

## Assistance to Chapters

- Provides funds to county chapters for the PNW Insect and Disease Control Handbooks
- Provides direct financial aid to county chapters through the Karl Carlson Fund and the Extension Educators Grant
- Supports the Statewide Master Gardener Program Endowment Fund

## Supporting our Community

- Annually awards a Horticulture scholarship to a post-secondary student at Oregon State University



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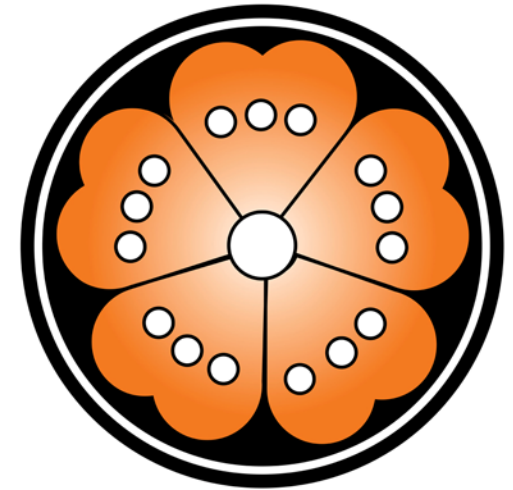
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# Oregon Master Gardener™ Association

**A non-profit organization  
that supports the  
Oregon State University  
Extension Service**



**Promoting effective  
Master Gardener™  
county chapters in Oregon**

# The Oregon Master Gardener™ Association

The Master Gardener program was established by the OSU Extension Service to assist in the distribution of gardening and horticultural information to the public. The program operates in many Oregon counties with coordination provided from Oregon State University by the state Master Gardener Program Coordinator.

The Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) acts autonomously and is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of a representative from each of its chapters along with elected and appointed members of an Executive Committee. It is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization incorporated in the State of Oregon.



## Supporting County Chapters

OMGA serves to unify and support county chapter programs to promote gardening and horticultural education. Because of its non-profit status, OMGA and the chapters engage in fundraising to support community service by volunteers and to conduct educational activities of significant benefit to Oregonians.

It provides a variety of benefits to its chapters and its individual members, such as the annual Master Gardener Mini-College and idea exchange forums. Funding for many of these activities are provided by member dues.



Find out more about the OMGA Board and Executive Committee.

See gardening and horticultural education activities available to everyone all across Oregon.

Review OMGA bylaws and policies.

Please visit:

<http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/omga>

## Focused Statewide Activities

OMGA brings together representatives from all its chapters at four quarterly meetings to exchange ideas and develop a unified program. The representatives set OMGA policies and establish its goals. The Executive committee members assist to implement the goals and activities.

OMGA annually presents the Marje Luce Search for Excellence program. This program allows chapters to describe and showcase outstanding project accomplishments.

Other activities include:

- Sponsoring a Leadership Forum for county chapter officers and others aspiring to leadership positions within the chapters and OMGA
- Assisting chapters in required IRS regulatory reporting for non-profits organizations
- 3 times a year, creating and distributing the OMGA newsletter, *The Gardener's Pen*
- Creating an OMGA History Notebook for each chapter.

