to one of our meetings to see what we are doing this year! A special thanks goes to Karen Ailor who, at some point and unbeknownst to any one in the present AG group, did a great job updating our Power Point presentation! Pat discovered it among our various CD's just as we were about to spend time ...maybe a lot of time... updating our presentation for the new MG class.

Our hypertufa day at Wendy and Brian Stoner's on January 19 was a lot of fun with great food. It was just the kind of day to make a person glad to be a Master Gardener with such a great group of people. There were eight of us and we experimented with two different hypertufa mixes and a variety of forms as well as pottery shards, marbles and pieces of glass to see what we could come up with in the way of practicality and beauty.

We still have to wait several weeks to see our end results. If we are successful in making containers that hold together, we plan to make some containers to sell at the plant sale in April. I am picturing them with some of Dorothy's beautiful succulents in them. Brian's plan is to make two large hypertufa containers to grace the ends of our new bench/trellis. Thank you, Brian and Wendy, for letting us make a big mess in your shop!

Dona Clarke, Pat Patterson and Diane McDonald are beginning to work on the class we will be offering on Adaptive Gardening at Mini-College this summer.

I want to end this by extending another invitation to any of the new MG class members with an interest in the activities of this committee. You are welcome at our meetings on the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. You can also get on our email list by talking to me in class or any of the other committee members who are mentors this year.

Committee Reports (cont.)

Compost Specialist Committee

Cindy Wise, MG, CS Program Coordinator



The Compost Specialists had their first meeting of 2009 and watched a slide show presented by Peter Thurston on the coffee grounds and leaf trial. Joan Ojerio and Peter Thurston are overseeing the trial in which 14 Compost Specialists are taking part. The goal is to experiment

with ways to rapidly compost leaves at home instead of sweeping them into the street. The trial ends April 1, then we will have the compost tested for nutrient value.

Thanks to everyone who helped wrestle the roses at GrassRoots Garden. Many hands make light work even on a chill and gray winter day! We have some nice big pots of roses to donate to the MG plant sale and in less than 2 hours had roses potted up and much of the soil and leaf mold removed. So thank you Patty Driscoll (thanks for finding the great pots), John Fischer (you wouldn't recognize him with the distinguished retirement beard!), Sophia and Diane McDonald, Barbara and Steve

Wallace, Joan Ojerio, Karen Svenson, Donna Broline and Gail Sandgathe.

Pat Patterson has compiled an excellent digest of compost research. Anyone interested may receive a copy from. Cindy at cindyawise@comcast.net.

The 2009 Compost Specialist training will be held April 1 and April 8 at the Extension office. This is a 2-day training that includes an afternoon of hands on at the GrassRoots Garden. You then give 20-hours of your time to help pass the word about the importance of recycling organic waste. If you are interested in attending contact Cindy Wise. Beware! Composting can become addictive!

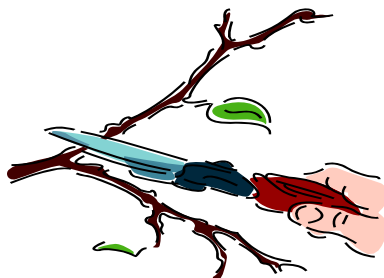
The Compost Specialist schedule of meetings for 2009 is as follows. Anyone is welcome to attend. All meetings begin at 11:30 a.m. and we do try to be done by 1:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share and a friend.

January 8	June 4
February 5	September 3
March 5	October 1
April 2	November 5
May 7	

Pruning Specialist Committee

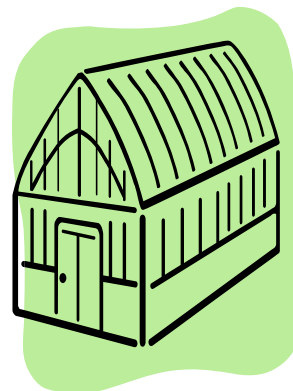
Peter Thurston, MG and Ellen Lacey, MG

Contact Diane Lane
895-4137 to volunteer
to help with pruning
demonstrations



Potted Plant Storage

If you need a place to store potted plants for the MG plant sale and are willing to deliver them, please call Karen Bodner at 998-3661. Make it easy on yourself and have a potting party!



Garden Books . . . and Magazines Wanted!

Nancy Sorensen, MG

If "Weed Out Books" is on your spring-cleaning list, please consider donating duplicate, older editions, or other outgrown books for our Spring Book Sale (during Plant Sale). We have received some beautiful quilting books and magazines, so be sure to check these out along with our gently used gardening books.

Any garden-related cooking or crafts books and magazines may be left in the MG Hotline room "Book Box." Please no magazines prior to 2000, and please call first for large (heavy) magazine donations or if you need books picked up: 302-5938.

Committee Reports (cont.)

GrassRoots Garden Committee

Merry Bradley, MG

Much to our surprise, we exceeded expectations in crop production and volunteer participation during the 2008 growing season.

Produce Produced in 2008: Volunteers planted and tended over 50 different varieties of fresh vegetables and fruits. We harvested nearly 63,000 pounds of organic produce (compared to 51,000 pounds in 2007). Tomatoes, peppers, cabbage, celery, summer squash and apples provided the heaviest yields while other high volume crops included corn, cauliflower, lettuce, chard, cucumbers, kohlrabi and winter squash. We intensively grow to maximize production on the 2 1/2 acres of garden space. In 2008, we were able to produce and harvest an additional 12,000 pounds of produce over the previous year. This included about 3,000 more pounds of peppers, an additional 1,000 pounds of winter squash and several thousand more pounds of apples, compared to 2007. Despite a cool summer, the 2008 growing season benefited from a long, moderate fall which allowed more crops to reach maturity. We anticipate future production levels between 45,000 and 60,000 lbs, allowing for uncontrollable natural factors.

The Garden's produce is the healthiest and most nutritious food that the food bank acquires. And with federal donations of USDA product and donations from food manufacturers declining nationwide, the Garden's produce is needed more now than ever.

Volunteer impact: Over 2,900 individuals contributed approximately 23,500 hours of their time, skills and labor to make the GrassRoots Garden a productive and vital community. Though we only had an additional 200 volunteers over the previous growing season, all together, our volunteers put in 4,000 more hours in 2008. This allowed us to keep up with the additional 12,000 lbs of harvest. People tended to come to the Garden more often and stay longer and this enabled us to keep up with increased planting and harvesting of successive crops.

We are so grateful to our adult community volunteers, including Master Gardeners, who contribute thousands of hours of time and work to the Garden. Master Gardeners

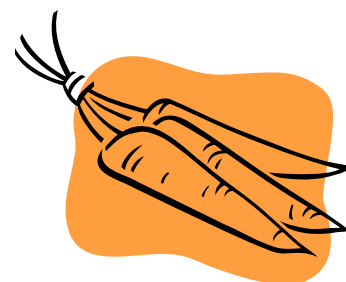
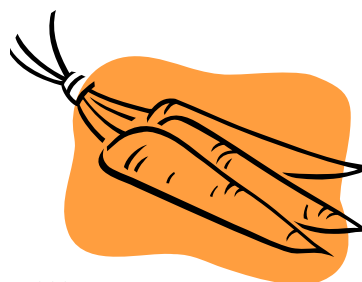
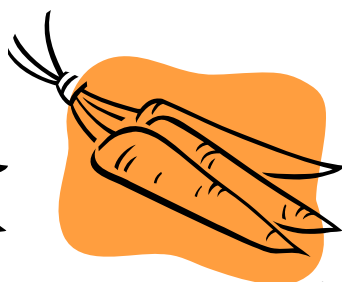
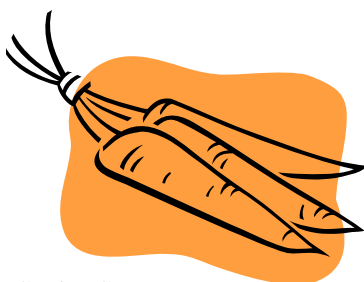
routinely lead teams of volunteers and students teaching and demonstrating greenhouse work, preparing beds, planting, and harvesting. They also teach composting and pruning workshops to the general public. We encourage all Master Gardener trainees to come out and get acquainted with the Garden.

Infrastructure improvements: A goal in 2008 was to strengthen and expand Garden infrastructure. With the generous assistance of Weyerhaeuser and Symantec, and individual volunteers, we constructed a power-equipment shed for mowers, tillers, weed eaters, etc. The Master Gardener Association and individuals donated a second large greenhouse and enlarged our shade house--- expanding our production of starts and winter crops. A dedicated volunteer built eighteen new potting benches. Volunteers constructed a French drain along the border with the neighbor's fence to redirect the run-off from the huge leaf pile. Volunteers repaired the Garden's office roof and created an overhang above the hand washing area. Our volunteer stone mason built a lovely bird bath central to our new herb garden. It was all truly amazing, thanks to our wonderful volunteer and community support.

Goals for 2009: We expect a productive year that maximizes the use of our greenhouses, shade house, and successive plantings. We also expect to continue to expand community outreach and education through teaching sustainable gardening, nutritious cooking, and food preservation techniques. We will further refine our seeding schedules, recordkeeping and kitchen policies and procedures to maintain an efficient work flow. Our current infrastructure will be maintained in good repair and we will add one additional large greenhouse.

Winter Garden Hours (Tues.-Thurs.-Sat. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.). The GrassRoots Garden is located at 1465 Coburg Rd., across from Safeway, behind St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

For more information contact: Merry Bradley at 484-7144 or merrybradley@yahoo.com. Thank you for your caring and support!



Committee Reports (cont.)



"Carrot Pull Reflections" at the GrassRoots Garden

January 10, 2009

by Dorothy Cruickshank, MG

I went to the Carrot Pull at GrassRoots Garden to take pictures and talked Marylee Bowmen, the new Master Gardener President, into meeting me there. I'm not sure how many people were there (some were small) ---maybe about 100. There were two long rows of carrots covered with chickweed (a weedy covercrop). You could hardly see the carrot tops. Everyone lined up on both sides of the rows.

Garden Coordinator, Merry Bradley, reminded everyone not to touch the carrots until after the countdown at 11 a.m. There was even a threat to disqualify those who touched the carrots before the countdown. Nobody saw me, except maybe a Sheldon High School boy who was next to me---but he wouldn't tell on an old lady for touching the carrots ahead of time. Marylee's husband was now using my camera to take pictures and the countdown was about to take place. Merry announced that we were looking for carrots in three categories, the largest, heaviest, and most unusual. Three prizes were to be awarded in each category.

I heard Merry say, "4, 3, 2, 1, --- pullllll!" Carrots went flying into the wheel barrows when they weren't consid-

ered to be the best contestant. Well, I found a yellow (U of O) carrot and most everyone else had (OSU) orange carrots. Marylee had an extra long carrot. The Sheldon boy had one that looked like a hand with a number of little fingers. The three of us were sure we were winners and went to the wash stand where volunteers washed the contestant carrots. We moved to the competition line to register our wonderful carrots.

While we waited for the carrots to be judged, we were served carrot ginger soup, hot chocolate, warm bread, and carrot cake. I was thrilled when it was announced that my carrot won 3rd place in the "unusual" category for its yellow color. Marylee's carrot won 3rd place in the "longest" category. The Sheldon boy's hand shaped carrot won first place in the "unusual" category and the "heaviest" category winner had gone home---before the winners were announced. He was a young boy who got tired of hearing the wonderful harvest report given by Merry Bradley, which adults found fascinating. Well, "until next year," when we can play again in the fluffy soil.

New Tree Stewards Classes

City of Eugene's Neighborwoods Tree Stewards, a tree-loving, knowledge-seeking group, prunes Eugene's young street trees under the direction of Certified Tree Arborists. Training classes now being scheduled for May.



Contact Nancy Sorensen for information:
302-5938.



"To the attentive eye, each moment of the year has its own beauty, and in the same field, it beholds, every hour, a picture which was never seen before and which will never be seen again."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

MGs Between the Rows

Swap and Shop



Items for sale at the Extension Office include:

- Badge magnets, \$1.00
- Magnifying lens, only \$11 to properly diagnose insects and diseases.
- T-shirts, long and short sleeved.
- New MG Sweatshirts.

Leadership Opportunities

Join the Master Gardener Coordinator team. Find a “buddy” and share the “fun.” Slots are still open for the following positions:

- Booth/Ask-A-Master Gardener Coordinator
- Public Speaker Coordinator
- Garden Tour Coordinator
- Hotline Substitute Coordinator
- Bulb Sale Coordinator (s)
- Display Coordinator (s)

Sign-up on the Master Gardener Bulletin Board .

On-line - Check out these great websites!

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/enews/>

<http://culinariaeugenius.wordpress.com/>

<http://thepracticalherbalist.com/>

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/talks-and-seminars>



**Get Well Soon ~ Healing wishes to all
MGs who are under the weather just now.**

Speaking Opportunities

Speaker request from Lorane Grange, topic open. Tuesday or Thursday night in February and March (one each month), 7-8 p.m. for 20 people. Contact is Susy 686-1240. Please let Linda know if you are interested (682-7308).

*Our thoughts are with those that
have lost loved ones.*

New T-Shirt order coming soon

Please contact Diane Twete at 895-4154 or dtwete@hotmail.com if you want a specific size on a sweatshirt or T-shirt. Orders can be made by size but not color.

MGs Between the Rows (cont.)

4-H Fundraiser - Murder Mystery Dinner Theater ~ "Our Town Picnic"

The OSU Extension Service Lane County 4-H Program is sponsoring an interactive **Murder Mystery Dinner Theater**. What is Interactive Dinner Theater? It's a play; it's improv; it's dinner; it's chatting with the guests; it's murder; it's all of these and more!

- Performance dates: Feb 25 and 26.
- Performance begins: 6 p.m.
- Performance location: Santa Clara Grange located at 295 Azalea off River Road in Eugene
- Ticket prices: \$15 for one or \$25 for two and must be paid at the time of purchase.
- Tickets available for purchase at the OSU Extension Service in Lane County office.

In interactive dinner theater there is a script, just as there is in any other play. But the actors aren't on stage. They are seated with the guests, talking, eating, and dropping clues. Sometime during the evening, a dastardly deed is done. The remainder of the evening will be spent with the cast AND guests pointing out clues and trying to identify the dastardly deed doer. Everyone has a great time and receives a good meal at the same time.

Oregon Country Fair

Barb Bohn, MG

Volunteers are needed to staff the MG booth at the Oregon Country Fair on July 10, 11, and 12 from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. The booth is located in the Community Village and shared with other non-profit community based organizations, the Klamath Valley Birding Observatory group and representatives from the Community Supported Agriculture group. The usual MG question and answer clinic and a varied plant and recycled container display will be offered.

There is a sign-up sheet on the MG office door. For more information contact Steven Ramey at



344-1146, georgegeorge30@hotmail.com or Barb Bohn at 513-2736.

Answerme CD Available

Get your own disk with the important MG data on the computer in the Hotline Room to use at home (pdf format).

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| - Answerme | - Arthropods | - Herbs |
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8	9 10 am-1 pm Jerry Horne Catherine Burke 2-5 pm Anami Ridge	10 10 am-1 pm Sharon Hanes Gail Sandgathe 2-5 pm Sheri Moore Tim Foelker	11 10 am-1 pm Peggy Thomas 2-5 pm Pamela Leonard	12 10 am-1 pm Christie Buchanan Lisa (Tree) Knowlton 2-5 pm Mary Leontovich Margaret Hyland	13	14
15	16 10 am-1 pm Jerry Horne Gail Karlsen 2-5 pm Donna Broline	17 10 am-1 pm Sharon Hanes Jennifer Valadez 2-5 pm Sheri Moore Steve & Barbara Wallace	18 10 am-1 pm Peggy Thomas Catherine Burke 2-5 pm Pamela Leonard	19 10 am-1 pm Christie Buchanan Lisa (Tree) Knowlton 2-5 pm Earl Dill Mary Leontovich	20	21
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**MG Seminar: Attracting Wildlife
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Tuesday, February 17, 2009

7-8:30 p.m.

Bring a friend, and snack to share!

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