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

August passed very quickly for the Byrum Household. Between Salmon season (we got 3 in the boat), family get togethers, and the Master Gardener Picnic, not to mention the tedious yard and garden work, the month was busy. And September promises to be more of the same.

The picnic proved to be another success this year. Thank you volunteers and chefs for the delicious pot luck recipes. I managed to waddle back to the car for the drive home. The white elephant gift raffle was also successful; thank you Jan for the impromptu tickets.

Looking forward to a great speaker for the chapter meeting on Sept. 26th.

Reading about the Scappoose Sauerkraut Festival coming back leads me to ask, “How many of our members have any of the Sauerkraut Festival Beer Garden Wood Nickels from yesteryear?”

~ Larry Byrum, President, CCMGA

Upcoming Events

September 5
Project Planning Meeting 10:00 am
Board Meeting 10:30am

September 5
Columbia County Beekeepers Meeting
Guest Speaker: Mandy Shaw
Held at 6pm at the CRPUD

September 26
Chapter Meeting and Annual Tomato & Fall Fruit Tasting! Bring your best!
Guest Speaker: Author Amy Campion “Perennials from Seed”

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
- VACANT, OMGA Rep.
- Pat LaPointe, OMGA Alt-Rep.
Demonstration Garden

The weekly work parties continue on Mondays from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon.

Hi Everyone,

I know that Monday is a Holiday but I will be working in the Demo Garden that day.

The grapes are getting very ripe and will need picking.

Hope to see you there.

Your Demo Garden Coordinator, LaVina
(503) 397-4375; lavanderlady@msn.com

Phasing out the use of the term “Veteran Master Gardener”

OSU is moving away from the use of the term ‘Veteran Master Gardener,’ in favor of substituting the term with ‘Perennial Master Gardener’ or ‘Active/Current Master Gardener.’

This suggested change in terminology is coincident with our program’s increasing outreach to military veterans, many of whom have joined our program as Master Gardener volunteers. This suggested change in terminology makes it less confusing for military veterans working in our program (are we referring to them? are we referring to other volunteers?) More importantly, it is helping to make our military veterans feel more welcome in the program, and their service respected.

As the MG Program continues to try and make our program more inclusive to all, let’s make this change on the local level, and communicate this change among all of our wonderful volunteers. I welcome your comments on this suggestion. Thank you! ~ Sonia
Message from our Chapter Treasurer

To our Committee Chairs: “I need a budget from you for the budget process 2020 no later than September 15th. Please send your budget to me via email or post. Thank you!”

To all of our Chapter Members: “Please provide suggestions for speakers and topics for our chapter meetings in 2020. What would you like to hear a presentation on? Again, you can email your suggestions or send them through the mail! Thank you!”

Katherine Johnson, Treasurer, 503-289-4894, dktjohnson@msn.com, 4832 N Girard St, Portland, OR 97203

Clatskanie Farmers Market Cider Annual Pressing Festival!

Clatskanie’s Annual Cider Pressing Festival – September 28th, 2019  Free Cider Tastes! Recipes!

Bring your apples and juice containers and we’ll press your apples for you!

Clatskanie Farmers Market Cider Festival. See you there!
Scappoose Farmers’ Market - Sauerkraut Festival

The Scappoose Sauerkraut Festival is coming back this year!

Saturday, September 14th - 10 am to 9 pm

In conjunction with the Scappoose Farmers Market in Heritage Park in Scappoose
Low Water Gardening with Maurice Horn

*Maurice Horn*, as co-owner of Joy Creek Nursery, has had the opportunity to trial a vast variety of perennials and shrubs. He is ever eager to find ways to create exciting gardens that use low to no water. He has conducted gravel gardening workshops for Metro, the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon (at Reed College), Portland State University and Heronswood Nursery. Recently, Maurice designed a dry land garden in cooperation with PGE, ODOT and the OSU Master Gardeners™.

**September 29th @ 1 p.m. at Joy Creek Nursery:** 20300 NW Watson Road in Scappoose, *(503) 543-7474*

In this last class of the year, Maurice Horn will present a class focused on dry gardening solutions to minimize summer watering. Recent years have brought record cold winters and record hot, dry summers. At Joy Creek Nursery, they have been pleased with how well the plants in their low-water and no-water borders have fared despite the weather. This is testament to the plants themselves, of course, but also to the soil amendments and preparation that make these borders possible. During this two-hour workshop, Maurice will present in detail various methods for amending soils, appropriate plant choices and ways for combining plants to maintain year-round interest in the garden. There is a $15 fee for this class. You will receive a store coupon for 30% off all plants in the nursery for the day!

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**Spotlight on Volunteers**

Check out this lovely corn plant grown by our current and very active Master Gardener Volunteer, Leo Mock! Leo just achieved his goal of volunteering over 1,000 hours with the OSU Columbia County Master Gardeners! Thank you for your commitment, Leo!
Guest Speaker for September 26th Chapter Meeting:

Amy Campion presents: “Perennials from Seed”

Who doesn't like free plants? Learn to grow perennials and other ornamentals for free or very cheaply by starting them from seed. In this class, you'll learn how to germinate seeds (including those that need special treatment) and how to grow seedlings to become strong, sturdy plants for the garden. We'll discuss media, light, temperature, and water, as well as methods for starting plants indoors and out.

Originally from Minnesota, Amy Campion went to grad school with plans to become a professor of sociology, but while there, she realized her true calling was horticulture. She and her husband then moved to Ohio, where she worked at a large wholesale/retail nursery for 16 years before moving to Portland in 2013. Overjoyed with the gardening possibilities in the Pacific Northwest, she continues to learn all she can about making the most of what this region has to offer and is active in the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon. In her own garden, she's especially interested in drought-adapted plants and plant propagation. A freelance writer, editor, and photographer, Amy is the co-author of Gardening in the Pacific Northwest: The Complete Homeowner's Guide, from Timber Press.

Amy will be selling her book at this event – remember to bring some money to purchase your copy!
Tomato & Fruit Tasting Also at the September 26th Chapter Meeting!

This is the annual tasting event for our chapter.

We’ll provide the tables, cutting boards, plates and cutlery for sampling – bring your best homegrown tomatoes and fall fruits to show off and share!

Speaking of tomatoes... check out this monster beauty from the garden of Sharon Walker!

Sharon trained with the 2019 class and has put wonderful effort into growing this 1# 11.3 oz Brandywine Tomato! Thanks for sharing, Sharon!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!!

Many thanks to Melisa Richardson for coordinating our Chapter’s annual picnic and doing all the heavy lifting and shopping! Also a special thanks to Dennis Snyder and Ross Carter for doing the chef duties, bringing the canopies and extra tables.

Great food was shared by all, wonderful raffle prizes were exchanged, and we even played a bit of garden trivia! It is always nice to get together to share a meal and meet family members!
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A Special Invitation to all Bee Keepers and Native Bee Enthusiasts

From SBWC: In an effort to support our native bees and help keep honeybees healthy, the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council Native Plant Nursery is offering free Douglas Asters at their Fall Plant Sale, Saturday, October 12\textsuperscript{th} from 9 am - 3 pm.

Douglas Aster (Symphyotrichum subspicatum) is a perennial that produces many late blooming lavender flowers July through September. We need more late blooming flowers in our landscapes to help the bees. Honeybees need to build up their stores for winter, bumble bee queens have to live off their fat reserves until the first spring flowers bloom, and many late season native bees nest right up to the first frost.

According to the Oregon State University Garden Ecology Lab, the Douglas Aster is the one of the most bee visited (butterflies, too) flowers in their study of twenty native flowers. The lab has a good description of the flowers and the bees that have been observed visiting the flowers at the link below. \textit{~Deb Brimacombe}

http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/gardenecologylab/2018/10/30/plant-of-the-week-douglas-aster-revisited/

Mason Bee Wash at the SBWC Native Plant Nursery Fall Plant Sale

Bring your mason bees to the SBWC Nursery Fall Plant Sale. The BugNutz will be there to help you clean your cocoons.

If you have Mason Bee houses that are filled with paper tubes or trays that come apart to allow access to the cocoons, we can help you clean your bees. Or just drop by our cleaning station and talk bees with us. \textit{~Deb Brimacombe}
Columbia County Beekeepers – September 5th Meeting

Columbia County Oregon Beekeepers August meeting at 6 pm at the Columbia River PUD meeting room. Many Shaw will be the guest presenter discussing her experience with the Sentinel Apiary Program and showcasing microscopic images (including queen dissections, drone penises, Varroa mites and more!)  ~ Linda Zahl

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FOOD SAFETY/PRESERVATION HOTLINE

Now through October 18, 2019
1-800-354-7319

9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.; MONDAY-FRIDAY, except holidays
Certified Family Food Education Volunteers & OSU Extension staff will be on hand to answer your questions.

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Try the new canning app at https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/pnw689

Remember to turn in your Volunteer Hours: mgvrs.extension.oregonstate.edu
A board meeting was called to order at 1036am on Thursday, August 1, 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. and guests Chip B. and Wes.

Housekeeping:

- **Secretary’s Report** – Minutes of July Board meeting – accepted

- **Treasurer’s Report** – 2019 Account Balances – As of 12/31/19, inRoads SCU account screenshot, 2019 CCMGA Budget – Current Year and CCMGA Membership Report printed 7/30/19 provided and accepted
  - Picnic budget sent to Melisa
  - Past due printing invoice has been taken care of
  - Insurance inquiry – CCMGA carries liability insurance which covers us while anything having to do with education ie Demo Garden falls under OSU insurance – occurrences to be investigated – contact Chip Bubl
  - Budget 2020 – by mid – September budget proposals should be sent in by committee chairs – grand total request with itemized amounts

- **Correspondence**
  - Clatskanie Farmers Market donation request for P.O.P. program – Lynn Green to present to chapter at September meeting - to be considered for 2020 budget
  - OMGA – no mini college; silent auction donation request for November meeting – Brooke to shop for auction items and provide photos to Susan Nesbitt by 9/20/19 – Larry to take with him to meeting on November 1
  - Annual IRS request for information – Larry completed
  - Jackson County request for information regarding Demo Gardens with greenhouses
Committee Reports:

- **OMGA Rep – September meeting in Linn County**
- **CC Fairgrounds Garden – County Fair Recap** – 1313 people visited
  - Vector control provided fish for mosquito control
  - Feedback given regarding difficulty with accessibility for those who use walkers – discussion held around installing pavers and/or gravel
  - Water line staked so water had to be turned off – hand watering only
  - Monday is the only workday at garden – there were not enough volunteers to support Saturday workdays

Old Business:

- **Annual Picnic Final Prep** – 8/25 12p – 3p; potluck and white elephant – announcement made in Grapevine and Sonia to send email

New Business:

- **Nominating Committee selection in September** – presented at Chapter meeting
- **Field trips** – Sandy to discuss with Sonia at later date
- **Possible speakers for 2020 Graduation** – give suggestions to Chip
- **Email Kathy suggestions for 2020 chapter meeting speakers**
- **Mention was made that MGs in Vernonia to draft a proposal for garden grant** – may be forwarded to Chuck

Meeting adjourned at 1133pm

~ Brooke McClain, Secretary

Garlic contains 17 amino acids.