October 2007

Yamhill County OSU Extension Master Gardener Newsletter

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October 10, Wednesday
YCMGA Board Meeting, 1 pm
PW Auditorium

October 13, Saturday
Our own MGs Daryll Alt and Anna Ashby will be giving presentation at the Mac Community Garden at 2 pm.

October 15, Monday
10-11 am.  Linda Beutler, curator of the Rogerson Clematis Collection, will speak at the McMinnville Garden Club in the Activity Room at Hillside Retirement Manor, 900 N. Hill Road

Annual YCMGA Members Plant Swap
Saturday, October 13, 10 am
Fairgrounds Demo Garden
Bring unwanted plants or seeds—pots not necessary.  Rain or shine!  Call Pam Dowling for more info

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Linda’s Corner by Linda McMahan

In my work for the OSU Extension Service, I wear lots of “hats.” Today, while I’m writing this column, I’m wearing one of my most cherished hats, my “garden hat.” I visualize this hat as kind of floppy, with dirt around the rim, well used and loved. While wearing this hat, I get to work with you as OSU Master Gardener volunteers in many ways—teaching, exchanging information, working together on diagnosis, or assisting you with the many and varied projects you undertake for the program.

A newer and spiffier version of my garden hat is the one I wear when working with other horticultural professionals both in OSU and around the state. I am part of a statewide team working together in the Department of Horticulture to improve the community horticulture program and make it relevant for the people of Oregon. In this capacity, I assist with many statewide efforts and meetings and am a leader in developing ecological gardening programming statewide. We have lots of new curriculum under development, including gardening by streams, WaterWise gardening, and new classes that will be offered online through OSU’s Ecampus as early as next spring.

I have another “hat” that is a little fancier, which I sometimes wear when I’m on campus. When I wear this hat, I represent our program and its critical importance to administrators and others on campus who do not get to see how the program works every day. I let them know, for example, that more people walk into our office for gardening questions than for any other purpose. I talk about the many hours you spend and the expertise you bring to OSU through the program. I talk about the accomplishments and dreams for the program.

My fourth hat doesn’t merely resemble a garden hat, but is more formal and proper. About half of my job for OSU Extension is being an administrator, working with county officials, managing the budget, supervising staff, and representing Yamhill County on campus. For this past year and into next, I am one of two Staff Chairs on the Extension Cabinet, a small group of people who get together once a month to provide advice and support to Scott Reed, who oversees all of OSU Extension.

Yet another hat, I get to give up now. Since February of this year, I have filled in when needed during a faculty vacancy in our 4-H program. With Mike Knutz joining our group to lead the Yamhill County 4-H program, I can now retire this hat to the shelf, a welcome relief.

So why am I telling you this hat story? First, I’d like you to understand why I am not always available when you come in the office to see me. If you really need to see me, please remember to let me know you are coming—I will always set aside time to meet with you. The second is to ask for your help. With the class size growing and the expanded number of projects you are doing, I am asking your help to lead and manage projects as “joint ventures” between the OSU program and the Yamhill County Master Gardener Association. If you are interested in making our program even better, talk to me or to any one of the YCMGA officers or program chairs.
Get ready for the insects that deluge the MG office in Autumn! As you probably know, certain insects are brought in, in droves, by clients at this time every year that are the bane of gardeners and homeowners throughout Yamhill County. This year will be no different, although the deluge may start a bit earlier than normal because of the unusual weather this summer.

Boxelder bugs are one of the first scourges to arrive as questions from the public. Of course, we all watch them invade the outside of our houses, sneak into our homes and generally become a nuisance causing frustration among the citizens. Our normal advice of “leave them alone and they will disappear in a week or so” usually is not what the client wants to hear! It is sound advice, though, as the bugs are just looking for a place to hibernate and spend the winter. If the person bringing in the complaint has a maple tree in their yard or nearby in the neighborhood, the problem is multiplied since the nymphal boxelders have been feeding in large quantities on the developing seeds of these trees all year long. If you are on duty in the MG room, try to assuage their concerns by saying that, if they are in the house, vacuum them up, if outside, let them disperse on their own.

The same holds true for ladybird beetles (ladybugs) that accumulate in vast numbers in the fall. If they choose your house walls or attic to use as a hibernating area, the odor given off by the mass really isn’t very pleasant. Gently squeeze a captive ladybird, sniff your fingers and you will know what I am referring to. Professional exterminators might be necessary to remedy the situation.

Spiders are a concern to citizens because the media keep putting in articles about Hobo spiders. The articles either say they are very poisonous or, lately, have said they aren’t as dangerous as thought. The push for public awareness has escalated our supply of ID specimens considerably. This year we have identified a lot of spiders that people have considered to be Hobos. Most of these turn out to be giant house spiders (a non-poisonous relative) and most are males, just wandering around looking for mates. With a 2 to 3 inch leg span, these spiders tend to make people a bit panicky.

What other insects will be brought to the office in quantity this fall may be a surprise to all of us. The proliferation of leafhoppers this year and the concerns of the public suggested the title “year of the leafhopper”.

What insect will dominate in 2008? I guess we will just have to wait and see. Hopefully, nature will even out again next year and we will have everything in balance! But....... don’t count on it!

Insect Intake Reminder! By Bob Grossmann

Please! Anyone in the office (MG’s and staff) who takes in soft bodied insects from a client, be sure to douse them with alcohol so they do not die and turn into a moldy mess. The last meeting we had several spiders and other insects that were unrecognizable because they had turned to white fuzzy objects. Sometimes, when a client is called they want an answer ASAP and that is not possible with a moldy specimen. Thanks for your cooperation! The Insect Committee
In August, YCMGA President Karen Payne appointed Anna Ashby, Alan Wenner and Tom Jellison to review the Yamhill Master Gardener Association’s **constitution** and **bylaws**. The purpose of this committee was to correlate the YCMGA’s constitution and bylaws to the OMGA’s standards.

After comparing YCMGA and OMGA bylaws, the committee recommended to the YCMGA Executive Board that a few amendments were appropriate. The proposed amendments require that the YCMGA membership must be notified prior to actually voting.

The amendments to the YCMGA constitution and bylaws will be published at the following times:

- The October Tiller
- The November Tiller
- The December Tiller

After the recommended amendments have been published three times, a voting meeting will be scheduled. The actual meeting date and time will also be published in the Tiller.

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**Art About Agriculture**

The Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences has opened its 26th annual art competition, Art About Agriculture, for entries. This year's theme is “The Nick of Time.”

The annual OSU competition is seeking art submissions that focus on the passage of time, day by day, season by season, or year by year – each inspired by Pacific Northwest agriculture, explained Shelley Curtis, curator of OSU's annual Art about Agriculture Tour.

“Time influences both artists and agriculturists in the way they work,” Curtis said. “The essence of time is elemental to both.”

This annual regional juried competition is open to all fine arts and traditional crafts media. Artists living in Alaska, British Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington may enter work. Student artwork completed while enrolled in an educational curriculum is not eligible.

The Art About Ag Tour 2008 prospectus is available online at: [http://agsci.oregonstate.edu/art/](http://agsci.oregonstate.edu/art/)

To request a printed prospectus, send an e-mail inquiry to: shelley.curtis@oregonstate.edu or mail a postcard request with your name and mailing address to: Art About Agriculture, Oregon State University, 127 Strand Agriculture Hall, Corvallis, OR 97331-2213

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**Educational Gleanings**

**HOW TO DRY HERBS FROM THE GARDEN**

A paper bag will dry herbs just fine, but a dehydrator or microwave works well too, according to OSU Extension food safety expert Nellie Oehler. [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=911&storyType=garden](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/story.php?S_No=911&storyType=garden)

**MAKING YOUR OWN APPLE CIDER** [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/audio/foodpres/cider.mp3](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/audio/foodpres/cider.mp3)

**HOW TO SAVE YOUR TUBEROUS BEGONIAS OVER THE WINTER** [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/audio/flower/tuberbegonia.mp3](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening/audio/flower/tuberbegonia.mp3)

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**Editorial Diggings by Cathy Burdett**

The statistical information about the Oregon Master Gardener Chapters was provided by Patty Driscoll, OMGA Database Manager.
YCMGA is part of our “parent” organization, the OMGA. I thought our membership might appreciate some information about other Master Gardener Chapters in our state. The OMGA has 24 chapters. Central Oregon is 3 counties (Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson). Umatilla Chapter includes Morrow County. That makes 27 counties in 24 chapters in OMGA. Baker, Union and Wallowa train Master Gardeners. They either do not have a Chapter or an active Chapter. So although there are 36 counties in Oregon, there are only 24 Chapters in OMGA.

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Congratulations President Ray VanBlaricom!

- Graduated in Class of 2003 (one of the few MGs who took online training offered that year)
- YCMGA President 2007
- YCMGA Vice President 2007
- OMGA Representative 2005
- Alternate OMGA Representative 2004
- Co-Chair YCMGA Plant Sale 2006
- Mentor to the classes of 2006 and 2007
- Ray has been extremely active in many YCMGA committees and projects

(Because of Karen Payne’s move to Texas, Ray as Vice-President has assumed the role of YCMGA President)

Cuttings from the Board by Cathy Burdett

- The Library Committee has purchased new books
- YCMGA paid for Yamhill County Fair prizes
- YCMGA sent a $1000 scholarship to a returning student enrolled in Eastern Oregon College
- Linda introduced Gail Langellotto, Ph.D., the new OSU Urban Community Horticulturist and Statewide Master Gardener Coordinator
- Linda also introduced the new Yamhill County Extension 4H faculty member Mike Knutz
- The YCMGA Bylaws were read by Ray VanBlaricom and several corrections were suggested. A motion was made to accept the Bylaws and corrections. The membership will have the opportunity to read the new Bylaws in the Tiller and vote at a scheduled meeting.

There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October. 
Nathaniel Hawthorne
THANK YOU, KAREN
President Karen Payne, you have many friends in the YCMGA. We will miss you! Remember, you may live in Texas and say Y’all—However, you will always be an Oregonian at heart!

The Upcoming Master Gardener Class of 2008 by Cathy Burdett

This year, the OSU/YCMGA training for new Master Gardeners produced a class of enthusiastic, energetic trainees. We appreciate their contributions to YCMGA.

Let’s keep this “energetic momentum” going by enrolling a “new crop” for 2008. Do you know someone who would enjoy being a Yamhill County Master Gardener? If so, have them contact the Extension Office or perhaps you could pick up an “Application Package” and deliver it to them?
A few weeks ago a bunch of us went to the Fall Fling put on by the Polk County MGs. The Fall Fling is a day of speakers, workshops, vendors, food and visiting with like-minded people. It is really a fun way to wind down the summer gardening season.

The activities are held at Dallas High School. The auditorium there is a wonderful facility for this type of gathering. There is not a bad seat in the house and just outside the auditorium is a common area where the vendors can set up their wares. The perennial plant vendors are just outside the front door because wherever there are gardeners there have to be a few plants to buy. At the end of the common area tables are set up for lunch which is served by the Home Economics department.

This year’s speakers were OSU’s Bernadine Strik, giving her great talk on berries and grapes, Kim Pokorny of the Oregonian discussing small trees and Anne Jaeger of the Oregonian talking about lilies.

Our contingent from Yamhill County was the largest of any county represented. I’m not sure how many of us there were but I think there is a picture in this Tiller (Editor’s note: See page 9). You can make a head count.

We all had a great time. The Polk County group does a wonderful job of organizing this day of activities. Next year when you hear about it, you had better sign up and go.

Speaking of fall flings, I am going to have my own fall fling soon. I am going to start flinging the spent annuals and debris from the perennials into the compost pile. I have been hoping for one frosty morning to turn everything black to make it easier to do. I still have lots of color even though it is getting pretty scraggily. I have a hard time pulling up things that are still blooming but I think I’m going to have to make myself do it just to get things cleaned up before rainy weather sets in. It is not fun to pull up wet plants.

I really don’t put all of the old plant material in a true compost pile. I just wheel it out behind the house into a pasture and dump it on top of last year’s pile. The pile never gets hot but over time it just breaks down. Since it doesn’t get hot, some of the seeds survive and germinate. It is interesting, come spring, to see what is growing and blooming out there. Bits and pieces of perennials grow too and more than once I have gone out the next summer and salvaged something that is growing nicer in the pile than it did in the flowerbed.

A couple of paragraphs back I mentioned hoping for a frosty morning. That is a heck of a thing to hope for when we still have tomatoes and other garden produce to harvest. I, however, am getting tired of tomatoes and I can hardly look another zucchini in the face. Maybe it is time for a frost!

**Controlling Invasive Plants Class by Susan Aldrich-Markham**

Master Gardener Advanced Training

CONTROLLING INVASIVE PLANTS

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

1:00-4:00 pm

Extension Service Auditorium

Taught by Susan Aldrich-Markham, Field Crops Extension Agent

This program will cover six important weeds that are invasive along along streams – Himalayan blackberry, English ivy, Japanese knotweed, butterfly bush, yellow flag iris and reed canarygrass. You will learn about the biology of these weeds and why they are an environmental problem. You will also learn specific control methods for each one, using an Intergrated Weed Management approach that combines herbicides with mechanical and cultural controls. The information will be useful for controlling other invasive species as well.

Attending this class will earn educational payback and/or recertification credit.

October’s poplars are flaming torches lighting the way to winter. Nova Bair
Thanks to veterans and trainees who have faithfully contributed their time to area Community Clinics. Simply stated, without your support, the clinics would not have been scheduled. A special thank you to the coordinators:

The Farmer’s Market was again a success because of the continued faithful weekly commitment of Ray VanBlaricom, Daryll Alt and Faithful Crews.

Barbara Smith
For her participation in organizing the Wilco clinics.

Patti Gregory for her patience and perseverance in coordinating and organizing the Fred Meyer and Kraemers clinics.

Fall Fling at Dallas by Cathy Burdett, photo by Pam Dowling

A large group (13 people) of YCMGA attended the “Fall Fling” sponsored by the Polk County Master Gardeners. The food was delicious and the speakers were motivational and educational. Dr. Bernadine Strik brought mouth watering samples of grapes, berries and kiwis for everyone to sample. Each sample was clearly labeled with details about the name, cultivar and growing season. What a wonderful experience!

Oregonian journalists Kym Pokomy and Anne Jaeger also were extremely well received by everyone.
Looking for a Water-Wise Tree?
If you are, you might try ginkgo, known botanically as *Ginkgo biloba*. The species name of “biloba” comes from the distinctive leaf pattern, typically with two lobes on fan-shaped leaves with parallel vein patterns. It is a popular pattern for pottery and artwork because of its distinctiveness and beauty.

Originally from Asia, this species comes with a fascinating history. It is a very ancient tree, known extensively from the fossil record and is extinct in wild habitats. In fact, fossils indicate that it once had many living relatives from most continents on earth, including North America. So how did this species survive to become part of our garden repertoire? According to a website at The University of California, Berkeley (http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/seedplants/ginkgoales/ginkgo.html), it survived because Buddhist monks in China and Japan cultivated it in their temple gardens as a sacred tree. Individual trees can reach as high as 60 feet and live for a thousand years or more under the right conditions.

If you purchase one for your garden, you will most likely be buying the male form of this dioecious species. The reason is that the female “fruits” surrounding the seed create a very unpleasant smell when they decompose. To quote from the Berkeley website, “In the horticultural literature, it is variably referred to as “disagreeable,” ‘evil,’ ‘offensive,’ ‘disgusting’, ‘repulsive’, and "abominable," and is often compared to the odor of vomit. It is due to the malodorous chemical compound butyric acid...it is the same compound that gives rancid butter its "distinctive" smell.

This is an ideal tree for Oregon because it does the best in climates that have a Mediterranean pattern of light summer rainfall. It is considered to be relatively free of pests and diseases as well. The fall color, which in the best years is a bright golden yellow, is spectacular. To learn more and view more pictures, visit the OSU landscape plant site at http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/gibi.htm.

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**Plant Profile: Ginkgo biloba** by Linda McMahan

**MG Desk Calendar**

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The annual OktoberPest workshops are an opportunity to join industry professionals and learn about pest management of many kinds. Attending these workshops will count toward educational payback/recertification hours as well as greatly extending your knowledge.

All workshops are held on Thursdays in October from 9 am until noon at the North Willamette Research and Extension Center, 15210 NW Miley Rd. in Aurora. There is a $35 fee for each workshop (checks payable to Agricultural Research Foundation). Pesticide recertification credits have been applied for.

**Schedule:**

**October 4**  
**Slime Time: An Overview of Snails and Slugs**  
Mark Hitchcox, APHIS-PPQ and Robin Rosetta, Dept. of Horticulture, OSU/NWREC.  
A general introduction to the biology, morphology, identification, damage and behavior of slugs and snails. Species and issues of regulatory importance and integrated pest management of these pests will be discussed.

**October 11**  
**The Web of Destruction: Caterpillar and Moth Pests in Nurseries**  
James Young, Dept. of Botany/Plant Pathology, OSU and Robin Rosetta, Dept. of Horticulture, OSU/NWREC  
Participants will learn the basics of caterpillar/moth biology, morphology, damage and identification. Species of economic and regulatory concern will be addressed. The class will include development of integrated pest management strategies for these key pests.

**October 18**  
**Near and Deer: Vertebrate Damage Management in Nursery Production**  
Chip Bubl, Dept. of Horticulture, OSU, Columbia County and Don VandeBergh, ODFW Wildlife Biologist, NW Oregon.  
This workshop will focus on diagnosing damage and developing a strategic management plan for vertebrates in the nursery production system.

**October 25**  
**Frightening Fungi: Fighting Verticillium and a Foray into Conifer Disease Management**  
Rich Regan, Dept. of Horticulture, OSU/NWREC and Jay Pscheidt, Dept. of Botany/Plant Pathology OSU  
This workshop will provide information on diagnosis and management of *Verticillium* and then cover the common conifer diseases in nursery systems.

To register, send name, address, email and phone, along with a check for each workshop you wish to attend to:

OktoberPest Workshop  
NWREC, 15210 NE Miley Rd.  
Aurora, OR 97002-9543

For more information, contact Jan Egli at (503) 678-1264 x 110 or email jan.egli@oregonstate.edu

Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves,  
We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves!  
Humbert Wolfe

Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn.  
Elizabeth Lawrence

Yamhill County OSU Extension Office  
2050 Lafayette Avenue  
McMinnville, OR 97128-9333  
Phone: 503-434-7517  
Email: yamhillmg@oregonstate.edu
**ARTICLE I. NAME**
The name of the organization shall be: Yamhill County Master Gardener™ Association. It shall be an official chapter of the Oregon Master Gardener™ Association of the State of Oregon (OMGA), a not for-profit organization.

**ARTICLE II. PURPOSES**
The purposes of the association shall be:

a) To promote, assist and supplement the Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener™ program through continuing education.

b) To assume responsibility for performing special tasks related to the program. These may include, but not limited to, home gardening “clinics” or assisting at state or local fairs.

c) To promote and disseminate gardening information to the community.

d) To engage in other activities related to gardening that are consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of the association and the goals and policies of the Oregon State University Master Gardener™ Program.

e) To use designated funds for the purpose of awarding college level scholarships to selected students:
   1. Students will be graduates of Yamhill County High Schools or home schooled in Yamhill County.
   2. Students will be majoring in subjects determined by the Executive Board.
   3. Students will be attending Oregon colleges, universities or trade schools.
   4. The amount and number of scholarships will be determined by the Executive Board.

**ARTICLE III. TYPE OF ORGANIZATION**

Section A: This is a not-for-profit organization. It shall be supported by dues, donations and fund-raising activities as may be adopted by a majority of the membership present at a regular or special meeting.

Section B: This association shall maintain an affiliation and coordination with the Yamhill County Office of the Oregon State University Extension Service.

**ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP**

Section A: Regular Member: Regular membership is open to all persons who have successfully completed the Oregon State University Master Gardener™ training program and remain in good standing with OSU MG program, including those persons actively engaged in payback time. The Yamhill County Oregon State University Extension Consumer Horticultural Agent shall be a regular member but shall not pay dues, vote, or hold office.

Section B: Honorary Member: Honorary membership may be awarded to any outstanding horticulturist by a majority vote of the membership at any regular meeting. They shall not pay dues, vote, or hold office.

Section C: Lifetime Member: Regular members who have achieved 1000 volunteer hours, or are the recipient of the Yamhill County Master Gardener™ of the Year Award shall be granted lifetime membership. They may vote and hold office but shall not pay dues.

Section D: Only regular members in good standing, whose dues are current, may vote and hold office.

**Section E. Termination of Membership.**

Membership may be terminated by the Executive Board if:

(a) 15 Days written notice is given to the member to be terminated, by regular mail or email.

(b) Member must be provided an opportunity to be heard by the Board, orally or in writing and not less than 5 days before the effective date of the termination.

(c) The reason(s) for the termination must be stated in the letter of termination.

(d) The decision of the Board shall be final and shall not be reviewable by any court.

**ARTICLE V. DUES**

Section A: Annual membership dues shall be set at the October Board meeting. Dues shall be payable prior to March first. Membership dues must include the annual membership dues of the Oregon Master Gardener™ Association. Fiscal year will be the same as the Oregon Master Gardener™ Association, January 1 to December 31. **OMGA dues are to be paid to the OMGA Treasurer by April 1.**
ARTICLE VI. ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS

Section A: The officers of the chapter shall be:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Representative to the Oregon Master Gardener™ Association
- Alternate to the Oregon Master Gardener™ Association
- 2 Members –at-Large

In addition to the above eight elected officers, the immediate past President and/or Treasurer will assume non-elected Board positions for a one-year period immediately following their term of office. These elected and non-elected officers shall serve as the Executive Board, the governing board of the association.

Section B: The term of office shall be for one year. Any officer may be re-elected to the same or any other office.

Section C: An executive board quorum shall consist of five members. In the event less than a quorum is present at the meeting, the meeting will be conducted, however a poll of the full board membership must be taken and a majority approval obtained before the final adoption of any decisions or motions.

Section D: All officers shall serve without pay, but may have actual out-of-pocket expenses reimbursed if approved by a majority of the Executive Board.

Section E: Duties of Officers:

1. President: The President shall preside at meetings, arrange for the annual financial review, appoint committees, and direct the activities of the association.
2. Vice President: The Vice President shall know and assume the duties of the President in his/her absence, and serve as the program chairperson and handle the speaker gratuities.
3. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all Board and General meetings, prepare correspondence and perform other appropriate duties as may be assigned by the President.
4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall keep financial records, receive and disburse funds, and prepare the annual budget as directed by the Executive Board. A Treasurer’s report will be furnished to the Board and the membership. The Treasurer may serve without bond. The financial records shall be reviewed annually or if there is a change of Treasurer.
5. OMGA Representative and Alternate: The OMGA Representative and Alternate shall represent this association and act as liaison to that organization and report activities of interest to the board & general membership.
6. Members-At-Large: The two Members-At-Large shall serve as advisors to the Executive Board and perform other duties as may be assigned by the President.

Section F: Election of Officers:

1. The President shall appoint a nominating committee of at least three regular members at the September Board meeting. The members of the nominating committee will be published in the monthly newsletter. Any regular member may submit a nomination to the committee. The committee shall submit a slate of prospective officers for the following year at the November retreat. Nominations will be accepted from regular members at this retreat and the December membership meeting for inclusion on the slate of prospective officers.
2. Officers shall be elected by the regular members at each December membership meeting to serve for a term of one year. Installation of the officers shall take place at the January membership or Board meeting.

Section G: Any resignation by an elected officer shall be submitted in writing to the President.

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1. The President shall fill such vacancies through appointment.
2. The Board positions of the past President and/or Treasurer will not be filled by appointment.
3. Should the President resign, he/she will appoint the new President prior to the effective date of the resignation.

Section H: The Executive Board of Yamhill County Master Gardener™ Association shall meet monthly separate from regular membership meetings for the purpose of discussing chapter business.

Section I: The person responsible for the Master Gardener™ Program at the Yamhill County Office of the Oregon State University Extension Service shall sit on the Executive Board as a non-voting advisory member.
Section J: A representative of the current Master Gardener™ training class shall be selected to sit on the Executive Board as a non-voting member. The tenure shall last until the next training class forms and a new member is selected.

Section K. Removal. An officer may be removed, with cause, by a vote of ¾’s of the total Executive Board members.

ARTICLE VII. MEETING

Section A: The Executive Board shall schedule regular membership meeting dates and publish these dates in the Tiller or notify all members by email or regular mail.

Section B: Special meetings of the membership may be called with written notice by email or regular mail to the membership at least ten days prior to the meeting date. Special meetings require a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section C: An annual planning retreat will be held each November. The purpose of this retreat will be to develop goals and projects for the coming year. A preliminary budget will be developed and the Treasurer will prepare a draft of the proposal for presentation to the regular members at the December meeting. The Executive Board at their December meeting will complete final action and adoption of the annual budget.

Section D: A quorum at a membership meeting shall consist of TEN voting members.

Section E: Roberts Rules of Order (latest revised edition) shall govern the conduct of all meetings.

ARTICLE VIII. COMMUNICATION

Section A: A monthly newsletter (THE TILLER) shall be published in co-operation with the Yamhill County Extension Office. It shall be sent to all members by regular mail or email and may also be available on the Internet. The general public may also request copies through the Extension Office.

ARTICLE IX. ADDRESS

The address for the chapter shall be:
Yamhill County Master Gardener™ Association
2050 Lafayette Avenue
McMinnville, OR 97128-9333
yamhillmg@oregonstate.edu
Or, The Yamhill County Oregon State University Extension Office current address

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENT

The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Members present at a regularly or specially scheduled membership meeting, provided a quorum of 10 voting members is present.

(a) Amendments must be published in the Tiller 3 times prior to voting.
(b) Robert’s Rules of Order (current edition) will be used as the official guide for making changes. http://www.rulesonline.com/start.html#ror_02.htm