This Month’s Master Gardener™ Calendar

April 1, Thursday
Insect Committee meeting, 10am—noon in the PW Auditorium.

April 6, Tuesday
YCMGA dinner meeting, 6 pm at Chan’s Restaurant in McMinnville. See page 3

April 10, Saturday
Newberg Camellia Festival, 10am—4pm at the Chehalem Cultural Center, 415 E. Sheridan St., in Newberg.

April 10 & 11, Saturday & Sunday
Amity Daffodil Festival, 10am—4pm at Amity Elementary School.

April 14, Wednesday
YCMGA Board meeting, 10am-1pm in the PW Auditorium. All members welcome to attend!

April 15, Thursday
Insect Committee meeting, 10am—noon in the PW Auditorium.

April 19, Monday
Mac Garden Club lunchtime program. Mary Ludlum will introduce new plants from Farmington Gardens. 11am at the Hillside Activity room.

April 21, Wednesday
Deadline for submissions for the May Tiller newsletter.

April 22, Thursday
NPSO program at 7 pm in the Carnegie Room, Mac library. Dr. John Syring, professor at Linfield, will present a program on the amazing conifers of the world.

April 24, Saturday
YCMGA Annual Plant Sale & Fair, 9am—3 pm at the YC Fairgrounds. It’s not too late to volunteer!

Retail Plant Clinics
begin this month!
Sign up for fun!
See page 7
Linda’s Corner by Linda McMahan

With the end of class training for 2010, the real work begins. I’m now seeing Mentors working with new class members to provide further introductions to desk work. This morning, two groups of people retoured the office and tackled questions that have come in from the public in the past few days. We discovered we need to reorder some of the test solutions for the pH soil tests during that process. As questions from the public pick up, I’m seeing more of the usual questions, dead apple trees, azaleas succumbing to the strange weather patterns, how to deal with skunks, and weed identification, for example.

A special word for our Mentors! Thank you so much for the fabulous job you did this year! All of the planning paid off well. Polly and Judy were wonderful co-leaders making the entire process go smoothly from January through March. I love your enthusiasm and the smiling faces you presented each week to the new class members. I also greatly appreciated your help with teaching the fine skills of plant problem diagnosis and working with the public. The mentor program gets better each year and is just another example of the valuable cooperative effort between OSU Extension and the YCMGA.

I also want to thank those of you who chose 2010 as the year to begin or renew training as an OSU Master Gardener. I look forward to seeing all of your faces during our educational and fundraising activities during the year. Please remember to peek in and say hello when you are in the office.

Linda’s Office Hours for Master Gardeners in April

Wednesday April 7
1-4 pm
Friday April 16
1-3 pm
Wednesday April 21
1-3 pm
Friday April 30
10 am-noon

And, of course, MGs are also welcome to visit whenever Linda is in her office.
Where the Wild Wings Are!

As the weather becomes warmer we will begin seeing the emergence of butterflies around our flowering plants. First will be the ones that hibernated all winter long. The “angel wings”, with their brown, tan and black wing markings, flitting in the sun, resting for a moment or two on the ground or a tree trunk. Later in the month we will start to see the white cabbage butterflies and finally the painted ladies and large swallowtails coming to dip into our blooming plants for nectar. These will be “hatching” from the pupae that carried them through the winter.

Butterflies are truly amazing creatures with their colorful wings that give us so much visual pleasure. It’s hard to believe that the bright colors we see are the result of tiny scales that cover their wings like miniature shingles on a roof. Each scale has a distinct color that, when grouped together, gives the insect its recognizable color pattern.

The butterflies belong to the insect order Lepidoptera which is derived from two Greek words “Lepidos” (meaning scale) and “ptera (meaning wing). Both butterflies and moths make up this very large and diverse order which contains more species than any other insect group.

April is a good month to plan out a garden that will attract butterflies during the summer. Some perennials to consider include delphiniums, phlox, asters, yarrow, butterfly weed (a milkweed), and sweet william. Annuals that readily attract butterflies include marigolds, nasturtium, rudbeckia, rue and sunflowers. Plants that act as foodplants for the larvae of butterflies can also be planted in case you want to “grow your own”. Many books in the MG library contain lists of larval foodplants, or you can go online to find specific butterfly species you want to attract and lay eggs on the foodplants you provide. Butterflies need water as well, so a container of wet sand or a wet spot in your garden soil is a good idea. Also include some “basking stones”. Large black rocks are particularly good, as they absorb and retain heat from the sun.

The joy of observing the “wild wings” in your yard or garden is truly an uplifting event for everyone. Happy butterfly gardening!

New Endeavors by June Coe

Greetings Fellow Master Gardeners and Happy Easter/ Spring!!!

I’d like to introduce myself as the new co-editor of the Tiller. I’m sharing this responsibility equally with Linda McMahan, who represents the interests of OSU. I’m looking forward to working closely with Deb Zaveson, Maren Davis, Kim Zoutendijk, Cathy Burdett, Gail Price, Beth Durr, Bob Grossman and others. The Tiller is a quality publication and acknowledged as such throughout the state. I’m in the enviable position of inheriting a great reputation and some dedicated and talented regular contributors. It’s a well-oiled machine that needs little direction and that’s thanks to the ongoing help and contributions of staff and volunteers.

However, any endeavor can benefit from a little spring cleaning. In that spirit, we (the Tiller committee) would like to get our Yamhill county MGs more involved in charting the future course of the Tiller. We’d like to give it a fresh new look and we welcome your suggestions. If you have any ideas, including a new name, masthead and/or format, we’d love to hear from you. We’ll review all your suggestions and hopefully come up with a new and improved look by summer. In the meantime, you can look forward to the same quality publication you’ve come to expect from our talented staff and contributors. Please send suggestions to coejack1@verizon.net.

Cuttings from the Board by Linda Coakley

♦ The YCMGA Tree and Shrub Sale went well making $7,329.
♦ The YCMGA Greenhouse transplanted 14 plug flats needless to say the Greenhouse is full. New shelves have been added.
♦ Master Gardeners are encouraged to divide up their perennials and plant seeds for the upcoming plant sale. Also if you have old gardening books and magazines please think about donating them for the Plant Sale.
♦ The Annual Gardener’s Mini College will be July 28 – July 31 on the campus at OSU. The theme this year is Beyond Backyard Basics: The Science of Sustainability. Judy Zettergren would like people’s ideas for our Chapter Display for Mini College.
♦ The Tiller Committee will now be responsible for submitting quarterly articles for The Gardener’s Pen.
For many people the word “home” evokes impressions of belonging, familiarity and affection. Because of YCMGA members’ tireless efforts and commitment of investing their time and energy, hundreds of plants that have been carefully and lovingly tended and nurtured will be “going to a new home” after the April plant sale.

This annual event is the culmination of detailed organization and planning by many YCMGA committees and sub-committees during the year. This year because of the concentrated efforts of the “Greenhouse and Propagation Committees” there will be a superabundant selection of plants to purchase.

- Can we count on YOUR HELP in letting your family, friends and neighbors know about this plant extravaganza?
- Can we count on YOUR HELP to work in preparation of the event?
  - (We will be working in the area of the greenhouse every day, Monday to Thursday starting at 9:00 – April 19-22)
- Can we count on YOUR HELP to set up at the Yamhill County Fairground’s Adec building? (We will be working starting at 9:00 – April 23). We will need lots of help!
- Can we count on YOUR HELP on the day of sale – April 24?
- Can we count on YOUR HELP to come and enjoy good food, fun and friendship while working with your fellow master gardeners?
- Can we count on YOU to purchase and “take home” many “adoptees” just waiting for your personalized attention?

I plan to “adopt” a large selection and trust that they will enjoy “going home” with me because I have specially prepared several “weed free beds of soil” in anticipation of their arrival.

Is there life after the Tree and Shrub Sale? Yes, we try to find a great home for the leftovers. The recipients are non-profit organizations.

The Fairgrounds.....just look around at the landscaping. After several years of planting we are evident everywhere. We have planted about one hundred trees all around all the buildings and the perimeter.

Other organizations are Trees for McMinnville, Habitat, Head Start, the Post Office, and this year Newberg was the winner. Brian had a home at the High School Project, The city of Newberg projects and the Parks Department. Other cities who have received materials are Sheridan and McMinnville.

Trees for McMinnville has planted over five hundred trees over the years, mostly in town McMinnville. One big project with Sunrise Rotary was on the highway across from the Carlton turnoff. Many of the trees are doing well and we add new ones next year. Another big project was Head Start in Sheridan with the planting done by students from the Delphian School. Each year we try to involve students and 4-H.

Thank You all Master Gardeners for helping to beautify special areas.

Our next YCMGA monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, April 6, starting at 6 pm at Chan’s Restaurant, 632 NE Hwy. 99 in McMinnville. Kuon Hunt, Windy Hill Farm Nursery, will share her expertise with us on WaterWIse landscaping.

Starting in May, we will be alternating our monthly dinner meeting sites between McMinnville and Newberg. We think we’ve found a restaurant in Newberg which can accommodate us. If any member has a suggestion for venues or topics, please contact Randy.

We always have many members who carpool to these meetings. If you prefer not to drive after dark or would like to share a ride, please contact Pam Dowling at 503-864-8057.

Come join us to meet new friends, reconnect with old friends and learn something new! Any questions, call Randy Williamson, YCMGA Vice President, at 503-376-6399.
From the Greenhouse by Gail Price

We are only a few weeks away from the spring plant sale. I have been reminding you since January about potting up some of your plant divisions to donate to the sale. Since January the weather has been very mild and there have been extended periods of time when the weather has been relatively dry. I hope you have taken advantage of these good days to work in your yards. You more than likely have seen plants that need dividing and I hope you will remember the plant sale and share some of those plants with us. The money made from these donated perennials is very important to our fund-raising event.

Of course, we can usually make more money selling potted plants but we do have an emergency option. We have a sale section called “clumps and bunches”. These are plants that you dig during the week before the sale. They are divided into saleable portions, watered well, and put into plastic grocery bags. They are brought to the fairground’s pavilion and priced with the potted plants.

All plants need to be brought to the pavilion during pricing week which begins Saturday April 17th and ends April 23rd, the day before the sale. We will not have time the day of the sale to price plants. On April 24th we will be having too much fun selling plants and interacting with all the local plantaholics who love to come to the sale hoping to find a real plant treasure that one of us has donated.

All of our plants have to be labeled. The labels should include the common name of the plant and the genus and species name if possible. It is also good to include other plant information such as planting location – sun, shade, etc. – water requirements and color of flower and foliage. If you have 10 or more plants of one variety, let us know and we can get labels made for you. We also have blank plant tags at the greenhouse so you can make your own labels.

The greenhouse is full of plants and (as of this writing) we still have many plants to transplant from the seed beds to the sale pots. We are growing more plants this year because of popular demand for more vegetables and flowers. Our greenhouse may look large but it is not large enough. We have had to “farm” out flats of plants to those members who have greenhouse space or a protected porch or patio. When we were planning for this year’s sale, I kept saying, “Where will we put them all?” I’m still saying that! If you know of an empty greenhouse, please let me know.

As most of you know, this is a really wonderful sale. At the end of the set up day on April 23rd, the Adec Building at the fairgrounds will be transformed into a space overflowing with plants from local nurseries, our MG greenhouse and member donations. If you love a plant sale, this is one that can’t be missed.

A lot of work has gone into the sale but the best thing about it is the day of the sale when we all work together and with the people who come to the sale. It is lots of fun to talk about the plants with the shoppers and answer their questions. I like to think of it more as a plant festival than a sale. Everyone seems to have such a good time.

Be sure and sign up to help with the set up, sale, and potluck lunch. We have been known to have the best lunch in town on sale day.

We will continue to be at the greenhouse every Tuesday morning should you need our help. Someone will be at the greenhouse/pavilion every day the week before the sale. Bring your plant donations and come help at the sale. We expect to have a great sale and a good time together.

EDITORS NOTE: THERE IS A SIGN UP NOTE-BOOK FOR THE SALE IN THE MG OFFICE.

April is Tax Time!

Did you ever notice that when you put the words “The” and “IRS” together, it spells “THEIRS”? ~Author Unknown

Income tax returns are the most imaginative fiction being written today. ~Herman Wouk

Taxes: Of life’s two certainties, the only one for which you can get an automatic extension. ~Author Unknown
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**Newberg high school**
Intro to Horticulture first, Greenhouse is second. Classes begin at 9:42 and 11:04.
Dates are 2, 6, 8, 13, 15, 19, 23, 27, 29 except on Wednesdays which begin at 10:01 and 11:22 the 21st.
Retail Clinic Sign Ups for April

These are the upcoming plant clinics at retail locations around the county. Volunteers needed for all! A sign up book is in the Master Gardener office.

**Newberg Fred Meyer**
April 10
Annual Fuchsia
Plant Up Day
Dianne S.
Linda W.

**Incahoots**
April 17
Spring Container
Planting Day
Stacey M. 10-1

**Newberg Wilco**
April 17
Maren D.
Kim C.

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More April Event Sign Ups

Thanks for your great participation in these fun events!

**Newberg Camellia Festival**
April 10, Chehalem Cultural Center
10am-1pm
Lee & Gloria B.
Linda W.
Carol P.
1-4pm
Lee & Gloria B.
Cathy B.
Anna A.
Kimberly C.

**Amity Daffodil Festival**
April 10 & 11, Amity Elementary School

**MG Desk Calendar: April**

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You’re Invited

Mini College
Beyond Backyard Basics:
The Science of Sustainability

A new year has already begun and your Mini College co-chairs, Gail Langelotto and Dave Rugg, are hard at work. A great group of volunteers have stepped forward to create a premier educational opportunity for Master Gardeners and those who are interested in improving their garden experience.

This year’s theme focuses on “Beyond Backyard Basics: The Science of Sustainability.” Save the dates, July 28th through July 31st. Join us on the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis. We are putting together classes that will explore the latest scientific advances and how they can help you develop your backyard beyond the basics. You’ll find answers to how to know your garden is truly sustainable, great for the environment, and will yield great tasting food. You’ll discover the science behind the answers you give or receive at plant clinics, grower’s markets and website searches.

We’ve got great volunteers opportunities to help put on this year’s Mini College. Volunteers get in on the ground floor and get first-hand experience in a wide range of activities. We are looking for someone to put her or his artistic talents together to decorate tables for the Friday evening banquet. We also need someone to coordinate chapter displays—a great chance to learn what is going on around the state. Do you like to take photographs, pull people together, and experience the excitement of seeing people have a good time? We need photographers, and folks to fill in where needed. If any of these interest you, please call Dave Rugg at 541.512.9517 or e-mail him at emgees@charter.net. See you there.

You’re Invited

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Beyond Backyard Basics:
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Scientific advances are leading us to ever better practices in home horticulture, and Oregon State University is where this happening. These advances are taking us beyond the basics of backyard gardening. And, are increasing our knowledge and understanding of “best practices” in our backyards.

What are these scientific advances? How do they apply to my backyard? How do I know my garden is sustainable? How do I go beyond a basic backyard to a sustainable garden? Can sustainable practices enhance our environment? Improve our economy and ecology? Protect the food we grow and eat? Ensure future generations enjoy healthy, bountiful harvests?

Answers to these questions and more will be presented and explored at the 27th Annual Gardener’s Mini College, July 28th through July 31st on the campus of OSU. Come; join us in a quest for the answers. Meet others who share this quest. Sign up early for class selection, making sure you get your first choice. Understanding the science of sustainability will let us change the climate one backyard at a time.
Thank You New Trainees

by Cathy Burdett

Thank you and congratulations to the 2010 OSU/YCMGA students who concluded their “blended class experience” and have completed their on-line computerized test. During this year there will be many, many opportunities to participate in the “hands-on” portion of your continued training by working with your fellow Master Gardeners.

By planting educational and knowledgeable seeds every time you work at the master gardener desk or at projects or programs you will be digging deeper and increasing your horticultural development. We trust you will look back at the end of the year and acknowledge that the commitment you made to be a Master Gardener was a meaningful learning experience.

Thank You Mentor Committee

by Cathy Burdett

Because of Polly B. and Judy Z.’s organization and pre-planning, the class mentors were provided each session with copied materials pertaining specifically to the section that was being discussed and reviewed. Also, several weeks before the 2010 OSU/YCMGA class met, each mentor was provided with a detailed YCMGA Mentoring Committee Handbook which outlined specific topics for discussion at each class session. The mentoring handbook and the weekly distribution of copies and materials assured uniformity in the information that was presented in each of the mentoring sessions.

Thank you Polly and Judy for all the time expended in making sure that the mentors were very prepared and organized in communicating with the new 2010 OSU/YCMGA class students.

Thank you, mentoring committee, for taking time out of your busy schedule to assist in setting the tone to the new class – you are appreciated!

Book Look

by Beth Durr


"Weeds of the West" move over! There's a new kid on the block! "Northwest Weeds" is a more user-friendly weed ID book because you don't have to wade through a bunch of stuff that doesn't grow around here, plus I think the pictures are better.

Both books break down weed categories by plant families. But instead of two-page layouts in "WOTW," "NW Weeds" presents the same info in less than half the amount of space. It makes it easier to compare the pictures to their neighbors without having to flip pages back and forth.

Some of these weeds don't look like weeds at all! Taylor uses a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson to define weeds. "A weed is a plant whose virtues have yet been discovered." Let's face it, haven't we all fallen in love with foxglove, Verbascum or lupine at one time or another?

One other plus of "NW Weeds" is the "Leaf and Flower Characteristics on p. 162-166. This key is a good primer for those of us who have forgotten some basic botany principles for plant ID.

Both these books are great to look at and to help identify weeds. What they do not address in a few cases is the invasiveness of these species. That is why it is important to cross-reference weed species with the invasive weed list when dealing with weed problems.

We added this book to the library last year after we got a suggestion from Marcia. This is an example of how we add new books to the library. If someone out there sees a book that might fit into our reference library, we consider it. Our latest needs fit into the Northwest interest category.

I've been ranting on about MISSING books for quite awhile. Most of these are vital to our whole realm of information. However, our shelf-space is shrinking, partly due to more binders being put on the shelves and some duplicates of good reference material. Some of the books are out-dated. Because of this, we are going to cull out some of our library books and sell them at the April Plant Sale for a fairly cheap price. If any of these books were ones you donated, we thank you, but now someone else can enjoy it.

We will have a table at the Plant Sale for used gardening books only. So please clean out your own gardening libraries and bring them to the Pavilion the week of the sale, along with your plant starts!
Successful Tree & Shrub Sale by Cathy Burdett

Pam Dowling, Alan Wenner and the Tree and Shrub Committee worked diligently to complete another successful annual fundraiser. GOOD JOB!

It takes many, many hours of organization, planning and coordinating of pickup and delivery schedules plus scheduling a team of efficient volunteers to identify and tag everything in preparation for the event. Effective communication among all the “partnerships” involved is crucial in implementing this scholarship fundraiser. However, in spite of the involvement in time and energy expended, it is a wonderful opportunity for master gardeners to work together and have FUN!

Thanks to the generosity of our contributing “partnerships”, the quantity and quality of the tree and shrub selections were excellent. Thanks to the residents of Yamhill County and beyond who came and purchased trees and shrubs.

It is also important to understand the significance of this annual event. The sole purpose of this fundraiser is fund YCMGA Scholarship and educational programs. Did you know, since 2002 a total of $31,000 has been disbursed to Yamhill County high school and college students?

The YCMGA Tree and Shrub Sale is an excellent example of “shared partnerships”:

- Partners who donate tree and shrubs
- Partners who come and purchase
- Partners (master gardeners) who donate their expertise and time
- Partners who work with YCMGA on educational programs
- Partners who receive YCMGA scholarships to continue their education

In challenging economic times it makes sense to work together in “shared partnerships” because we are more effective and successful than working alone.
The name “beardtongue” may bring strange images to mind, so perhaps that is why these WaterWise garden plants go mostly by their genus name, *Penstemon*, instead. The common name beardtongue refers to the hairy extension that sometimes protrude from the “mouth” of the flower. Many new varieties are being featured in the marketplace—these plants are indeed remarkable choices for Oregon gardens. Nearly all are drought tolerant. They are good candidates for replacement every few years. The genus itself is local, at least in the broad sense. Most species are native to North America from the Rocky Mountains westward.

Many penstemons do very well in Westside Oregon gardens, however, the colder temperatures and more porous soils east of the Cascade Mountains favor some species over others. One favorite recommended for Eastside Oregon gardens is the low-growing *Penstemon pinifolius*, pine-leaf penstemon, available in both red and yellow flowered forms. For Westside gardens, look for the Willamette Valley native *P. serrulatus* at native plant gardens, or cultivars like *P. digitalis* ‘Huksters Red’ with white flowers and reddish leaves, or the cultivars of the plant pictured, *P. barbatus*, with deep red flowers. For rock gardens, consider *P. cardwellii* or *P. rupicola*—both are dwellers of rocky outcroppings in the Cascade Mountains.

**Penstemon barbatus** cultivar, photo by Linda McMahan

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**2010**

Yamhill County Master Gardener

**PLANT FAIR & SALE**

**Saturday, April 24**

9 am to 3 pm

at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds

2070 NE Lafayette Ave. in McMinnville

*Thousands of ornamental and vegetable plants to choose from including a wide range of herbaceous perennials home grown by Master Gardeners*
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