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# Garden Gate

Lane County Master Gardeners™

August 2009

## President's Message

Many things have been happening this month as befits summer and a great one it is. The recent tour to Bill and Sally Town's marvelous garden in Scottsburg was just great. Many thanks go to Dianne Twete for suggesting and organizing the tour and then hosting us all at her cabin for lunch and a landscape design tour. Ten acres of gardens, creeks, farm and animals. I was amazed to see my first humongous Myrtle tree and a rose bush at least 20 feet high that had to have a platform for support. Mr. Town was also a master welder and he had many art sculptures that were tastefully tucked around all the garden areas. Perhaps we could schedule another trip next year for all those that couldn't make this one.

If anyone is driving on Highway 38 to Reedsport, it is definitely worth while to stop at the Butterfly Museum at Elkton. It is just past the school on the highway. The history of this place is very interesting and would almost be an article by itself. A local Elkton woman donated the land to the city and they use it to teach the local high school kids how to grow native plants and also to grow trees for the Forest Service to use for replanting. These native plants are on sale to benefit the school project and of course, the butterflies. It also has a library for the community, and a coffee shop. The day that Dianne Twete and I were there, the proprietress was annoyed with the Monarchs because it was too cold and they weren't interested in sex.

The MG diagnostic clinic held at Charlotte Barnhart's on July 21 was challenging and fun on a perfect July evening. It's humbling for me to attend these clinics as I am reminded how much I have yet to learn. We appreciate all the effort it takes to host these clinics for us. Please plan to attend in the future if you missed this one. They are great fun and

educational.

This is a difficult time for many with the economy and individual situations affecting us all. I am sure the uncertain future of our LCMGA chapter is a factor, but more of us need to

step up to the volunteer plate. The need for helpers is increasing, but the cadre of super volunteers is wearing thin. To solve our financial difficulties we may be asking the public to support us with a levy so it is important that we are there for them. Please consider helping out on the hotline, Lane County Fair, Fair Parking, and the Fall Festival.

Your President,  
*Marylee Bowman*



## Master Gardener Seminar "Know Your Itsy Bitsies" August 18, 2009

Join fellow Master Gardeners on Tuesday, August 18 to hear OSU entomologist Amy Dreves speak about her favorite subject - insects. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear Amy who is also one of the authors of the *Garden Rhythm Journal*. Business meeting starts at 7 p.m. with the speaker to follow. Bring a friend and a snack to share.

# LCMGA July Board Meeting

Sue Sierralupe, MG Secretary

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Marylee Bowman at 12:50 a.m. Present - Marylee Bowman, Dorothy Cruickshank, Linda Renslow, Dianne Twete, Ross Penhallegon, Jim Giustina, Sue Sierralupe, Catherine Burke.

Last meeting's minutes were approved and the updated Treasurer's Report is being reviewed for later approval.

As Historian Ona Chambers suffered a challenging personal loss with the death of her husband, Tanya McNelley is the co-chair in this committee and will take up where Ona Chambers left off. Thank you, Tanya. Blessings to you, Ona.

Vice President's Report on Fall Festival - Peter reported that a meeting is scheduled for the Fall Festival July 14 at 2 p.m. to pin down activities for the Festival. So far Gardening for Kids and Beginners, Gardening Tools, Food Preservation, Fall Crop Rotation, Fall Crop Tasting and ID, MG Program Presentations, and Vendors are already scheduled for the Festival.

County Fair Booth – The Fair Board may decide that we need to pay for our booth volunteer admission fees this year. Marylee is still negotiating this issue with the Fair.

The mentors for new graduating MGs would do well to reestablish connections with their students to be sure that they have their 40 volunteer hours completed in time to receive their certificates in October and that they are still involved in the program.

Steve Bowers, Extension Forester, has been transferred 100% to his new office in Douglas County.

Congratulations to Dianne Twete, our 2009 Master Gardener Volunteer of the Year!

Dorothy scheduled the Oregon Garden tour for August 22. A sign up will be posted.

Numbers from the Oregon Country Fair booth are still being processed. The information is with the booth supervisors and a report will be available at August's Board Meeting.

Diagnostic Seminar Meeting at Charlotte Barnhart's home will be July 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Media release is coming out soon for the Sustainable Landscaping Certification.

Next Board Meeting: August 10, 2009, at 12:45 p.m. in the Extension Conference room.

## Oregon Garden Tour Offered

Master Gardeners and friends are invited to tour the Oregon Garden in Silverton on Saturday, August 22. Meet at South Eugene High School (NE corner of the parking lot) to carpool at 8:30 a.m.

We hope to again meet experts Doug Wilson at the conifers, and Cindy Eichengreen, who also did the garden at the Village Green in Cottage Grove.

Lunch choices are: at the lunch counter, bring a

sack lunch, or eat at the resort (good but takes a long time).

The first introductory tour bus takes off at 10:30 a.m. (you can get on and off anywhere along the tour). We can get a group rate of \$80 if we get 15 people, bringing the entrance fee down to \$5.35 per person. **Call Dorothy Cruickshank ASAP to sign up or with questions at 342-2577.**

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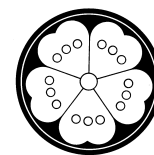
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# Hort Happenings

- 1 Wet Feet & Cool Treats, Mount Pisgah Arboretum Visitors Center, 1-3 p.m. For kids and families. Explore the aquatic world of the Arboretum with Tom Bettman. (RSVP 541-747-1504). Non-members: \$8. Members: \$5
- 5-8 Master Gardener Mini-College at OSU.
- 6 Making Pickles, 6-9 p.m. at Extension. \$15. Pre-registration required, 682-4246.
- 10 LCMGA Board Meeting 12:45 - 2 p.m.**
- 18 MG Seminar "Know Your Itsy Bitsies" with Amy Dreves, 7 p.m. at Extension.**
- 18-23 Master Gardener booth at the Lane County Fair and help with parking fundraiser.**
- 20-22 Far West Nursery Show and Workshops, Portland
- 21-23 WOE Fair Booth in Cottage Grove. Contact Scarlet to help, 942-8535.
- 22 Oregon Garden Tour. Call Dorothy to sign up at 342-2577.**
- 25-26 Sustainable Landscape Workshop, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Pre-registration and payment required.
- 26 Making Cheese, 6-9 p.m. at Extension. \$15. Pre-registration required, 682-4246.
- 29 Using Tomatoes and Zucchini, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Extension. \$25. Pre-registration required.
- 31 Deadline to register for the Polk County Fall Fling to be held September 12. For details see [extension.oregonstate.edu/polk/mg.php](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/polk/mg.php) or call 503-623-8395.

## Ross's Corner

Thank you to all the Master Gardeners who attended the meeting about the future of Extension on July 16. Steve Dodrill, Staff Chair, provided the background to the current budget situation of the OSU Extension Service office in Lane County and opened the floor to a lively discussion. Steve presented the results of a poll that had been posted on his blog requesting feedback on how the public thinks Extension should be funded. A dedicated local tax came out ahead at 46.2% out of the 96 respondents.

Everyone was encouraged to sign up to share their expertise in the areas of Leadership, fundraising, database management, publicity, and volunteer coordination. If you would like to assist in any of these areas you can let me know or email Steve Dodrill at [steve.dodrill@oregonstate.edu](mailto:steve.dodrill@oregonstate.edu). There will be many

ways for volunteers to become involved to help get the word out about all the things that Extension provides to the community.

We will keep you posted on funding updates and developments

### Help Wanted:

Another request that I have is to find someone interested in social media such as Face Book and Twitter. I would like to work with a volunteer in keeping the information stream moving. Please contact me if you are interested at 682-7313 or [ross.penhallegon@oregonstate.edu](mailto:ross.penhallegon@oregonstate.edu).

*"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can."*

*George Bernard Shaw*

# August Propagation

Karen Bodner, MG

## Divide:

*Aegopodium, Alchemilla, Androsace, Anemone, Asarum, Astrantia, Bellis, Bergenia, Chrysanthemum, Coreopsis, Epimedium, Erigeron, Eryngium, Filipendula, Fragaria, Gaillardia, Geranium, Geum, Helianthus, Hemerocallis, Hepatica, Heuchera, Hosta, Monarda, Omphalodes, Ophiopogon/Liriope, Peonia, Pulmonaria, Raoulia, Rudbeckia, Saxifraga, Scabiosa, Sedum, Sempervivum, Sisyrinchium, Solidago, Stachys, Tellima, Thymus, Tradescantia, Trollius, Viola,*

## Basal Cutting:

*Achillea, Anthemis, Androsace, Armeria, Artemisia, Aubrieta, Cheiranthus, Geranium, Lobelia, Organum, Saxifraga, Stachys, Veronica, Viola*

## Root Cutting: *Papaver*

## Bulbs:

*Chionodoxa, Colchicum, Crocus, Erythronium, Iris, Leucojum, Lilium, Muscari, Narcissus, Puschkinia, Ranunculus, Trillium, Tulipa*

## Layering:

*Arbutus, Dianthus, Fothergilla, Kalmia, Lonicera*

## Start Seeds:

*Aconitum\*, Anemone\*, Anthriscus\*, Antirrhinum, Aquilegia\*, Aster, Astrantia\*, Baptisia, Camassia, Cephalaria, Chrysanthemum, Cimicifuga\*, Cyclamen, Epimedium\*, Eremurus, Eryngium\*, Fragaria, Fritillaria, Geum\*, Helleborus\*, Lavandula, Peonia\*, Mahonia, Monarda, Myosotis, Omphalodes, Ornithogalum, Pennisetum, Pulsatilla\*, Scabiosa, Sisyrinchium, Trillium, Trollius\*, Tulipa*

**\* move to cooler conditions after 6-8 weeks**



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## Early Tomato Gives Surprisingly Tasty Results

Gigi de Roin, MG

When "Fourth of July" tomatoes were given out at the Master Gardener badging ceremony in April, I admit that I was skeptical. I guess I'll give any plant a try, I thought. I brought it home and put it in my bay window, the warmest, sunniest spot in the house. The lower leaves looked funky, and several MGs suggested it might be better off in the compost. When it finally warmed up enough to put tomatoes out, I did plant "Fourth" in the front yard and crossed my fingers. Imagine my



surprise when it actually produced a ripe tomato on the 4th! I had to take a picture to prove it. Gail Karlsen, who grew many of the tomatoes on our tables, says she will be planting those for herself next year. I think I know what many more of us will be

adding to our seed list this winter.

And the taste? Quite good for such an early one.

# Committee Reports

## GrassRoots Garden Committee

Merry Bradley, MG

For thousands of years populations all over the world grew and consumed their own food. Generation after generation lived off the land, producing the food they consumed. Our ancestors used sustainable growing practices and almost everyone lived on a farm. Food moved directly from the land to the family kitchen where it was prepared for immediate consumption or preserved for use later in the year. It is only in the past 75 years that this pattern changed. Now most food consumed by Americans is grown, processed, and packaged hundreds or thousands of miles away before it is shipped to local supermarkets to distribute for human consumption. Now we are beginning to realize that this relatively new way of obtaining food gives us food with fewer nutrients; requires huge costs for transportation, processing, and packaging; and helps to deplete scarce resources (such as oil and gas). Our current food distribution methods are rapidly being recognized as unsustainable.

It's time to "go back" to using sustainable practices in the way we obtain our food. In order to accomplish this, we can not ignore the fact that most of us are now urban dwellers and no longer live on farms. It may also mean a change in the way the family spends some of its recreational time. We must create new approaches to growing food locally. Those who have homes with yard space can use some of that space for growing their own food. Those living in apartments or group living centers can rent plots at community gardens or start a shared plot on the apartment complex grounds. Churches and schools are often amenable to starting a group

garden on their lands. These informal gardening arrangements can be very enjoyable and often lead to meeting new friends and developing "community." Those who do not want to be involved in gardening can buy produce from local farmer's markets, or buy from local Community Supported Agriculture. These are all healthy and sustainable ways of obtaining our produce.

We should also look at preserving more of our food at home for off-season consumption. Preserving food can be a rewarding, enjoyable, creative, and healthy practice. The outdoor kitchen at the GrassRoots Garden is a wonderful resource for learning how to grow and preserve food. Several programs sponsored by the Lane County Extension Service provide training to meet the demand to learn how to sustainably grow and preserve food at home. These programs include Master Gardeners, Master Food Preservers, and the GrassRoots Garden Project. The GrassRoots Garden is not only a place for volunteers to learn the techniques for growing organic food at home, it also teaches food preservation to volunteers. In August and September the outdoor kitchen at the GrassRoots Garden will be busy demonstrating the preservation of produce. Master Gardeners and Master Food Preservers are invited to join us as team leaders in giving hands-on instruction to volunteers. Call or e-mail Merry Bradley if you would like to be a part of this team.

**Summer Garden Hours (Tues. through Sat. 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!

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## Garden Books and Magazines

Nancy Sorensen, MG

Our next book sale will be during the Fall Festival, so please consider donating those no longer used, duplicate, or outgrown gardening, craft, and hobby books, and cookbooks. We can also use recent (2005-09) issues of magazines on the same topics. Sorry, we can't use Sunset magazine.

Books may be left in the "Book Box" in the Master Gardener hotline room, but please call first before donating large (heavy) quantities of magazines.

The phone number is 302-5938.



# Fall Festival Update

The Lane County Master Gardener Association will hold a Fall Garden Festival on October 3, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the OSU Extension Office, 950 East 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Eugene. The purpose of the festival is to encourage year-round gardening and to provide Lane County residents with information about Master Gardener programs, with an emphasis on encouraging new gardeners and kids to become involved. A five dollar donation for adults is recommended.

The following booths and demonstrations are currently scheduled:

- Winter/year-round gardening
- Arranging fall flowers and crops
- Lasagna gardening
- Tool sharpening
- Use of herbs
- Storage of garden produce
- Book sales
- Various methods of food preserving
- ♦ Fostering wildlife in sustainable landscapes

We hope other subjects and activities will be added on such subjects as: apple identification, apple cider tasting, bobbing for apples, introduction to winter pruning, and bulb sales. Vendors will be invited to sell garden related products. MGs interested in these subjects or other gardening topics can become involved at any level they like.

MG expertise is needed to make these Fall Festival presentations exciting to the public. The Fall Garden Festival committee will meet on August 13 at 2 p.m. in the Extension conference room. MGs are encouraged to contact Peter Thurston at 688-4664 or [thurstop@gmail.com](mailto:thurstop@gmail.com) to sign up to help plan and carry out the Fall Festival.

## Winter Critter Shelters

As part of the Fall Garden Festival's Wildlife section, we are planning to sell bird houses and bat roosting shelters, and hold a few workshops on how to build these shelters. We need the following materials and assistance from MGs: (1) untreated wood suitable for birdhouses (old cedar fencing or similar would be great), (2) wood screws (1-2"), (3) handy folks to cut this wood to size from a pattern, and (4) folks to help assemble the shelters and/or package the pre-cut, pre-drilled pieces for purchaser assembly. If you can help with any of these items or steps, please contact Brian Stoner 935-8925 or Nancy Sorensen 302-5938 as soon as possible.

## Silent Auction

Your help is needed to assist with organizing a silent auction for the Fall Festival. Items are already being donated. Contact Peter, 688-4664 to help.

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## Beautification Committee

Gwendolyn Scott, MG

### The Rock Garden Still Needs Plants

July 8<sup>th</sup> found Thomas Cherrytree, Wes Stauffer, Wendy and Pat Gardner, and yours truly planting sedum in the rock garden and weeding and pruning in the other three beds. The rock garden could still use more plants, especially:

- *Penstemon*,
- *Agastache barberi*
- dwarf or native iris
- blue gentian
- blue flax
- ice plant
- *Kalanchoe*
- *Sempervivum*

- *Lewisia*
- *Saxifraga*
- thymes
- thrifts, and
- *Muehlenbeckia axillaris*



The next Extension Beautification work party is August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. (unless it will be tediously hot, then we start at 9 a.m.). We usually work for an hour and a half and then clean up the detritus. Since we put down newspaper and soil, the weeds have been kept to a minimum. Join us for shade gardening. Any questions, call me at 687-1094.

# Committee Reports (cont.)

## Adaptive Gardening Committee

What is ADAPTIVE GARDENING ?????

*Dona Clarke, MG, AGS Chair*

The folks on the AG committee hear this question all the time. It is simple, really, it is! It is literally about “*adapting*”... yourself... your garden... your equipment and tools... your planting surface height... your containers, but most important, *yourself*. As we age or become weak or disabled in some way we think (assume) we won't be able to tend our gardens anymore. Maybe you've had a stroke or lost a limb to diabetes. Maybe your arthritis has gotten so bad you can barely grip a tool or bend over or sit down (or get up again!). Maybe you've lost some or even all of your sight; maybe you have developmental issues. Maybe you have MS. Yes, ALL of these challenges (and more) in life can affect our ability to garden.

BUT – you don't have to give up gardening! You just need to **ADAPT** the *way* you garden. Sure, you may have to tend a smaller or more compact garden or use power equipment when you used to be able to do it manually. Perhaps you need to ask for, pay for, or trade for some manual labor. It is amazing how much you can grow in container gardens, even vegetables. And as the “baby boomers” grow older, the gardening industry and retailers have become innovators in new, modified, and ergonomic tools and equipment for the less abled gardener. Just google ADAPTIVE GARDENING and hundreds of sites appear!

Adaptive Gardening is also about learning

“preventive gardening.” This includes using techniques and tools to prevent or reduce ailments like lower back pain, wrist and arm injuries, and learning the importance of safety - anyone can fall! But these things are vital at any level of ability. Remember the old saying, “Save what you have!” The Adaptive Gardening Committee agrees. But we go a step further. We say “Save what you have and use what ya got by ADAPTING!” And, of course, “Garden Smarter, NOT Harder!”

The Adaptive Gardening Committee has dozens of tools that we have purchased specifically for adaptive and preventative uses as well as conventional tools we have adapted with little or no cost. We have ideas and plans for containers and techniques to ensure that EVERYONE can garden until they themselves become compost! Contact Linda Renslow at 682-7308 to arrange a meeting with an Adaptive Gardening Specialist for yourself, or to arrange for us to give a presentation within our community.

The Adaptive Gardening Committee meets the 1st Monday of every month at 10a.m. at the Extension office. We welcome MGs interested in learning and sharing Adaptive/Preventative practices. Come see what we are all about. Happy Adaptive/Preventative Gardening to YOU!

## The Truth About Booths

*By Lisa (Mitcheltree) Knowlton, MG*

Who knew hangin' around on a street corner (mostly) under an umbrella in the MG booth could be fun? Well, it is when you've got a pint of raspberries in one hand and the other hand out to greet all those home gardeners who bring their growing questions along with them. I tried it; I liked it...and the scenery is interesting. I think it offers another wonderful facet of service to the experience of going to the public market. You could try it -- you might like it.

### Booth Opportunities:

- ⇒ Lane County Fair ~ August 18-23
- ⇒ WOE Fair in Cottage Grove ~ August 21-23
- ⇒ Farmer's Markets
- ⇒ Garden Tours as requested
- ⇒ Sign-Up Sheets on Hotline Bulletin Board



# Committee Reports (cont.)



## Compost Specialist Committee

*Cindy Wise, MG, CS Program Coordinator*

Thanks to Compost Specialists Rodney Bloom and Eric Myers for the building and assembling of the new upward migration worm bin at the Lane County Fairgrounds. It is designed to handle a large volume of waste and will be on display and in operation for the Lane County Fair in the new Sustainability Area by the Wheeler Pavilion. Stop by to check it out.

Thanks to Sheri Moore and Pamela Leonard for hosting this year's Compost Crawl. Talking compost is a great way to spend a hot summer evening in beautiful gardens and great company.

Over the winter Compost Specialists dug coffee grounds into three test plots, one at the Extension and two at private homes. We monitored the results of the coffee grounds effects on soil pH and nitrogen content. We have now planted green beans in the

plots to see if there will be enough nitrogen in each plot to grow a crop to maturity. Check out the beds on the east side of the Extension building to see how they are doing. We hope to have the results of the soil trial ready to publish in September.

Check out these two websites. Coffee Grounds aren't just for composting anymore.

Making biodiesel from coffee grounds:

[http://biodieselmagazine.com/article.jsp?article\\_id=3238](http://biodieselmagazine.com/article.jsp?article_id=3238)

Making biodiesel from feather meal:

[http://www.biodieselmagazine.com/article.jsp?article\\_id=3577](http://www.biodieselmagazine.com/article.jsp?article_id=3577)

Compost Specialists will meet next on September 3 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Bring a sampling of your best tomato for the Great Tomato Taste Off!

## Compost Specialists Spread the Word

Thanks to Dave Kayfes for his demonstration of composting and gardening techniques at the River House during the Eugene Bicycle Promenade on July 19. Stop by and check out his amazing garden built with compost, coffee and lots of labor!

On July 26 Dave also demonstrated lasagna garden/compost techniques as part of Nearby Nature's Bring It Home Tour in Alton Baker Park. Compost Specialists will demonstrate these techniques during the Fall Festival at the Extension office in October.

Thanks to Peter Thurston and Joanne Carlson for taking the time to teach at St. Vincent De Paul's summer camp for children in Santa Clara. Joanne's report: "They were a very energetic group of 17 kids

who had trouble listening and sitting still, but they really seemed to enjoy the hands on compost building. Peter brought some wire mesh and made a cylinder which we filled with grass clippings, coffee grounds, kitchen compost, garden trimmings and dead leaves. It was fun and the kids did learn something, and having an on-site compost bin can definitely work for this community. They sure loved the gummy worms!"

Thank you, Ginny Ducale and Cynthia Knight, who spent a lot of time preparing for a summer camp compost demo, but found out when they got there that the event had been cancelled. Please know that your efforts are appreciated too.

Sign up to staff the Compost Specialist booth at the Lane County Fair August 18-23.

Contact Cindy Wise for a time slot at [cindyawise@comcast.net](mailto:cindyawise@comcast.net) or call 747-5289.

# Swap Meet

The Place for Master Gardeners to share, swap, sell, and shop.

by Roseanna McArthur, MG

**For Sale:** Four burner electric stove, built-in style. Very good condition. \$50. Call Linda at 343-1066.

**For Sale:** Like new built-in style dishwasher, \$50. Call Linda at 343-1066.

**Wanted:** Janet Fitzgerald in Reedsport is seeking some seed potatoes to plant now. If you have some or know of a source that has not sold out for the season, contact her at (541) 271-0168 or email to fitzor@verizon.net.

**Wanted:** Community Sharing Educational Garden, a Master Gardener-affiliated garden which provides fresh produce for emergency food boxes for Cottage Grove area residents, requests donations of serviceable tools.

- ◆ sink or tub with drain to wash dirt off crops
- ◆ long-handled scratch hoes
- ◆ handscratch hoes
- ◆ garden forks
- ◆ garden carts

Contact: Bill Sanmiguel at bill@communitysharing.org or 942-2176

**Wanted:** Iris rhizomes: If you have too many and are thinning out, please call Nancy at 302-5938.



## Living Lightly on the Earth

Looking for potluck crockery and cutlery:

- ◆ dinner plates
- ◆ salad plates
- ◆ soup bowls
- ◆ silverware
- ◆ serving ware

These will be added to a tote of reusable plates for MG functions. Melamine or similar hard plastic only. If you have any to donate contact Cindy Wise at 747-5289 or cindyawise@comcast.net.

**Free to a good home:** a rebar garden arch; about 5 ft wide by 8 ft tall. You haul. Contact Cindy Wise at 747-5289 or cindyawise@comcast.net.

**For sale:** used garden brick from Monroe brick company. Would create an area 10ft by 20ft. 50 cents each. Contact Cindy Wise at 747-5289 or cindyawise@comcast.net.

**SHARE:** Gorgeous custom home in rural Springfield, overlooks river, woods, gardens. Rent \$595.00/month includes all utilities, private bedroom and bathroom, use of kitchen & great room, and lots of opportunities for gardening and lots more extras. Call Mary Grant 541 232 4892 or E-mail rblossom744@gmail.com.

Items are submitted via email to rmmcarthur97405@yahoo.com or by mail to Roseanna McArthur, 2640 E. 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Eugene, OR 97405. Guidelines for the use of Swap Meet were published in the June Garden Gate. If you want a copy of the guidelines, I'll be happy to send one to you.

## Eugene Celebration Parade

John Fischer and Eileen Brixey (who just finished organizing the Country Fair booth) will be helping to organize Extension for the Eugene Celebration parade that will be held on Saturday, September 5. We will need at least 50 people to commit to being there that day. **Please contact Eileen Brixey at 343-8907 or sign up on the MG bulletin board.**

We need to know if we have enough people to walk before we can proceed with the application process. Please notify Linda Renslow by Mon., Aug. 17, if you plan to participate. We had a great time last year.

# Certified Sustainable Landscape Project

Gail Cole, MG, Sustainable Landscape Specialist

## Have you heard the news? My Grammy is a Landscape Specialist!



Many of your fellow Master Gardeners have been working hard to make their yards more sustainable. I started this process last October and have finally had my yard evaluated by my peers as to its sustainability. Personally, I never thought I would change how I looked at water usages, fertilizers and chemical usage. After all, I was raised with chemical usage all my life. Fertilizers were bought by the truck loads and water came from the spring on the hill and never ran out. Good grief, we live in Oregon; it always rains here. This is one of the main reasons I decided to take the Sustainable Landscaping Class offered by the Extension Office. If changes are to be made, maybe they should start with me.

As the day approached for others to finally visit my yard I was busy weeding, watering, putting tools and such back where they belong. My kids and husband wanted to run for the hills as the list of things to do began to grow and grow. I knew just how critical everyone would be if the littlest object was out of place. Oh, was I wrong! We all look at what we have done more critically than do others. What I thought was lacking, others found

enjoyable and well done. When you begin to relax and look at what you have accomplished through someone else's eyes, you too can enjoy what you have done. I now realize what once was a blackberry patch had been turned into a place of which I could be proud.

If you have taken the classes and have not filled out your evaluation sheets, we urge you to complete them, and then give me a call so that I can set you up for a home visit and complete your evaluation. Please contact me 541-912-5286 or [lilypadde@yahoo.com](mailto:lilypadde@yahoo.com).

The next series of Sustainable Landscape classes will be offered **August 25 & 26, 2009**, at the Extension office. If you have not taken this course, I urge you to sign up and make use of all the information taught during these two days. The class will run 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. both days. Contact Linda to sign up by calling 682-7308 or email [linda.renslow@oregonstate.edu](mailto:linda.renslow@oregonstate.edu)

So, spread the news. You too can have your yard evaluated as to its sustainability and proudly display the sign as in the picture above.

# 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.

## Parking Fundraiser

Your help is needed for the parking fundraiser during the week of the Lane County Fair. There is a sign-up at the Extension office. MGs are only responsible for **staffing Tuesday, August 18.**

## Sustainability Classes

The University of Oregon's Sustainability Leadership Program in Portland is now registering students for fall classes. On Friday, September 11 the program will feature a presentation on "Foundations of Sustainability: Concepts and Communication." The presentation on Friday, September 25 is titled "Carbon Footprints and Climate Risk: Tools for Business and Government." These classes qualify for people working to achieve a Certificate of Completion in the Sustainability Leadership Program. For more information and to register, go to <http://sustain.uoregon.edu>.

*Get well wishes for all of you who are feeling under the weather .*

## Stormwater Management at Extension

Learn about practices for managing stormwater on your property at this video presentation sponsored by Washington State University. The presentation will take place on Tuesday, September 15 from 9:00 – 11:30a.m. in the Extension Auditorium. Examples will include an eco-roof in Bend and rain gardens in the Puget Sound region of Washington.

RSVP to Linda if you plan to attend 682-7308 or [linda.renslow@oregonstate.edu](mailto:linda.renslow@oregonstate.edu).

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

## Speaking Opportunities

(Let Linda know when you respond 682-7308)

The Junction City Gardening Club would like a speaker in January 2010 on container gardening.

Call 998-8252 for details.

Thank you, Gail Karlsen and Sue Sierralupe, for your continued assistance with speaker requests.

## Rid Your Yard of Yellow Jackets

*Information provided by Brian Stoner, MG*

If you have a yellow jacket ground nest, there is an easy way to eliminate them. Go out at night and place a clear gallon jar over the hole. Mound up about 2-3 inches of soil around the outside of the jar. The yellow jackets think their hole is open and will not try to dig another hole to get out. Leave the jar over the hole for 3-4 weeks. If you find a nest late in the season you can catch next year's queens before they disperse to hibernate for the winter.

# MGs Between the Rows (cont.)

## On-line

Check out Ross's new blog on gardening at <http://communitygardeninghints.blogspot.com/>

An article written by Pat Patterson on vegetable gardening: [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S\\_No=1093&storyType=garden](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=1093&storyType=garden)

Despite its name, Fall Webworm has already been spotted in Willamette Valley gardens. Learn more and see pictures at [http://oregonstate.edu/dept/nurspest/fall\\_webworm.htm](http://oregonstate.edu/dept/nurspest/fall_webworm.htm)

Powdery mildew continues to plague many plants right now. The latest victim of powdery mildew is Photinia. Images and information are available at [http://oregonstate.edu/dept/nurspest/powdery\\_mildew\\_Photinia.htm](http://oregonstate.edu/dept/nurspest/powdery_mildew_Photinia.htm)

Reports from landscapers indicate another bad year for lacebugs. Get more information and see images at <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/nurspest/lacebugsonoemleria.htm>

Jim Young, OSU Insect Clinic, has noted that eriophyid mite damage is showing up now on apple leaves. See images of the damage and the mites at <http://entomology.oregonstate.edu/node/118>

The second flight of cabbage loopers has begun in the Willamette Valley. This is a good time for growers of ornamental brassicas such as kale or cabbage to check for the tiny eggs on the leaf undersides. Pictures of eggs are at: [http://uspest.org/pnw/insects?KGCode\\_pres.cfm?ID=207](http://uspest.org/pnw/insects?KGCode_pres.cfm?ID=207). Pictures of loopers: [http://uspest.org/pnw/insects?KGCode\\_pres.cfm?ID=3563](http://uspest.org/pnw/insects?KGCode_pres.cfm?ID=3563). Pictures of adults: [http://uspest.org/pnw/insects?KGCode\\_pres.cfm?ID=213](http://uspest.org/pnw/insects?KGCode_pres.cfm?ID=213)

Cottony camellia scale crawlers have been noted emerging on holly. <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/nurspest/cottony%20camellia%20scale.htm>

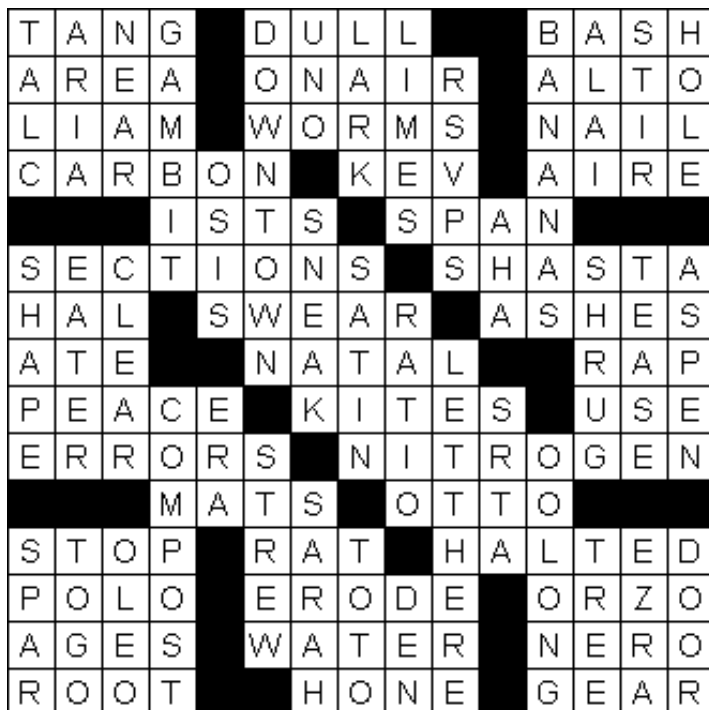
Link to the USDA People's Garden web page: [http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/?navid=PEOPLES\\_GARDEN](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/?navid=PEOPLES_GARDEN)



**Do Not Look at This  
Until You Fill Out  
the Puzzle on Page 14**

**One Rotten Puzzle**

Created by Sophia McDonald, MG



# Meet the Master - Peter Thurston

*Interview by Sophia McDonald, MG*

Peter Thurston's favorite thing about gardening is grazing. Once spring comes he enjoys taking leisurely strolls through his backyard to pick sugar peas, raspberries and his favorite, tomatoes. He visibly lights up when he describes the wall of tomato plants in the middle of his garden. "I planted mostly heirlooms this year. There are some big purple ones, and one called a Mortgage Lifter, which I thought was appropriate right now." From the looks of it there will be plenty for the Thurston family to graze on this year.



Peter initially learned about gardening from his grandmother, who lived on a farm in Junction City. He took the Master Gardener course in 2007 because he wanted more structure and information about his hobby. He completed the Compost Specialist and Pruning Specialist Programs the same year. Composting quickly became almost as much of an obsession as gardening. "I like it because it takes something that would be garbage and turns it into something else," he says. "I enjoy taking the various components and mixing them together and seeing what happens."

Part of Peter's work with the Compost Specialist Program includes serving as the Chair of the Coffee Grounders Subcommittee, which is experimenting with using coffee grounds in compost. His garden beds are his laboratory. He mixes coffee grounds directly into the soil, puts them in lasagna compost piles, and uses them as a border around plants. "Coffee grounds seem to prevent snails and slugs. They don't like to crawl over large quantities." He cautions, though, that some plants like coffee grounds and some don't, so use them judiciously. Coffee grounds don't have an adverse affect on worms, however, and Peter confesses that he loves seeing them pop out of his rich backyard soil.

In the fall of 2008 Peter was elected to serve as Vice-President of the Lane County Master Gardener Association. The main duties of that position are

facilitating fundraising and public information activities. It is in that role that Peter is coordinating this year's Fall Festival, which will take the place of the annual bulb sale. The goal is to raise public awareness about Extension and its programs. "It's important to tell the story of what we do," Peter says. The Festival will include information and demonstrations from all the different programs within the Master Gardener program, from the hotline to the Landscape Specialist program. There will also be activities for children, information about year-round gardening, and vendors selling gardening-related products.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 3. The committee is still seeking volunteers and people interested in giving demonstrations. (Interested Master Gardeners can read more about the Fall Festival on page 6 of the *Garden Gate*.)

Peter worked for Lane County for 28 years before retiring in 2006. These days he serves as the part-time coordinator for the Spring Creek Neighbors Natural Gardens. The program encourages Santa Clara residents living along Spring Creek to engage in conservation activities such as replacing invasive species with native plants. He volunteers for CASA and serves on the Career and Technical Advisory Committee at Lane Community College. He enjoys surfing the web, spending time with his family, doing projects around the house, and traveling. He is trying to enjoy being retired, although he seems to be as busy now as he was when he was working. "There never seems to be enough time for all the opportunities available, but it is fun to fit in all that are possible," Peter says. "My garden keeps me grounded and in touch with everyday essentials."

# One Rotten Puzzle

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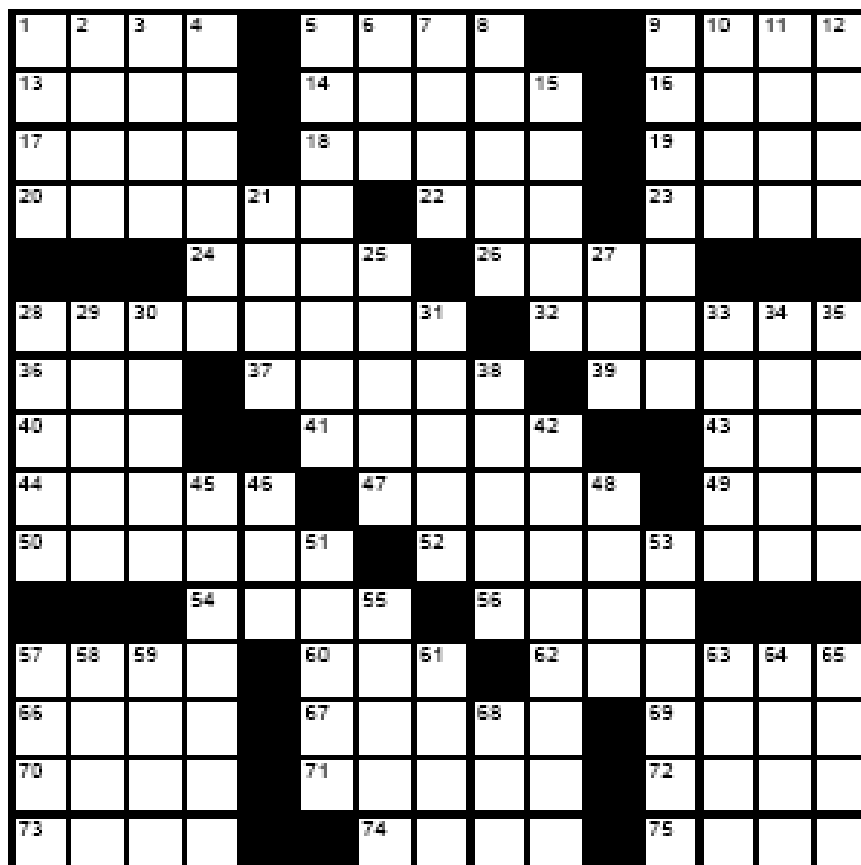
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9. Party
13. Gray \_\_\_
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20. Brown
22. Mr. Spacey's nickname, perhaps
23. Yorkshire river
24. Followers: suffix
26. Bridge
28. Orange piece
32. California mountain
36. "2001: A Space Odyssey" character
37. Promise
39. Grate expectations?
40. Munched

41. Related to birth
43. Type of music
44. "War and \_\_\_"
47. Flying toys
49. Finish, with "up"
50. Mistakes
52. Green
54. Gym equipment
56. "Beetle Bailey" dog
57. "Cut it out!"
60. Pink
62. Froze
66. Water game
67. Lose ground?
69. Small pasta
70. Stone and Middle, e.g.
71. Clear?

72. "I, Claudius" role
73. Tap \_\_\_
74. Sharpen
75. Equipment

## Down

1. Type of powder
2. Operatic piece
3. Close
4. Tricky chess move
5. City center
6. One, in Mazatlan
7. Songbird
8. Some soft drink ingredients
9. Crazy
10. Jai \_\_\_
11. Do this when the pile gets cold
12. Rabbit's home
15. Replies to an invitation, briefly
21. Medical suffix
25. Tiptoe
27. "That's it!"
28. \_\_\_ shifter
29. One who consumes
30. Cloudless
31. Fancy fabric
33. Shawl
34. Styling technique
35. Colorado resort town
38. Proportion
42. " \_\_\_ be light"
45. Puzzle theme



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**Tuesday, August 18, 2009**

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