The productive partnership between OSU Extension and the Jackson County Master Gardener™ Association (JCMGA) continued to provide positive results for Jackson County residents in 2007. The Urban Horticulture Instructor position is partially funded by OSU, but otherwise the Urban Horticulture program is self-supporting. (JCMGA receives no direct monetary support from any governmental source.)

The Urban Horticulture Program strongly impacts the Jackson County community in several ways:

**Social Impact.** Growing and eating healthier foods, and promoting a healthy, active lifestyle.

**Financial Impact.** Saving money by growing food and propagating plants, as well as enhancing opportunities for landscapers, garden supply stores, and other gardening support businesses.

**Environmental Impact.** Reducing the use of pesticides, encouraging healthier microorganism populations in the soil, and promoting recycling.

**Master Gardeners.** Sixty-four students completed the 28th annual Master Gardener classes. The new volunteers and nearly 300 experienced Master Gardeners donated 17,575 service hours to Extension and Jackson County.

**Educational Outreach.** The Winter Dreams-Summer Gardens Symposium was held in November 2007. The one-day event included 38 classes; 167 people attended the event.

The OSU Extension Plant Clinic operates year-round at the Extension office, at the Ashland and Medford Growers Markets, and at special events. In 2007, Clinic volunteers answered 3,573 questions from the public.

The Master Gardeners Association continued its relationship with KDRV and Scott’s Garden, giving garden tips twice weekly between April and October and reaching 27,000 households with each of 66 programs. Educational programs were presented throughout the community. Master Gardener speakers presented programs to 1,954 attendees.

**Educating Youth.** The JCMGA sponsors a $2,500 scholarship at OSU for a graduate of a Jackson County high school studying horticulture or a plant-related field. JCMGA also awarded $5,000 in horticulture grants to Jackson County schools.

Through our summer gardening program for children aged 5 to 8, 52 children planted vegetables, sang, enjoyed stories, did gardening-themed crafts – and later ate what they had planted.