All about learning, and helping others garden, too

~ Scott Thiemann

Well, it appears that we are well into growing season now. Everything seems to have literally exploded in growth of late, and I think most of us were ready for it…the size of lettuces over each week in the community gardens at Living Waters Church tell the story. I wish that I had a week-by-week photobook to share, but I have to say that even I was surprised at how big they have grown! The intent of where these end up is on the plates and in stomachs of those participating in this year’s Seed to Supper Success.

I want to especially thank Deborah Lando and team to bringing this program to fruition—or is it vegetation (Yes, you may have heard it here first, but I imagine that is probably not an original term.)? Regardless, it is so satisfying to see such outreach to community and the folks who have responded. 16 adults each (as well as 11 kids in Brookings) in both Curry and Del Norte are benefitting! Each week, we hope to shed some basic light on gardening topics for the next 6 weeks there and help others succeed in patches or containers of their own—which may even end up being right there where they are learning.

We have begun our summer MG Speakers Series at Chetco Public Library where we will be presenting 1.5 hour classes on all aspects of gardening in our “Gardening, Home, and Health” presentations on second Saturdays from 10:30-noon through October. Those classes and titles follow:

**July 13** Rebekah Wilson: Raising Chickens and Goats and Even More

**August 10** Barre and Deborah Lando: Landscaping with Native Plants to Provide Pollinator Habitat

**Sept 14** Sherry Baum: Eating for health—The Whole Food Plant Base Diet.

**Oct 12** Ken Dobberpuhl: Urban Permaculture/creating an edible landscape at home

Deborah and Barre Lando presented “Easy to grow Garden Herbs for Culinary Use and Health Benefits” for the first class on June 8. Please remember, especially if you need education hours, that the above all count toward those.

Also, Julia Bott and team just finished 6 classes on their “Digging In” series for kids there. Congrats and thanks for your dedication! The garden is to be used for learning and informal eating for the rest of the summer.

You also now have the opportunity to present on a gardening topic in Gold Beach at Riley Creek soon. Marna Williams and Ali Mramor are helping put together a string of classes—such as vermiculture—for the community at the Riley Creek School Garden. Please call and plan on helping out with a topic of interest and on which you may feel passionate. The gardens truly are your oyster there, and it is again a great way to support the major part of our mission in helping others be successful in fruiting and vegetating—there, I’ve done it again!

Anyhow, Marna has some ideas as well, so please give her a call at 541-698-7709 or email her at houndogmarna@me.com and help others grow on as well.
ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Carol Hobbs, 541-251-2422, Mailhobbs@yahoo.com
Questions? Give me a call or text

Thank you to everyone (especially Ali, Pam, Deb, Ruth & Jeff) who has helped get all the plants transplanted into gallon containers and back in the courtyard. The plants will continue to be watered, weeded and running over the upcoming year.

We have also started propagating succulents. We have cuttings that are set to root and many leaves that will grow new baby plants. These are the plants we use for planters, to sell individual plants and also to supply the elementary school Mother’s Day projects.

Propagation of perennials will start at the end of July. If you are interested in helping out and learning how we make cuttings and start plants, this is the time to get involved. Please get in touch with me if you are interested. If you have interesting plants in your garden that you have not seen at the plant sale, and would like us to take cuttings, please let me know. We are always looking for new and different plants to propagate.

We are still in need of people interested in helping run the plant sale. I will continue to do the propagation and plant identification, but CCMG needs to have more people involved to run the sale. I will help out in anyway, but someone else (single person or multiple) needs to know how this sale is run. It is not healthy for our organization to not have more people involved in running our major fund raiser.

Please see the attached list of tasks. A few people have stepped up, so the list is a bit shorter. If you have questions, please feel free to contact myself or Deb Carroll.

Thank you!

RILEY CREEK GARDEN ~Ali Mramor
amramor@ccsd.k12.or.us

We had a great time at the Strawberry Festival and had amazing volunteers helping to pull it off. New faces were introduced to the garden and whole families enjoyed spending time with us.

The garden is in full gear and looking great! Thanks to our stellar volunteers, we now have a new bed along the south fence that has been planted with pollinator plants. We’re expecting it to be beautiful once in bloom.

The Summer Lunch Program has begun and we have already brought over 7 pounds of snow peas and 5 pounds of lettuce for free meals served to our youth.

The Summer Garden Program has also started and we will be hosting the 4H Cloverbuds along with drop-in kids and families who will get to participate in garden-based activities as well as harvest produce to take home.

Now’s the time to come see the garden if you haven’t been in a while. Things are really popping. Stop by, snack on some raspberries and see what else we have growing.

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

HOW TO FIND OUT WHAT’S GOING ON

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

THE BRAMBLES NEWSLETTER

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BOARD MEETINGS are monthly 3rd Tuesday from 10 am to noon

OSU Extension (Gold Beach)
2930 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach, meeting room
(NO Meetings in August or December)

Visit these sites to volunteer:

GOLD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL GREENHOUSE
29316 Ellensburg (at the read of school)
Contact Carol Hobbs, 541-251-2422 Mailhobbs@yahoo.com
*Annual Plant Sale Project* spoken here

RILEY CREEK GARDEN
94350 6th Street, Gold Beach
Contact Ali Mramor amramor@ccsd.k12.or.us

ABC PRESCHOOL
543 Hemlock St, Brookings
Contact Barb Carey barbcary15696@gmail.com

SHOP AND GIVE BACK TO CCMGA!

CCMGA has completed two “REWARD” program applications! This is your chance to give to our non-profit organization through your daily purchases.

The 1st rewards program is smile.amazon.com. If you have an Amazon account and purchase products from Amazon, connecting your account to Smiley.amazon is easy. Go to smile.amazon.com and log in to your account. You will be asked which charity/non-profit you would like to support. You will find MANY Master Gardener Associations, so PLEASE select Master Gardener Association, Gold Beach, Oregon. It is on page three or four of their list of Master Gardener Assn. Then make your purchases...it is that simple. Amazon smile will donate .05% of your qualified purchase to CCMGA by direct deposit.

The 2nd rewards program is with Fred Meyer. Using this reward program is as easy as linking your Fred Meyer Rewards card with Curry County Master Gardener Assn., Gold Beach, OR. Set up a new account or sign into your existing account at fredmeyer.com, click on the ‘Fred Meyer Community Rewards’ link at the bottom of the page, type in ‘Curry County Master Gardener Assn.’ or the number ‘85441’, choose our organization, and click on ‘Enroll.’

Information about both the programs is available online at each business; check it out!
CCMGA – GENERAL MEETING MINUTES-June 18, 2019

Meeting Called to Order 10:02 AM at the OSU Extension classroom

Attending: Mama Williams, Bryan Grummon, Jeffrie Hall, Ruth Patton, Julia Bott, Jeff Richter, Bonnie, Debbie Richter, Mary Jacobs, Pam Leslie, Lana Larsen, Carol Hobbs, Ali Van Otterloo, Scott Thiemann, Ali Mramor

Motion to approve minutes from May 21, 2019, with the mention from Marna W. that $100 was approved to buy a 4-H Horse Memorial Planter (has been paid for) by Bryan G. seconded by Mary J.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Financial statement, budget, & an “Itemized Categories” list passed around that showed the income & expenses for May. Plant sale money still coming in. Ruth needs to transfer $3000.00 to the greenhouse fund, & approx. 3% of plant sale proceeds will go to the HS as a donation for letting the MGs use their facility. Mary J. made motion to approve report & Bryan G. seconded.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Update Bylaws: Update of bylaws will be delayed until August.

Plant Clinic Website: Scott T. reported that our plant clinics are going well, & Bryan G.s new sign is a plus. Ali Van O. has been adding to & improving the OSU Curry MG web site. Marna W. wanted to know about the Electronic Client Contact website under development that will replace paper intake forms. Scott had forwarded an email from Amy Jo Detweiler detailing updates & costs for the site. It will be ready for beta testing in a month or so. OSU is requesting money from the county chapters to defray costs. It was decided to wait for a while to see how the site will work for us before deciding how much to contribute.

UPDATE CALENDAR:

Ali Van O. – A new webinar is coming up on Friday June 28, “Let’s Talk Invasive Insects with the Oregon Department of Agriculture”. Also links for previous webinars appear there.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT’S REPORT:

Scott Thiemann – Needs more veterans to sign up for plant clinics after mid-July. Also needs MGs to help support Marna, Superintendent of the Floral Exhibit for the County Fair. Scott proposed a “two plant challenge”. We should all try & bring in either ornamental plants, flowers, arrangements, or produce for the Land Products Exhibit. Marna mentioned that the Floral & Land Products Building is brighter & better organized.

Scott T. & Ali M. attended the “Farm to School” meeting in Port Orford May 24. It was put on by Cathy Boden, Foodshed Program Coordinator for Gold Beach & Port Orford elementary schools & Megan Kemple of Oregon Farm to School & School Garden Network, that supports using locally sourced food in local schools with state money. Information was shared that Oregon Farm to School & School Garden Network for Gold

Main Street bar-b-cue, put on by Gold Beach Main Street will be at the Curry Public Library 5PM on Friday, June 21. Scott will be there to help kids plant up flowers in pots and would love to have another hand or two to assist.

Help is needed to staff the info table at Chets or Fred Meyers, 3rd Saturdays during spring & summer. The permaculture class is September 14 at the Landos on the Smith River. The cost will be $50 for the general public & $25 dollars for MGs. The cost is to help pay for the expenses of Andrew Millison of OSU, permaculture instructor.

Lobster Creek Camp on July 11, 9AM to 12PM needs two volunteers to help with plant ID class.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Plant Sale: Carol H. – All plants have been repotted into gallons & succulents are being propagated. Perennial propagation will start at the end of July. Marna suggested making cloches to protect some of the more delicate plants in the courtyard during the winter. Debbie R. asked if anybody has stepped up to help Carol with running the plant sale. Some are willing to take over some of her duties, but not the whole endeavor.

Land/Building Fund: A lot of effort by Debbie C. & Carol H. has gone into creating a plan for a future MG greenhouse, all research & planning really depends on locating land. The need for a location needs to be publicized to the community.

Riley Creek: Ali M. – “Strawberry Festival” was not too well attended because the school did not publicize it. The principal has apologized for the oversight. Photos of event need to be approved by school to go on Facebook.

The summer lunch program has started, “Summer Garden Days”, Monday & Thursday from 9:30AM to 12:30PM. Students, families, & volunteers are encouraged to help in garden & pick produce to take home. There are planned activities every week. Garden produce will be served in the school for the summer lunch program & excess harvest donated to the Food Bank. Ali M. is also working with the 4-H Clover Buds at the garden. Many snow peas have been harvested & 72 pounds of lettuce has been harvested & used in the cafeteria. All needs help to post flyers around town to promote the summer program.

Marna W. asked about the feasibility of adding summer classes for adults at Riley Creek Garden. Ali M. stated that the best time would be after the summer program. She is willing to teach a worm composting class & would like others to teach different classes. Possibility of holding 6 classes from maybe August to mid-October. Possibly a hypertufa & driftwood planter class, a succulent class, & a winter gardening class. The Principal is supportive of holding additional classes.

Ali M. is working on presentation to fund her position through All Care. There was a discussion on other possible sources of money such as the Farm to School program, and/or the Curry Health Foundation.

All M. put in a request for more beet seeds & 7 to 10 more bags of soil for a new raised bed. Mary J. made the motion to buy the soil & Debbie R. seconded it.
MEETING MINUTES-June 18, 2019 (Cont.)

“Dig Your Library”: Julia Bott reported that the spring program is over. There were 6 scheduled classes, but 1 had to be cancelled because of a fallen tree blocking the garden. Due to construction in the garden area there were gopher & deer incursions. There was great volunteer help from new MGs working with a wide age range of thirty something kids. There was a worm composting class taught to a group of 12 homeschooled kids & Viki Mion of the Brookings Oregon Monarch Advocates planted milkweed with the kids. Julia would like to possibly do a fall program with winter squash or pumpkins, though not easy to grow near the coast, or maybe they could plant garlic or fava beans for winter.

MG Speaker Series: The Landos held the first talk at the Chetco Community Library on June 8; they shared gardening instructions for herbs for cooking & health. There will be future talks on goats & chickens, pollinators, plant-based diet, & urban permaculture.

OTHER ASSOCIATION PROJECTS/WORKSHOPS/CLASSES:

Coffee House planter boxes: Marna W., working with the book store manager has decided to place planter boxes, each 2 ft. x 4 ft. on the south side of store. They would be below the windows & the plants can’t obstruct the view. The bookstore will pay for the cost of materials to build the boxes, the soil to fill them & maintain. Signage can promote the plantings & the MG program. Once boxes are made it can be decided what plants to put in them in August.

Garden Tour: A tour before & after the summer garden party was proposed. First stop would be Linda Stokes’s garden, possibly Tu Tu’ Tun Lodge, Wilson greenhouse, & Debbie Richter’s garden.

Save the Dates: Summer party Sunday, August 11 at Marna’s home in Cedar Valley, 12 to 3:00 PM. Bryan Grummon is in charge of setting up the holiday party, December 7.

Meeting adjourned 11:30AM

Submitted by Jeffrie Hall

JULY GARDEN TIPS
Maintenance and Clean Up

- If green lawn is desired, frequent watering is necessary during periods of heat and drought stress. Irrigate 0.25 inches four to six times per week from June through August. Measure your water use by placing an empty tuna can where your irrigation water lands.
- Mound soil up around base of potatoes. Gather and eat a few “new” potatoes from each hill, when plants begin to flower.
- Early morning is the best time to water vegetable and flower gardens to reduce evaporation. Water the soil, rather than leaves to reduce disease. Water deeply and infrequently to encourage root growth.
- Hanging baskets of flowers or vegetable plantings need careful attention to watering and feeding during extended periods of hot weather.
- Weed and fertilize rhubarb and asparagus beds. A mulch of compost or rotted cow manure works well as fertilizer. Water deeply to develop crowns for new year.
- Mulch to conserve soil moisture with paper, plastic, sawdust, etc.
- Stake tall-growing flowering plants such as delphinium, hollyhocks, and lupine. Stake tomatoes, as necessary.
- Make compost of lawn clippings and garden plants that are ready to be recycled. Do not use clippings if lawn has been treated with herbicide, including “weed-and-feed” products. Do not compost diseased plants unless you are using the “hot compost” method (120 degrees to 150 degrees F.).

Planting/Propagation

- Midsummer plantings of beets, bush beans, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, kale, and peas will provide fall and winter crops.
- Dig spring bulbs when tops have died down; divide and store or replant.
- Oregon Coast: First planting of Chinese cabbage, kohlrabi, and rutabagas.

Pest Monitoring and Management

- Control hollyhock rust by sanitation, picking affected leaves, or spraying with a registered fungicide. Read and follow label directions.
- Watch for cutworm damage in garden. In July, climbing cutworms become a problem and large portions of foliage will begin to disappear on established plants. Use barriers, remove by hand, use beneficial nematodes when soil temperature is above 55 degrees Fahrenheit, or spray with Bt-k according to label directions.
- Late July: Begin to monitor for early and late blight on tomatoes.
- Place traps to catch adult apple maggot flies. You can use pheromone traps to monitor presence of pests.
- July 10: Spray fibertree for fibert tree worm, as necessary.
- July 10-15: Spray peach and prune trees for peach tree borer, and peach twig borer, as necessary.
- July 17-23: Third spray for codling moth in apple and pear trees, as necessary.
- Cover blueberry bushes with netting to keep birds from eating the entire crop.
- Watch for early and late blight on tomatoes. Correct by pruning for air circulation, picking off affected leaves, and/or treat with approved fungicide.
- Monitor camellias, holly, and maple trees for scale insects. Treat if necessary.
- Monitor rhododendrons for adult root weevils. Look for fresh infested areas with water or spray with appropriate pesticides.
- Spider mites can become a problem on ornamental plants, vegetables, and fruit plants during hot, dry weather. Watch for dusty-looking foliage, loss of color, and presence of tiny mites. Wash infested areas with water or spray with appropriate pesticides.
- East of the Cascades: If necessary, spray for corn earworm as silking begins. Protect bees from spray.
- Continue monitoring raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, cherry and other plants that produce soft fruits and berries for Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD). If SWD are present, use an integrated and least toxic approach to manage the pests. Learn how to monitor for SWD flies and larval infestations in fruit.
- Check leafy vegetables for caterpillars. Pick off caterpillars as they appear. Use Bt-k, if necessary.
- Remove cankered limbs from fruit and nut trees for control of diseases such as apple anthracnose and bacterial canker of stone fruit. Sterilize tools before each new cut.
Debianne and Debbie

The snail races

Scott and Pam

We had a great time at the Strawberry Festival and had amazing volunteers helping to pull it off.
Have you seen the Curry County Master Gardeners website?
Extension.oregonstate.edu/curry/mg
The Brambles is usually posted there by the second of the month.

The last Monday of the month is the cut-off date for submitting articles for the Brambles. Email them to Cathe Barter
umpqua.bart@gmail.com

This is your newsletter, if you have something to share please send it in. We will make every effort to include it.

Thanks to all of you who generously contributed to this edition of the Brambles. All submissions are gladly considered.

July 2019 – The Brambles

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