

# GARDENING, OUR COMMON GROUND

Central Gorge and Wasco County Master Gardener™ Associations

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## Central Gorge Master Gardener Association Meeting “EarthKind Rose Trials”

**Date:** April 16, 2008

**Time:** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Place:** OSU Extension Office at 2990 Experiment Station Drive in Hood River

Janice Dysinger, Multnomah County Master Gardener and EarthKind rose trial gardener, will be providing the program for the evening. She will present a show on EarthKind rose trials. The opportunity exists for those of you interested to become a part of the EarthKind rose trials. The following are links you can access to learn about these trials. The EarthKind website: <http://earthkindroses.tamu.edu/> and the Midland-Odessa Extension trial which has a great online documentation of their trial: <http://westtexasgardening.org/EK-Rose-ResearchMission.html>

The Association Meeting will follow Janice's presentation.

## Wasco County Master Gardener Association Meeting “Eating Locally”

**Date:** April 15, 2008

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Place:** Ronnie Smith's home, 317 West 21st, The Dalles

Sarah Hackney, Coordinator of Gorge Grown Food Network, will provide an overview of Gorge Grown Foods—what it is and what it does. She will also talk about why there is a resurgence of interest in eating locally grown food.

We will begin the evening with a potluck supper. You are encouraged to cook with local foods, perhaps some tomatoes you grew and canned, fruit from Wasco or Hood River counties, Oregon Country beef, Tillamook cheese, or something else from Oregon and Washington.

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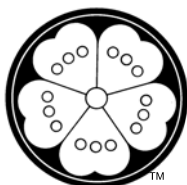
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## Our Mission

- Increase our knowledge in home horticultural practices.
- Educate home gardeners.
- Promote sustainable gardening techniques.
- Create an atmosphere of enjoyment.



## Thoughts From Your President Kathy McGregor

It's hard to decide which aspects of spring events to discuss in this column. Shall I write about the daffodils, grape hyacinths, tulips, and candytuft that are blooming or about to bloom in my garden? Would you prefer a reminder of the seed catalogs, gardening articles, and increased inventory at local nurseries? But no..., as dedicated gardeners who look with enthusiasm upon this time of year, I surmise that those images of spring are overwhelmingly clear to all of you.

I will write briefly instead of new developments and upcoming events. We have already begun active preparation for the Spring Plant Sale, which will be held May 10, the day before Mother's Day, at the OSU Extension Office. This event has been popular for the last two years, and we look forward to the chance to share plants from the Master Gardeners' gardens with local garden lovers. All plants sold at the sale are grown by our members. Quality, variety, and information dissemination are the hallmarks of this event.

The most monumental (literally) activity in recent days has been the delivery of stone for the Japanese Heritage Garden. On March 24, a half dozen Master Gardeners worked under the direction of the landscape designer to prepare holes, place gravel, and more, as large stones were put in place. The shapes, hues, and textures of these stones and those which will be used elsewhere in the garden are works of art in themselves. We all look forward to the role they will play as the garden work goes on. Although I was unable to attend this once in a lifetime event, I don't doubt that the MGs who participate in this workday felt overwhelmed and inspired. I would also guess that their muscles hurt the next day...

Please enjoy the beginnings of spring and look forward to hearing about future developments in the Learning Garden, the debut of the Rising Moon Festival, and a summer picnic and quarterly meeting.



### **2008 OSU MASTER GARDENER CLASS – HOOD RIVER**

Back Row: Elizabeth, Jenny, Rod, Erin, Pam, Liz, Tim, Michelle, Todd, Terra, Tad  
Kneeling: Ellen, Diane, Linda, Jessica, Ginger, Erica, Amy

## Thoughts From Your President Etta Myers

Classes are winding down for another year. What wonderful classes we have had. There have been several new instructors that I hadn't heard before. Also some of the returning instructors reworked their presentations so they were new, different, fresh, and exciting. This is my eighth year as a Master Gardener, and I am amazed at how much there still is to learn.

Several thank-yous are in order. Thanks to Lynn Long for putting together the program, to Kim McCullough for all her behind-the-scenes work and for putting together our 2008 directory, to Ted Bryant for taking the photographs, to Ronnie Smith for organizing refreshments, and, of course, to all the good cooks and bakers who provided the goodies. As always we were well fed.

Our next quarterly meeting is coming up on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and it sounds like it will be very interesting. I hope to see you all there.

## Field Trip to Oregon Garden, June 11 By Garry W. Peterson

A field trip to the Oregon Garden near Silverton, Oregon is planned for Tuesday, June 11, 2008. We will meet at The Dalles Marina at 8:30 a.m. and the Hood River Marina at 9:00 a.m. to caravan to the garden.

Admission is \$10.00. There is a cafe that serves light lunches or you can bring your own brown bag.

Anyone interested in going can contact Garry Peterson by phone at 541 296 5941, or email [garry\\_1@charter.net](mailto:garry_1@charter.net) or by mail at 2604 Old Dufur Rd., The Dalles, OR 97058.

If you need a ride or can provide transportation for someone who does let me know.



## Noxious and Invasive Weeds By Kathy McGregor

WeedMapper is a web-based spatially referenced database of state listed noxious weeds. It is designed to facilitate identification, reporting, and verification of noxious weeds in the state of Oregon. It has photos and maps that show where the weeds are distributed. You can find it at <http://www.weedmapper.org/facts.html>

OPB is airing an *Oregon Field Guide* special called "The Silent Invasion" on April 22 at 8 pm. It deals with all kinds of invasive species, not just plants, but it should be a good show for Master Gardeners. More information can be found at: <http://www.opb.org/silentinvasion>. A *GardenSmart Oregon* guide to non-invasive plants will be available in April at this website.

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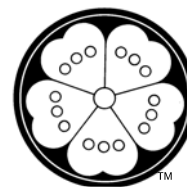
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## Our Common Ground Joint Newsletter of Central Gorge and Wasco County Master Gardener Associations

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Deadline: The second-to-last Monday of the month.



## CGMGA Notes From Elizabeth

Thank You new and returning Master Gardeners for being such a great group during the 2008 classroom training session this year. You have been a wonderful class. The training went by so quickly... in spite of the room being a bit cold during some of the classes and that snowy Saturday that took some of you several hours... like 5 or 6 hours to get home to Stevenson. That was quite a Saturday, and we are very happy that all arrived home safely. I hope you are looking forward to your "Master Gardener" summer and using information you learned in your own yards and gardens and sharing that information in plant clinics and at other educational opportunities.

### **Wear Your Badge**

REMINDER ... wear your Master Gardener badge whenever you are participating in any Master Gardener project or attending any Master Gardener function. It not only identifies you as an OSU Master Gardener but indicates that you are officially working on or at a Master Gardener project.

### **Plant Clinics**

Monthly calendars for all plant clinics will be posted on the Master Gardener site located at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/hoodriver/MG/mastergardeners.php>

These calendars will show the dates and who is working. The will also show the dates that are open and needing clinic volunteers. The web site is not interactive so you will need to contact me to sign up for clinics in the Extension Office or for the Saturday Market clinics. You can contact me at: [Elizabeth.Daniel@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.Daniel@oregonstate.edu) or 386-3343.

### **Extension Office Clinics:**

Two plant clinics per week from 9:00 to noon on Monday and Thursday mornings from now until the middle of October.

### **Saturday Market Clinics:**

Clinics will be held at Saturday Market all day from 8:30 to 3:30. Saturday market sign ups can be for half day or all day. Saturday Market will begin May 10 and end October 11.

### **Thursday Grown In The Gorge Market:**

Thursday evening beginning June 19 from 4:00 to

7:00. Contact Todd Dierker at 386-32354 or [ta-dierker@yahoo.com](mailto:ta-dierker@yahoo.com) to sign up.

### **Dickey Farms and Gator Creek Plant Clinics:**

One Saturday a month. For additional information or to sign up: Contact Pat Morrison at [autoeng@cablespeed.com](mailto:autoeng@cablespeed.com) or 509-427-8339

### **Plant Clinic Coordinator and Saturday Market Coordinator Needed**

Would you like to be able to earn volunteer payback hours from home??? I am looking for a couple of people that would like to be the coordinators for the Clinics. Major duties are contacting people to volunteer in the clinics and following up with e-mail reminders. Please contact me for details at [Elizabeth.Daniel@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.Daniel@oregonstate.edu) or 386-3343.

### **Recording Your Volunteer Time**

Please keep track of your volunteer hours on a calendar or in a notebook. And when you are participating in Master Gardener projects and you meet or talk to people, keep track of the number of people you talk with because these are counted as contacts you make as a representative for OSU.

Near the last day of September, I will ask that you turn these hours and the number of contacts in to me. I will ask you for:

- Total plant clinic hours which include Office Plant Clinic, Saturday Market, Thursday Market, Gator Creek, Dickey Farms and any other plant clinics that happen during the year.
- Total project hours. List the project and the total number of hours your participated and the number of contacts.
- Total hours as a CGMGA board member.
- Total hours teaching workshops or speaking to groups and number of participants.
- Total "other" hours spent doing volunteer hours as a Master Gardener and number of contacts.

You will not need to list each time you volunteer ... just the total of the number of hours and contacts.

## CGMGA Spring Plant Sale Needs Plants

Saturday May 10th is the Annual CGMGA Spring Plant sale, from 9AM-3PM at the Learning Garden, Hood River County Extension Office. Any Master Gardener that has plants to donate from their spring digging and dividing should pot them up and contact Gail Dagan, the Plant Sale chair at [gaildagan@yahoo.com](mailto:gaildagan@yahoo.com) or (541) 490-9727. She will give you instructions on labeling and tell you when to deliver them for the sale. Of course, all Master Gardeners, as well as the public, are invited to come to the sale and shop for something new for their garden.

# Central Gorge Master Gardener Projects and Events for 2008

## Extension office and Saturday Market Plant Clinics

Elizabeth Daniel

## Thursday Grown in the Gorge Plant Clinic

Todd Dierker

## Skamania County Clinics

Pat Morrison

## Mid Columbia Today monthly radio show

Elizabeth Daniel

## Hood River Care Center

Dede Garcia and Pat Morrison

## Hood River County Library

John Stevens

## 2009 OSU Master Gardener's Garden Tour

Crystal Pickerd/Jennifer Harty

## Rising Moon Festival

August 16, The Learning Garden

Margo Dameier/Sami Keolker

## Spring Plant Sale

May 10, The Learning Garden

Gail Dagan

## Hood River County Fair, July 23-26

Elizabeth Daniel

## Learning Garden

Project Leader: Sandi Rousseau

**Compost Demo Area** - TBD

**Native Plant Garden** - Anne Saxby

**Herb Garden** - Shirley Chrisman

**Hellstrip** - Elizabeth Daniel

**Ecolawn** - Steve Castagnoli

**Bioswale** - Jordan Kim

**Fountain Garden** - Glenda Ryan

**Japanese Heritage Garden** - Rita Saling

**Raised Bed Garden** - David Spangler

**Central Gorge MGA Picnic** — Kathy McGregor

**Recognition/Graduation Banquet**—Kathy McGregor

**OTHER PROJECTS** — There are other projects and opportunities that will be announced during class, via e-mail, in the newsletter, or at Association meetings. Projects will vary from year to year, some of these projects are: hands-on pruning clinics, workshops, radio spots, newsletter articles, garden talk/lectures at garden clubs and other groups. If you have ideas for projects in the Hood River area, contact Elizabeth Daniel.

This is a sampling of many activities that OSU Master Gardeners™- Central Gorge Chapter may be involved with. The end of classroom training is only the beginning of many more educational opportunities. You will be working with other Master Gardeners. You will continue to learn, you will make new friends, and best of all, you will be helping others.

## Some Websites You Might Enjoy

By Kathy McGregor

Encyclopedia of Life [www.eol.org](http://www.eol.org)

The Encyclopedia will be an online reference and database on all 1.8 million species currently known to science and will stay current by capturing information on newly discovered and formally described species. The Encyclopedia of Life will help all of us better understand life on our planet.

I just discovered Dave's Garden, "the website where friends share their triumphs and dilemmas in their home gardens and their lives." It has a great plant database as well as a bug database. It also has a whole series of folks who send in photos, info about plants, experiences.... I guessed you can say that they are bloggers...

The best place to start is: <http://davesgarden.com/aboutus/tour/>

Plants: <http://davesgarden.com/guides/pf/>

Bugs: <http://davesgarden.com/guides/bf/>



## Garden Tour, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008 By Val Tenney

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help with the Wasco County Garden Tour, Saturday, May 31. We've had a great response, but still have a few places that could use some extra coverage. The Scherzinger garden needs lots of Master Gardeners keeping visitors safe around its considerable slopes, so additional AM & PM coverage is needed. We need afternoon coverage for the Art Sale, help in all areas of the Educational Spots, more Traffic Control help, and people to set out and pick up signs on the day of Tour. To volunteer, call Elizabeth Daniel, 386-3343, or Val Tenney, 541-993-0721.

Also, please remember that all Master Gardeners are asked to donate either three dozen home baked cookies, or \$6.00 if you aren't a cookie baker. Details for cookie delivery will follow next month; if sending money, make the check out to Wasco County Master Gardener Association and mail to Cheri Austin, 3393 Sandlin Road, The Dalles, OR 97058.

Thanks! See you all at Garden Tour!

## Garden Tour Plant Sale By Cheri Austin

It is officially Spring, and the garden season has arrived. As you begin your spring garden cleaning and digging and dividing, remember that plants are needed for our Plant sale.

Things to remember when you are potting up your donations:

- Pots should be clean
- Plants or seedlings should look good, not half dead.
- Use good potting soil.

Other items we will accept for the sale are clean used garden tools in good condition, used books (garden or recipe) or any other garden related items that might be of interest. All plants and items should look like something you would want to buy yourself. Plant containers 1 gallon or larger are also needed for potting up larger plants. If you have any extra or know where some may be obtained, please contact me at 298-8943 or 541-993-6251.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days In April

April 14	Cascade Locks	10-2
April 26	Maupin	10-2

Call 541-506-2636 for more information.

## Classes in Food Preservation

### Preparing to Preserve

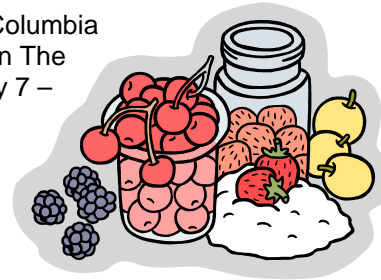
When it comes time this summer to preserve those perfect fruits and vegetables from your garden or the farmer's market, you'll want to be ready with the right equipment and recipes for success. Preserving food saves you money because you can purchase fresh food when it is most abundant and selling at the lowest price. Food in season is also the most nutritious and tasty – qualities you'll keep when you preserve. Learn about the equipment and resources you'll need to freeze, can, dry, pickle and vacuum seal food.

This class will be held on Monday, April 14th, 6:30 p.m. in Hood River Middle School Room 101. Sign up through Hood River Community Education, 386-2055. Cost: \$10.00. Debbie McDonald, Instructor.

### Family Food Education

Patterned after the Master Gardener program, the Family Food Education program trains volunteers in at least 30 hours of intensive training in all aspects of food preservation (canning, freezing, drying, pickling, jam and jelly making.) Those accepted as volunteers are asked to, then, contribute a minimum of 30 hours in support of community programming. For more information, call Fern Wilcox at 541-296-5494.

Classes will be held at the Columbia Gorge Community College in The Dalles on Wednesdays, May 7 – June 11, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Room 1.134. Cost: \$35.00.



## Around The World In 80 Days A Standard Flower Show

Presented by Hood River Valley Evening Garden Club, April 26th and 27th, at the Columbia Gorge Hotel, 400 Westcliff Drive, Hood River OR.

The Flower Show schedule can be down loaded here:  
<http://gardencentral.org/oregon/mthoodevents/>  
or  
<http://gardencentral.org/oregon/hrevents/>

For more information contact  
Lore Sampson 541-352-7044  
or  
Diana Caryl 541-352-1070

## **Rising Moon Festival by Margo Dameier**

Plans for the Rising Moon Festival to be held August 16, 2008 at the OSU Extension grounds in Hood River are underway, and it looks like this first year event will be a smashing success.

The Food Committee has secured a large donation of appetizers from an area restaurant with more soon to follow, and the Beverage Committee has one brewery and six wineries already agreeing to provide beverages. The entertainment line up will be announced in the coming month along with the ticket price. Publicity for the Rising Moon Festival will begin with the unveiling of our poster at the Spring Plant Sale on May 10. The Logistics Committee is getting started with figuring out what will go where, how the traffic will flow, and lighting and ambience features.

Volunteers will be needed August 15 - 17 for this event. Some of the volunteer options available are: set up, parking, security, serving, maintenance and tear down. All Master Gardeners are encouraged to volunteer for the Rising Moon Festival. As a volunteer, you will be treated to a tasty meal the day of the event and lots of good times! If you're not available to help out during the Rising Moon Festival, there's still time to help in the planning process! To volunteer, contact any Co-Chair of the committee of your choice.

Committee members include:

Project Leader Co-Chairs: Margo Dameier and Sami Keolker

Beverage Committee Co-Chairs: Ann Bronson and Erica Jones

Beverage Committee members: Sally Hill and Linda Sweek

Entertainment and Logistics Co-Chairs: Amy Besch and Jessica Hudec

Entertainment and Logistics Committee members: Margo Dameier and Sami Keolker

Food Committee Co-Chairs: Ellen Penswick, Glenda Ryan and Audrey Schneider

Food Committee members: Christine Lange and Dianne Sherwood

Marketing and Publicity Co-Chairs: Margo Dameier and Erica Jones

Treasurer: Ann Saxby

The Rising Moon Festival is a Central Gorge Master Gardener Association community outreach and education event. Those attending the festival will have the opportunity to meet and converse with Master Gardeners while learning about the Master Gardener program and how it serves the Central Gorge. Attendees can also tour the Learning Garden while enjoying music, food, drink and of course... the moon rising over the Hood River Valley! Mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss the first Rising Moon Festival.

## **Hood River Backyard Tree Program By Timothy MB Farrell**

Just a reminder to Master Gardeners about the Backyard Tree Program in Hood River County. Those who want to remove pear, apple, cherry or related fruiting ornamental species such as crabapple or hawthorn trees can get a coupon good for \$25.00 (one tree) or \$50.00 (two or more trees). To qualify for the coupon, ALL host trees must be removed. The coupons are good at Good News Gardening, Gorge Nursery, and at Hood River County Fruit Loop stands. The program is run by the Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers (formerly Hood River Grower-Shipper Association).

Information on pest control is available from the OSU Extension Service if the owner does not want to remove them. If pests are found, then all fruit must be removed as soon as pests such as codling moths are found. The purpose of the program is to reduce the negative impacts of pests spreading from unmanaged trees to commercial orchards, and ultimately to reduce the use of pesticides in commercial orchards. Commercial orchards' attempts to use non-chemical approaches can be frustrated if neglected trees harbor such pests, which can then attack the orchards.

In order to take advantage of the program, call the Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers and register by phone (387-4769) prior to removing the trees. It takes about a minute. Once removed, call the Fruit Growers again and they will send you a coupon. They may offer to come by and make sure the tree or trees are cut, or inspect the property for additional trees.

Controlling fruit pests is the law. Hood River County Ordinance #263 requires owners to control pests and tree diseases. Violators can be compelled to destroy the crop or trees at the violator's expense. H.R. Ordinance 8.16.095. In addition, violators may be charged civilly. If so, there is no jail time, but fines can be as much as \$5,000.00. H.R.O. 8.16.105.

The law also requires those who cultivate fruit trees organically to register with the Hood River County Weed and Pest Division at the Hood River Department of Public Works (387-6889). H.R.O. 8.16.045. There is no charge to register. However, if a pest is found in a registered pesticide-free orchard, the orchardist may be compelled to remove the tree (including the complete root structure), strip and dispose of all fruit, clear away everything from under the tree so that fallen fruit will be clearly visible, and take other reasonable measures to control the pests. Such measures may be imposed for up to twenty-four months.

For your information, all fruit that is compelled to be harvested by law must be buried under procedures approved by the Oregon Department of Agriculture. An exception exists for fruit that is processed into sauce or juice using approved cold treatment methods. H.R.O. 8.16.065.

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### Calendar of Master Gardener Events and Activities

April 8 (Tue)	3 pm	<b>Wasco County MGA Executive Board Meeting.</b> Wasco County Extension Office. All members welcome.
April 9 (Wed)	5 pm	<b>Central Gorge MGA Executive Committee Meeting</b> at Hood River County Extension Office. All members welcome.
April 15 (Tue)	6 pm	<b>Wasco County MGA Meeting.</b> Potluck and speaker from Gorge Grown Foods Network. See page 1.
April 16 (Wed)	6 pm	<b>Central Gorge MGA Meeting</b> at Hood River Extension Office. Speaker on EarthKind rose trials. See page 1.
April 21 (Mon)		<b><i>Deadline for the May newsletter.</i></b>
May 10 (Sat)	9-3	<b>Central Gorge MGA Spring Plant Sale.</b> See page 4.
May 19 (Mon)		<b><i>Deadline for the June newsletter.</i></b>
May 25 (Sun)	2 pm	<b>Garden Tour Pre-Tour.</b>
May 31 (Sat)	10-4	<b>Sun-Splashed &amp; Wind-Washed Garden Tour</b> in The Dalles. See page 6.
June 11 (Tue)	all day	<b>Field Trip to Oregon Garden.</b> See page 3.
July 23-26		<b>25th Annual Mini-College at OSU.</b> Details and reservation forms in OMGA newsletter in June.
Aug. 16 (Sat)		<b>Rising Moon Festival.</b> Learning Garden, Hood River Extension. See p. 7.