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http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia/master-gardener-volunteer-program
OMGA Newsletter: https://omga.org/newsletter/

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@ColCoMasterGardeners@gmail.com by the 25th of every month.

The President’s Corner

It appears Spring has sprung or is trying to. After our freeze I expected it to come about somewhat slowly but it has burst forth with gusto. With Spring comes the Spring Fair and our tomato plant sale. It has been a long two years and we are trying to get it back on board. We have been at the St Helens High School for a very long time but with their renovations it was not available this year and maybe next year as well. Katherine Johnson has been able to negotiate the use of the Pavilion at the Fair Grounds so that is where we will be holding it this year. The Fair Grounds already has tables on site so there will be no transport required this year and all of the tables are on carts so it should be relatively easy to setup. The sale will be held on April 30th with setup on April 29th starting at noon.

As in years past we will have a raffle but unlike years past we do not have any in person meetings to distribute raffle tickets to Master Gardeners to sell. So, this year if you can sell tickets, please contact Peggy Crisp at 503-366-4002 or her cell number at 503-708-9038 or email at pegcrisp@gmail.com. Peggy is in charge of the raffle and if you can help out, please contact her.

The Demo Garden is going to be opening up for work parties (ever wonder who came up with “work party” as a phrase?) on Monday April 4th.

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Remember to turn in your Volunteer Hours: mgvrs.extension.oregonstate.edu

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
1st Thursday each month at 10:30am:
Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom, email the secretary for login information:
colcmg.secretary@gmail.com

Chat with Chip
“Chat with Chip” special online event at 6:30pm, 3rd Tuesday each month.

Chapter Meeting
March 24th at 6:30pm, see page 3.

Past Issues of the Grapevine HERE
Past Issues of the Country Living HERE

Link to the OSU Online Resources and Publications - Searchable Directory:
https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/

Facebook Blog

2021 CCMGA Executive Committee

- Chuck Petersen, President
- Sandy Newman, Past-President
- Katherine Johnson, Vice President
- Gail Martyn, Treasurer/Secretary
- LaVina Patterson, Historian
- Sonia Reagan, OMGA Alt-Rep.
If you have a desire to get your hands dirty for a couple of hours a week in someone else’s garden, we can use the help. If you want to go a bit further and take over a bed or display to determine its future that is open as well as we are always looking for new ideas and direction but if you wish to donate that direction or idea, we would like you to be around to implement it as well. We need the additional labor.

The Covid situation seems to be improving and there is a POSSIBILITY that in person membership meetings are possible this coming Fall. We have to see if conditions continue to improve before a decision can be made in that direction. We have been discussing those meetings as also being hybrid with an in-person and Zoom component. This would allow those who cannot come to the meeting but still desire to an option to participate. Well, that is all for now.

~ Until next time keep it dirty... Chuck Petersen, President CCMGA

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Monthly “Chat with Chip” Special Online Event

The 3rd Tuesday evening monthly 6:30-8:00 pm

You are invited to attend these monthly Zoom Presentations each 3rd Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM. Register in advance online. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Chip will address some previously requested topics, with plenty of time for Q & A. He also invites ideas for future presentations! Please email your topic suggestions to Chip.Bubl@oregonstate.edu. Be sure to read Chip’s local newspaper columns, and listen weekly to the Old Garden Spot radio program on KOHI AM 1600 Saturday mornings at 8:00! View previous “Chats with Chip” on the extension website HERE.
March 24th Chapter Meeting, 6:30pm - Online
Emily Martin, Scappoose Bay Watershed Council, Presents a talk: “Invasive Ornamentals in the Garden,” with Amber Kester & Chip Greenling

Join us online for this Chapter Meeting on March 24th at 6:30 PM to hear this special presentation. CCMGA Chapter Business meeting to follow.

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://tinyurl.com/24yhykfs.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

About the presentation: “There is a long history of unintentional introduction of plants into the environment that have caused economic and ecological harm. As gardeners, we have a responsibility to ensure that the plants we select within our garden don’t unintentionally cause harm to our watershed. This presentation offers people the opportunity to learn about how to make the best choices when it comes to selecting horticultural plants for the garden and how to manage plants so that they do not become unintentional invaders.”

About the presenters:

“Emily Martin is the Restoration Project Manager for the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council where she manages the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council’s Native Plant Nursery and Restoration Projects. She is currently working on her master’s degree at Portland State University.”

“Amber Kester, Riparian Specialist, joined the Columbia Soil and Water Conservation District in 2020. For the past 7 years she worked as the watershed technician and manager of the native plant nursery for the Scappoose Bay Watershed Council. Amber oversees the District’s small grant projects, noxious weed program, and provides technical assistance to local landowners.”

“Chip Greening, Oregon Master Gardener, and Master Naturalist, is the Outreach and Education Coordinator for the North Coast Cooperative Weed Management Area. He is also a site steward for the North Coast Land Conservancy.”

Thank you to Katherine Johnson for arranging our guest speakers!

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2022 Columbia County Home & Garden Show

Columbia County Fairgrounds, Saturday, April 23rd, 10 am – 5 pm & Sunday, April 24th, 11 am – 3 pm. Master Gardeners will be sharing their gardening skills at the Home & Garden Show. Free tickets are available at the Chronicle and at the InRoads Credit Union locations. Come and enjoy shopping and learning from local vendors and support your Master Gardener friends.

Seed to Supper

One set of Seed to Supper classes is already taking registrations in Clatskanie and other classes are being formed around the county. We may have two or three classes in St. Helens and Scappoose. Deb is planning to do a hands-on, 4-session class at the Demo Garden beginning in late April. We can use your help.

Please contact Deb or Sonia if you would like to help or facilitate a class. There is no time more appropriate than now to get involved! Together we can and help people learn how to garden, even if it is only one container on a porch.

- Sonia: colcomastergardeners@gmail.com, 503-880-6263
- Deb: bmixtus@gmail.com, 503-543-3294

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You are invited to join BugNutz, especially if you are interested in learning more about IPM (integrated pest management) and insects - good, bad, beautiful, and the ugly. Our meeting dates and times will be printed in future issues of the Grapevine, but you may also add your name to the contact list by contacting Deb. BugNutz have meetings once a month. We identify and appreciate new insects collected, curate, and learn about the insects we find, make plans for tabling events, create EduFormances, and visits to schools and clubs.

We would love to have you join us, especially if you have always wanted to learn more about the insects in your homes and gardens and would like to help educate others.

Contact Deb Brimacombe, bmixtus@gmail.com, 503-543-3294

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Save the Date!

OMGA Mini-College 2022 - “Joy of Gardening Conference”

Save the date for our yearly gathering, the OMGA Mini-College will be held at OSU on July 29-30th (Fri-Sat). Plan on coming and invite your friends and family to join you. You won't be sorry!

Keynote speakers include Dr. Gail Langellotto presenting on the statewide MG program and Dr. Samantha Hatfield Chisolm presenting on “Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), climate change impacts, Indigenous ecosystems and Indigenous food systems.”
Columbia County Master Gardener™ Association

Spring Fair

April 30, 2022 ♦ 9 AM - 3 PM

Columbia County Fairgrounds Pavilion

buy tomato & pepper plants
gardening information
raffle tickets & prizes
tomato information
displays & vendors

face masks
required indoors
directed parking by
St. Helens CERT

please carpool

ATM on-site

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~ Spring Fair 2022 ~

April 30th 9am-3pm - Columbia County Fair Grounds Pavilion

Update from the Spring Fair Committee Chair, Katherine Johnson:

Hello everyone! Just a short note to let everyone know what is happening with Spring Fair 2022.

I am so thrilled to have secured the Pavilion at the Columbia County Fair Grounds, to hold Spring Fair 2022! It will offer us a huge amount of room. We shouldn’t have the crowding we are accustomed too.

One plus, in a list of many, is setup and take down. It should be a breeze since we are using Fair Grounds tables and chairs, and these items are in a storage shed just outside the south entrance doors. It will be a simple thing of rolling carts in with the tables, setting up the tables, putting on tablecloths, and setting them up.

Tomatoes and peppers have been ordered. Since we have not held Spring Fair for 2 years, we are starting with fewer tomatoes and peppers: about 3,000 tomatoes in 34 varieties, and just a bit over 500 peppers. The price will still be $1.50 per plant.

Because we have not held Spring Fair for a while, it was decided to not vigorously pursue Vendors for this year, to get the community once again accustomed to us, but if someone asked you, or you know of someone who wants to be a vendor this year, please refer them to me (see below) and I will send out a contract to them. Cost to vendors is simply $25.00 for up to 3 tables.

As always, we will need your help on Friday April 29th from about noon on. The tomatoes are scheduled to arrive between 12-1pm and they will need to be watered, tables set up and covered, and tomatoes and peppers put onto tables. We are very fortunate to have all the time we need to set up on Friday. All help will be greatly appreciated! Oh, and don’t forget to save your boxes.... We don’t have a place to store the boxes, so you will have to hold onto them till that Friday afternoon, please.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. Thank you!

~ Katherine Johnson, 503-347-3007

Please save boxes for the Spring Fair Committee!
SCAPPOOSE BAY WATERSHED COUNCIL NURSERY

SPRING NATIVE PLANTS SALE

Great Plants grown by Great Volunteers sold at Great Prices

Serving Columbia County Since 1997

Proceeds Help Local Restoration Projects

APRIL 9, 2022 • 9am-3pm

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www.scappoosebay-wc.org

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A virtual board meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM on Thursday, January 6, 2022 via Zoom conference call. The president was in the chair and the secretary was present. Others present-LaVina, Katherine and Karen. Guests were Sonia and Chip.

Housekeeping
- **Secretary's Report:** Motion to accept was made by Karen Harte and seconded by Gail Martyn. Report accepted.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to accept was made by Karen Harte and seconded by LaVina Patterson. Report accepted.
- **Correspondence:** none

Committee Reports
- **OMGA Rep:** Karen contacted Gail Langellotto regarding chapter presentation on Pollinator Project. Karen has volunteered to help with this year’s Mini College. Karen is not receiving information from OMGA. Chuck has sent new officer list.
- **Fairgrounds Garden:** no activity
- **Bug Nuts:** no activity
- **Seed to Supper:** no activity

Old Business
- **Spring Fair:** The order has been placed for peppers and tomatoes. Last date for cancellation of order is March 1. Kathy will submit article for *The Grapevine* requesting that folks start saving boxes and she is in need of a volunteer to be in charge of set-up/take-down. Not pursuing vendors but will send contract to anyone interested. Sonia will post this information on Facebook and website.
- **Treasurer Audit:** The Audit was completed on January 4, 2022, by Zelda Anderson, LeRoy Schmidt and Judy Thompson. The financial records were found to be in good order.

New Business
- **OMGA End-of-the-Year Financial Report:** OMGA President, Chris Rusch will send instructions and forms. The report is due to OMGA by January 31.
- **Nominations for MG of the Year, Behind-the-Scenes, Bejeweled, OMGA Longevity Awards:** Chuck will send an email requesting nominee information.
- **Conflict of Interest Annual Statement:** Sonia will have all Board members sign via DocuSign and send to the Secretary to file.
- **2022 Speakers:** Chip and Sonia will assist Kathy in finding speakers.

Upcoming Events
- **January Speaker:** Chip BUBL will speak about garlic.
- **Grafting Workshop:** February, in-person, date TBA.

Adjourned at 10:48 AM
Gail Martyn, Secretary/Treasurer
Columbia County Master Gardener Association
Chapter Meeting Agenda
January 27, 2022
President Chuck Petersen Presiding

Welcome Chip Bubl
“Garlic”

2022 Executive Board
President, Chuck Petersen Historian, LaVina Patterson
Vice President, Katherine Johnson OMGA Representative, Karen Harte
Past President, Sandy Newman OMGA Alternate Representative, VACANT
Secretary/Treasurer, Gail Martyn

Business Meeting
• Secretary’s Report: Motion to approve was made and seconded. Report approved.
• Treasurer’s Report: Motion to approve was made and seconded. Report approved.

• Committee Reports:
  o OMGA: Mini-college planning is on-going. Keynote speakers have been chosen and there are 24 slots for other presenters.
  o CC Demo Garden: Nothing to report.
  o Spring Fair (April 29/30): Plants have been ordered and the first committee meeting is scheduled for February. The local CERT team will be handling traffic and parking. Fairgrounds required doubling of our liability insurance. There was no additional premium to do this.

Old Business
• 2022 CCMGA officer recruitment: In past years, the President has selected a nominating committee to make phone calls to ask folks to volunteer. Chuck is looking for other ideas.

New Business
• Audit of 2021 Treasurer accounting: Zelda Anderson, LeRoy Schmidt and Judy Thompson met with the Treasurer at the Extension Office on January 4, 2022. The December date was cancelled due to snow and ice. Records were spot-checked and approved.
• Annual financial report for OMGA: The Treasurer has until February 28 to complete the required documents and mail them to the new state Treasurer, Janet Magedanz.
For the good of the Order
Kathy Johnson reported that she has lined up 11 speakers for this year and so far, there will be no cost to us.

The next Chapter meeting will be held on February 24th, starting with our speaker at 6:30 and the business meeting to follow.

Ongoing Events

• Monthly “Chat with Chip” on Zoom. Third Tuesday evening from 6:30-8pm Register here, https://bit.ly/3pnjilK

Meeting adjourned at 7:48
Gail Martyn, Secretary/Treasurer