

GARDENING, OUR COMMON GROUND

Central Gorge and Wasco County Master Gardener™ Associations

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Sun-Splashed & Wind-Washed Wasco County Garden Tour Saturday May 31, 10 am—4 pm

Everyone, think Sun! As in "Sun-Splashed!" We can handle some "Wind-Washed" but please, no more "Snow-Blown" before May 31st! We set the date early this year to avoid Father's Day and all the graduations, but we weren't counting on this dreadfully late spring. Hopefully, our reliable Wasco County sunshine will come out and bring all the blooms we need by Tour Day.

Pre-Tour. The Pre-tour is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 25. If everyone will gather at the State Office parking lot, 700 Union Street, The Dalles, by 2:00, we will car-pool and caravan to the gardens. Please be prompt as we will leave soon after 2:00.

Cookies and Plants. If you are baking cookies, please deliver them to either Hood River or The Dalles Extension Offices by 3:00 o'clock Friday, May 30th. If you are going to donate \$6.00 in lieu of cookies, please send that soon to Wasco County Master Gardener Association, Cheri Austin, 3393 Sandlin Road, The Dalles, OR 97058. If you are potting plants for the sale, those, too, need to be delivered to your Extension Office by 3:00 that Friday.

See page 5 for volunteer lists.

Central Gorge Master Gardener Association Spring Plant Sale May 10, 9 am-3 pm OSU Extension Office, 2990 Experiment Station Rd., Hood River

Folks are digging, dividing, and nurturing new plants for the May 10 sale, which be held in the Bacchus Garden, located out of the wind, on the lawn behind the Experiment Station. Hope to see you there.

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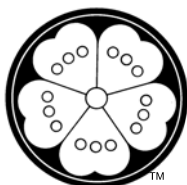
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Our Mission

- 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

Master Gardeners are busy working on a number of projects for the spring and summer. Preparation for the plant sale is in full swing. Folks are digging, dividing, and nurturing new plants for the May 10 sale, which will be held in the Bacchus Garden, located out of the wind, on the lawn behind the Experiment Station.

An exciting new project is the raised bed garden for growing vegetables that David Spangler is organizing with the folks at Klahre House, who will build and maintain it. Stones have been placed at the Japanese Heritage Garden, and if you haven't seen these stones that were delivered by crane, stop by and see what "everyone is talking about."

Lindamay Woolsey has accepted the position of Educational Programs Chair. She will work with Elizabeth to develop and coordinate educational programs for the public through community workshops. She will also plan the program for each CGMGA quarterly association meeting.

Plant clinics are being held twice a week at the Extension Service office, as well as at the Gorge Grown Market, Good News Gardening, Saturday Market, Dickey Farms, and several other spots in Washington.

Best wishes for good gardening and to our community of Master Gardeners. Enjoy yourselves!

Date Change For Rising Moon Festival

By Margo Dameier

The best laid plans are always subject to change and that's what needs to be done for the Rising Moon Festival date. The August 16 date was originally chosen so that we wouldn't conflict with another well established event that has traditionally been held in September. To our surprise, this other event decided to move to August 16 so the Rising Moon Festival will be held on September 13, 2007 from 5:30 - 8:30 PM. Our guest of honor, the rising moon, will appear at 7:33 that evening. We hope that you will be there to experience this event.



I am thinking of the lilac trees,
That shook their purple plumes,
And when the sash was open,
Shed fragrance through the room.

Anna S. Stephens, The Old Apple Tree.

Thoughts From Your President

Etta Myers

First of all, a great big thank you to Ronnie Smith for hosting our quarterly meeting at her home. The meeting was well attended, there was lots of good food, and we had a very interesting speaker. Who knew there was an effort currently going on in the gorge to bring fresh local produce to the consumer at a reasonable price while at the same time providing a living wage for the growers? We will be hearing more about this.

The garden tour will be at the end of the month. If you haven't signed up, there are still a few openings available. Give Val Tenney a call, and she will find a spot for you.

The Seeds and Soils program is already completed for the year, and all the reports I've heard say that it went really well. Having it a little earlier in the spring seemed to be an improvement for many. Junior Master Gardeners will also finish in May. They had 51 signups this year. The program grows in popularity every year. Plant clinics are in full swing and everyone should be busy filling in their payback hours. With the unusually cold weather so far this spring, there are lots of questions to be answered.

It's Official! By Charlotte Link

The new name for the partnership garden with Google, OSU Extension Service, and Wasco County Master Gardeners and 4-H has been chosen. I am proud to announce the winning entry in the "Name the Garden" contest is **"Imagination Garden."**

WCMGA Sheila Tegen submitted the name for the garden. Sheila received a Planter's Buddy, a 7 in 1 Gel-Grip Garden Tool for her winning entry. Thank you, Sheila. And to all the Master Gardeners who contributed to the "Name the Garden" contest, thank you for all the wonderful entries. It was a difficult decision, but I think the perfect name was chosen for the project.

I am looking forward to the next few weeks as we begin to develop the Imagination Garden.

Junior Master Gardener Program

By Peggy Peterson

The Junior Master Gardener Program at Chenowith School has started out with a whopping 51 students signing up for the after school program. Co-Chairs Cathy Dowrey and Peggy Peterson have packed a lot of educational activities in their 2008 schedule. Students have already weeded a section of beds and planted DAIKON radishes and onion sets. The second project is to watch worms work through layers of sand, soil and organic matter. Will the redworms or the earthworms be most effective in excavating tunnels through the layers? Time will tell. The students will have the opportunity to learn a little botany, insect study, and weed identification along with trying their hands at transplants and propagation. Volunteers are welcome to join us at Chenowith Elementary School Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 3:30 PM.

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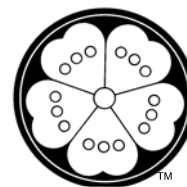
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Deadline: The second-to-last Monday of the month.

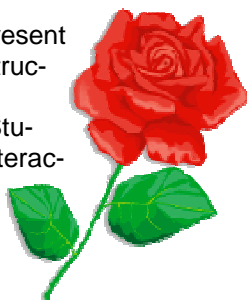


Rose Propagation Workshop

Monday, April 28, 1-4pm
CGCC, Bldg. 1, Boardroom (1.162...next to cafeteria)

OSU Master Gardeners and CGCC present this workshop with Anna Nolen as instructor. This class covers soft stem rose propagation, including basic botany. Students will participate in a hands-on, interactive demonstration showing different propagation techniques for better results.

Cost is \$2



Please pre-register by calling the college at 541-506-6011

Weed Warriors Weed Identification and Control

Saturday, May 17, 2006, 10:00am – noon
Cost: \$5.00
OSU Extension Office (2990 Experiment Station Rd, Hood River)

Are you a local weed warrior? Battling weeds without understanding their growth habits can be a long frustrating fight. Join the Hood River Soil & Water Conservation District for a workshop designed to help you get the scoop on our area's worst weed invaders. We'll cover weed management, identification tips with live weed specimens, plus we'll give you the opportunity to bring in some of your unknown weeds to identify.

To register, please contact Hood River Community Education at 541-386-2055. For more information about this event contact the Hood River Soil & Water Conservation District at 541-386-4588 or hswcd@gorge.net.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days in May

Safely dispose of old garden chemicals and other hazardous wastes. For information on what to bring call the Tri-County Hazardous Waste Program at 541-506-2636 or check: http://www.wshd.org/wshd/waste_household.htm

May 3	The Dalles	9-3
	Community Clean-Up Day [old computers, printers, cell phones, etc. collected for StRUT program (Students Recycling Used Technology) this day only]	
May 10	Hood River	9-2
May 17	Moro	1-3
May 24	Dufur	9-2

Want to Be Listed in Gorge Directory of Small Farmers and Producers?

Are you a farmer? Rancher? Vintner? Food producer? Do you sell your products in the Gorge - or would you like to?

Then get listed - for free! - in the 2008 *Who's Your Farmer?* guide! Or pass the word on to others who should be listed.

Gorge Grown Food Network is putting together *Who's Your Farmer?* a free, widely distributed (19,000 copies) directory of small farmers and producers in the 5-county Gorge region. The directory will serve as a reference tool for consumers, restaurateurs, and producers, helping them to connect and grow local markets. *Who's Your Farmer?* will also contain informational articles on the emerging local food economy in the Gorge, engaging youth in agriculture, preserving your summer harvest, and more. Gorge Grown Food Network is looking for farmers and producers who grow or produce local food, wine, fiber, and more - and who want to sell it locally. Listings are FREE!

All you need to do is visit this link: <http://gorgegrown.com/wyf.cfm> and fill out the quick, easy online form to create the listing we'll use in the guide. The deadline for listing in *Who's Your Farmer?* is May 15, 2008.

Contact Sarah Hackney at sarah@gorgegrown.com or 541-490-6420 with questions about listings.

Review of *Roots Demystified* by Robert Kourik (2008) By Judy Davis

This book contains amazing draws of roots based on actual excavations like those done by archeologists. The book's subtitle is *Change Your Gardening Habits To Help Roots Thrive*, and it is filled with information on the proper care of roots in your vegetable, fruit, or ornamental gardens and lawns. The author is from the west and provides advice for people who live in dry summer climates, advice that may be quite different from what works in the east. I checked the book out of The Dalles-Wasco County library.

Sample Quotes:

"Roots find conditions the most cushy and convenient near the surface of the soil and will do almost anything to live there."

"Remember that the best place for water, fertilizer, compost, and mulch is beyond the foliar drip line (of trees)."

Garden Tour Volunteers

This is the list of volunteers as of April 21. If you think you have signed up but your name isn't here, or if you want to volunteer or can do a whole day, please call Elizabeth Daniel, 541-386-3343, or Val Tenney, 541-993-0721, and let her know what spots you would like to fill.

Long Garden, 2401 Mt. Hood Street

Marian Rohde, Site Leader
AM, Kathryn Olmstead, Charlotte Link, Denise Ingebo,
Lois Wade
PM, Kathryn Olmstead, Etta Myers, Carolyn Wright

Roman Garden, 602 E. 8th Street

Candy Armstrong, Site Leader
AM, Pam Hegemann, Erin Lowe, Glenda Ryan
PM, Gail Dagan, Sharon Hazen, Bonnie Earls, Ginger
Sadler, Melissa Bickle

Scherzinger Garden, 917 E. Scenic Drive

Alice Rohrbacher, Site Leader
AM, Betsy Johnson, Shirley Bagge, Shirley Chrisman,
Scott Fitch, Barbara Bailey
PM, Crystal Pickerd, Anne Saxby, Dede Garcia, Christine
Bluestone

Peterson Garden, 2604 Old Dufur Road

Cathy Dowrey, Site Leader
AM, Carolyn Wright, Joan Hudson, Pam Morgan, Rita
Saling, Ellen Penswick
PM, Betsy Johnson, Shirley Bagge, Pat Morrison

Stroh Garden, 455 E. Knoll Drive

Janet Probstfield, Site Leader
AM, Bobbi Wojtecki, Kathy McGregor, Helen James
PM, Marty Miller, Bobbi Wojtecki, Cindy Collins

Art Sale at the Long Garden

Sheila Tegen, Leader
AM, Ronnie Smith, Linda May Woolsey, Sally Hill
PM, Linda Sweek, Barbara Bailey

Plant Sale at the Peterson Garden

Cheri Austin, Leader
AM, Lee Bryant, Lana Tepfer, Roxy Templin, Gary Tem-
plin
PM, Lee Bryant, Ronnie Smith, Lana Tepfer, Jack Brook

Refreshments at the Roman Garden

Lauretta Piatt, Leader
AM, Carol Jones, Emilou Ely, Christine Lange, Bonnie
Earls
PM, Lee Clark, Corrine Clark, Jessica Hudec

Entertainment at the Roman Garden

Lee Bryant, Leader
Our scheduled entertainers will need someone from the
Roman Garden to keep watch and assist them. Mas-
ter Gardeners do not have to entertain!

Traffic Control at all gardens

Sheri Esquivias, Leader
AM, Sharon Paz, Marcia Strader, Tim Farrel, John Ste-
vens, ****Need more help here!****
PM, Sharon Paz, ****Need more help here!****

Signage

Bill Marick, Leader
Sharon Paz, Marcia Strader, Jessica Hudec, Diane Sher-
wood, Erica Jones, Bonnie Earls

Educational Spots

Anna Nolen, Coordinating Leader

Slope Stabilization at the Scherzinger Garden with Bill
Marick

AM, Scott Fitch, Jennifer Harty, Lois Nelson
PM, Glenda Ryan, Lois Nelson

Vegies in Eastern Oregon at the Peterson Garden with
Anna Nolen

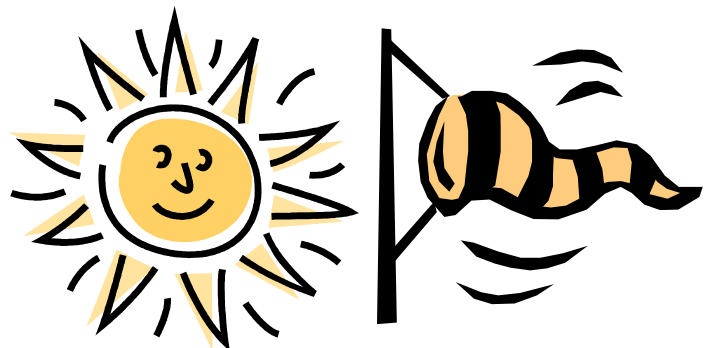
AM, Ellen Penswick, Rita Saling, Jack Brook
PM, Judy Davis, ****Need more help here!****

Good Tree Choices at the Stroh Garden with Pat & Fred
Paige

AM, Patricia Paige, Fred Paige, Ellen Penswick, Bud
Lacey

PM, ****Need more help here!****

Thanks to everyone who plans to help. See you May
25th at the Pre-tour! Remember to wear your badge.



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Calendar of Master Gardener Events and Activities

May 10 (Sat)	9-3	Central Gorge MGA Spring Plant Sale. See page 1.
May 14 (Wed)	3 pm	Wasco County MGA Executive Board Meeting. Wasco County Extension Office. All members welcome.
May 14 (Wed)	5 pm	Central Gorge MGA Executive Committee Meeting at Hood River County Extension Office. All members welcome.
May 19 (Mon)		<i>Deadline for the June newsletter.</i>
May 25 (Sun)	2 pm	Garden Tour Pre-Tour. Meet at State Office Building, 700 Union Street, The Dalles.
May 31 (Sat)	10-4	Sun-Splashed & Wind-Washed Garden Tour in The Dalles. See pages 1 and 5.
June 4	4 pm	Learning Garden Steering Committee Meeting at the Extension office.
June 10 (Tue)	9 am	Central Gorge MGA Executive Committee Meeting at Hood River County Extension Office. All members welcome.
June 11 (Wed)	all day	Field Trip to Oregon Garden. Contact Garry Peterson at 541-296-5941 for more information.
July 23-26		25th Annual Gardener's Mini-College. To see a list of speakers and tours go to http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/omga and click on Mini-College. OMGA has approved a 10% discount for those who register by June 6. Registration forms and a complete schedule will be in the OMGA newsletter coming out in May.
Sept 13 (Sat)	5:30-8:30	Rising Moon Festival. Learning Garden, Hood River Extension. <i>Note new date.</i>