Regularity-scheduled YCMGA committee meetings

- Insect Committee meets first & third Wednesdays 9:30 am
- Educational Gardens meet every Wednesday 9:00am
- Propagation Group meets every Tuesday 9:00am
- YCMGA board meeting 2nd Wednesday 9:00am
- Greenhouse Crew meets every Tuesday 9:00am
- Office Intake Desk open for all MG’s 4-15-22

Upcoming YCMGA Special Events in April

- Farm Fest (Heritage Center) April 09, 10am to 4pm
- Camellia Festival, Newberg, April 09, 9am to 4pm
- YCMGA Plant Sale opens “Shopify” April 22
- “Spring-into-Gardening” hanging basket class (full)

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    - Nancy Woodworth
    - Polly Blum
  - Community Garden
    - Linda Mason
    - Susan Burdell
  - Demonstration Gardens (2)
    - Sue Nesbitt
    - Donn Callaham
  - Education Outreach
    - Susanne Beukema
  - Newsletter
    - Donn Callaham
  - Farmers’ Mkt. Mac.
    - Tom Canales
  - Farmers’ Market
    - Newberg
    - Peter Steadman
  - Garden-to-Table
    - Gene Nesbitt
    - Gloria Lutz
  - Greenhouse
    - Linda Coakley
  - Hospitality
    - Gail Stoltz
  - Insect Committee
    - Gin Galt
    - Terry Hart
  - Plant Sale
    - Gin Galt
    - Marilyn MacGregor
  - Propagation
    - Pat Fritz
    - Marilyn MacGregor
  - Publicity
    - Tom Canales
  - Scholarships
    - Susan Nesbitt
  - Social Media/Website
    - Tom Canales
  - Spring into Garden
    - Carol Parks
    - Rita Canales
  - Sunshine Committee
    - Polly Blum
    - Susan Alin

https://ycmga.org/ Facebook.com/yamhillcountymastergardeners
Clinic Volunteers for Education/Outreach events
(Special events in McMinnville and nearby towns)
Farmers’ Markets in McMinnville & Newberg plus clinics
at specific stores, and at local public events, spring & summer

Treasurer for the entire Yamhill County Master Gardener program.
Monthly balancing of budget & report.
Possess great power over budgetary matters, occupy key position.
CONTACT SUE NESBITT

Share Publicity Responsibility so Tom can work on the website only. Involve yourself with social media, newspaper articles, flyers, and more.
CONTACT TOM CANALES

Hospitable People Needed
Feeling overly hospitable? Join Gail in helping provide refreshments for our many MG meetings.
CONTACT GAIL STOLTZ

Be a Mentor for just one family in the Garden-to-Table program.
English-speaking or Spanish-speaking, or both. Interact once per week with a local family (McMinnville or Newberg): feel kind and useful!
CONTACT GENE NESBITT

Help at Upcoming Plant Sale
Plan now to help at our plant sale in May. Most needed are people to pull plants from stock and fill orders. Also some people to hand out orders and for traffic control.
CONTACT GIN GALT
Gail Langellotto’s Report:
Disappointing information is that the 2022 Oregon Legislature did not reinstate Master Gardener program continuing funding. Funding is now below our continuing service level, which means there is no funding to refill empty positions.

Every year the program loses 13-18 staff for a variety of reasons (retirement, moving, etc.). Now if they are refilled they are at reduced hours and the new personnel have a much more limited horticulture background than the previous employees.

New personnel are not knowledgeable enough to teach classes, and when they do reach that level they often leave for a better position. Gail is exploring ways that individual or groups of Master Gardeners can appeal to the people making the funding decisions, letting them know about the valuable work we do. We need to be more vocal and assertive because Gail feels that her lobbying is not being heard and taken seriously.

MINICOLLEGE UPDATE: The new mini-college name is “2022 Joy of Gardening Conference”.

**THURSDAY 7/28:**
2:00 PM  OMGA Board Meeting
6:30 PM  Corvallis Knight ball game  $10/ticket

**FRIDAY 7/29:**
Guest Speaker: Dr. S.Chisolm “Traditional Ecological Knowledge”
8:30-4:15 PM  Tours/field trip/classes
6:30 PM  Banquet & awards  &  Ancient Ways Marimba Band

**SATURDAY 7/30:**
Guest Speaker: Dr. Gail Langellotto
8:30-3:00PM  Tours/field trip/classes

**HOUSING:**
$134/night  Hilton Garden Inn  Corvallis, Or.
$35/night  OSU Bloss Hall  (dorm) + $10.50 for linens

**TOURS:**
Oak Creek Center for Urban Horticulture/ Campus tour/Saturday Market

*Committee Chairs still needed for: Tours/chapter sales, cookie coordinator, decorations*

*Dorm greeters/hostesses (free stay @ dorm)*

*Contact: Chris Rusch  crusch@hughes.net*

Speakers are still needed for classes. MG’s with expert backgrounds welcome to apply.

*Registration to open in April (date to be announced).*

Nancy Woodworth
OMGA Representative
How to Choose Your Tomato Plants

Of the thousands of tomatoes available, from cherished heirloom types to the hottest new hybrids, how do you narrow your choices?

When do fruit ripen? Since varieties mature at different times, you can stretch your harvest over many weeks. If you’re buying seeds to start your own plants, read catalog descriptions carefully to discover "days to maturity." This indicates approximately how soon you can expect ripe fruit once you’ve transplanted seedlings to the garden. Plants sold at garden centers are often labeled "early," "midseason," or "late" to indicate when the variety should start ripening.

Determinate vs. Indeterminate. Another consideration in choosing tomato varieties is whether the vines are determinate or indeterminate. Determinate plants stop growing once the flower buds emerge. Because of their more restrained size, many determinate varieties need no staking or caging, but providing support can improve the quality of the fruit. All the fruit ripens within a relatively short period of time - usually about a week to 10 days. This can be a boon if you're canning, but for the gardener who prefers to have a fewer number of tomatoes over a longer period of time, indeterminate varieties are better. Indeterminate vines continue to grow and set fruit throughout the season, and won't quit until the weather turns too hot or too cold to sustain fruiting and growth, or kills plants outright.

For gardeners with little space to spare, or only a deck or balcony to grow on, patio and bush varieties are a good option. They're more compact than determinates, yet produce fruit throughout the season like indeterminate types. They are bred to succeed in small spaces.

What to do with the fruit? When selecting a tomato variety, keep in mind what you plan to do with the fruits. There are varieties suited for just about every purpose - eating fresh, making tomato paste, canning, drying - even for cultivating into a county fair prizewinner.

Seeds or Transplants. The easiest way to get your tomato patch started is to purchase young plants, also called transplants or starts. You can pick up plants at garden centers or order them through catalogs or the YCMGA Plant Sale. For years, gardeners who bought plants had a very narrow field of variety choices, but thanks to an expanding mail order trade, the options are greater than ever.

That said, starting your own seed gives you an almost endless list of varieties to choose from, allowing you to get just the type that will suit your growing conditions and tastes. Starting seeds gives you a chance to start "gardening" earlier in the season, and nurturing plants from seed to harvest is a great experience. Plant seeds six to eight weeks before the last frost date for your region, and place them under fluorescent light.

Disease resistance. By planting tomato varieties with bred-in disease resistance you can have a bit more control over your garden's success. For instance, many tomato varieties are resistant to soil-borne diseases such as verticillium and fusarium wilts and nematodes. Most seed catalogs indicate resistance to these diseases by putting F (fusarium), V (verticillium), N (nematodes) after the variety name. You'll also see varieties with resistance to viruses such as tomato mosaic virus (T), and to alternaria (A), the fungus that causes early blight.

Experiment! If you're not counting on your garden as your only food source, you can certainly afford to risk planting the varieties that appeal to you - perhaps an heirloom that, though not resistant to disease, reportedly produces the most delicious tomatoes in the world. Experimentation is part of the joy of gardening, and part of your harvest is what you learn along the way.
From OAN "Digger" magazine

YCMGA 2022
Student Groups

Lori
Debbie
Leslie
Tina
Melissa
Dawn

Terry
Willow
Leslie
Lori
Patricia
Mary Ann

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David
Lori
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Teresa
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Peggy
Shelly
Star
Joan
Traci
OMGA Silent Auction Update

Wonderful News!!

There will be a Silent Auction at the 2022 Mini-College!!

This auction is the primary fund-raiser that helps OMGA support activities such as the PNW Handbooks, Search for Excellence, Karl Carlson Award, Extension Educator grants, scholarships and recognition awards for all the outstanding Oregon Master Gardeners. In addition, it is just a lot of fun – browsing the tables of unique items, and watching to get the last bid in for your favorite thing – it’s a great time!

Here is what is needed from each chapter to make the Silent Auction a success.

1. Obtain 10 or more items with a retail value of approximately $25 or more each ($250 total donation from the chapter).
2. Complete the donation form, including the value of the item and email or send a copy to Sue Nesbitt.

Item Suggestions

- Gift certificates
- gift baskets
- anything for the garden
- Wine
- garden tours /nature hikes
- yard art
- Vacation packages
- books and/or art
- let your imagination go!

Note: It is very difficult to get bids for the actual value of high-priced items so please contact an auction committee member before selecting this type of item. Also, if you have a physically large item such as a potting table, please contact a committee member to work out the logistics and provide a starting bid.

Donated items should be in new condition and are not limited to gardening items.

Baskets are great when made up of one (perhaps two) books and related items.

Please be aware that we receive about sixty cents on the dollar of an auction item’s retail value.

REMEMBER – Participation from each chapter is the key to our project’s success.

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Oregon Master Gardener Association
OMGA Grants Available Now

OMGA offers funding annually for specific Master Gardener projects. Contact your friendly OMGA representative for applications and details.

Nancy Woodworth  M42oneb@gmail.com  503-662-3983
Gail Stolz  threenorth@qci.net  907-350-7671

Or, if you don’t want to talk with either of them, then contact: omga.org/programs-and-awards

These are the grants available for 2022:

Marje Luce Search for Excellence

This award is for a Master Gardener project. There are seven qualifying categories of projects (cash award):

1. Youth Programs
2. Demonstration (Education) Gardens
3. Workshops
4. Community Service
5. Innovative Project
6. Special Audiences
7. Research

Karl Carlson Memorial Fund

Honoring implementation of new programs or projects related to urban horticulture.

Send-a-Friend

This is a scholarship to help Master Gardeners attend 2022 Mini-college, who otherwise may not be able to attend due to financial constraints.

The deadline for applications to be received by OMGA is May 15th, 2022. Yes, this is a long time away, but apply now while you are thinking about it. These are an easy way to fund all kinds of worthwhile projects, covering practically every category of MG activity.
People think of hemp mainly as the source of CBD oil, and it is. But that is one of the least important uses of this remarkable plant. It is used to make paper, fabric, tough carpets, ink, milk, paint, diapers, building insulation, animal feed (nutritious for all animals) and much more.

Besides having a plethora of uses, hemp needs less than half the water of corn (the major source of bio-oil), matures in just a few months, and will thrive in poor soil that will not support other crops. Finally, hemp captures CO₂ during growth, which accumulates in the tissues in the form of sequestered carbon. Each ton of hemp absorbs about 1.7 tons of carbon dioxide. Some of the less-known uses for hemp are:

**Hempcrete:** The big advantage of hemp concrete is its strength. It is a material of relatively low density, so it is resistant to cracking. During movement (as in earthquakes) concrete cracks and fails. Hempcrete forms only microcracks, which, in contact with moisture, stick together again. At the same time, hempcrete weighs about ⅛ of what “traditional” concrete weighs. Thanks to this, its application is easier, foundations can be shallower, and transport of the material itself is less emissive. Hempcrete is completely recyclable. What is more, it can be composted or even left as debris. None of hempcrete’s components are toxic, and each of them is biodegradable. Such harmless “waste” can even be used as a fertilizer.

**Insulation:** Hemp makes an excellent insulation against temperature and sound. If the humidity in a building decreases, the fibers “give it back”, improving air quality in the building. It can be either sprayed on surfaces or packed into walls.

**Diapers:** Another great use for hemp is in diapers, as more and more companies are turning to the plant to produce diapers. Hemp is inherently antifungal, antimicrobial, non-allergenic, recyclable, and breathable.

**Plastic:** Using hemp bioplastic is an excellent way to deal with most of the current problems created by petroleum –based plastics. It is recyclable – but if not recycled, it biodegrades within 6 months. Hemp bioplastic is not toxic, and its production is not associated with the extraction of fossil fuels. Hemp can also be successfully used for soil remediation.

What’s more, hemp bioplastic outperforms common polypropylene in terms of strength. It is 3.5 times stronger then polypropylene as well as much lighter. Growing hemp requires about half the water needed for growing corn, it absorbs more carbon and reaches maturity in a shorter time. Hemp can also be used to make cellophane for the production of, for example, food film, as well as an insert for 3D printers.

**EV batteries:** Hemp batteries are super-capacitors, which means that they store large amounts of energy, then release it all at once. Thus they could provide power to a vehicle for bursts of power for acceleration. Using both a hemp battery & a lithium ion battery would allow vehicles to have much smaller lithium ion batteries, saving resources, costs, and weight. (Hemp batteries are very lightweight). One of the benefits of using hemp over the graphene in...
Hemp batteries can be made using hemp waste that hemp farmers don’t need. This makes hemp both easy to find and much cheaper than graphene.

Batteries need to conduct electricity with as little resistance as possible. The more resistant a material is to conductivity, the less efficient the battery will be. Hemp-based batteries show extremely good conductivity. The conductivity of hemp batteries remains high even in hot and cold temperatures—especially important in vehicles.

In the 1930’s—yes, over 80 years ago—Henry Ford questioned the long-term sustainability of cars made from steel and using gasoline for fuel. He began work on alternatives and started working with hemp. After 12 years of research, the “cannabis car” was introduced by Henry Ford. It had a light tubular metal frame, but the rest of the car, inside and out, was made from hemp. While many cars are made with fiberglass, cars made from woven hemp are lighter and yet more dent-resistant. (To prove that, Ford demonstrated the resilience of hemp panels by taking an axe to the Cannabis Car—with no effect on the car body at all). In fact, a hemp body panel is ten times stronger than a steel panel. Even the engine for this car ran on hemp (or any other plant) oil.

Hemp has been proven to be a multifaceted resource that is easy to raise and provided in bulk, could dramatically reduce the use of steel, plastic, and petroleum fuels, and is even recyclable. Whether or not industry takes advantage of these attributes could well be critical to the halting of climate change.
By the time we reach April, we are at the end of the over-wintered sprouting broccoli. We planted 4 different cultivars of overwintered broccoli, 5 cultivars of cauliflower, and 4 of kale. These are plants which we seeded in July. Yes, nine months prior. They have had to endure a lot of stress in those nine months.

First they have to endure the heat of summer. We start the seed in a shade-cloth covered greenhouse just so it is cool enough for the seed to germinate. At home, one could start them in the shade of trees or buildings.

Then they have to endure the onslaught of aphids, but not for long. Those pesky critters are on their way out by September and have limited time to do much damage. Just the same, we squish them by hand, or wash them off leaves with water, or ignore them.

Cabbage loopers are not much of a problem for us because we don’t provide any food for them until July/August, so the population hasn’t built to epic levels. This doesn’t mean they don’t live in the chef’s garden—it just means that they are a minor pest and we work hard to keep it that way by choosing to not grow certain crops during the spring/early summer months.

Last spring, I was idling away a rainy day looking at yet another seed catalog, when I happened to notice something called a “cabbage collar” intended to prevent the cabbage root fly from laying eggs next to the stem. This piece of information joined with the fact that we had looked at many broccoli and cauliflower plants the previous season which had succumbed to this very problem.

The final piece of information we had was that the hotel replaced mattresses and box springs. The engineering department dismantled the box springs into wood, metal springs, and felt backing all of which could be recycled! The brilliant conclusion we reached was to snag several of the felt backing pieces and store them over the
summer. When we had time, we cut out felt collars. By the time we planted in August we were able to tuck a felt collar around each broccoli and cauliflower. This year we lost no plants to cabbage root maggots.

As we pull crops at the end of the season, we are trying to be diligent about pulling the felt collars. We spray off the mud then let them dry for several weeks in the greenhouse before storing them away for next season. This has truly revolutionized our winter broccoli and cauliflower growing. It is such a simple solution to a vexing problem.

Another stress that overwintered broccoli and cauliflower face is our furry friends. Voles love broccoli stems, cauliflower stems, and especially cauliflower heads. They girdle the plants, they destroy the crop, they hide in weeds. In short they are a menace. This year we had a not-so-secret weapon - cats. Yes, they spend a lot of time sleeping. Yes, we have had to cat-proof the stock tanks. But we only had one broccoli plant, out of hundreds, that was girdled by voles. And we didn’t lose any cauliflower plants or heads to voles this year, whereas the year B.C. (Before Cats) we lost about 1/3 of the plants to rodents.

Since the felt collars prevented the cabbage root maggots and the cats prevented the voles, the remaining stress that the plants had to face was cold weather. Cold snaps stress the gardener more than the plants. But I think plants that are less-stressed are better able to endure freezes.

I have lost an entire crop of cauliflower because I underestimated the length and strength of a cold snap. Since then, I err on the side of caution and will harvest huge bins of produce to prevent it from freezing. The key is the stage of development. Plants with heads barely showing need no protection. Plants with nearly mature heads do need protection. The farther into winter we go the less protection the plants need because they have increased the amount of sugar in their sap to prevent cell walls from bursting. Just the same, I worry. Still, the plants this year came through with flying colors and we harvested hundreds of pounds of produce, so I’m cautiously optimistic about future harvests.

Soon these plants will flower for the bees before we pull everything out for tilling and the cycle starts all over again. That’s the life of a gardener, always looking to the next season.

Anna Ashby, Master Gardener
Master Beekeeper

“Dug” No Longer a Spud!

Remember “Dug”, the World’s Largest Spud (in last month’s Grapevine)? To compete for the Guinness World potato record, Dug had a DNA test, and when the results came back, Dug was no longer a spud. In fact, he is an aberrant squash and can not compete for any world records now. Dug’s owner is undeterred, though. Dug is in the freezer, where his owner has periodic one-sided conversations with the former potato. Now his owner is planning to breed Dug’s seeds, to attempt raising a record-breaking squash for next year.
Raise your hand if you haven’t had a stream of ants filing past your coffee cup in the morning towards your breakfast, or surrounding your pet’s bowl full of kibble.

Yep, that’s what I thought – no one has a raised hand (my hand is at least waaaay down). Ants are definitely a common issue around here, leading to the joke that our area was built on a giant ant hill. The ants that we typically see around here are the odorous house ant (*Tapinoma sessile*). They are 1/16 to 1/8 inch long and dark brown to black.

These can be differentiated from other ants by the characteristics of the petiole connecting the thorax and the abdomen. A great key for identifying ants is in PNW 624, however you will have more success if you use a dissecting scope such as in the office to see the small identifying parts. The nests of the odorous house ant typically contain multiple queens and are typically located outdoors in the soil underneath debris, but can be in wall spaces as well.

Unfortunately managing these populations isn’t easy and requires multiple techniques, which include keeping your home free of open food sources, caulking cracks or gaps where ants can enter and using commercial baits. Ant baits usually take a bit of time to be effective since the bait needs to find its way from the workers to the queens. If a particular bait isn’t working after a week or so, try another active ingredient. Unfortunately these ants require some persistence to manage, but on the plus side, you aren’t alone!

https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/umgmetro/2018/02/01/ants/
Yamhill County Master Gardener Association and OSU presents

Spring into Gardening- Workshops

Hands-on Gardening Workshops
Saturday March 26 and April 16
10 AM to 11:30 AM

Located at Yamhill County Fair Grounds
In the Master Gardener’s Educational Garden
2070 NE Lafayette Ave, McMinnville

Saturday March 26
Seed Starting
Sue Nesbitt
works every year in the Master Gardener Greenhouse
starting the vegetables and flowers for their yearly plant
sale & is the YCMGA 2022 President.

Learn how to successfully start
vegetables and annual flowers
from seed and practice some of
the techniques by planting
seeds to grow at home.
Supplies will be provided for
you to practice some of the
techniques by planting some
seeds to grow at home.

Saturday April 16
Hanging Baskets
Melissa McLaughlin
is co-owner of Country Garden
Nursery and has been creating
spectacular hanging baskets in
McMinnville and beyond since
the business started in 1991.

You will work to create a 12”
hanging basket for a sunny
location at your home. Melissa
will teach about how to design
a basket, choose stunning
colorful plants, and care for
your basket once you bring it
home. All plants, a basket and
supplies are included with the
cost of the workshop.

Registration for Seed Starting:  $15.00/person
Student Registration: with ID:  $10.00/person
All Registration for
Hanging Baskets:  $35.00/person
*Registration limited to 25 participants per workshop.

Thank you Friends of YCMGA!

Register online at: ycmga.org

A fabulous door prize will be given out at each workshop!

Profit funds continuing education for Yamhill County residents &
college scholarships for YC high school seniors.
YCMGA Annual Plant Sale Online for 2\textsuperscript{nd} Year

*** Save the Dates! ***

The online shopping site (Shopify) will open up on April 22 for people to start looking at the plants for sale this year, deciding what to buy, and placing their orders. Plants for sale include vegetables, herbs, annuals, perennials, and a few trees.

**Get your plants.** Drive-through plant pick-up is May 12 – 15 at the fairgrounds. After placing their orders, customers choose a time and day to pick up their plants.

**VOLUNTEER.** There are lots of opportunities for volunteers! **WE NEED HELP:**

- Growing and preparing the plants for sale
- Distributing publicity for the sale
- Pulling the orders for each customer and having them ready for pick-up
- Delivering the plants to customers’ cars
- Directing traffic flow
- Watering and caring for the plants as they await their new homes

Please join us in this major YCMGA event – we need you as a volunteer and as a customer.

You can shop at ycmgaplantsale.com, starting April 22.

**Volunteer to help by contacting our Plant Sale Chair, Gin Galt, at vs.galt@gmail.com. She will direct you to the appropriate person.**

A weed is no more than a plant someone doesn’t like.

Mullein (Verbascum)
Means soil is acidic and low in fertility
Hello and Happy Spring to all of you! I hope you have been able to get outdoors and into the garden during this warmer stretch of weather recently. I know I am excited for my perennials to emerge and the trees to leaf out. This is not only a busy season in the garden, but also for our Master Gardener program.

It is so nice that things are opening up so we can see each other again. The Master Gardener trainings are going well and are over half-way done so far. We have a really wonderful training class and I appreciate the committee chairs coming to our volunteer fair class to share about your volunteer activities. We had lots of sign-ups, so hopefully you will all have a chance to meet some of the new students soon.

The first Spring-into-Gardening workshop was held this last weekend, taught by our own Sue Nesbitt. The next workshop, “Hanging Baskets” on April 16th, is sold out. However, there will likely be some space in the irrigation and raised bed courses in June if you are interested in attending. There will also be some volunteer opportunities for those who are able to help keep things running smoothly during the upcoming workshops. Keep your eyes open for emails from Carla about these opportunities.

Other upcoming volunteer activities include the YCMGA Plant Sale which will be here before we know it (pick-ups start May 12th), Spanish Garden-to-Table, and the Community Garden and education gardens are ramping up as well.

Master Gardeners will have a clinic desk every other week at the McMinnville Farmers’ Market. Our first week will be May 12th; look for notices of this sign-up as well as the Newberg Farmers’ Market soon. The Camellia Festival and Farm Fest clinic desks are fully staffed already, but feel free to attend these events and say hello to the MG’s working in the booth!

Thank you to everyone for all your time and efforts with the Yamhill County Master Gardener program. It is so much fun to have more volunteer activities available and to see everyone again.

Heather Stoven
We got to know Lynette when she became a Master Gardener in 2015. All during each fall she saved seeds from her flower garden and then shared them with all of us Master Gardeners. Many of us are enjoying “Love In The Mist” thanks to Lynette’s seeds.

As a Master Gardener she was a member of the propagation, demonstration garden, and plant sale groups. She was also a dedicated Master Quilter, making colorful, clever and intricate quilts. She donated a vegetable theme quilt to our Spring-Into-Gardening event for the raffle: It was clearly the most desired item in the raffle. I received a “frog” quilt (see below) made by her as a gift and enjoy it every day.

Besides her many talents she loved to travel the world. In her younger years she studied literature and art in Germany, then raised two children with her Navy Officer husband, living abroad and in the US. Her careers were varied, from owning a knitting store to department staff head at several universities.

Last year Lynette was overjoyed to receive a new kidney, which made her life much easier and opened the possibility of travel for her once again. She passed away March 4th, as the result of a car accident where her car was rear-ended.

Lynette was in the Master Gardener class of 2015 and was active until 2018 due to health problems. Though she had a total of 361.75 hours she was involved in propagation, the fairgrounds demonstration garden, and our YCMGA plant sale.
In Memory of Tonia Beebe

Tonia and I met in about 1990 when we were both working for the McMinnville School District. She was an ELL teacher of Spanish. She studied her Spanish in Ecuador. Before coming to McMinnville she had taught at the Chemawa Indian School in Salem. She was very adventurous, and decided to teach 2nd grade at Wascher Elementary School in McMinnville. She ended her teaching career working in the Dayton School District. She grew up on a farm located between Lebanon and Sweet Home, Oregon. She worked her way through school at the Dairy Queen in Sweet Home.

Tonia loved to travel. After she retired, she and I went on many trips together including Norway, Cuba, Washington D.C., and several other places around the U.S. She always wanted to go to Italy but never had the chance. She loved to take pictures of her travels.

She loved to write. She always wanted to write books for children. She joined several writing groups in the area to perfect her writing.

She loved gardening and if I had a question about it, she was the one I went to. She loved flowers and vegetables. She would go out in her garden and get totally lost in her efforts. She would come in only when it got too dark to see a weed or prune a plant. She would forget to eat while out in her garden. She told me one time that when she was pulling a weed or doing her gardening she didn’t think about anything else but that task. She’s the one that got me involved in the Garden-to-Table program.

She could work magic with little children. She had so much patience with little ones. She volunteered for “A Family Place” which is a relief nursery here in McMinnville. These children (infant to 5) were in need of positive interaction with other children and adults. She was super with these children.

One time we were coming home from the East Coast on one of our trips. The plane was full and a small child was screaming at the top of her lungs. That was going to be a long, long trip. The parents or attendants couldn’t get the child to stop screaming.

After about 30 minutes of that, Tonia got up and went to the parents and asked if she might help. It stopped screaming/crying immediately. She continued walking with the child for quite a while. When we got off the plane in Portland, the passengers thanked her. She could work magic.

Tonia was in the Master Gardener class of 2004, with a total of 1250.5 hours. She participated in the Master Gardener plant sale, propagation and the garden-to-table (formerly Seed-to Supper) program as a teacher and co-chair. Tonia was also a board member (being the secretary) and participated in the greenhouse, Spring-into–Gardening, and as OMGA Alt. Rep. In 2018 she received the “One Of A Kind” MG Award.

I was involved with Tonia in many MG activities. She was an OMGA Alt. Rep when I was rep.: we went to many conferences together. I was an assistant to her on the SIG raffle for 2 years, being constantly impressed with her ability to assemble baskets with themes! We both had fractured bones at the same time, and we bonded as “Fractured Friends”. Her front yard was a gardener’s paradise with bulbs and shrubs everywhere. And her best friend was her white cat, Snowball.

Gloria Lutz

Nancy Woodworth
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