March 2019

THE GRAPEVINE
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It has been decided to have a newsletter dedicated to just our membership and local organization. This newsletter will be published once a month and will be edited by the President of the Columbia County Master Gardener’s Association and the Master Gardener Program Coordinator. Please send any news items, events, articles, pictures, etc. to Sonia @ Sonia.Reagan@oregonstate.edu by the 25th of every month.

The President’s Corner

The past few days of sunshine have been great for working outside, a little chilly, but the bright sunlight makes up for it. Got our roses pruned along with the apple trees, blackberries and most of the decorative plants out front. Still more to do, but we’re off to a great start.

Kathy reported 61 paid members at the last meeting. If you have paid, thank you! If you haven’t submitted the $10 for your dues, you have until April 1 to get your dues to Kathy Johnson. Remind your fellow Master Gardeners to pay their dues also.

The Spring Garden Fair Raffle tickets are available. Contact Peggy Crisp for tickets, or stop by the office to pick some up from Sonia. Last report, our tomatoes and peppers are growing nicely. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the 2019 Spring Garden Fair on April 27th.

As I mentioned at the chapter meeting, please be thinking of nominees for the Master Gardener of the Year, Behind the Scenes, and the Bejeweled awards. There will be an email soon asking for your nomination.  ~ Larry Byrum, President, CCMGA

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Upcoming Events at the OSU Extension Office

March 7
Project Planning Meeting 10:00 am
Board Meeting 10:30 am

March 7
BugNutz 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

March 8
Seed Sorting for Seed to Supper: Extension Office Starting at 9:00 am

March 20
Beekeeping Workshop, 6 pm. “The Spring Build Up,” with Linda Zahl

March 28
Chapter Meeting 6:30 pm
Author Donald Olson speaking

Columbia County Master Gardeners Association

2019 CCMG Board of Directors

- Larry Byrum, President
- Chuck Petersen, Past President
- Sandy Newman, Vice President
- Brooke McClain, Secretary
- Kathy Johnson, Treasurer
- LaVina Patterson, Historian
- Sally Brandenfels, OMGA Rep.
Time to Renew Our Membership Dues!

It’s that time of year again... to pay your membership dues to the association!

Please send your $10 check to our Treasurer: Kathy Johnson, 4832 N. Girard St. Portland, OR, 97203 or drop them by the office.

Take a moment to make sure we have up to date contact information for our membership directory as well. Thank you!

Please save small/medium sized boxes for the plant sale!
2019 Master Gardener Training in Full Swing

Our 2019 Master Gardener Training class is underway! We are just starting week 5 of our 10 week training program. Feel free to sit in on classes (find an updated schedule HERE) for refresher topics or to log continuing education hours. ~ Sonia

(Below is a photo from the pruning demo held by Denny Snyder for our trainees – braving the rain, but learning so much!)
Seed to Supper
Columbia County

Learn how to plan, plant, maintain, and harvest your garden from local experienced gardeners.

St Helens Senior Center
Wednesdays, March 27 - May 1, 10 am - Noon

Vernonia Christian Church
Tuesdays, April 2 - May 7, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Scappoose Community and Senior Center
Mornings, Mondays April 8 - May 13, 10 am - Noon
Evenings, Thursdays April 11 - May 16, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Clatskanie Garden beside Dr. Briggs Office
Mondays, April 15 - May 20, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Rainier City Hall Meeting Room, Library Entrance
Wednesdays, April 24 - May 29, 10 am - Noon

Classes were created to help stretch tight budgets for those living on limited incomes

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Email: S2SColumbia@gmail.com
Call: Debi 503-543-3294
S2SColumbia.eventbrite.com

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Free Gardening Workshops - March 16-17, 2019
Cowlitz County Expo Center – Fairgrounds

In conjunction with the Home and Garden Show

Workshops sponsored by WSU Extension and WSU Cowlitz County Master Gardeners

3/16: 9:30 a.m.  Growing Vegetables, where to start! - WSU Master Gardener Billie Bevers
What to do in your vegetable garden to plan and prepare it for planting: when to plant, how to start get
an early start and what to takes to maintain healthy plants to get a great harvest.

3/16: 11:00 a.m.  Extending the Gardening Season - WSU Master Gardener Helen Redmond
Harvesting your garden, extending the growing season: seed saving, cover crops, & winter
gardening. Learn how to continue raising vegetables throughout the fall.

3/16: 12:00 p.m.  Spice of Life (Growing Herbs) - WSU Master Gardener Terrie Phillips
How to plant, grow and harvest the most popular herbs that you can enjoy fresh from your own
post harvest: preserving, storage and easy usage of these flavorful plants.

3/16: 1:00 p.m.  How to Grow a Red Tomato - WSU Master Gardener Alice Slusher
Tips to produce a bountiful crop of red tomatoes: how to get your tomatoes off to get an early start
and what it takes to produce a great harvest of tomatoes.

3/16: 2:00 p.m.  Attracting Beneficial Insects with Plants - WSU Master Gardener Alice Slusher
How to attract beneficial insects to the garden: incorporating specific native plants into the landscape,
encouraging helpful insects and birds to visit.

3/17: 11:00 a.m.  Tips to control moles - WSU Master Gardener Bryan Iverson
Effective techniques for getting rid of moles: what works and what products fail to get results

3/17: 12:00 p.m.  Do-it-Yourself “Irrigation” - WSU Master Gardener Jerry Winchell
How to construct a simple and inexpensive sprinkler system that can be used for your vegetable
garden, hanging baskets, porch plants and for other situations.

3/17: 1:00 p.m.  Basics of Composting - WSU Master Gardener Tom Welch
How to effectively compost food wastes and garden material: different ways to compost and the
advantages of each method, how to prepare your garden for next year without spraying or tilling.

Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who contact the office at least two weeks prior to the event.

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation need to contact Gary Fredricks at 360-577-3014 Ext 3 or mgvrs@wsu.edu at least two weeks prior to the event.
March 28th at 6:30pm, Chapter Meeting Guest Speaker:

Donald Olson “Five Remarkable Women: Four Remarkable Pacific Northwest Gardens”

“Passion, ambition, determination - every great garden has a human story to tell. In this popular presentation, award-winning travel writer and author Donald Olson takes you on a tour of four remarkable Pacific Northwest gardens and introduces you to the five remarkable women who created them. Meet Hulda Klager, a housewife who became one of the world’s leading lilac hybridizers; Eulalie Wagner, a socialite who created one of the great estate gardens of Washington State; Elizabeth Lord and Edith Schryver, the first female landscape designers in the Pacific Northwest; and Lilla Leach, an intrepid plant explorer and botanist who founded her own botanical garden. Donald’s most popular presentation, "Five Remarkable Women..." has been seen at major garden events and garden clubs throughout the Pacific Northwest.”

Donald Olson is a novelist, travel writer and playwright. He has published eight novels, including The Confessions of Aubrey Beardsley and the “Venus Gilroy” novels written as Swan Adamson. His travel stories have appeared in The New York Times, National Geographic and many other publications. Donald's best-selling travel guides include The Pacific Northwest Garden Tour, The California Garden Tour, Frommer’s Portland Day by Day, Seattle Day by Day, and Easy Guide to Seattle, Portland & the Oregon Coast. Donald’s plays have been produced in London, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, New York, and Portland. He is a popular speaker on garden topics and has appeared as a featured speaker at many different venues, including Modernism Week in Palm Springs, the Pacific Northwest Flower & Garden Show in Seattle, the Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island, the Portland Garden Club, and at many other gardens, garden clubs, and bookstores. He has also been a featured guest on radio and television shows such as Frommer's Travel Show, "In the Garden with Mike D'Arcy" and AM Northwest. ~ From Donald Olson’s website
Whether your pond or a pond on property you manage is for irrigation or fire suppression, whether it’s neglected and weedy or a meticulously landscaped amenity to your property, you’ll find lots of important information packed into this one-day workshop.

The workshop will be most relevant to landowners/land managers with existing sizable ponds or small lakes. (Small decorative ponds in urban gardens are a topic for another day and the focus of this workshop will be on enhancing existing ponds, not building new ones.)

Topics will include:
- Vegetation control
- Mosquito control
- Sedimentation
- Water quality
- Creating habitat
- Attracting songbirds, turtles and other wildlife

Part of the day will be spent walking around a pond, so wear appropriate footwear.

Registration:
A $30 registration fee will include coffee, snacks and lunch.
Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, April 3 at
www.wmswcd.org/event/caring-for-your-large-pond/
Some scholarships are available.

More Information:
For more information email pondsworkshop@gmail.com.

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A board meeting was called to order at 1030am on Thursday February 7, 2019 at the St Helens OSU extension office. The President was in the chair and the secretary was present. Others present – Chuck P., Sandy N., Kathy J., LaVina P., Pat L. and guests Sonia R. and Kathy P.

Housekeeping:
- Secretary’s Report – Minutes of January Board and Chapter meetings - accepted
- Treasurer’s Report – Audit reported submitted and filed with secretary – Year end 2018 printed 1/8/19, 2019 Approved Budget and 2019 Account Balances as of 12/31/19 report printed 2/6/19 and accepted – 2018 tax information submitted to the State Treasurer
- Correspondence – N/A

Committee Reports:
- **Spring Fair 2019** – Raffle tickets available later this month; Publicity materials available in March; 17 vendors booked to date
  - **OMGA Rep** – N/A – Larry to call Sally B.
  - **CC Fairgrounds Garden** – variety of plants have been moved; LaVina to contact Gail Martin regarding Demo Garden flyer update

Old Business:
- Graduation prep – **speaker and location and arrange for certificates to be made** – check in with Chip, 4/25/19

New Business:
- **2019 Membership Directory** – send updates to Kathy by April 1
- **Bylaws, Policies and Procedures and Conflict of Interest** - discussion held around board meeting attendance – Article VI Section 5 states, “Chapter officers may be removed from office because of unfulfilled duties, lack of support for the program or three absences from Chapter or Executive Board meetings.” Although it does not specify that board members are required to attend every board meeting, it is stated that a member can be removed after three absences.
  - Article V Section 6 speaks specifically to the State Representative who shall attend the state OMGA meetings and shall report to the Chapter at the next scheduled regular meeting. The Alternate shall assume this same authority in the absence of the State Representative.
  - A question was asked regarding term limits of officers. Article VI Section 4 states “A member shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office or more than three years in any combination of offices.”
- **2019 MG Class Schedule** – veteran MGs are allowed to attend, count toward education hours for recertification
  - Larry to attend 2/18/19 Resource Fair to promote CCMG Chapter membership and monthly meetings
- **CCMGA Website yes/no** – take to the membership 2/28/19; offer of password protected directory creation for said website if voted yes
- Request made to Sonia to send out email to CCMGA roster specific to yearly dues payment – based on response to Kathy within two weeks, Sonia would then mail out a postcard
- Rose Pruning Demo led by Kathy Johnson held March 16, 2019 1 -3pm at the Demo Garden
- President called for MG of the Year, Behind the Scenes and Be Jeweled awards nominees
- Request made for raffle prize budget increase from $50 to $100 – granted

Meeting adjourned at 1128am

~ Brooke McClain, Secretary

Geese were once used in mint fields to remove weeds and pests.