

GARDENING, OUR COMMON GROUND

Central Gorge and Wasco County Master Gardener™ Associations

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Central Gorge MG classes start Wednesday, January 9.
See page 5 for a list of classes.

Quarterly Meeting of the Wasco County MGA
Tuesday, January 15, 6 pm
Northern Wasco County PUD, 2345 River Rd., The Dalles

Our program will be "Master Gardener Stories." You are welcome to share a story from your Master Gardener experiences or just listen to the stories of others. Here are some story ideas:

- Why are you a Master Gardener?
- An odd question you have been asked
- The story of a project you have worked on or a new one for this year (displays welcome)
- An amusing or unusual experience

Association meetings are a good way to get to know other Master Gardeners better. We hope you will also invite people who might be interested in Master Gardening and introduce them to our program and people.

The Wasco County MGA 2008 budget will be presented and voted on as well.

Please bring a small plate of your favorite finger food. Beverages will be provided.

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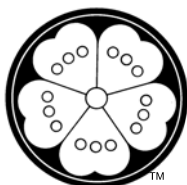
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Our Mission

- 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

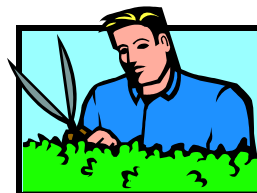
As we begin the 2008 OSU Master Gardeners program, I look forward to seeing new and returning gardeners who will share knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm (and potluck dishes) with fellow gardeners, while learning about plant identification, insects and arachnids, soil amendments, and other horticultural topics.

During these early months of the year, and as we pass through the spring, summer, and fall gardening seasons, each of you will have the opportunity to make a difference in our association by participating in projects begun in the last few years, including the creation and upkeep of gardens at the Hood River County Library, Care Center, and Learning Garden; composting and other educational workshops; plant clinics; a spring garden sale; and the yearly garden tour. I encourage you to become involved in these as well as in special events, educational fundraisers, and other activities.

Welcome to all of you and may 2008 bring you green thumbs and an even greater appreciation of gardening and the good things it brings to our lives.

OSU Master Gardener Training – Hood River County Elizabeth Daniel – OSU Master Gardener Program Assistant

We are putting the final touches on the Hood River County training. A new addition this year will be the “Green Industry” training. We will be offering an opportunity for gardening, nursery and landscape professionals working in the Central Columbia River Gorge area as well as to people interested in taking the program but cannot do the volunteer payback hours that would like to further their gardening knowledge and education to take the classroom portion of the Master Gardener training. These people will not become certified Master Gardeners and the training fee is much higher.

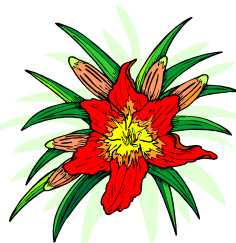


Also new is that we will no longer require lifetime Master Gardeners to pay the program fees or Association dues to remain certified as Master Gardeners.

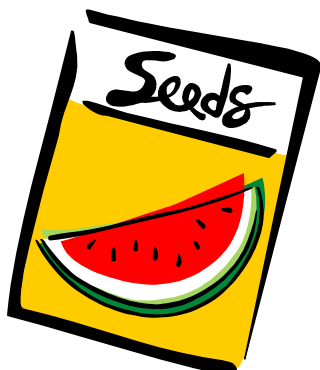
This should be a great year of training and am looking forward to all of the classes that are scheduled. A full day of Plant Pathology is scheduled with Dr. Jay Pscheidt.

This is an important class and is a required class for veteran Master Gardeners. OSU Master Gardener Jack Brook will teach a class on The Color of Nutrition and Beyond. Lore Sampson will excite us with a beautiful slide show and wonderful information about growing peonies, Hosta and Daylilies. Linda Beutler will present a slide show on the Clematis groups and I am really excited to finally learn about how to prune them. Please take a look at the class schedule included in this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the first class of the OSU Master Gardener training at 6:00 p.m. on January 9 at Hood River Valley Christian Church.



Thoughts From Your President Etta Myers



It is always a sign of the New Year when your mailbox is overflowing with seed catalogues. Oh what enticements they offer. I just wish I had the ambition to try all the new things I would like to try.

It is also time for a new series of Master Gardener classes. You may have already received, or will soon receive, your application for 2008. Your prompt response is appreciated. Please encourage a friend to apply also. Classes will begin February 13th and run through March 26th. There are lots of interesting classes and fun projects to look forward to in the New Year.

Highlights of the December Executive Board Meeting Ronnie Smith, Secretary

Balance in checking is \$205.54 and in money market fund is \$3383.33.

Our tree in the Festival of Trees earned \$500.00 for charities. Good Job and congratulations to the decorators!

January 15 quarterly meeting will be at the PUD with Master Gardeners telling about projects and other experiences. The April 15 quarterly meeting will feature a speaker from Gorge Grown Foods. Judy Davis is the program chair.

Lana Tepfer will arrange a display on the Master Gardener program in The Dalles Library window in January.

Applications for classes will be available at the Library, Art Center, Hughes Feed, Chamber of Commerce, and the Extension Office. Announcements will be on the radio and posters will be out. The deadline for applications is January 21st. The cost is \$75.00.

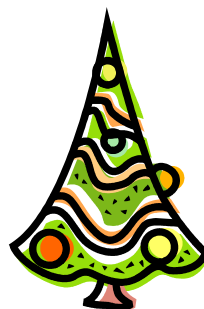
Charlotte Link resigned as chair of Junior Master Gardening program to focus on the Community Garden/Google project. We are in the process of finding another chair.

Pam Manning will chair the Seeds and Soils Program again this year.



A budget was approved to present to the members at the January Quarterly meeting.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 8th, 2008, 3 pm at the Extension Office.



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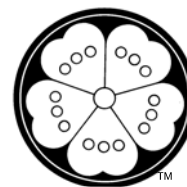
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Our Common Ground Joint Newsletter of Central Gorge and Wasco County Master Gardener Associations

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



Recipes for the Birds Submitted by Ronnie Smith

Jay Jambalaya

1-1/2 cups raw suet
1/2 cup bread crumbs
1/4 cup meat scraps
1 cup peanut pieces
1 cup cornmeal
1 tspn sand

Do not remove fat from meat scraps; put through meat grinder and place in a medium size bowl. To this add all ingredients except suet and mix. Cut up suet and put through meat grinder. Place suet in double boiler and melt, set aside to cool and harden. Reheat and when in liquid form pour suet over dry ingredients and stir to coat. Spoon into suet container or feeder. Refrigerate until firm.

Nuthatch Nibble

1-1/2 cups raw suet
1 cup sunflower seeds
2 cups bread crumbs
1 tspn sand
1 cup popped popcorn

Combine popcorn, bread crumbs and sunflower seeds in a medium size bowl and set aside. Grind the suet and melt in double boiler. Remove from heat and allow to harden slightly. Reheat and while in liquid form pour over dry ingredients. Sprinkle with sand and stir mixture with a fork until well coated. Turn out onto wax paper. Bring paper up around mixture and press to form a ball. Refrigerate until firm. Remove wax paper and place in netted suet bag.

Wasco County Master Gardeners 2008 Class Schedule

Date	Time	Topic	Speaker	Organization
Feb. 13	9-12 1-4	Introduction to Botany Water-wise Gardening	Dr. Linda McMahan Dr. Linda McMahan	OSU Extension OSU Extension
Feb. 20	9-12 1-4	Landscape Design Pollinators & Predators Insect ID*	Marion McNew Dr. Gail Langellotto	Mt. Hood Gardens OSU Extension
Feb. 27	9-12 1-4	Common Landscape Problems Pruning	Lyle Feldmire Lynn Long	Collier Arbor Care OSU Extension
Mar. 5	9-12 1-4	Garden Soils* Vegetable Gardening	Jean Natter Weston Miller	OSU Master Gardener OSU Extension
Mar. 12	9-12 1-4	Vertebrate Pests of the Garden Pesticide Safety*	Chip Bubl Chip Bubl	OSU Extension OSU Extension
Mar. 19	9-12 1-4	Plant Problem Diagnosis* Lawn Care and Maintenance	Melody Putnam Dr. Tom Cook	OSU Extension OSU Extension
Mar. 26	9-12 1-4	Plant Diseases* Project Fair and Test Review*	Steven Renquist All	OSU Extension
Apr. 2	9-11	Plant Clinic Orientation (New MG only)	Cheri Austin & Lynn Long	OSU Master Gardener OSU Extension

2008 OSU Master Gardener Training – Central Gorge Chapter
Training held at: Hood River Valley Christian Church, 975 Indian Creek Road, Hood River

****Wednesday - January 9**

6:00 – 9:00 p.m

Welcome and Introduction to MG Program

Staff and Central Gorge Master Gardener Association Officers

Saturday – January 12

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Landscaping for Eco-system Services – Dr. John Lambrinos, OSU Horticulture Department, Landscape Ecology Specialist

12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Get the Facts About Pesticides - Kaci Agle, National Pesticide Info Center

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Introduction to Peonies – Lore Sampson

Wednesday January 16

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Insects - Allison Walston, Research Entomologist

Wednesday - January 23

6:00 – 9:00 p.m

Botany - Susan James, OSU Master Gardener

Saturday - January 26

8:30 – 11:30 a.m

Perennials – Peonies, Hosta, Daylilies - Lore Sampson, Rarity Gardens

12:30 – 3:00 p.m

Soils and Soil Nutrition – Jim Sampson, Rarity Gardens

Wednesday – January 30

6:00 – 9:00 p.m

The Color of Nutrition & Beyond– Jack Brook, OSU Master Gardener and Instructor of Science and Dietician at Mt. Hood CC

Wednesday – February 6

6:00 – 9:00 p.m

Weeds and Noxious Weeds – Christine Bluestone and Jordan Kim, OSU Master Gardeners

Saturday – February 9

****8:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

****12:30 – 3:00 p.m**

Plant Pathology and Disease

Dr. Jay Pscheidt, Plant Pathologist, OSU Dept of Botany and Plant Pathology

Wednesday – February 13

6:00 – 9:00 p.m

Backyard Fruit Trees: Growing and Maintaining
Steve Castagnoli, OSU Extension Agent Hood River County

Wednesday - February 20

6:00 – 9:00 p.m

IPM – Gail Langelletto, OSU Horticulture Department, State Master Gardener Program Coordinator

Saturday – February 23

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Pruning Shrubs – Fred and Patricia Paige, OSU Master Gardeners

12:30 – 3:30 p.m

Vegetable Gardening – Fred and Patricia Paige

Wednesday – February 27

6:00 – 9:00 p.m

Build it and They Will Come–Vertebrate Pest Management in the Garden and Landscape - Chip Bubl, OSU Extension Horticulture Agent, Columbia Co

Wednesday – March 5

6.00 – 9:00 p.m.

Clematis Groups

Linda Beutler, Author of several books and articles and President of Northwest Clematis Society

Saturday – March 8

****8:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Diagnosing Home Gardener Problems – Neil Bell OSU Horticulture Agent Marion and Polk Counties

12:30 – 3:30

Backyard tree pruning and care – John Ihle, OSU Master Gardener (Hands on in John's yard)

****Wednesday – March 12**

6:00 – 9:00 p.m

Review test answers

Plant Clinic orientation

Badge Ceremony and Potluck - Elizabeth

Saturday – March 15

Hands on Fruit Tree Care and Maintenance – Steve Castagnoli
Location: OSU Extension Office

**** Required for returning Master Gardener recertification**

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Calendar of Master Gardener Events and Activities

Jan. 8 (Tue)	3 pm	Wasco County MGA Executive Board Meeting. Wasco County Extension Office. All members welcome.
Jan. 9 (Wed)	6-9 pm	Central Gorge MG classes start. See page 5.
Jan. 15 (Tue)	6 pm	Wasco County MGA Quarterly Meeting and Program. Northern Wasco County PUD meeting room. See page 1.
Jan. 16 (Wed)	5 pm	Central Gorge MGA Executive Committee Meeting at Valley Christian Church before the evening's class.
Jan. 28 (Mon)		<i>Deadline for the February newsletter.</i>
Feb. 1 (Fri)	9 am	Wasco County MGA Executive Board Meeting. Wasco County Extension Office. All members welcome.
Feb. 13 (Wed)	9-4	Wasco County MG classes start. See page 4.
Feb. 25 (Mon)		<i>Deadline for the March newsletter.</i>

The central pleasure of gardening is that much of it goes on in the head—anticipation and creative day-dreaming, and above all those outbreaks of unbridled lust. Must have a dorycnium—not next week—instantly. How can I lay my hands on one of those strawberry ice cream coloured foxgloves? I spend hours poring over catalogs in a state of beady-eyed acquisitiveness.

Penelope Lively, in the magazine *Gardens Illustrated*