This Month’s Master Gardener™ Calendar

Saturday, May 2
Cheahmill Chapter, NPSO Wildflower Show, 10am-2pm. Help celebrate Native Plant Appreciation Week at the McMinnville Library.

Thursday, May 7
Insect Committee Meeting, 10am PW Auditorium

Friday & Saturday, May 8 & 9
Newberg High School Plant Sale 9am-2pm

Saturday, May 9
Salvation Army Flea Market & Community Garden Plant Sale, 9am-2pm. Tables available for free. Contact David Norman. See page 5.

Sunday, May 10 (Mother’s Day)
Native Garden Tour in Eugene. Free tours Noon-5pm. See page 9

Tuesday May 12
Tiller editors and writers meeting in the MG office, 1pm

Wednesday, May 13
YCMGA Board Meeting, 1pm, PW Auditorium. All members welcome

Monday, May 18
Oregon Garden Spring Tour, 10 am. Admission fees paid by YCMGA. Contact Anna Ashby 503-537-9225

Monday, May 18
McMinnville Garden Club program: Linda Mitchell on How to Keep Orchids Happy. Noon, Hillside Activity Room

Wednesday May 20
Deadline for Tiller Newsletter submissions

Thursday, May 21
Insect Committee Meeting, 10am PW Auditorium

Wednesday May 27
Tiller editors and writers meeting in the MG office, 1pm
Desk Traffic Picks Up

Right on schedule, the number of people bringing in samples or questions to the master gardener “desk” has increased substantially. The questions vary from fruit tree diseases, to recommendations of appropriate plants to purchase, to weed and plant identification. Soil testing for pH is another common request this time of year. As usual, we get people bringing in one leaf, expecting that to be enough to make an identification. As you already know, this is usually not possible—just not enough clues to go on unless we see a branch, a photo, or a flower or fruit.

One interesting weed ID was a purple-flowered plant that looked like a mustard. Because most wild mustard plants are yellow, this created confusion for a while. Nothing in the weed identification books seemed to match. Fortunately, the individual brought in an entire plant, including the root. One of the Master Gardeners on duty scratched and smelled the root, saying it smelled like a radish. That was just the right tip to check, and sure enough, radish has purple flowers and is in the mustard family. Voila! Our “weed” was a radish crop that had been left to go to seed, or at least were seed that had escaped from a nearby garden.

This story is part of our continual reminder to sign up for desk duty. The increase in samples and visitors will continue until some time in July, then will begin to drop off again. Yes, the sample submission seems to correspond directly with our desire to be in our own gardens, and we all feel that we don’t have the time available to get everything done. But we also have to be available during this busy gardening season for the public, our clients.

Liberally Sowing YCMGA Seeds

Usually, I am frugally conservative in my personal purchases but at the annual YCMGA plant sale that concept “goes out the window” and I become greedy and develop a “must have attitude”. I exhibit all the traits of an “addicting purchaser of plants”. Thankfully this YCMGA event is only once a year.

The labor intensive activity and enormous investment of time, energy, and expertise is statistically staggering to produce such a high quality event with the quantity of plants involved. It is a first class operation that combines a partnership of master gardeners in a team concept that is awesome to behold.

The lush, healthy, beautiful plants that are produced are the result of many committees accomplishing their assigned tasks effectively and efficiently in a quiet unassuming manner. Many work during the whole year for this one day event. This FUND-RAISER supports our community outreach in providing horticultural projects and programs. It is also a FUN-RAISER as YCMGA members enthusiastically work together on a common goal.

I would like to mention just a few key members (it would take pages and pages to name everyone) who contributed to the event’s success.

- Kathleen Bennett and Ray VanBlaricom – the 2009 Co-Chairs organizers
- Gayle Price/Sylvia Connor and all the 2009 Greenhouse crew
- Alan Wenner - producing the professional looking labels for the sale
- Patti Gregory - propagating plants (large quantities of flats)
- Charlotte Earl - collecting the thousands of boxes
- Vi Nisly and Polly Blum and the 2009 kitchen crew for yummy food
- Yamhill County Fairgrounds staff and jail crew

Each year I look forward to this event and although I “get carried away” in my greed, I justify this by acknowledging that the plants are going to a very good home where they will be loved and appreciated. The fact that my fellow master gardeners produced them is always an “added value bonus”.

From the President by Cathy Burdett

Linda’s Corner by Linda McMahan
Hornet Onslaught Begins

With the arrival of warm weather, hibernating female hornets are becoming active and seeking places to form new homes for their upcoming brood. These hornets are the only surviving members of the colonies that harbored so many individuals last fall. All the workers expired with the coming winter, leaving only the fertilized future queens to survive until this spring. They are now very active, chewing up wood fiber, mixing it with saliva and plastering it into the papery hornet nests we know so well. The nest starts out small, but as new workers are born and pitch in with the building process, the structure grows larger and houses the hundreds of individuals that make up the colony.

Once the initial hive has been constructed by the queen, an egg is laid in each hexagonal cell and the colony begins. The overwintering female now has double duty, at times building new cells for her future brood, and at other times feeding the newly hatched larvae with spiders, insects and other choice morsels the queen mother can find.

As you watch the few hornets searching for wood fiber or food this spring, remember that you will be seeing hundreds more individuals when the colony is in full swing this summer. The time for control is now! Placing out baited hornet traps at this time of the year will cut down drastically on the later number of pests by eliminating many of the fertile queens from last year’s batch. This is especially important if you have had large populations of hornets around your property in the past. As your garden begins to produce yields of fruit and vegetables, the hornets are more than willing to feed upon the bounty of your gardening efforts. They especially like fruit that may have dropped from trees or the overlooked vegetables in your garden plot that have ripened and begun to break down.

Being proactive about hornet pest control at this time of year will save some headaches (not to mention getting fewer stings) later in the season.

Happy Gardening!

Picture from Wikipedia free encyclopedia website.

Cuttings from the Board by Suzanne Litviak

Wednesday, 8 April Meeting

- Polly Blum reported that a bistro set has been purchased for the Mike Brott memorial project. Ray VanBlaricom has organized the construction of a cement pad for the secure placement of the set in the YCMGA Demonstration Garden at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds. A dedication will be held in the latter part of May or in early June.

- Preliminary steps have been taken for the expansion of the Salvation Army Community Garden, according to Dave Norman. Once the grounds for the new garden area have been plowed, the deer fence will be moved to include the new area. Linfield College has offered to send a team of students to assist the expansion project on 2 May. Generally, official work days at the garden are held on Tuesday and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Interested MG volunteers are always welcome to help out at the garden. The Community Garden will hold a plant sale on 9 May.

- Patti Gregory reported that the Newberg High School Project was going well. The greenhouse was full, plants were growing, and preparations were well underway for the school’s plant sale, to be held 8-9 May. Patti also noted that college credit will be awarded through Portland Community College to high school students who successfully complete their course work as well as their work in the greenhouse.

- Marcia Sherry said that the Master Gardeners were well received at the Amity Daffodil Festival. Judy Zettergren and Marcia set up a native plant display, and Polly Blum demonstrated container planting. All of the volunteer slots were filled throughout the festival, thanks to the participation of many members from the latest MG class.
As I write this article, the plant sale has yet to take place. It is four days away and it is a busy week at the greenhouse and next door at the pavilion where all the plant donations are being dropped off.

The pricing committee has a big job deciding what the prices of the plants should be and making sure that each plant unit inside and outside the greenhouse has a price tag. The past few years this committee has also taken on the job of "pot beautification". Some of the plants come in needing grooming and even repotting. Some pots look a little skimpy but when the plants are combined with others of its variety, more money can be asked for the full pot. This gets to be a big job at times and it is great that the committee members will take on this time consuming activity. Thanks to Jane Price-Hensley and this great bunch of MGs.

It is early in the week and the pavilion is filling up with perennials. One person I want to single out for recognition because of the large number of donations that she has made is Patti Gregory. She started numerous cuttings and divisions last fall. She was able to raise them in the Newberg high School greenhouses through the winter. Through her work she was able to teach some of the horticulture students how to take and start cuttings. This was a great learning activity for the kids. Now we are benefiting from all their hard work. Many thanks to Patti (and her husband – a true MG auxiliary member), and the kids and teachers at Newberg High.

Thanks to everyone who donated plants to the sale. I don’t want to slight the greenhouse committee and all the veterans and new class members who seeded, transplanted, and watered the plants. I want to thank everyone for a job well done. And I want to say a special thank you to the greenhouse and garden committee – you know who you are! We have worked many years together and I couldn’t work with a nicer bunch of friends.

We did have a few snags along the way in this year’s plant growing season. We fried the roots of our first planting of seeds when our thermostat went haywire and caused the heat mat to get much too hot. We had to reseed dahlias, asters, peppers, and eggplant which set them back and they are on the small side for the sale.

Another of the snags was space. Even though our greenhouse appears large, we manage to fill it up quickly. Thus we had to farm out some of the plants. Al Cronk took in about 40 flats of lobelia, I had 10 flats of chard along with about 20 flats of flowers at my greenhouse and Pam Dowling took 5 flats of dahlias to her small greenhouse. One night the temperature dropped into the upper 20s. Pam’s greenhouse did not provide enough protection so those dahlias got nipped without enough time to recover for the sale. Another snag!! We fried them, we froze them, and we farmed them out. It’s been another exciting two and a half months in the greenhouse. We always worry that the plants will not look their best for the sale but with lots of care and a little April warmth, they always seem to make it. The greenhouse is over flowing with plants that the shoppers won’t be able to resist. I want some of each!

We have more tomatoes than ever before. We joined the veggie trend and planted more vegetables than ever before. Our flowers look great. Here’s to a successful sale and I am sure it will be.

Summer Social & Progressive Garden Tour Event

A Progressive Garden Tour and Social is planned for this July to showcase YCMG gardens, including "Class of 2009". We have two gardens already on the schedule and am looking for two more. If you are interested in hosting a "course and tour" or know someone who has a garden to show off, please let me know.

Date is either the second or third Saturday, whichever works best.
Contact Marcia Sherry at msherry114@aol.com or 503-487-6652.

Folks, interested in starting up a garden in your community? Check out the following website:

They are offering $1000–$10,000. The deadline for applying is May 15th.
Plant Profile: *Triteleia laxa* by Linda McMahan

*Triteleia laxa*, also known as Ithuriel's spear or wild hyacinth, or sometimes star-flower.

This delightful WaterWise bulb is an Oregon native. Are you surprised? It occurs naturally in southwestern Oregon and throughout much of California. Not quite so surprising is that this little bright-blue flowered bulb does exceptionally well in our gardens. Be aware that wild plants of *T. laxa* are a protected species in Oregon because of its scarcity here. It is, however, widely available as a commercial bulb, mostly with blue flowers, but sometimes with white or deep purple ones. Cultivars, such as ‘Humbolt star’ and ‘Queen Fabiola’ are available and worth checking out.

The plant has tall stalks, topped by clusters of flowers, blooming in mid-spring. Each flower looked like a six pointed star. The “bulb” is botanically a corm, a short underground swollen stem. These corms were reportedly used as food by native peoples and eaten like potatoes. Although I have not personally seen these for sale in Yamhill County, don’t give up—they may also go by the name *Brodiaea laxa*. Check out nearby native plant nurseries, check suppliers in the larger metropolitan areas, or go online to find sources for this hardy bulb.

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The Sun Was Shining at the Amity Daffodil Festival by Jewel Carnett

The sun was shining on the Amity Daffodil Festival held on April 5, 2009! How divine! It seemed that the brilliant colors of the daffodils themselves made the day even brighter! One could not imagine how many varieties of daffodils there were unless seen for oneself! This Master Gardener was certainly awe-struck! If you were envious of the daffodils on display, you could purchase some varieties there at their Plant Sale.

Also, there were native plants and bare root trees to round out the shopping adventure.

Our team of Master Gardeners who were there for the two-day event were busy answering questions mostly about daffodils and native plants. People became absorbed in our display about native plants and took the time to read and enjoy the photos on it. A bonus encounter for the Saturday team was a meeting of Master Gardeners from Tillamook County and from Sonoma County, California! In fact, Tillamook County brought an entire bus load of their Master Gardeners to Amity! What a fun way to spend a week-end! This is a must-see for next year if you haven’t experienced it yet!

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The Community Garden will have a variety of plants, seeds and garden items available for purchase at the Salvation Army Flea Market.

90% of the proceeds go to the Community Garden Project and 10% to the Salvation Army.

If you would like to sell items at a free table or want more information, contact David Norman at 503-435-1560.
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*YCMGA Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

*YCMGA CLINICS TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE

NEWBERG HS PLANT SALE 9AM-2PM

Newberg HS Plant Cleanup Sale 9AM - 2PM

Farmer’s Market MAC 1:30-5:30 PM

Oregon Garden Tour 9AM-2PM

Memorial Day
### Clinics and Calendars

**Wilco Newberg Garden Clinic**

- **Incahoots, McMinnville**
  - Saturday, May 16
  - 10am-1pm
  - Judy Z.
  - Eileen M.
  - Orla C.

- **Fred Meyer, Newberg**
  - Saturday, May 16
  - 10am-1pm
  - Shelly O.
  - Linda C.
  - Dave T.

- **Wilco Farmers, Newberg**
  - Saturday, May 23
  - 10am-1pm
  - Anna A.
  - Linda L.
  - Steve G.
  - Dave T.

- **Wilco Farmers, McMinnville**
  - Saturday, May 23
  - 10am-1pm
  - Kathleen B.
  - Judy Z.
  - Anne S.
  - Orla C.

**McMinnville Farmer’s Market**

- **Thursday, May 28**
  - 12:30-3:30 pm
  - Daryll A.
  - Karen S.
  - Eileen M.
  - 3:00-6:00 pm
  - Ray V.
  - Dave T.
  - Randy W.

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### MG Desk Calendar
**May 2009**

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### Notes
- **Help!**
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- **MEMORIAL DAY**
- **Randy W. 1-5**
- **Stacey M. 1-4**
- **Karen H.**
- **Ray V. 9-12**
- **Randy W. 1-5**
Safe home canning is a science, not an art, and Family and Community Health Program faculty with the OSU Extension Service are looking for feedback from the Yamhill County community to determine the level of interest in food preservation volunteer training sessions and community classes that could be scheduled for this coming summer and fall.

Training sessions for the Family Food Volunteer/Master Food Preserver program are scheduled for Salem in June and July. If there is enough interest from potential volunteers in Yamhill County, training could also be scheduled for McMinnville as well.

The Family Food Volunteer (FFV) program provides more than 20 hours of training in food safety and food preservation techniques. Seven full-day training sessions are held, and participants must pass a certification exam to teach in the community. There is a small fee charged to cover supplies.

Potential FFV volunteers need to enjoy informal teaching and be willing to provide community classes and demonstrations, which are usually held on evenings and weekends. 30 hours of volunteer pay-back time is required during August and September.

Individual classes and demonstrations on basic food preservation skills and topics are also available, and can be scheduled for interested groups in the community. To express interest in either the FFV volunteer program or the community classes, or for more information, please contact Holly Berry at holly.berry@oregonstate.edu (503)373-3763 and/or Debra Minar Driscoll at debra.driscoll@oregonstate.edu (503)623-8395 or (503)602-2651. Please respond by May 10.

You are needed!

Whether you have preserved food at home for years or want to begin, you can be a vital resource in your community. Preserving food at home can extend a family’s food budget greatly. Once certified, volunteers staff information tables at Farmer or Saturday Markets, provide “how to” demonstrations at community garden sites and answer questions. Help people improve their food security by teaching others how to preserve food for later.

2009 Training Schedule

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For more information contact Holly Berry, OSU Extension Service in Marion County at 503.373.3763 or holly.berry@oregonstate.edu
Tools of the Trade: Broadfork by Kimberly Zoutendijk

Broadforks consist of 14 to 24 inch long tines on a 4 foot crossbar attached to two handles creating a large U-shaped tool. Using the tool is quite easy. You press the tines into the ground with the heel of your boot, then rock the fork back and forth, loosening the subsoil. The benefits of loose subsoil are great. Loosened subsoil can act as a reservoir for moisture, allowing roots and worms to travel more easily. There are also nutrients deeper in the soil which are not available in the upper levels. The broadfork is great for loosening the soil but not recommended for weed or debris removal. Until next month—“Take care of your Tools”.

Computer Corner by Kimberly Zoutendijk

Because of the recent torrential downpours we have had, I have been putting in some quality time in on the computer, looking for tips and ideas on garden websites. I found a great spot which listed all the MG websites by state:
http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/CoopExt/4DMG/Links/mastlink.htm

I have not made it to all of them yet, but I am having a great time and getting lots of ideas for so many things, including our newsletter. It is so interesting looking at the differences for each part of the country and each growing zone. I hope you enjoy this link. When you come across something fascinating, send me an email with the link. Knowledge is Green Garden Power!

kimzout@verizon.net

Native Garden Tour in Eugene by Jill Schwab

Visit up to eight private gardens in Eugene where native plants are prominent in residential gardens. Native plants in each garden will be labeled and distinguished from exotic plants and invasive exotic plants (if any). A tour brochure with plant lists and additional information about each site can be downloaded from the Emerald Chapter website (emeraldnpso.org) by clicking on “Gardening with Native Plants”. Homeowners will be on site at each garden during the afternoon event, and an information table with brochures will be staffed by an NPSO member. Additionally, four public gardens focusing on native plants will be staffed that afternoon or can be toured another time. Tour on your own, but please respect all the properties and limit visitation to the time window below. Be sure to take a bicycle or carpool as parking is limited!
Sunday, May 10 (Mother’s Day), Noon to 5 pm.
Contact person: Jill Schwab, 541-465-1299 or email jilfox5@hotmail.com

Tomato Haiku by Jay Nunley

Black Cherry
Cherry or tomato?
Flesh of sweet brown pitless orb.
A fruit nonetheless.

Black Cherry is a productive, large cherry tomato with a rich, complex, sweet, flavor reminiscent of a red wine grape. Gary Ibsen of TomatoFest (Carmel, California) rates it as one of his personal favorites.
Plant Sale Fun and Smiles

Thanks to all who helped
Presenting the Class of 2009

Participate, Learn, and have Fun
There can be no occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling.

Mirabel Osler

Welcome Spring!