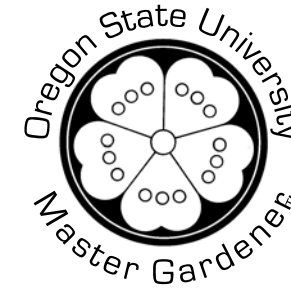


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Lane County Master Gardeners™

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President's Message

Greetings Master Gardeners:

I thought since about 300 of you couldn't make it to the Extension business seminar on September 15, I would try to explain some of the things that were discussed concerning the future of Extension. We had quite a roomful of Master Gardeners as well as Master Food Preservers and 4-H volunteers.

At this writing we are planning to attend the Lane County Commissioners meeting where we are going to demonstrate support for the Extension Service in Lane County. We also are asking the Commissioners to place a local option tax on the May 2010 ballot. This referendum, if passed, would ensure program funds for five years. Should this referendum fail, grants and contracts could be other potential sources of funding. The demand for grants is very high in this economic climate, however, and it would be difficult to keep all existing programs operating after June 2010.

Deborah Maddy, Associate Director for the OSU Extension Service, also spoke at the meeting. The state allocation of funds for Extension has been cut by 10% this year and Extension administration is cutting another 5% to be on the safe side. OSU Extension has undergone a fundamental change this year and has gone from a tax supported organization to a tax assisted organization and is now depending more on grants, contracts and partnerships.

The new approach to addressing funding shortfalls may include some level regionalization, program integration and fees for service. Ms. Maddy was more specific in her descriptions of these areas, but space limits us to discuss this further. She had some very good ideas, for example,

the colleges are working together to address emerging issues (except football).

Since some of the questions given to Steve Dodrill and Deb Maddy by the Extension volunteers were not addressed at this meeting, we may schedule another time for a subsequent meeting when remaining concerns can be addressed.

Keep the faith,
Your President
Marylee Bowman



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Extension Service
Lane County

Ross Penhallegon
Extension Educator, Horticulture

MG Seminar: Awards Potluck
Tuesday, October 20, 2009
6:30 p.m.

Bring a potluck dish. Friends and family welcome.

We will endeavor to provide public accessibility to services, programs, and activities for people with disabilities. If accommodation is needed to participate at any meeting, please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Lane County office of OSU Extension Service at 682-4243 at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting time.
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Master Gardener Awards Potluck

Join us in celebrating the accomplishments of the Master Gardener Class of 2009 and vote on the proposed 2010 budget.

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Potluck starts at 6:30 p.m.

Family and friends invited too.

Bring a dish to share with fellow MGs.

Let's be GREEN and bring our own crockery and cutlery.

Lane County Master Gardener ~ Board Meeting Highlights

Sue Sierralupe, Secretary

Sept. 14, 2009: The meeting was called to order by President Marylee Bowman at 12:50 a.m.

Present – Marylee Bowman, Linda Renslow, Ross Penhalogen, Tom Kulick, Dianne Twete, Jim Giustina, Sue Sierralupe, Catherine Burke, Pat Gardener, Ona Chambers, and Peter Thurston.

Approval of Agenda – approved. Minutes for August 10 were passed out and were approved at next meeting.

Treasurer's Report was submitted 9/1/09. We will be receiving an addendum of \$500 from the sale of the cedar sticks from Extension service awning. Pat Gardener reported that additional money will be coming from the Maude Kerns Art Center for the garden art contributed.

Committee Reports:

- GrassRoots Community Garden – Merry Bradley requested assistance with replacement of the fence bordering the adult care facility in the southeast corner of the garden. September 16 is the day that United Way volunteers are coming to take out the existing fence. Merry has \$600 in donations from various neighbors to help pay the \$800 bill to replace the fence. Merry requested an additional \$200 from the LCMGA Board accounts to finish paying for the fence. Jim moved that the Board vote for funding for this project, Marylee seconded. The board unanimously voted to approve these funds.

- Fall Festival – Peter reported that the Fall Festival is scheduled and is being advertised. Posters and bookmarks with festival information will be available for distribution by the end of the week. Peter is looking for an acoustical music group to perform at the festival. Ona is asking the mentors from the 2009 class to solicit baked goods for the bake sale.

We are looking for volunteers to fill positions for the 2010 Board. Anyone interested in applying for any of the positions is encouraged to run.

Staff Reports:

Ross reported that new applications for the 2010 Master Gardener class are already being received. The cap for the class is 100 students. We would prefer to have the class held in an open area such as LCC but if the class is small in numbers, we will hold it at the Extension office.

Old Business:

- Marylee is having trouble finding an independent auditor for the yearly budget audit. October is the deadline for the audit review. She will go to the membership for other volunteers.

Oregon Garden tour on August 22 went well. Fifteen MGs carpooled to The Oregon Garden for a private tour and lunch in the shade on the veranda.

New Business:

- A special meeting on September 15 will have a pre-set agenda and a question-answer session from the members to Steve Dondrill.

- Oregon Country Fair booth co-coordinators submitted a written report.

Peter read a petition letter that was devised and signed to express their concern for the action plan to preserve the Extension Service. The members requested information on how specifically to funnel their time for developing and implementing a plan to maintain the Extension Service. Peter proposed that the Board be given the reports from OSU Extension Service-Lane County 2008 and 2009 fiscal years.

Board Newsletter Deadline: September 15, 2009.

Next Seminar: October 20, 2009 – Graduation and potluck for new Master Gardeners.

Next Board Meeting: August 10, 2009.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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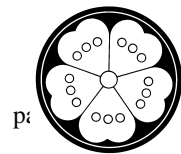
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LCMGA Proposed Budget for 2010

	2009 Approved Budget	2009 Actual thru 23-Sept	2010 Proposed Budget
INCOME:			
11-40 Other Principal Program Service Projects			
12-10 Plant Sale	14,000.00	18,882.59	12,300
12-20 Garden Tour	0.00		0
12-30 Garden Journal	1,500.00	1,392.60	1250
12-40 Bulb Sale	3,500.00		1,000
13-00 Other Special Events: Resale and Coffee	3,000.00	1,493.56	3,000
15-00 Contributions-Gifts-Grants	1,000.00		
15-10 MG Program Fund Donations	11,500.00	2,793.00	2,500
15-20 gifts	1,500.00	1,250.00	1,000
16-00 MG Dues	2,300.00	1260.00	1,260
17-00 Interest Income	1,200.00	641.39	500
20-00 Other	0.00	870.00	
TOTAL INCOME:	39,500.00	28583.14	22,810
EXPENSES:			
50-00 Principal Program Service Project:			
50-15 MG Class Expense: Scholarships for trainees	1,000.00	1176.60	1500
50-50 Advance Training: Scholarships	1,000.00	833.00	1000
50-80 Advance Training: Seminars & Meetings	750.00	252.83	750
51-00 Other Principal Program Service Projects:			
51-10 Committees:	5,350.00	3510.02	3547
51-40 Displays:	300.00	100.10	300
51-80 MG Hotline: Library	300.00	15.00	100
51-80 MG Hotline: Email	132.00		132
52-01 Plant Sale Expense	3,000.00	2419.42	2500
52-20 Garden Tour Expenses	50.00		
52-30 Garden Journal Expenses	0.00		
52-40 Bulb Sale	3,500.00	366.40	500
53-00 Other Special Events: Resale & Coffee	2,000.00	1086.40	2000
70-00 through 90-00 LCMGA Operating Expenses:			
70-00 Bank Charges	12.00		
71-00 Liability Insurance	400.00		400
72-00 OMGA Dues	1,100.00	640.00	1008
73-00 Awards and Donations	800.00		2300
74-10 Fair Tickets	300.00	80.00	300
76-00 Postage & Shipping	225.00	163.56	225
77-00 Photocopies & Ink Cartridges	1,100.00	1172.51	1100
77-20 Newsletter mailing costs and printing	2,700.00	2635.88	2700
77-30 Historical records	175.00		200
78-00 Supplies	300.00	269.91	300
79-00 PA Support	15000.00*		15,000
90-00 Contingency & New Projects			2500
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,494.00	14721.63	38362
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	15,006.00	13861.51	-15,552

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12-10 The \$12,300 is the \$14,000 budgeted for 2009 less Recycled Garden Art revenue estimated at \$1,700.

16-00 The \$1,260 reflects 84 dues paying members at \$15. Note that the OMGA raised its dues from \$5 to \$7 and the Board decided not to pass through this \$2 increase in 2010 considering the good financial condition of LCMGA and in recognition of the considerable volunteer efforts by its members.

72-0 The \$1,008 is \$5 multiplied by the 84 dues paying members and the 60 life members for whom the LCMGA pays their OMGA dues.

73-00 The \$2,300 is composed of a \$500 gift to the OSU Foundation made to recognize Patty Driscoll's work. Also it includes a \$1,000 gift to the Grass Roots Garden as to be more particularly directed by the Board in 2010, and finally the \$800 is a carry over from the 2009 budget.

79-00 This is the same amount as budgeted in 2009 but so far not used. It is to reimburse Extension for the salary of a person to be hired to assist Linda in three areas: 1) volunteer management, 2) Sustainable Landscaping program, and 3) MG Training program. Expenditures are conditioned upon Board approval of the person to be hired and a job description.

90-00 The \$2,500 is for a new project, web page development for the LCMGA. This was proposed by Peter Thurston who will pursue it.

Committee Budgets

	2009 Approv	2009 Actual	2010 Propose
Sustainable			500
Adaptive Garden	\$700	275.56	300
Compost Sp	\$225	101.67	278
Beautification	\$375	301.75	140
GrassRoots	\$2,000	1835.71	220
Huerto	\$500	498.33	500
Insect	\$100	0	0
Memorial Garden	\$909	0	909
Pruning Specialist	\$500	497.00	500
Speakers	\$200	125.00	200
Greenhouse	\$0.00		0
Total requests	\$5,509	3635	3547
Total Comm. Budgeted	\$5,350		
Contingency for Comm.	-\$159		

*PA Support out of MG Pgm Funds -note on 2009 budget

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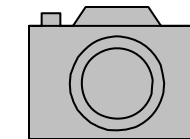
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- 3 **MG Fall Festival - Workshops and Sale**, Extension Service, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- 5 North American Butterfly Assn., 7 p.m., EWEB Training Center. Diversity of American Butterflies by Fred Ramsey.
- 8 American Rhododendron Society, Celeste Campbell Center, 7 p.m. Bill Hicks on Lepidote Rhododendrons.
- 9-11 **Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver Booth at Fall Home Show**, Lane County Fairgrounds.
- 10 **Compost Workshop**, 10 a.m.– noon, River House Compost Education Site, 301 N. Adams, Eugene.
- 10 **Preserving Meats**, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Extension Auditorium, pre-registration required, \$25.
- 13 **Preserving Apples & Pears**, 6-9 p.m., Extension Auditorium, pre-registration required, \$15.
- 15 **Putting your Garden to Bed & Extending the Garden Season**, 7-9 p.m., River Road Annex, 1055 River Road, Eugene, cost \$10 in district/\$15 out of district, call 688-4052 to register.
- 16 **Spice up your life with Homemade Condiments**, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Extension Auditorium, pre-registration required, \$15.

- 17 **Worm Bin Composting Workshop**, 10 a.m.– noon, Extension Auditorium, pre-registration required, \$40.
- 19 Avid Gardeners, 1645 High St., 6:30 p.m. social, 7 p.m. meeting. Carolyn Kolb discusses families of grasses, their care, maintenance and use in garden design.
- 20 Eugene Garden Club Meeting, 1645 High Street, Eugene, 1 p.m., Rose Care and Culture with Char Mutschler of Salem.
- 20 **Master Gardener Class of 2009 Awards Potluck**, 6:30 p.m., Extension Auditorium. Family and friends welcome.
- 24 **Compost Workshop**, 10 a.m.– noon, Community Sharing Garden, corner of Birch and 'N' Street, Cottage Grove.
- 24 **Compost Workshop**, 10 a.m.– noon, Grass-Roots Garden behind St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 1465 Coburg Road, Eugene.
- 27-28 **Sustainable Landscape Certification Training**, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Extension Auditorium, pre-registration required, \$30 for MGs.

Sustainable, Edible Landscape Photographs

Gwendolyn Scott, MG



Do you have edible plants mixed with your ornamentals? We would love to come photograph them for the Edible Landscapes section of the Sustainable Landscape seminars. If you would not mind sharing them, you could either a) bring photos in to be scanned, b) bring photos in on a CD, or c) email photos to Linda Renslow, linda.renslow@oregonstate.edu.

Kate Gessert, who gives the Edible Landscape lecture, cannot always give it on the dates we have planned. Since she does not loan out her slides, we need to collect our own photos for an Edible Landscape lecture. So, please consider helping us with this endeavor. Any questions, call me at 687-1094.

October 27-28 is the next Sustainable Landscape seminar. Join us as we examine how to practice sustainability in our landscapes and gardens. \$30 for Master Gardeners, includes 20 payback hours, or \$50 without payback. For more information, contact Ross or Linda.

NOTE: The next meeting for all MGs who have taken the Sustainable Landscape classes will be **Tuesday, October 13, noon-1:30 p.m.** in the Extension auditorium.

Garden Books & Magazines Wanted!

Nancy Sorensen, MG

Thanks to your plentiful book and magazine donations, we anticipate excellent book sale results during the Fall Festival. Your generosity in donating so many books, and especially like-new books, is very much appreciated. Thank you!

Please continue to bring in books for the Spring Plant Sale, and keep weeding out those no longer used, duplicate, or outgrown gardening-related, craft, and hobby books, and cookbooks.

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: 302-5938. We need recent (2005-09) issues only.

(Sorry, we have too many *Sunset* issues.)



Committee Reports

Compost Specialist Committee

Cindy Wise, MG, CS Program Coordinator

There are still ample opportunities to earn volunteer hours toward your Compost Specialist certificate. Compost Specialists will have a booth at The Lane County Fall Home Improvement Show, Mt Pisgah Mushroom Festival and the MG Fall Festival October 3. We will be doing lasagna/sheet mulch composting demos at the Fall Festival. Contact Cindy to sign up to help.

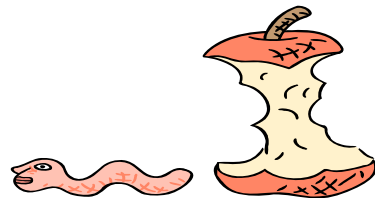
At the September meeting, the Great Tomato Taste off was delicious and visually beautiful. Top prize went to Anne Donahue for Striped German weighing in at one pound 9 oz, Brian Stoner for Brandywine at one pound 5 oz and Sheri Moore for Brandywine at one pound 5 oz. Best tasting cherry tomato went to Brian Stoner for Sungold, Anne Donahue for Isis Candy and Pat Patterson for an heirloom ground cherry.

Best tasting slicing tomato went to Anne Donahue for Persimmon, Patty Driscoll for Lemon Boy and Anne Donahue for Fantastic.

Recognition also went to Manitoba and Caspian Pink tomatoes for great flavor. Heirlooms were the heavy favorite. Pat and Anne both commented they keep on watering and fertilizing their tomatoes until the end of the season and that pruning tomatoes back doesn't affect the growth and size of the remaining tomatoes.

We shared zucchini recipes, and Pat Patterson brought a Zucchini Moussaka to share. Recipes are available at the Extension office. The Master Food Preservers have recipes for creative uses of zucchini as well. Recipes include Zucchini Marmalade, Zucchini Mock Apple Pie and many main dish recipes.

The coffee grounds soil trial results are finally in. At three locations coffee grounds were added to soil to determine the effect on nitrogen and pH over a six month period. In June 2009, two plots had bush beans planted and results were tabulated from those plots with information about growth of the beans and pounds of beans harvested. Both plots that planted beans showed similar results in the growth of the bean plants themselves. Beans



planted in plots with no coffee grounds showed better growth than those with coffee grounds. The plots that had 4" of grounds in the soil showed the most stunted growth and yellowing of the leaves on the plants. Results differed somewhat in the amount of beans harvested from each of the plots. The Extension plot without coffee grounds had 1 ¾ pounds of beans harvested from it, the plot with 2" of grounds had ¾ pound of beans harvested, and the plot with 4" of grounds had ½ pound of beans harvested. The complete trial results are available on the compost page on the OSU Extension Service –Lane County website.

Joan Ojerio and Peter Thurston are working on the protocols for a new trial that will help to develop recipes for composting leaves. During the Fall Festival, bins will be set up at the Extension and a variety of recipes will be tried. We hope to find a simple and inexpensive formula to rapidly compost fall leaves at home instead of sweeping them into the street.

You can now order leaves from the City of Eugene on the web. Go to: <http://www.eugene-or.gov/PWMMSCitizenRequests/LeafDelivery.aspx> Minimum order is a unit (about 8 yards) Check with a friend and order a year's worth of wonderful mulch for your garden.

Thanks to Rodney Bloom for teaching the September vermicomposting class. The turnout was small, but everyone had a good time.

Thanks to Dave Kayfes for helping the School Garden Project build a new garden sheet-mulch style at Cal Young Middle School during the United Way Day of Caring. We will be demonstrating the technique at the Fall Festival at the Extension.

Master Gardener Training On-Line

The Master Gardener Basic Training is being offered online. More detailed information can be found at <http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/mastergardener>.

OSU Insect ID Clinic Closed Until Further Notice

Due to a change in staffing, the OSU Insect ID Clinic is not accepting samples at this time. OSU is hopeful that they can hire a staff person to fill this position in the near future; however, given the current budget uncertainty, we have been asked to rely on local resources as much as possible to identify insects.



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Life in a day for an Extension Volunteer in Babati, Tanzania, Africa

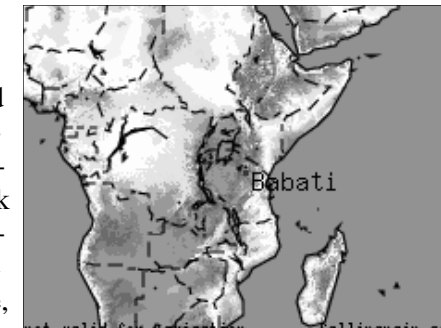
Dianne Twete, MG

I arrived in Tanzania on August 16, 2009 my first trip to this country, wondering who was going to pick me up and how I was going to find where I was going to go. After going through the necessary visa procedures to allow me to work in the country, I walked out after retrieving my over-packed bags and started the search for someone to say "here, Dianne, here we are." Relief was all over me

when someone was there to greet me. Now I could start on the task at hand of being a volunteer for CNFA, Farmer to Farmer. As a volunteer for this organization you work as an outreach extension educator providing technical assistance and providing cross cultural exchange.

The purpose of my assignment (or Scope, as they say) was to provide technical training in the area of post-harvesting, drying, processing, grading and storing of pigeon peas. Given this information my hardest part was trying to find out what exactly a pigeon pea was! I spoke with Pat Patterson and Ross and all I came up with was it was some sort of a long rooted legume that grew in arid climates. With that information in hand, off I went to give it my best shot.

After my arrival what I did learn about this crop, was why it is such a valuable commodity to the people of India. Pigeon peas are higher in nutritional value than soy beans and without the fat. The farmers in India aren't growing enough of this crop to feed their population, therefore they need to import it from nearby countries,



with Tanzania being the sixth largest exporter of pigeon pea. My purpose was to bring awareness to the farmers about improving their handling methods of this product to increase their income. I visited and trained farmers in four different villages, giving workshops and demonstrations on how to properly grade and store the Babati White pigeon pea that is so desired by the people of

India. During the months of August and September the buyers of India come to the town of Babati seeking out the best of the best. As the farmers increase their handling and care of this crop they will increase their living standard.

After two of days of training and demonstrations were completed, the women's group from the village of Qaash treated me to a traditional song and dance, wearing their wonderfully colored fabrics and garb, and blowing their musical whistles as a token of appreciation for the information I provided. One young farmer gave me three of his freshest eggs in appreciation for what he had learned that day. What I received on that day from the men and women of this small village of Qaash, words cannot describe.

In closing, I want to give my most sincere thanks to Merry Bradley for providing me with a suitcase full of garden seeds to take with me, which I handed out to each village. The seeds were and are a true sign of our cultural exchange.



The People's Garden Comes to Lane County

On February 12, 2009, in commemoration of the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) dedicated The People's Garden at its Departmental Headquarters in Washington, D.C. Since then, the Department has been working with numerous partners to promote the People's Garden Initiative and expand it into local communities. "The People's Garden is USDA's opportunity to showcase what we do at USDA, and to encourage folks to consider local production and local consump-

tion," said Secretary Tom Vilsack in a recent speech. "USDA can ... illustrate the many ways [we] work to provide a sustainable, safe and nutritious food supply as well as protect and preserve the landscape where that food is produced."

Anyone interested in working with USDA locally to establish a People's Garden can contact Master Gardener Rosana A. Costello at rcostello@fs.fed.us or (541) 225-6383.

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MGs Between the Rows—cont.

Style Guide Summary

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Learn to Be an Agent of Change

This fall the Center for Earth Leadership is offering a six-session class titled "How to Be an Agent of Change in Your Circle of Influence." The class will help people learn how to create change by influencing the people around them.

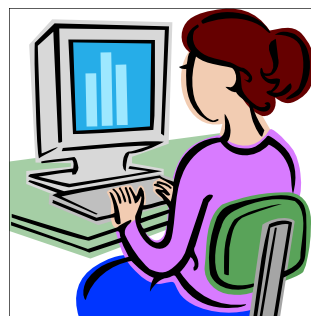
Topics will include theories of cultural change, clarifying your vision as a change agent, understanding your circle of influence, making and implementing a plan, and maintaining momentum toward change.

Classes begin in October and run through the beginning of December. There is no charge for the class but advanced registration is required. For more information, please call (503) 227-2315, email eugene@earthleaders.org, or go to www.earthleaders.org.

Master Gardener Report Hours Online

The time has come to transition from keeping track of MG hours at the County level to sending the hours directly to OSU via an online reporting form. Here in Lane County, Pat Patterson has continued to keep the hours updated. Thank you Pat for many hours of volunteer time. Many of you sent in your hours via the online form. Pat still had to put hours into the database.

Gail Langellotto would like all of you to know about the transitioning to an online reporting system for hours. The system has been beta tested by 22 Master Gardeners from across the state, as well as 12 coordinators. There will be 'growing pains' as we transition to this new system for reporting hours. However, in the end, I believe that this will be a more efficient system than having MGs submit paper log sheets – which need



to be entered into a computer – which then need to be sent to me for annual reporting. With the online system – we can view all records in our county, and Gail Langellotto can view and report all records across the state.

Please start in November to submit your hours via this new system. For those of you without computers you are welcome to come into the Extension office to use a computer. In the end

Pat or Linda will have to input data if you choose to turn in a paper copy.

Master Gardener Enrollment page:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/vrs/enrollment/index.php>

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Committee Reports (cont.)

GrassRoots Garden Committee

Merry Bradley, MG

A glimpse of the GrassRoots family of volunteers will warm your heart. We are so proud of our volunteers and the special bond they share regardless of what age, or economic, or social group they stem from. Our volunteer family is as varied as the Garden's produce, but they all have one commonality, "the joy and camaraderie" of working together at GrassRoots.

Many treasured volunteers between the age of 60 and 90 give structure to our work projects. There is Gretchen who is in charge of our greenhouse operations that produce thousands of starts year-round. Jim has been working at the Garden for nine years as its chief handyman for anything from repairing irrigation, to orchard tending, to erecting wood structures. Barbara and Shirley lead teams of younger volunteers in planting our starts. Iris keeps our tool shed and mudroom organized, and helps with reports and newsletters – she has been coming to the Grassroots Garden for the past 16 years. Birgit is in charge of making and dispersing compost tea. Ed picks up broken wheel barrows and repairs them on a regular basis, keeping our large wheelbarrow fleet in sound operating order. Lynn is our resident photographer, youth team leader, dahlia propagator and Adopt-a-plot fundraiser coordinator. Jerry leads young adults in chipping away our leaf mountain that the City collects and dumps at the Garden each year. He helps disperse the leaves into pathways between our beds. Our oldest volunteer, Mildred, is 90 years old. She's always busy with tasks such as sorting gloves, removing herb seed from the dry stems, or cutting tops off of dry garlic bulbs. All of these seniors do an outstanding job and lend stability to a normally shifting workforce. If you know any of them, please let them know how much their work is appreciated.

Families find "community" at GrassRoots – they grow up at the Garden working together and with others, and learning to appreciate the wonders of nature and the process of growing their own food. Christina and her two children are one example. Christina's son, Kalob, was

eight when he started coming to the Garden, and his sister, Sierra, was an eight-month-old baby. Now, seven years later, they still come to the Garden regularly and enjoy seeing all the people they have come to know over the years while working in the Garden. Another family, Kim and her children, Myles (10) and Zoe (9), have been coming to the Garden for 4 and 1/2 years. We all enjoy the food they make while working together with others in our outdoor kitchen.

Other groups lend youthful vitality and curiosity to the Garden, such as Looking Glass Stepping Stone youth, elementary groups and high school students earning community service credits, classrooms of pre-schoolers, and busloads of day campers. These youngsters are learning while doing and having fun in the process.

Individuals from the community-at-large are drawn to the Garden. During this recession we find many individuals come to the Garden simply because it makes them feel like they are filling a need and being useful while having an opportunity to experience acceptance and camaraderie. Other individuals with physical or emotional challenges also find GrassRoots to be a comfortable place to belong and work.

Looking at the total picture of our volunteer base enables us to appreciate its uniqueness and to know we have created a valuable and fulfilling "safe zone" for all those who work there. Thank you one-and-all for all that you do to further the mission of FOOD for Lane County.

October Garden Hours (Tues. through Sat. 9 a.m.- 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!



Pink Lemonade Blueberry

submitted by Catherine Burke, MG

http://blog.oregonlive.com/kympokorny/2009/09/pink_lemonade_blueberry_and_ot.html

Committee Reports (cont.)

Beautification Committee

Gwendolyn Scott, MG

I was aware of seasonal changes in the front beds as we – James Stewart, Pat Gardner, Thomas Cherrytree, Wes Stauffer and I – weeded, deadheaded and pruned on September 9. The sun's aspect is definitely in the south. Plants in three of the beds were getting less sunlight along the front edge, while the east bed was definitely getting more sunlight. The sun/shade balance keeps gardening in this front area interesting and a challenge as we strive for the right plant in the right place.

I have been asked if the Extension Beautification Committee is going to take on the two other courtyards as well. The answer is no. Those courtyards need a great amount of renovation – way beyond what the Extension Beautification Committee can give. If someone wants to form a Courtyards Committee to tackle the renovation, please do. We'll stick to the front beds.



Some kind soul has planted a *Cleome hasslerana*, Spider Flower, in a bare spot reserved for a dwarf Rhododendron or *Pieris* in the rock garden. As good as the intention was and is, Cleomes are not rock garden plants. We decided to leave it there until next month, when we plant the intended plants. **Please**, please check with me, Pat Gardner, or Thomas Cherrytree first before donating plants.

The next Extension Beautification Committee work party is October 14 at 9:30am. The weather should be pleasantly cool. Join us as we work our way into fall. Any questions, suggestions, and comments, please call me at 687-1094.

Pruning Specialist Committee

What: Annual Planning & Discussion meeting

When: Thursday, October 22

Location: Wendy and Pat Gardner's
317 Howard Ave., Eugene

This is the once a year opportunity to give a practice demo in-front of Ross and fellow Pruning Specialists. Come prepared with your calendar to sign up to help with 2010 pruning classes.

Sustainable Landscape Project: Time to Regroup

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 ~ 12-1:30 p.m.

All MGs involved in the Sustainable Landscape project are invited to the next planning meeting on October 13 to:

- turn in completed evaluations
- schedule interviews
- and discuss creating our own edible landscape photo collection.

For those of you on Facebook:

This is an experiment on transferring information to people in the FACEBOOK format. I would like this to be interactive with questions and answers. I will act as the monitor for the questions.

To see more details and confirm this group invitation, follow the link below:

<http://www.facebook.com/n/?group.php&gid=139641759006&mid=128e8ccG6543b00eG200397G6>

MGs Between the Rows (cont.)

New Insect Pests



Spotted Wing Drosophila

ODA would like to assess the distribution of the new fruit fly pest of small fruits and berries: *D. suzukii*

Currently, there is very little information about this potentially devastating pest to the Oregon fruit and berry industry. We also know very little about where it is in Oregon, or the rate of spread across Oregon.

If MGs receive samples of damaged fruit, the adult flies, or the maggots (larvae) that you suspect may be the *D. suzukii* damage or pests, please give them to Ross with information about who found them and where.

You can bring in your own fruit fly's to look at under the microscope. If you find one with spotted wings give it to Ross.

The White Garden Snail is an exotic snail in Oregon. Of course, the snails could be damaging to industry – but some may also harbor harmful parasites that they can vector to humans and other mammals. Children should not handle snails, and adults should use gloves if handling the snails. Any unusual snails can be submitted to Ross.



White Garden Snail

LCMGA Board Nominations Open

Now is the time to consider representing your fellow Master Gardeners on the Lane County Master Gardener Board. Some members have shown an interest in a few positions but there is still room for more.

Positions are:

- President
- President Elect
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership
- Historian (s)
- OMGA Representative
- OMGA Alternate Representative



Send your nominations to Marylee Bowman, Board President at 485-0766 or email vortex3@comcast.net.

The ballot will come out in the next *Garden Gate* newsletter. Ballots will be due by November 17, the evening of the MG seminar on Waterwise Gardening/Xeriscaping. Ballots will be counted that night.

If you have questions about the duties of any of the positions please contact any of the current Board members. Be sure to thank them too!

- President - Marylee Bowman
vortex3@comcast.net
- President Elect - Tom Kulick
tmkulick@earthlink.net
- Vice President - Peter Thurston
thurstop@gmail.com
- Treasurer - Jim Giustina
jim@agiustina.com
- Secretary - Sue Sierralupe
sierralupe@comcast.net
- Membership - Catherine Burke
catburke10@yahoo.com
- Historians - Ona Chambers, 942-9991
Tanya McNelly, raeriegrdnr_07@yahoo.com
- OMGA Representative - Sandra Horne
683-7520
- OMGA Alternate Representative - Dianne Twete, dctwete@hotmail.com

MGs Between the Rows (cont.)

Meet the Master - Dianne Twete

By Diane McDonald, MG

WSU - Skagit County Extension's Discovery Garden

Gwendolyn Scott, MG

Usually, my husband and I are racing to catch the last ferry from Anacortes, WA to Guemes Island to start our no phone, no TV vacation. The route takes us past this amazing 3 acre garden, which I really just noticed this year due to returning to Mount Vernon for groceries from the Skagit Valley Co-op. We were able to focus on the large sign which read "Skagit County Master Gardeners Discovery Garden". We stopped on our way back to Guemes Island.

As the brochure explains, "The 1994 Master Gardener class visualized the garden and spent four more years planning." The Discovery Garden name is an umbrella covering 27(!) different types of gardens. There is

a formal entrance and a bit east of that is the Pavilion for group gatherings. We sat on a bench in the cool shade garden and enjoyed the different textures and colors the shade garden offered. As we walked the paths through the various gardens, I realized what a gift a large parcel of land could be with enough willing and dedicated MGs volunteering their time and energy to make this happen. Wow. You will say this too when you go to the WSU - Skagit County Extension's Discovery Garden website at <http://skagit.wsu.edu/MG/index.htm> and see the different gardens. Our annual Guemes Island vacation now has another inspiring place to visit.

It's hard for many people to stray very far from their own gardens, especially in the summertime. Not Dianne Twete. In August, Dianne flew around the world to Tanzania, where she spent three weeks volunteering as a Legume Storage Specialist. Not bad for a self-taught gardener from a small town in Oregon! (To read more about Dianne's time in Africa, see page 13.)

Then again, a lot of people think Dianne is a pretty special gar-

dener. This August, Dianne was honored as the County Master Gardener of the Year for Lane County. "Dianne is an energetic, eclectic, and enthusiastic Master Gardener volunteer," reads her nomination, which was submitted by her peers. "Dianne consistently participates in activities throughout the year. She teaches classes, works with the public on the hotline and at numerous booth events, mentors new trainees, chairs committees and takes a leadership role on the Lane County Master Gardener Association Board. We are extremely fortunate to count her as an active member of the Lane County Master Gardeners."

"It was real humbling," Dianne says of the honor. "I was really surprised." Dianne received her award at this year's Mini-College, along with Master Gardeners from other counties around Oregon.

Dianne grew up in southern California and lived in central Oregon before moving to Lane County. She took the Master Gardener class in 2006 and became a landscape specialist in 2009. She plans to take the Pruning Specialist course and learn more about Adaptive Gardening. She is also beekeeper and food preserver.

Gardening and food have always been intertwined for Dianne. Her favorite thing about gardening is "the eating part." She taught herself to garden in the 1980's



because she wanted to eat better and have plenty of food to can and preserve. She loves to grow herbs and aspires to have a vegetable garden year-round. "I'm pushing for nine months now and will worry about the other three later," she says with a laugh.

Companion planting and persistence have always been part of Dianne's gardening formula. Water,

however, has not. She was living in southern California when she put in her first garden. She planted seeds and waited eagerly for them to come up. "I didn't realize you had to water them in order for them to grow," Dianne says. "When the plants finally came up my husband mowed them down because he thought they were weeds."

Dianne learned from that early adventure and continues to learn today. "Whether it's a new bug or a new plant, the education process is on-going," she says. "There's always something new to learn." In fact, educating herself and others about gardening is her favorite thing about being a Master Gardener.

Dianne works as an Alterations Specialist at a local dry cleaner. She enjoys reading, traveling, and cooking with herbs. She loves going on garden tours, especially with other Master Gardeners. "We have a great group of volunteers," Dianne says. "Everyone I've had contact with has been great people. [Master Gardeners] have been a great part of my life the last couple years and I'm really grateful for it." Judging from the praise in her nomination form it's safe to say that many people feel the same way about her.



Vegetable Waste

By Dave Kayfes, MG CS

Market of Choice's decision to send its vegetable and fruit waste to Rexius in order to save on its garbage hauling expense made the Register-Guard's Business Section last week.

But don't distress, gardeners: there's still plenty of nitrogen-rich material to be had if you get out and talk to the manager of your local grocery store or restaurant.

Jared Pruch of the School Gardens Project sent out a plea a couple weeks ago for material to sheet mulch a garden site behind Cal Young Middle School.

In two weeks, I collected almost a ton of green waste, 900 pounds of coffee grounds and two yards of dairy wash for the Live United volunteers to spread on the 60-square-foot plot.

Rick Bliss, a school shop teacher, laid out the scheme for the beds, including one wooden raised bed, and coordinated the effort.

"The cost savings represent a real opportunity for schools who have limited budgets for putting in gardens, which would be pretty much ALL schools," Pruch said.

Red Agave and Electric Station chefs agreed to fill five-gallon buckets I provided if I would pick them up on Monday and Friday. I gathered 18 buckets from the Electric Station and 9 from Red Agave in two weeks.

"Love to do it," said Tom Smith, executive chef of the Electric Station. "It's good for the environment."

New Compost Specialist Maureen McClain, who had set up a pickup schedule with the Market of Choice store on Franklin, let me have a couple of her pickup days, which added 12 more buckets or 300 pounds.

The coffee grounds came from the Starbucks store on 13th by the University of Oregon and Full City on High Street.

In two years of layering coffee grounds, vegetable waste and leaves at the River House Community Garden, I've found the combination to be effective in building organic soil and suppressing weeds.

Green leaf crops have done particularly well, but I didn't get as many zucchini or egg plant as I did on a plot that wasn't mulched. One reason, I suspect, is that coffee grounds are deficient in phosphorous, an element known to benefit fruiting. When I sheet mulch this fall, I will add some rock phosphate.

If you want to help a school - or your own garden or community plot - there are opportunities out there.

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MGs Between the Rows

Swap Meet

The Place for Master Gardeners to share, swap, sell, and shop. Coordinated by Roseanna McArthur, MG.

- **For Rent:** Hi! Fall is a wonderful time at Sunriver. We have reduced the rental fee on our 5 bedroom Sunriver home to \$275/night (regularly \$325) for the month October 2009. Minimum 2 night stay. Please go to our website: sunriver5cypress.com. Cynthia Guenther.
- **Wanted:** Seeking housemate, friend, companion. Offering bedroom and mostly private bathroom downstairs in tri-level, large farmhouse on Cottage Grove lake. Love of animals, gardening and spirituality a real plus. Pet OK. Heavy drugs, heavy drinking, pet monkeys and rhinos not OK. Amenities too numerous to list. \$550/month. Call Ona Chambers 942-9991.

For Sale: Skylight. Velux, 4' x 4', FS606 Tempered, EDL factory flashing kit for composition shingle roofs, good condition (installed 1 year), price new \$480. Reduced to \$200. Roseanna McArthur, rmmcarthur97405@yahoo.com.

Submit items via email to rmmcarthur97405@yahoo.com or by mail to Roseanna McArthur, 2640 E. 43rd Ave., Eugene, OR 97405 by 5 p.m. the Friday before the MG meeting (held 3rd Tuesday of every month).



Volunteer Opportunity:

Camas Ridge Community School (formerly Harris/Eastside) PTO is looking for gardening help at their new school. The garden committee is looking for assistance with a garden planting plan for the year among other things. Contact: Lara Bissonnette 687-5803.



Speaking Opportunities

(let Linda know when you respond 682-7308)


The School Garden Project (SGP) coordinates garden-based education programs in twelve elementary school each year. SGP staff visit participating school several times each month to maintain the garden and facilitate garden sessions with students. Each garden session includes 1) a standards-based educational activity, 2) a garden work session, and 3) a harvest/tasting activity. Volunteers support the program by leading small groups of students in garden work projects or activities.

Information on when and where garden sessions are scheduled is available at: <http://www.localendar.com/public/SchoolGardenProject>. To volunteer or learn more, contact Tracy Gagnon at tracyg.sgp@gmail.com, or Jared Pruch at sgp@efn.org.

The garden sessions in particular where the most help is needed are: **Chavez Elementary** (1-2 volunteers), every Tuesday until Thanksgiving from 12:40-2 p.m., and **River Road** (1 volunteer) every Wednesday from 12:45-1:40 p.m. (the extra time on the front is for prep before students come out).

Our complete schedule looks like this:
Monday: Edison garden club 2:35-3:35 p.m.
Tuesday: Chavez School 1-2 p.m.
Wednesday: River Road 1:00-1:40 p.m., and Fairfield garden club 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Thursday: Lorane (TBD, probably 8:15-9:30 a.m.), Applegate 10:30-11:30 a.m., Goshen 1-2:30 p.m.
Friday: Clear Lake 1:15-2:45 p.m.

MGs Between the Rows (cont.)



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.

Mark your Calendar:

Sunday, November 8, 2009

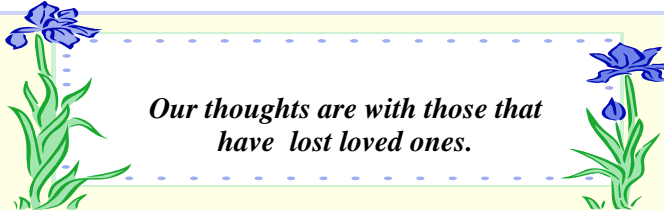
3rd Annual Master Food Preservers

Tasting Buffet

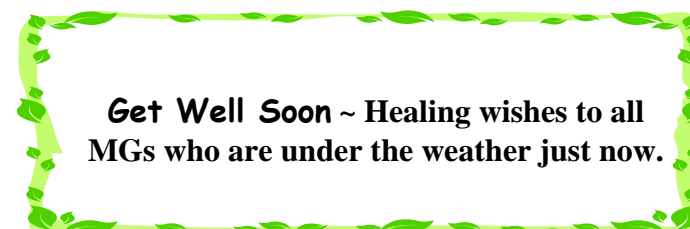
4-7 p.m.

Elks Lodge, 2470 West 11th, Eugene

This is a fundraiser for the Master Food Preserver program. You will find a great array of specialty preserved foods to sample and purchase. Also, they will have a silent auction with wonderful baskets filled with preserved goodies, great for gifts.



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



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

In Memory:

The LCMGA has received several gifts in memory of Marie Radabaugh who passed away July 20, 2009. She was 84 years old and is survived by her husband, Jack.

Pat says that Marie was very involved as a Master Gardner. Her obituary in The R-G (first week of August) asked that remembrances be given to the LCMGA.

Pat Patterson, Marian Spath and Sharon Edwards did. Thank you.

Winter Dreams Summer Gardens

The Jackson County Master Gardener Association presents a full day of garden classes at RCC/SOU Higher Education Center, 101 S Bartlett St, Medford Oregon. Registration Fee: \$40 (includes lunch).

A wide variety of classes will be offered. To get on the mailing list for class descriptions and registration materials, call 541-776-7371. Pre-registration is best to get the classes of your choice and lunch! Class selection will include a four-class basic gardening series. Also offered

are classes for sustainability and advanced garden topics including organic gardening techniques, advanced composting, biointensive gardening, using worm castings, beekeeping, propagation techniques, smart irrigation and much, much more.

Pre-registration by November 4th is highly recommended. Full refund if cancellation received on or before November 4th; no refunds after that..

http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/sites/default/files/WDSG_Registration_Packet_2009.pdf