Wishing everyone a Special Holiday Season.

I am very thankful for all the new friends I’ve made through the Master Gardener Program and the support I’ve received as the new president this year. I couldn’t have done it without the old board members lending their experience and the new members with ideas on ways to move forward and stay connected to the community where we live.

Especially a thank you to Scott Thiemann. Thank you, Scott, for your support, endless encouragement and enthusiasm for this program. Keeping all of us working together and getting our volunteer hours in, must be a challenge with all the different projects going on. Thank you.

With the gardening season winding down, I’m finding time to prepare for next year, trying to decide what to plant and not plant, adding key dates in my calendar and thinking about what all we as an association have accomplished this year.

In reflection of 2019, we were successful in getting the word out to the Curry County communities on what we do and provide as part of the Master Gardener program. Part of which are the booths at the Fair, Earth Day, Fred Meyers and the Plant Clinic as a few sites. Educational programs for adults and kids through Riley Creek elementary school, ABC Preschool, Seed to Supper, and many classes at the libraries in both Brookings and Gold Beach were well attended. The annual plant sale and the Brookings Holiday Bazaar were both successful fundraisers.

SAVE THESE DATES:

• December 7th Party in Gold Beach.
• January 10th is the 1st day of the new trainee class. Plan on being there to welcome them.
• Saturday, May 9th is our ANNUAL PLANT SALE! Our biggest fundraiser of 2020.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in 2020!

~ Lori Phelan
Master Gardener President
**ANNUAL PLANT SALE COORDINATOR POSITION ($)**

**VACANCY**

Deb Carroll & I (Carol Hobbs) will not be directing the CCMG Annual Plant Sale in 2020. We will continue to do the plant propagation for both succulents and perennials. (Terry Olin has decided to not propagate succulents this coming year to give her mother plants a well-deserved break.)

The following are some of the tasks I have done in preparation for the Plant Sale along with approximate hours needed to complete the task. Time needed will vary depending on volume of plants propagated.

**ORDER MATERIALS FOR PLANT IDENTIFICATION.** Up until now we have used:

- Sticks: # SH5X06/WH 2000 sticks per roll cost $88 at B&B. (I order in December)
- Labels: Planet Label LT25- 80/1WV 50 sheets Estimated Cost $50 Labels need to be water resistant vinyl with permanent adhesive. Laser printer is also a must to make print weather-proof.

**COLLECT BOXES (TRAYS) FOR PLANT SALE.** Bars and grocery stores generally are a great source. I have collected in past years at Turkey’s (on north bank). He saves them for me and I just have to pick up weekly. Approximately 400 boxes needed. I start collecting in December (20-21 weeks) 10 hours.

- Mary Jacobs has agreed to collect boxes.

**CREATE A LIST OF PERENNIALS.** Create the list as the cuttings are made. Common name and scientific name are tracked. Minimally genus is needed. Plants are not counted until they are potted. Count also notes if the pot is large or small. This year I counted all plants a month prior to the Sale. 6 - 8 hours List creation time will vary but needs to start in March and will take approximately 20-40 hours.

- Mary Jacobs has agreed to type labels.

**TYPE LABELS AND AFFIX TO STICKS.** Each plant is marked with a label that has common name, scientific name (genus species) and planting information such as sun, shade, soil needs. A label has space for 3 rows of typing – so whatever fits. If possible, information such as deer resistant, bees, butterflies, hummingbird attracting. I research on internet as I make the labels. Vegetable labels are also needed as Mary requests. This task is done in April. Plants are marked at least two weeks prior to the sale. 80 hours

**CREATE A PHOTO LIST.** Each plant / group of plants has a 5-1/2 X 8-1/2 card with a photo of the plant, Common Name, Genus species and description of the plant. Size, flower color, evergreen or deciduous, soil and light needs, water needs. Deer resistance, pollinators, and any other information that might be helpful to the shopper. New signs for all of the plants were made this year, so in 2020 only new additional plants will need signs made for them. This is done in April. Approximate time 8 –10 hours.

**WEEDING NEEDS TO BE DONE PERIODICALLY IN MARCH AND APRIL –** definitely 1-2 weeks prior to the Sale. 2 people can weed plants in the courtyard in about 5 hours.

**WATERING PLANTS.** Generally starting mid-March - April when sun starts to heat up the greenhouse and courtyard the plants need to be watered three times a week. Tuesday’s propagation group will water. Thursday and Saturday or Sunday someone needs to water. It takes approx. 2 hours to water each time.

**WEEK PRIOR TO THE SALE ALL PERENNIALS ARE SELECTED THAT WILL GO INTO THE CAFETERIA INITIALLY.** They are lined up by genus alphabetically. Each tray is numbered. (There are skews numbered 1-100). Check to make sure all numbers are accounted for. Make additional skews 101 – 120 – we ran short last year. This makes placement on the tables quick and easy. An afternoon 4-5 people.

**AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL, SUCCULENTS ARE BROUGHT INTO THE HIGH SCHOOL GREENHOUSE AND SORTED BY TYPE OF SUCCULENT.** These plants will be used in the planters and eventually sorted into trays to be sold as individual pots. An afternoon for 4-5 people.

**WEEK PRIOR TO THE SALE SUCCULENTS ARE ASSORTED INTO TRAYS.** This year there were 38 trays of 2”, 3”, and 4” pots. This give you enough for setup and most of the fill-in stock needed during the Sale. About 8 trays of gallon-size pots were placed under the tables. Additional stock as needed. Tray prep 10 hours.

**FRIDAY BEFORE THE SALE, PLANTS GET THEIR PHOTO INFORMATIONAL CARD.** Plants are then taken into the cafeteria. The first table is for herbs and edibles (strawberries and raspberries). The last three tables are for succulents and succulent planters. All other tables are perennials. Each tray needs to be checked that the label is facing forward, and the sign is placed at the back of the tray. Gallons should go on the floor in small pots are also available.

**WRITE MONTHLY BRAMBLES ARTICLE.** One-half hour each month approx. the 20th

**DEB HAD ALL THE MARKETING RESPONSIBILITIES:** Newspaper articles, flyer distribution, radio contacts to get the event advertised and also to set up a time for one on one interviews with local radio.

**DEB ALSO COORDINATED ALL THE VOLUNTEER JOBS FOR THE SALE:** Emailing everyone and then assigning jobs tasks to ensure we had a balance of people to cover all the jobs. She put together bags for each person with a job description and apron.
RILEY CREEK GARDEN ~ Ali Mroram

amramor@ccsd.k12.or.us

Please get in touch with Ali via email, text or phone call if you'd like to help out: amramor@ccsd.k12.or.us tele. 310-409-3496.

Fall is definitely here and things have been winding down in the garden. The 7th and 8th graders came out and helped put the beds to rest for the season along with planting some fava beans and garlic.

The garden has also applied for the Oregon Department of Education Farm to School Competitive Education Grant to secure funding to continue garden-based educational programming as well as the School Garden Coordinator position. Decisions will be announced December 13 and funds will be available shortly thereafter. If awarded, this funding will cover the remainder of this school year as well as the 2020-2021 school year.

We have two new educational signs that will be hung soon at the compost and worm composting bins. These are thanks to the Karl Carlson grant that CCMGA was awarded to help fund scientifically-based educational signs for the garden. Stop by to see how great they look!

Hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!

DIG YOUR LIBRARY ~ Julia Bott

Chetco Community Public Library Annex
402 Alder Street, Brookings
Contact Julia Bott jbott@batnet.com or telephone 650.520.5673

Look for spring activities with Julia.

DIG INTO HUNDREDS OF PUBLICATIONS FROM OSU EXTENSION ONLINE CATALOG

By Kym Pokorny, Source: Jim Sloan -- CORVALLIS, Ore. -- The gardening season is over and chances are you had some failures. That's okay. Every gardener does.

To help turn your failures into successes -- and learn much more -- turn to Oregon State University Extension Service's online catalog where you'll find almost 200 garden-related guides. One of the most popular is Growing Your Own, a publication filled with basic gardening information. The catalog also features approximately 700 additional publications on topics such as food preservation and safety, heating your home, aging, health, emergency preparedness and living sustainably. Some are in Spanish.

“The intuitive, mobile-friendly catalog website helps make OSU Extension’s research-based information available in the way the public expects: anytime, anywhere on the device of their choice,” said Jim Sloan, publishing leader of OSU's Extension and Experiment Station Communications department, which manages the catalog.

The catalog homepage features recent releases and the most popular items for the week according to hits received. To find the peer-reviewed publications, you can search or browse by topic. The page for each publication shows a description, authors and links to related resources. Most catalog publications are free to view or download. Some are available in multiple formats.

For example, Backyard Chicken Coop Design is available as a downloadable PDF and eBook. It's also available as a podcast as part of OSU Extension's Living on the Land series. All of the podcasts from the series can be listened to for free on iTunesU.

You can also share on social media.

Some publications and field guides, such as the popular Shrubs to Know in Pacific Northwest Forests and Trees to Know in Oregon, are available to purchase.

The following are among the most downloaded garden publications.

- How to Reduce Bee Poisoning from Pesticides
- Growing Blueberries in Your Home Garden
- Growing Tree Fruits and Nuts in the Home Orchard
- Training and Pruning Your Home Orchard
- Growing Table Grapes
- Managing Diseases and Insects in Home Orchards
- Propagating Plants From Seed.
CCMGA – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2019
Meeting Called to Order 10:04 AM at the OSU Extension classroom
Attending: Lori Phelan, Jeffrie Hall, Marna Williams, Ruth Patton, Ali Mramor, Scott Thiemann, Mary Jacobs, Debbie Richter, John Albi, Debbie Carroll, Carol Hobbs, Tim Lyons, Bryan Grammon

Minutes from October 15, 2019 no changes, approved by Ruth P 2nd by Marna W.

TREASURER’S REPORT:
Ruth P. had corrected statements for September. Two uncleared checks were not reported in the expense category. The church from which Riley Creek gets its electricity has been issued a check for $200. She went over the October’s finances. She would like any reimbursements for this year to be submitted soon. John A. asked about the amount of $75 for plant sale income. The amounts on the monthly statements do not show accumulated totals. Ruth P. said Quicken is limited with its reports & she is limited in her accounting knowledge. She has applied to techsoup.org, for a non-profit organization license to purchase & use QuickBooks & is waiting for approval. She listed the OSU office address for location, a P.O. Box can’t be used. The advantages of the online version were discussed, it was stated that would be the best option.

Lori P. said it was time to approve the 2020 budget. Ruth P. asked if anybody needed to go over it. Decided to approve it as is. Revisions can be done next year if needed. Mary J. made motion to approve, seconded by Bryan G.

BUSINESS ITEMS:
Officers for 2020:
Voted in Lori Phelan, President (2nd year), Julia Bott, Vice President (1st year), Ruth Patton, Treasurer (2nd year), Jeffrie Hall, Secretary/State Rep (2nd year)
Debbie Richter has agreed to take on membership, not a board position but very important.

OMGA Quarter 4 Meeting in Tillamook:
From Jeffrie H.– received & read a nice Thank You note to CCMGA from Sue Nesbitt for the $75 contribution to OMGA in lieu of items for the silent auction at the 4th quarter meeting. The auction was a success & the money goes back to the chapters for grants & awards.

At the “Leadership Forum” now renamed “Educational Forum” there was a presentation about advice & information for grant writing. A presentation on Marion County’s large Junior MG Program & an adaptive garden named “Everybody’s Garden” developed at the demonstration garden in Salem. Mini College is back for 2020 & will be held at OSU July 24 & 25.

Gail Langellotto, Ph.D., Statewide Program Coordinator reported that OSU administration has not shown enthusiastic support for the MG program. There are a number of extension vacancies around the state. Lastly, ECCo the program that will be eventually used at plant clinics, was given a $3,000 donation for its support by OMGA and, in turn, a $100 donation is to be made next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Riley Creek: Ali M. has applied for a grant (20 hours to write) from Oregon’s Farm to School Grant Program & will hear if accepted Dec 15. It will provide money till June 2021 but because of grant restrictions it won’t pay her salary. Money from this program “…is to increase the amount of Oregon food products purchased by Oregon school districts and educate students about Oregon foods. “ Any help to make her position more sustainable would be appreciated. She will work with All Care & Advantage Health.

It was noted that Riley Creek Garden is a food producer for the school, perhaps the program could pay Ali for the food grown there.

Two attractive signs about composting & vermiculture have been purchased with her Karl Carlson Grant. There is $50 left & will go to a larger sign that is needed outside the garden. She would like to list donors & supporters of the garden on the sign. But there needs to be a way to add new names. Marna W. suggested a signpost, names could be added as the list grows.

She needs a cordless drill for the garden & asked if anyone had one to spare. Bryan G. said he had one he could give her.

Bryan G. asked about the progress of the hoop house concrete floor. She said there was a delay in getting the concrete pumper there. There is a long line of people who need concrete work. He suggested a person who did his driveway. They could bring a small mixer & just use wheelbarrows to bring & pour the concrete. They will be contacted.

Dig Your Library: Julia Bott sent an email report. Because the library may have other plans for the area that she wanted to use to expand the program she will scale down some of her plans. She also is helping to promote the Chetco Seed Library started by Lynette McPherson in order to preserve heirloom seeds & maintain crop diversity.

ABC Preschool: Lori P. stated that Barb Cary will be moving to Washington State, but Ruth P. & Sherry Baun are willing to co-lead the program.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT’S REPORT:
Scott Thiemann – Passed around a Thank You card from the Brookings Harbor Garden Club thanking him for speaking. More than 3000 volunteer hours have been submitted with more continual educational hours completed than past years. He mentioned the usefulness of the webinars for continuing education. The last one was about phenology, “the timing of seasonal events of plants and animals”. Data gathered by volunteers is being used to learn how climate change is impacting plants’ changing growth habits. There are 11 students officially signed up for the 2020 class & Scott has extended the cut off date for signups because other people have shown interest. The schedule will be changing this year, volunteer opportunities will be emphasized at the first class instead of the last class. Mentors will be needed. There was a discussion on best time to introduce mentors to “mentees” & how to best match up people with similar interests. Scott will be leaving for vacation & Lori P. volunteered to take phone calls in the office if needed.

OTHER ASSOCIATION PROJECTS/WORKSHOPS/CLASSES:

Holiday Bazaar: Carol H. – Was a great success & nearly all the inventory was sold. A lot of positive feedback was received from the public. Also, she was approached by a couple of people about providing more containers to sell at other locations. She said we need more & better contact information for the MG program. The “big” plant sale that will be held May 9th next year was promoted.

Late Summer/Fall Classes at Riley Creek: The classes were pretty successful for being held the first time. Ali’s worm bin class was well attended & it was good to have Debbie R. there as a “helper”. The second part of the hypertufa class was not so well attended.

Holiday Party: Bryan G. – he was trying to find out if the party could be held at the Chowder House, but owner never got back to him. He was able to reserve Gold Beach Brewing Company for the MGs Dec 7th from 3 PM to 6 PM. There was a discussion about how to order food: preorder, off the menu, or a combination. This restaurant has had some issues with food & service so other possible locations were discussed but it at this late date there are few options. Marna W. suggested the Gold Beach Community Center. She also suggested we have some sort of dessert or “goodie bags”. The price for the gift swap will be limited to $10 & the swap will probably happen after appetizer pizzas & before ordering off the menu.

Boxes at the Bookstore:
Marna W. – Thanked Mary J. for planting the boxes. The plants are doing fine & maintenance is easy. She said that she will be getting a waterproof box that we will be able to put flyers for events in. Also, the MGs can have a table inside the store to set out information.

Meeting adjourned 11:48 AM
Submitted by Jeffrie Hall
**DECEMBER GARDENING TIPS**

**Maintenance and cleanup**
- Western Oregon: Do not walk on lawns until frost has melted.
- Spread wood ashes evenly on your vegetable garden. Use no more than 1.5 pounds per 100 square feet per year. Don't use if the soil pH is greater than 7.0 or if potassium levels are excessive.
- Protect new landscape plants from wind. Use stakes, guy wires or windbreaks as needed.
- Yard sanitation: rake leaves, cut and remove withered stalks of perennial flowers, mulch flowerbeds, and hoe or pull winter weeds.
- Turn the compost pile and protect from heavy rains, if necessary.
- During heavy rains, watch for drainage problems in the yard.
- Tilling, ditching, and French drains are possible short-term solutions. Consider rain gardens and bioswales as a longer-term solution.
- Check stored flower bulbs, fresh vegetables, and fruits for rot and fungus problems. Discard any showing signs of rot.
- Tie limbs of columnar evergreens to prevent snow or ice breakage.
- Western Oregon: Make sure that landscape plants in protected sites receive water regularly during the winter.
- Planting and propagation
- Western Oregon: This is a good time to plant trees and landscape shrubs.

**Pest monitoring and management**
- Monitor landscape plants for problems. Don’t treat unless a problem is identified.
- Check for rodent damage around bases of trees and large shrubs. Remove weeds to prevent rodents from using them as hiding places. Use traps and approved baits as necessary.
- Avoid mounding mulching materials around the bases of trees and shrubs. The mulch might provide cover for rodents.
- Monitor spruce trees for spruce aphids. Treat if present in large numbers. Read and follow pesticide label directions.

**Indoor gardening**
- Protect poinsettias from cold. Place them in sunlight; don’t let the leaves touch cold windows. Fertilize with houseplant fertilizer to maintain leaf color.
- Monitor houseplants for adequate water and fertilizer. Water and fertilizer requirements generally are less in winter.

**SNIP SOME STEMS AND HAVE NEW PLANTS IN SPRING**

By Kym Pokorny, Source: Neil Bell—CORVALLIS, Ore. – Snipping some cuttings from the garden this time of year will produce your own private nursery of plants by spring.

"I do lots of them (cuttings) at home," he said. "I don't use a greenhouse or even bottom heat. What that means is that the average gardener can propagate their own plants with nothing more than a tray, a decent medium, a bit of rooting hormone and a place to keep them out of the way."

Greenhouses are advantageous, but not necessary. Using bottom heat can help as well if you’ve got room in the house to set up a system. But Bell keeps his trays of cuttings outside in a sheltered area and has reasonable success.

Not all cuttings will “take” and produce roots, he said, but enough will to make it worth the attempt. Up to 100 to 125 cuttings can fit in one tray so, if you’ve never propagated by cuttings, try one or two trays and you’re bound to get some plants out of your efforts.

“There’s no need to complicate it," he said. “Even if you end up with 10 percent rooting, you’ve succeeded and most of the time you can do far better.”

This list of possible plants to propagate from hardwood cuttings in November is long, but some common ones include rosemary, rhododendron, hydrangeas, flowering currant (Ribes), Oregon grape (Mahonia aquifolium), mock orange (Philadelphus), redtwig dogwood (Cornus sericea), rock rose (Cistus), manzanita (Arctostaphylos), Hebe, Cotoneaster, barberry (Berberis) and Pyracantha. If you grow half-hardy shrubs like salvia, cuttings taken now are great assurance against winter injury.

Bell’s recommendations for taking hardwood cuttings:
- You’ll need: clean small clippers (the sharper the better), clean 3- to 4-inch deep tray, rooting hormone, tight-fitting gloves to protect hands against prickles and hormone, and a soilless mixture of 80 percent perlite and 20 percent peat moss. If you’ve used the tray before, wash with soap and water or a mild bleach solution and let it dry thoroughly.
- Start with a healthy plant. Those stressed by disease, pests or drought will have a high failure rate.
- Fill tray with perlite-peat moss mixture.
- The easiest cuttings to take are shoot tips from strong-growing twigs. Cut the twig about 3 to 4 inches long, which will leave a cutting with at least a couple of nodes (where the leaves and buds attach to the stem). With deciduous cuttings, make sure to keep track of the top and bottom of the cutting; buds on the shoot always point to the tip. If you can’t tell which side is up, cut the tip at an angle and the bottom straight.
- Bundle them up and take them to your workstation. Remove bottom foliage from the cutting, leaving two leaves or leaf buds at the top. If they have berries or fruit, remove those, too. Be careful not to tear the bark. If the plant is evergreen and has large leaves like a rhododendron, cut off half of each leaf.
- Snip off a bit from the bottom of the stem to refresh the cut. Dip the bottom end of the stem in rooting hormone and stick in the tray one-half to 1 inch apart. Press “soil” around the cutting.
- Apply water so that the mixture is thoroughly moist but not sopping wet.
- Place in a sheltered spot where the cuttings get the most shelter you can provide.
- If it doesn’t rain or the cuttings are under an eave, keep them watered.
- When the forecast predicts freezing weather, bring the trays inside. Put them out as soon as the temperature comes back above 32 degrees.
- Don’t worry if leaves start to fall off; it’s natural. But clean them out of the tray to keep them from rotting and causing disease.
- In late March or early April, tug on a couple of the cuttings. If they don’t budge, they’ve rooted. If so, transplant them into a 4- or 6-inch pot, depending on the size of cutting. If more roots have grown than will fit in the pot, don’t be afraid to trim them.
LIGHT EXPOSURE KEY FOR GROWING HOUSEPLANTS

By Kym Pokorny, Source: Heather Stoven--CORVALLIS, Ore. -- Gardeners hear it often enough: right plant, right place.

It's a fundamental rule of gardening, said Heather Stoven, a horticulturist with Oregon State University Extension Service, and one that applies to houseplants just as much as outdoor ones.

"Make sure you buy for location," she said. "That will help solve many problems that can come down the road."

Plants can go downhill in a hurry when placed in unsuitable sites. Environmental stress sets a plant up for aggravation from pests and diseases. Distress will show up in burned or yellowed foliage and dropped leaves, and often death. Keep plants healthy with appropriate light exposure, watering schedule and temperature, and insects and pathogens are less likely to attack.

Figuring out what is what when it comes to lighting can give a person fits. Usually, you can rely on directional clues. A window facing south receives the most intense sun, west and east exposures rank in the middle and a north-facing window is considered low light.

Be cautious not to put plants too close to or touching a window, where temperature variations and cold drafts can damage leaves. Heating vents and fireplaces should be avoided, too.

In winter, Stoven recommends plants be watered lightly only when the potting mix is dry. Check by sticking your finger into the soil up to the second knuckle. Or pick the pot up; if it's light, the plant needs water. Be sure to use containers with drain holes in the bottom, otherwise water will settle at the bottom and cause root rot. Over-watering kills more plants than under-watering, she noted.

"There's very little to do once a plant gets root rot," Stoven said. "Unless it's a well-beloved plant, it could be better to put up the white flag."

Plants can do without fertilizer from November through March when the plant isn't actively growing, she said. In other times of the year, feed in moderation with a slow-release fertilizer in granules, tablets or stakes, which will last two or three months, or a liquid version every other week or according to directions.

If you notice burning on the tips of leaves or a white crust on top of the potting soil, you're most likely fertilizing too much.

Indoor plants can get pests and diseases just like any other plant, Stoven said. The dreaded three are aphids, mealy bugs and mites. Aphids are most familiar with their tiny, light green bodies. They usually congregate on the undersides of leaves. Mealy bugs are distinguished by the white wax covering their body and egg sacs that give them a cottony appearance. Mites, of course, will be quite small and are often hard to see with the naked eye, but speckles left from their feeding can give the plant a bronzed or yellowed look. In the worst-case scenario, you'll see webbing on leaves.

If pests invade, snipping off infested stems and leaves can help control the spread of insects. Then wash plants off with a spray of water. Be sure to spray undersides of leaves as well. Stoven doesn't recommend using most chemicals for indoor plants, but said horticultural oils or soaps are a good option if you follow the directions. You can also target pests directly with a wipe of alcohol on a cotton swab and then rinse with water.

But prevention is always the soundest policy.

"The best thing to do to manage any pest," she said, "is not to bring them into your home in the first place. Check plants carefully when you buy them. And, if you take them outside during the growing season, when you bring them back in, check again."

Stoven suggests these houseplants for use in different lighting situations:

- Low light: pothos,* snake plant, lucky bamboo
- Low to medium light: peace lily,* dracaena*
- Medium light: weeping fig or ficus, African violet, Boston fern, dumb cane*
- Bright, indirect light: anthurium,* spider plant, palm, peperomia
- Bright light: schefflera, rubber tree, succulents, cacti

"If you have kids or pets, pass on these poisonous plants or keep out of reach.

HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT’S GOING ON

Contact Lori Phelan, find us on Facebook: Curry County Master Gardeners-OSU Extension

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Emailed to active members and on www: http://extension.oregonstate.edu.curry
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OSU Extension (Gold Beach)
2930 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, meeting room (No Meetings in August or December)

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Contact Carol Hobbs, 541-251-2422 Mailhobbs@yahoo.com

*Annual Plant Sale Project" spoken here

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