

Historical Partnership In Progress...

OMGATM
and the
**Oregon Master
Gardener ProgramTM**

OMGA Historical Partnership

with

Oregon Master Gardener Program

Preface

Lest We Forget...

In 1976 the seeds of the OSU Master Gardener Program were tenderly sown and carefully nourished and planted in the rich and diversified Oregon soil by OSU Extension Agents Gray Thompson (Clackamas) and Duane Hatch (Lane). These founding pioneers and other Oregon Extension Agents recognized the importance of dispersing horticultural education when combined with the efforts of trained perennial master gardener volunteers.

This history reminisces and digs deep into the past. A history of 33 years (1976-2009) it records OMGA and the Oregon Master Gardener Program deepening its roots, growing strong and branching out into many areas of service in counties throughout the state of Oregon. OMGA and the Oregon Master Gardener Program have a strong root system that is reflected in the bumper crop and bountiful harvest of outstanding accomplishments and achievements.

Yesterday, today and tomorrow, OMGA is a 'living and growing' history that continues to unfold.

This OMGA history is recorded lest we forget!

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CHAPTER 1

The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Introduction

The purpose for researching this history was to document and chronicle, in a written record, the OMGA partnership with the Oregon Master Gardener Program. The OSU program began in 1976 and the OMGA began in 1983. Amazingly, just as vast forests are created by one acorn, so OMGA and its chapters have developed and grown from the pioneering and visionary efforts of a few key individuals and the involvement and leadership of OSU Extension Agents. This chapter focuses on the recollection of several significant dates and events in this history.

Before we begin it is important to reflect on the period when there was:

- No OSU training program in Oregon
- No supportive OMGA organization and membership assisting OSU Extension Agents
- No existing OMGA chapters throughout the state of Oregon
- No dedicated master gardeners working in Oregon communities assisting residents with horticultural and gardening related problems

OMGA Historical Partnership with Oregon Master Gardener Program

On the other hand, this chapter details information about how, when and why OMGA and its partnership with the Oregon Master Gardener Program began. It relates and mentions the key individuals who participated in the foundational organization. The systematic process of unifying a group of like-minded gardeners into a viable, workable statewide organization took several years to take root, grow and become firmly established. Oregon communities have benefitted from this on-going partnership.

OSU Land Grant College System and Extension Service

Chapter 2 of this history comments in detail about the historical background and significance of the OSU Land Grant College system created by the United States Congress. The same chapter also mentions the establishment of the OSU Extension Service, which prior to the beginning of the OSU Master Garden Program provided literature on gardening topics and horticultural education to Oregon communities.

Historically, in states throughout America, land grant colleges and extension systems had been established for many years by the time that the master gardener program was organized in the state of Washington. When the Oregon program was adapted and developed it succeeded because of its OSU affiliation and training. As a land grant college, OSU and Extension already had educational resources in place.

Chronological Process Used

In order to reduce confusion in reading this OMGA History timeline, a consistent chronological process was used in the following pages. The underlined subheadings move this OMGA History forward by consecutive dates and historical events.

1862 The Morrill Act

In 1862 the Morrill Act created the Land Grant College system to provide education in agriculture. The Morrill Act was signed by President Abraham Lincoln.

1868 OSU Established as a Land Grant College

Formerly the Oregon Agricultural College, OSU was established, in 1868 as the designated Land Grant College in Oregon.

1887 The Hatch Act

In 1887 the Hatch Act established facilities in each state to improve agriculture.

1914 The Smith Lever Act

The Smith Lever Act, in 1914, established the Cooperative Extension Service in order to distribute information developed by land grant colleges and research stations to citizens. It also established the partnership between agricultural colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture to engage in Extension work.

1973 Creation of Master Gardener Program in the State of Washington

In 1973 David Gibby and Bill Scheer, Extension Agents in King and Pierce Counties in Washington, developed the WSU Master Gardener Program.

1975 Oregon State Legislature

A request was made to the Oregon State Legislature, by the OSU Extension Service, to mandate and dedicate resources to hire four professional agents who would “organize an urban home horticulture program in Oregon”. The response was that four agents were reassigned from other responsibilities for this specific task.

This request involved the organization of a similar program to the one that had been developed in the state of Washington in 1973. The proposed program would be specifically focused and adapted to the horticultural needs of Oregon communities.

1976 Two OSU Master Gardener Pilot Programs

In 1976 OSU Master Gardener pilot programs were commenced in two counties by OSU Extension Agents. Duane Hatch (Eugene, Lane County) and Gray Thompson (Oregon City, Clackamas County) began pilot programs in their counties. Purposes and program objectives were developed with training provided by Extension personnel.

Twofold Purposes/Objectives: (manage the master gardener program)

1. Recruit and train volunteer staff
2. Manage volunteer time and skills
 - Relieve local Extension staff of repetitious calls for home gardening advice that could be answered by trained volunteers
 - Multiply the educational efforts of the local Extension by developing a staff of volunteer teachers to deliver information
 - Provide unbiased, understandable information to the volunteer staff which could be passed on
 - Develop leadership skills in the volunteer staff
 - Provide opportunities for volunteers to serve and help them develop their own skills

1978 Development of the Home Horticultural Advisory Committee (HHAC)

The Home Horticultural Advisory Committee (HHAC) was formed by Gray Thompson and Ray McNeilan. The first meeting was held at Fred Meyer, in Tigard, on May, 1978. Each of the three metro counties had members who attended the meeting.

The purpose of the HHAC was to assist the county Extension Agent (Ray McNeilan) in the metropolitan Portland area. This tri-county area was comprised of Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. Requested assistance could be in the form of concrete suggestions, constructive criticisms, program ideas etc.

The function of the HHAC was to act as a sounding board, lend support and offer productive evaluations for this newly developed Oregon program.

1982 OSU Extension Service Budget Setbacks

In 1982 OSU Extension suffered a serious setback in budgets with consequent layoffs and the changing of duties of most of the agents who were managing the Oregon Master Gardener Program. The following information was mentioned in historical notes:

“As a result and under the direction of Ray McNeilan, then State Master Gardener Coordinator the Oregon Master Gardener Foundation was created. The OMGF was felt necessary, as a money raising body to help support the Master Gardener Program in counties where budgets were cut severely. Thus, because of Oregon’s budget problems, Master Gardeners came together to form an association through which they could provide financial support to the OSU Master Gardener Program.”

1982 Organizational Meeting for the Purposes of Forming an Association

On November 13, 1982 at the Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham an organizational meeting was hosted by the HHAC. It was attended by 85 master gardeners from 10 counties.

John Caine (Multnomah), Chair of the HHAC opened the meeting and explained its purpose and function:

“To organize a statewide association to assist, encourage and help to direct Extension Service efforts in home horticulture and specifically in the workings of the Master Gardener Program”

After several hours of discussion, a motion was made by Ray Davis (Josephine) and seconded by Mabel Lund (Washington) to form a state association. The majority voted and agreed. The following were elected as the first set of OMGA Officers:

Title	Name	County
President	Jeanne Walker	Clackamas
Vice President	Ray Davis	Josephine
Secretary	Pat Patterson	Lane
Treasurer	Cloyd Makinson	Baker

1982 Developing a Master Gardener Foundation

There was an additional discussion about developing a Master Gardener Foundation as a money raising body to help support programs in counties where budgets were cut severely. A motion was made by Russ Jones (Washington) and seconded by Cloyd Makinson (Baker) in favor of forming the Oregon Master Gardener Foundation. Don Naylor (HHAC) requested joining the OSU Foundation on an account status. Russ Jones made the motion and it was seconded by Clyde Makinson.

The following were elected as the first set of OMGA Officers:

Title	Name	County
President	Art Dickow	Clackamas
Vice President	James Colson	Josephine
Secretary	Al Klass	Washington
Treasurer	Joyce Nesmith	Linn

1983 First Draft of OMGA Bylaws Proposed

On February 19, 1983 there was an OMGA meeting in Eugene (Lane). Interested attendees included:

- Jeanne Walker (OMGA President – Clackamas)
- Cloyd Makinson – Baker
- Ella Sprayde – Jackson
- Chet Daniels – Jackson
- Malvina Vandervalle – Jackson
- Jean Richardson – Jackson
- Ray Davis – Josephine
- Pat Patterson – Lane
- Barbara Mazzi – Lane
- Roland Jackson – Lane
- Betty Jackson – Lane
- Joyce Nesmith – Linn
- Marianne Bornholdt – Marion
- John Caine – Multnomah
- Don Naylor – Multnomah
- Ray McNeilan – Multnomah
- Harold Knab – Washington
- Gene Hatfield – Washington
- Jim Barry – Washington
- Charles Daley – Yamhill

The meeting's purpose was to draft OMGA Bylaws and there was much discussion on the subject. A planning committee was scheduled to meet on another date.

1983 First Mini-College in Corvallis

On August 22-25, 1983 the first mini-college was scheduled and co-sponsored by OSU and the newly formed OMGA. Organized primarily by Jim Green (OSU, Professor of Horticulture), Eric Ross (Linn, Extension), Jeanne Walker (OMGA, President) and Ray McNeilan (Multnomah, Extension) it was an immediate success. Chapter 6 of this OMGA History presents a detailed history of mini-college.

1985 OMGA Articles of Incorporation

Articles of Incorporation were developed and signed April 1, 1985. On June 26, 1985, the State of Oregon, Department of Commerce Corporation Division, issued a Certificate of Incorporation to OMGA. Master gardeners from diverse backgrounds and occupations (reflective of our society) agreed on a common concept and unification of forming an association named the Oregon Master Gardener Association.

OMGA Articles of Incorporation Signed by Chapter Representatives on April, 1985:

Malvina Vandervalle, Jackson	John Caine, Multnomah
Jeanne Walker, Clackamas	Ray Davis, Josephine
Mariane Bornholdt, Marion	Pat Patterson, Lane
Joyce Nesmith, Linn	Jim Berry, Washington
Cloyd Makinson (Baker)	
Certificate issued 1985 - Secretary of State	

1985 OMGA Bylaws Approved

In June, 1985 a set of bylaws was agreed upon by OMGA Officers and Chapter Representatives. They have been revised several times by necessity. County Chapter's Bylaws mirror OMGA Bylaws.

1986 Dissolution of Oregon Master Gardener Foundation (OMGF)

A meeting of the OMGF officers and trustees was called to discuss dissolving the foundation. The OMGF account held a total of \$5,600. A decision was made to make a gift of the cash assets to OMGA. It was suggested that OMGA elect a second Vice-President to assume some of the duties of the OMGF.

1988 OMGA Tax Number

On February 18, 1988 then OMGA Treasurer Anne Decker (Jackson) sent a memo to all chapters giving them the OMGA tax number for fund raising and soliciting contributions. OMGA would file a single consolidated tax return for all Oregon Master Gardener activity. The exception was Marion County because of its unique structure.

In 2001 the organization structure of OMGA was modified slightly and now each individual chapter has its own tax ID number.

1988 OSU Master Gardener Handbooks

In 1988, Ray McNeilan purchased written master gardener handbooks from Virginia. The handbooks were revised in accordance with northwest growing conditions.

1988 Volunteer Name Badges

A memo was written in July 18, 1988 from Greg Tillson, OSU Extension Specialist about the possibility of standardizing name badges for master gardeners. The Extension marketing task force researched several options and styles and recommended the badges should be in the shape of the state of Oregon. The OSU Extension logo, volunteer name, and volunteer program could all be added to the badge.

1989 Completed Master Gardener Handbooks

The completed Oregon master gardener handbooks were distributed to class attendees. Previously master gardeners had prepared their own individual handbooks using class notes and handouts given out by speakers. Class attendees now had access to an Oregon handbook that had been specially prepared and written for their use in class.

The previous pages presented a chronological, consecutive pattern of OMGA History from the records and information that was available. Historical records needed to write this history were difficult to locate and some records no longer exist. Linda Eggiman (Multnomah) and Cathy Burdett (Yamhill) made every effort, over a three year period, to obtain documents relating to OMGA. Any historical records retrieved have now been catalogued and forwarded to the current OMGA Historian.

Primary Purpose/Mission of OMGA

In 1985 a set of OMGA Bylaws was agreed on by OMGA Officers and Chapter Representatives. Included in the OMGA Bylaws, in Article 1 is the primary purpose of the association:

- To enhance and supplement the Oregon State University Home Horticulture Program (Master Gardener ™ Program).
- To assume responsibility for performing special tasks and engaging in continuous activities related to the Program.
- To work with other garden organizations to enhance gardening when appropriate.
- To award scholarships for post-secondary education in the fields of horticulture and plant sciences on the basis of scholastic merit and need.

1975-1989 Developed by Oregon Master Gardener Program and OMGA membership

Listed below are some popular and effective projects developed from 1975-1989.

- 1975 Gardening problems – clinics - demonstration gardens
- 1978 Speakers Bureau, advisory committees, phone answering in Extension offices. Gardening news writing, community gardens
- 1980 Seminar teaching, spring and harvest fairs
- 1982 Computer expertise, seed testing, youth projects
- 1985 Pruning demonstrations, soil testing, farmers markets, television and video program production, community seminars
- 1989 Home security program and materials adapted nationally. National conference planning and operation, youth at risk projects, children's gardens, landscape planting and design, experimentation with horticultural crops.

1976-1989 Metro Portland Growth Statistics

In the tri-county Portland metro area (Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington) the master gardener volunteers growth statistics from 1976 to 1989.

Year	New MGS	Veterans	Total MG	Hours	Contacts
1976	10	--	10	600	2000
1978	65	20	85	6900	7000
1983	146	110	256	12800	11900
1986	150	110	260	14650	16000
1989	194	229	423	20680	23380

Note: information to prepare the three 'growth charts' was found in some historical notes written by Ray McNeilan, OSU Program Coordinator and assisted by Jan Powell McNeilan then Metro Portland and statewide Master Gardener Program Assistant.

1976-1989 'Growth' Statistics

The table below shows 'growth' statistics from 1976-1989.

Year	Counties	New MG	Veterans	Contacts	Hours
1976	2	36	--	--	--
1977	3	130	20	--	--
1978	5	160	40	28000	8000
1979	7	249	55	--	18800
1980	7	324	78	50000	--
1981	10	400	100	--	--
1982	7	250	150	35000	23000
1983	9	323	180	--	32000
1984	13	320	180	--	--
1985	14	453	209	--	25280
1986	15	454	351	91750	37377
1987	16	480	350	--	47380
1988	19	510	847	80000	68862
1989	18	570	930	90000	78200

Comment: Ray McNeilan's notes state that volunteer hours in 1987, 1988 and 1989 gave Extension an average of 35FTE's (full time equivalents) for each of those years.

County	Total	New MG's	Veterans	
Benton/Linn	88	27	61	
Clackamas	141	60	81	
Clatsop	18	12	6	
Columbia	21	15	6	
Curry	6	--	6	
Deschutes	30	30	--	
Douglas	69	35	34	
Jackson	283	51	232	
Josephine	95	35	60	
Lane	169	44	125	
Lincoln	15	13	2	
Marion	121	41	80	
Multnomah	205	91	114	
Polk	23	14	9	
Tillamook	26	9	19	
Union	22	16	6	
Wasco	27	27		
Washington	112	51	61	
Yamhill	29	21	8	

Comment: Ray McNeilan's notes state that during 1989, Oregon had 1500 active Master Gardener volunteers working in at least 18 counties.

List of OMGA Officers	From 1983 to 1998:	
President	Jeanne Walker 1983-1984	Joyce Nesmith 1985-1986
Vice President	Ray Davis	John Caine/Marje Luce
Secretary	Pat Patterson	Terri Bangs
Treasurer	Cloyd Makinson	Chris Christenson
Past President	None	Jeanne Walker

Note: John Caine was Vice President until July 1986 and then Marje Luce

President	Marje Luce 1987-1988	Karl Carlson 1989-1990
President Elect	Karl Carlson	George Hall
Vice President 1	Terri Bangs	Anne McDonald
Vice President 2	Daniel Felthousen	Gray Thompson
Secretary	Anne McDonald	Carol Finley
Treasurer	Anne Decker	Anne Decker
Past President	Joyce Nesmith	Marje Luce
Historian	Doris Crooks	Emogene Atherton

President	George Hall 1991-1992	Blaine Kuhn 1993
President Elect	Blaine Kuhn	Bill Pennington
Vice President 1	Carol Finley	Carol Finley
Vice President	Ed McFarlane	Ed McFarlane
Secretary	Helen Bell	Helen Bell
Treasurer	Walt Anderson	Walt Anderson
Past President	Karl Carlson	George Hall
Historian	Emogene Atherton	Emogene Atherton

Note: there was an OMGA Bylaws change (one year terms for OMGA officers)

President	Bill Pennington 1994	Cheryl Crane 1995
President Elect	Cheryl Crane	Carol Finley
Vice President 1	Rhonda Witham	Adele Lehan
Vice President 2	Laura Jo Holt	Laura Jo Holt
Secretary	Betty Ison	Betty Ison
Treasurer	Walt Anderson	Bob Heatherington
Past President	Blaine Kuhn	Bill Pennington
Historian	Emogene Atherton	Emogene Atherton

President	Carol Finley 1996	Julie Stanbery 1997
President Elect	Julie Stanbery	Melinda Bernert
Vice President 1	Heidi Fastabend	Muriel Willingham
Vice President 2	Lyle Jack	Lyle Jack
Secretary	Marjorie Neal	Marjorie Neal
Treasurer	Bob Heatherington	Diana Yazzolino
Past President	Cheryl Crane	Carol Finley
Historian	Emogene Atherton	Cheryl Crane

President	Melinda Bernert 1998	The first two OMGA Presidents
President Elect	Lyle Jack	were Jeanne Walker and Joyce
Vice President 1	Muriel Willingham	Nesmith (1983 to 1986).
Vice President 2	Hal Howell	Their leadership and
Secretary	Mary Jane Wilson	organizational strategies
Treasurer	Diana Yazzolino	contributed to the success and
Past President	Julie Stanbery	effectiveness of the new
Historian	Cheryl Crane	Oregon master gardener program

Note: In Chapter 4 of this OMGA History there is a list of the OMGA Officers from 1999-2009.

American author, Washington Irving, stated “He who plants an oak looks forward to future ages, and plants for posterity”. Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn”.

This history is somewhat reflective of these two statements. OMGA members and visionary program pioneering master gardeners, in Oregon, recognized the importance of planting sturdy horticultural/gardening seedlings in communities for the future. They faithfully nourished and tended the plantings and watched them slowly grow and mature.

Just as plants continually change and evolve, OMGA and the Oregon Master Gardener Program has also changed to meet the changing needs in communities. However, the program’s original mission and purpose remains the same and unchanged.

Embracing new computer technologies, introducing innovative projects are necessary when planting for future growth however, teaching Oregonians about horticulture and sustainable gardening practices are also important. The early program pioneers recognized this and they left a valuable ‘forest’ legacy for future master gardeners because they were planting for the present and the future in mind.

In 1973, the first master gardener program began in the state of Washington and was developed because Extension Agents needed assistance. It has grown and branched out to every state in the United States and some Canadian provinces.

In 1976, the OSU Master Gardener Program began with just two counties. It has been transplanted and grown in counties throughout Oregon. There are thousands who have membership in OMGA because of the dedicated efforts of the program pioneers. This successful program has grown and branched out into many areas and this history documents many of the outstanding successes and accomplishments that have been achieved.

This OMGA and Oregon Master Gardener Program history is important because the garnered research can be utilized in the present and added to in the future.

Chapter 1

Source material: historical notes by Ann Marie VanDerZanden/OSU Program Coordinator/mini-college notes/historical notes by Ray McNeilan/OSU Program Coordinator/Quotes by Ralph Waldo Emerson and Washington Irvine/WSU web site/OSU Extension web site/OMGA Bylaws.

CHAPTER 2

OSU Extension's Partnership with OMGA

Historically, there is a long-term relationship between the OSU Extension Service and OMGA members, so a synopsis of extension's history is important. OSU Extension and OSU Master Gardeners work in Oregon communities in a shared partnership of extending education by providing gardening and horticultural information to the public. They have a past and present history of innovation and adaptation as they work together.

This chapter reflects the background and purpose of establishing the Cooperative Extension Services (CES) in the United States. First to be considered is a concise, historical national overview perspective. Second to be reviewed is a brief history of extension's purpose and mission in Oregon in relation to members of OMGA.

Historical Overview of the Extension Service in the United States

The objective and purpose of the 'extension' was established by the United States Congress enacting the Morrill Act in 1862 and the land grant university system.

The Smith Lever Act in 1914 established a partnership between agricultural colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA):

"To aid in diffusing among people in the United States, useful and practical information on subjects relating to agriculture and home economics, and to encourage the application of same."

Nationally the extension's purpose was developed to distribute education and information to the public by designated land grant universities.

Important Historical Dates in the Land Grant University System

1862	The Morrill Act created the Land Grant College (University) system to provide education in agriculture, home economics, mechanical art and other practical professions. The Morrill Act was signed by President Lincoln.
1887	The Hatch Act established facilities in each state in order to conduct research to improve agriculture and related areas.
1890	The US Congress established an additional 13 colleges in the south for higher education.
1914	The Smith Lever Act established the Cooperative Extension Service in order to distribute information developed by land grant universities and research stations to citizens. It established the partnership between the agricultural colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture to engage in extension work.
1868	Formerly named the Oregon Agricultural College, OSU was established as a land grant college. OSU, as a land grant college, and the OSU Extension Service, have a continued partnership with USDA. Extension Service website: extension.oregonstate.edu
Extension history website: extension.oregonstate.edu/about/history/php	
USDA website: www.csrees.usda.gov/qlinks/extension.html	

Creation of the land grant system in the United States was important in bringing education to the people and its emphasis was focused on research and community outreach. Although the actual extension organization differs in each state, there is a commonality in the function of their cooperation with local, state and federal governments. Each state coordinates the functions of the extension through the land grant university system.

The characteristics of the OSU Extension Service often include:

- Providing education instruction through the land grant system
- Problem solving
- Client driven
- Unbiased, research based information
- Life-long learning experience
- Partnership driven
- Empowerment

In the western states the following are designated as land grant universities:

Washington State University at Pullman

University of California at Berkeley/Davis/Riverside

University of Idaho at Moscow

University of Nevada at Las Vegas

Historical Development of the word 'Extension'

The USDA web page provides the following information explaining the historical development of the word 'extension' in relationship to the land grant university system.

"The word extension means reaching out and land grant universities 'extend' their resources to communities in the United States. Congress created the extension service to address exclusively, rural agricultural issues because 50 percent of the population lived in rural areas and 30 percent of the workforce was engaged in farming. In recent years, despite the decline of rural America (2 percent farm for a living and only 17 percent live in rural areas), the national Cooperative Extension System remains important in American life.

The Victory Garden Program during World War II was very popular and extension agents provided seed, fertilizer and simple gardening tools for victory gardeners. In 1942, an estimated 15 million families planted gardens and in 1943 some 20 million victory gardeners produced 40 percent of the vegetables grown for that year's fresh consumption."

OSU – Oregon's Land Grant University - Major Areas of Emphasis

Today the OSU Extension Service works in several major areas:

- 4H, Youth, Family and Community Development
- Agriculture (included is the master gardener program)
- Forestry
- Leadership/Community and Economic Development
- Natural Sciences and Marine Sciences (Sea Grant)
- Outreach and Engagement

Local extension offices and staff continue to serve growing diverse communities with fewer resources because of the partnership of OMGA and the Oregon MG Program. The university, extension service and residents of the state of Oregon benefit from the outstanding work accomplished by master gardener volunteers.

Development of Master Gardener Volunteers by Extension Agents in Washington

The following information was obtained from the Washington State University's web page relating to the history of the founding of their master gardener program.

In 1971 David Gibby and Bill Scheer, Extension Agents in King and Pierce Counties in Washington, needed a workable solution to a problem they encountered. They had time constraint issues. Constantly challenged in their attempts to focus on both urban and commercial horticulture issues and the public's intense demand for information about plant problems, they needed to develop a practical process and action plan. They looked at several concept approaches and options.

An educational series of television and radio shows on gardening topics was developed and implemented in a concentrated effort to reduce the public's continued demands for service. This educational communication approach presented a potential for resolution. This did not happen. Because of the expanded exposure in the mass media, the public were made aware that the Extension Service could provide horticultural and gardening information on request. The time had come to develop an alternate plan.

The most feasible option was the consideration of implementing the concept of recruiting and training volunteers. It had been discussed many times and rejected. Although recruitment required a careful selection process it seemed the most practical approach. Proactive Extension Agents would then have time to fulfill educational demands and the public would be served by access to a group of trained volunteers in responding to gardening and horticultural issues. This seemed a potential partnership solution that could benefit the Washington Extension Service and the public.

Implementing the Washington State University Master Gardener Program

- In 1972 Dr Gibby organized a trial clinic at the Tacoma Mall featuring gardening specialists. In preparation of the event, he also wrote newspaper articles and aired spots on television.
- The trial clinic's purpose was to determine if there was public interest in the development of a volunteer master gardener training program.
- At the trial clinic the public demonstrated their support.
- The Washington Master Gardener Training Program was no longer just an idea but a realistic opportunity that could be developed and implemented.
- There were 600 initial inquiries for training. Dr. Gibby interviewed all the applicants and 300 were accepted.
- In 1973 approximately 200 were in the first class including Ed Hume a media gardening expert who was an honorary trainee.
- Agents Gibby and Scheer had worked in Germany and recognized the importance of an appropriate and distinguished title for volunteers. In German, the top proficiency level in horticulture is denoted as a 'Gartenmeister' which they anglicized as 'Master Gardener'.

The horticulture volunteer concept works. Trained master gardener volunteers work throughout the United States and several Canadian provinces as a result of the innovative concept that was developed in 1973 in the state of Washington.

The Extension Service and the formulation of the Washington State University Master Gardener Program have been reviewed from a national, historical perspective.

Next to be considered is a brief history of OSU Extension Service's purpose and mission in relation to OMGA members who have been trained and certified under the OSU Master Gardener Program.

Important Historical Dates in the OSU Extension Service

- 1911 - Oregon leaders had anticipated passage of the Smith Lever Act by Congress and obtained state appropriations for extension work in Oregon, (Oregon Laws 1913 - Chapter 110).
- 1911 - Board of Regents of the Oregon State College appointed the first Oregon Director of Extension.
- September 7, 1912 – Luther Chapin (Marion County) was appointed as Oregon's first OSU Extension Agent (financing was from commercial sources raised through local Chamber of Commerce).
- September 8, 1912 - the second county agent was appointed in Wallowa County (financed by Federal Office of Farm Management Demonstrations and OWR & N Railroad).
- 1917 (World War 1) - A total of 14 county extension agents employed.
- 1937 - Historically (for the first time) each county was cooperating in the employment of one or more extension agents.
- 1976 - Oregon's OSU Master Gardener Program was developed to train volunteers and assist local OSU Extension Agents in providing horticultural and gardening educational information to the public.
- 2009 - In spite of national economic challenges and reduced state financial budgets the Extension Service continues to serve Oregon communities with the assistance of trained master gardener volunteers.

OSU Extension Service's Mission Statement (from their web page)

"The OSU Extension Service engages the people of Oregon with research-based knowledge and education that focus on strengthening communities and economies, sustaining natural resources, and promoting healthy families and individuals."

OSU Extension Service's Vision Statement (from their web page)

"Extension leads Oregon State University's outreach mission with Oregon's people and communities to have positive impacts on community livability, economic vitality, natural resources sustainability, and the health and well being of people. Based on these positive impacts, the OSU Extension Service is recognized as one of America's top-5 Land Grant University Extension systems."

OSU Extension Service and OSU Master Gardener Program – a Partnership

In Oregon counties Extension Agents are constantly challenged to respond to the changing needs and demands, by the public, for horticultural and gardening education. OSU Extension Service has access to research based education, literature and resources through the land grant university system. In 1976 the OSU Master Gardener Program was developed to train volunteers and assist local extension agents. This partnership has a long history of positive involvement in Oregon communities.

The Role of OSU Extension Agents and Program Staff

- Generally, OSU Extension Agents are OSU faculty.
- Agents work in OSU Extension Service offices throughout the state.
- Develop and disseminate research based horticultural information.
- Extend education by training new OSU Master Gardener volunteers.
- Provide educational training and opportunities for veterans to recertify.
- Develop training programs, establish curriculum and provide support to OMGA county chapters and members.
- Establish and develop acceptable activities for volunteer payback.
- Act as liaison with OSU agents and officials.
- Assist county chapter boards in recommending individuals for recognition to receive county and state awards.
- Contribute written articles in chapter newsletters.
- Support and communicate with the chapter's Board of Directors.
- The 'Master Gardener' logo is trademarked under OSU.

An agent administers and coordinates the training and supervision of OSU volunteers. An individual becomes an OSU Master Gardener volunteer through satisfactory completion of the prescribed training course and volunteer internship. They can contribute membership dues to OMGA through their local Chapter.

A Shared Partnership: OSU Master Gardener Volunteers - OMGA Members

- Support the OSU Home Horticulture Master Gardener Program.
- Support OSU Master Gardener flagship programs: 'Sustainable Gardening' and 'Local and Backyard Food Production'.
- Work in county extension offices throughout the state of Oregon.
- Assist the public to use and apply OSU scientific, horticultural and gardening information based on unbiased university research.
- Deliver training on horticultural topics at workshops, community classes, schools, demonstration events, educational conferences and seminars.
- Implement projects, programs and activities that support the mission of the OSU Master Gardener Program and OMGA.
- Raise funds at plant sales, gardening events and tours.
- Co-sponsors of an annual Gardener's Mini-College.
- Support OMGA members and county chapters.
- Provide scholarships, educator grants, loans and financial grants to OMGA county chapters.
- Support the OSU Master Gardener Endowment.
- OMGA by its Executive Board and Board of Directors provide leadership to county chapters at quarterly and chapter meetings.
- Communicate to OMGA members by its newsletter the 'Gardeners Pen', the OMGA website and email systems.

Historically there is a shared partnership that exists between the OSU Extension Service, which administers the OSU Master Gardener Program, and OMGA members who volunteer in community outreach programs in Oregon counties. Each county tailors individual programs to meet the specific needs of that particular county.

The program to train master gardeners in Oregon began in 1976 with 36 trainees and is one of the oldest in the nation. Organized in 1982 and incorporated in 1985 the OMGA is the network by which master gardeners in county chapters communicate. OSU trained master gardeners work in communities throughout Oregon in projects, programs and activities that support the OSU mission of sustainable environments and healthy communities. The result has been many outstanding successes and accomplishments and they are mentioned in detail in Chapter 9 of this history.

OSU Leadership Contributed to the Successful Partnership with OMGA

1. In 1978 Ray McNeilan became the state OSU MG program coordinator. He also continued his responsibilities in the Metro Counties as urban and home horticulture Extension Agent until his retirement in 1996.
2. From 1997-2003 Dr. Ann Marie VanDerZanden served as program coordinator.
3. From 2003-2007, Jan Powell McNeilan served as the interim program coordinator and also consumer horticulture agent for the three counties in the Portland Metro area.
4. In 2007 (until present) Dr. Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback became the statewide coordinator of the Oregon Master Gardener Program.
5. OSU Program Assistants and Program Coordinators. For example: Jan Powell McNeilan, Amy Dreves and Patty Driscoll (to name just a few) are Program Assistants who invest their expertise and skills to help run the programs in many counties. This history acknowledges them.

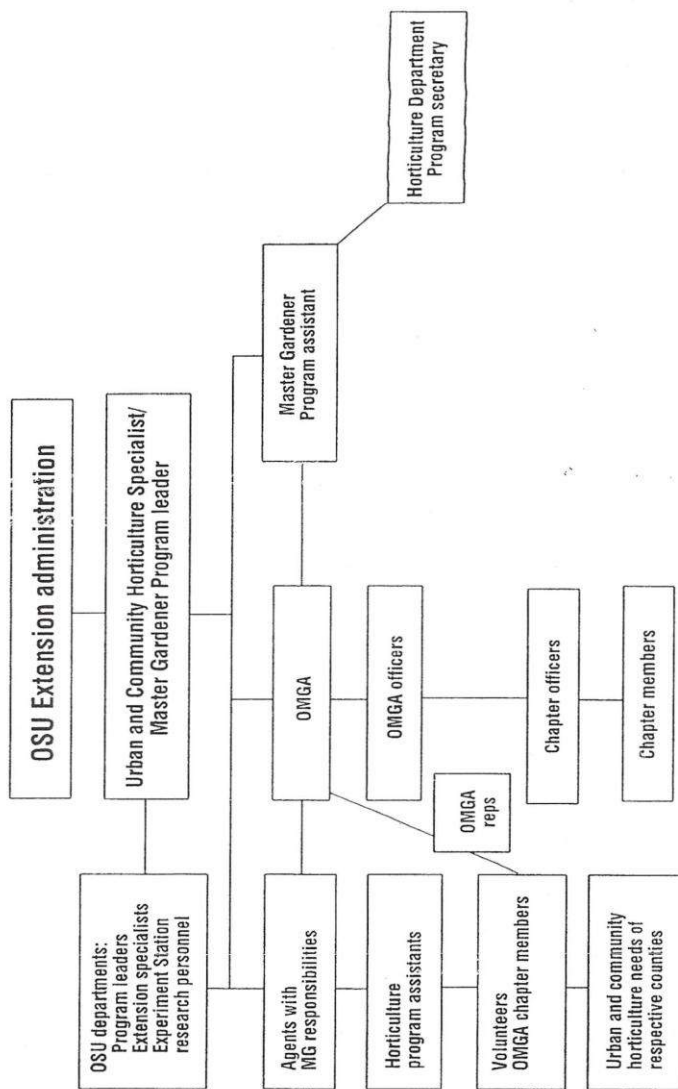
Note: Additional references listed on the following pages:

- OSU Master Gardener Program, organizational chart as it existed in 2009. The chart explains the relationship between Extension and OMGA. It is submitted for historical reference.
- A list of Extension home/urban horticulture staff that existed in 2009 indicating the county and address. Although the list is constantly changing it is submitted only for historical reference.
- 2009 - Extension Master Gardener Survey prepared by USDA submitted only for information
- Number of Master Gardeners and annual volunteer hours by location – University of Minnesota 2005. It is submitted for historical reference.

Chapter 2

Source material: web sites of OSU and WSU/historical notes/Ann Marie VanDerZanden, March 2003/CSRFEEES, USDA, 2009 Extension Master Gardener Survey/OSU publications/Success Story by David Gibby and Bill Scheer updated 2010 published on WSU web site.

Oregon State University Master Gardener Program organizational chart



OSU MG Program Organizational Chart as it existed in 2009. It is submitted only for historical reference.

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A list of OSU Extension Home/Urban Horticulture staff that existed in 2009, although the information is constantly changing it is submitted only for historical reference.



2009 Extension Master Gardener Survey

March 2009



Total current Extension Master Gardener volunteers	94,865*
Total annual volunteer hours	5,197,573*
Value of volunteer hours	\$101.4 Million**

New Extension Master Gardener volunteers who recently achieved good standing (40 responding states)	16,471
Percentage of metropolitan county volunteer hours (36 responding states)	79%
Percentage of rural county volunteer hours (36 responding states)	21%
Personal contacts (e.g. hotline calls, e-mails returned, live audience presentation, site visits) (38 responding states)	4,850,285
Percentage of personal contacts to underserved audiences (30 responding states)	14.4%
Yearly media reach (e.g. TV, Radio, Print, and Internet) (34 responding states)	102 Million***
Pounds of produce donated to local food banks (26 responding states)	685,554
Volunteer Extension Master Gardener volunteer hours devoted to youth programming (31 responding states)	293,017
Youth served by Extension Master Gardener programming activity (29 responding states)	265,733
Extension Master Gardener volunteers involved in youth programming (30 responding states)	7,428
Percentage of states with a volunteer training curriculum chapter dedicated to (31 responding states):	
Integrated Pest Management	92.7%
Water issues (including irrigation and water supply)	65.9%
Using native plants	61.0%
Wildlife management	58.5%

Note: All figures limited to 42 states and the District of Columbia, unless otherwise noted. Rural and Metropolitan counties are defined by the Office of Management and Budget.

* 2009 data used for 42 states and DC and historical data used for 8 states. This produces a conservative estimate.

** Using \$19.51 per hour standard on www.independentsector.org

*** Survey question asked for number of different people reached but many respondents interpreted the question to be the total number of actual media impressions. This figure could be treated as an extremely conservative estimate of media impressions.

2009 - Extension Master Gardener Survey prepared by USDA and submitted for information.

Number of active Master Gardeners and annual volunteer hours by location. Adapted from Jeanne Rose, MG in Tulare-King Counties, CA, 1999, 2001. Updated by M. H. Meyer, Professor, University of Minnesota, 2005.

State	No. active MGs	No. counties	No. volunteer hrs
Alabama	1,750	40	110,000
Alaska	2,000	10	100,000
Arizona	987	10	2,500
Arkansas	2,500	50	55,200
California	2,906	35	157,200
Colorado	1,400	35	54,600
Connecticut	600	8	30,000
Delaware	400	3	6,500
Florida	3,400	54	222,300
Georgia	1,700	120	100,000
Hawaii	33	23	5,600
Idaho	800	35	14,000
Illinois	3,600	100	132,000
Indiana	3,600	59	105,000
Iowa	2,000	99	100,000
Kansas	900	17	42,000
Kentucky	1,250	26	70,500
Louisiana	592	20	18,000
Maine	800	15	7,000
Maryland	1,000	14	30,000
Massachusetts			
Western MG Assn.	113	4	2,800
Mass. Hort. Society	284		
Michigan	4,600	57	293,500
Minnesota	2,200	87	90,000
Mississippi	750	20	27,000
Missouri	2,500	90	77,600
Montana	800	56	20,000
Nebraska	587	93	9,900
Nevada	635	10	36,330
New Hampshire	450	10	6,200
New Jersey	1,156	13	76,900
New Mexico	300	9	12,000
New York	1,789	48	87,700
North Carolina	2,500	72	133,000
North Dakota	600	15	4,600
Ohio	1,860	60	59,400
Oklahoma	835	18	39,300
Oregon	2,760	26	115,200
Pennsylvania	1,600	57	61,700
Rhode Island	240	5	11,000
South Carolina	1,285	33	13,700
South Dakota	450	56	25,000
Tennessee	2,000	44	50,000
Texas	5,500	90	360,000
Utah	375	8	12,000
Vermont	300	14	6,000
Virginia	3,757	88	94,000
Washington	3,100	35	137,000
West Virginia	1,048	35	13,000
Wisconsin	2,019	51	68,140
Wyoming	200	12	2,500
Canada			
Alberta	NA	NA	NA
British Columbia	408	4	23,000
Ontario	800	41	35,000
Saskatchewan	500	NA	NA
Totals	80,519		3,365,870

2005 - The number of Master Gardeners and annual volunteer hours by location, prepared by the University of Minnesota - 2005. It is submitted for historical reference.

CHAPTER 3

State Of Oregon - Demographics

OSU Extension Agents have literally trained thousands of master gardener volunteers since the Oregon program began in 1976. This written OMGA History mentions, in detail, the volunteer program's development and the commitment of dedicated Oregonians. Oregon trained master gardener volunteers have accomplished many outstanding horticultural/gardening projects in their Oregon county chapters.

Therefore it is appropriate that this short chapter should include some reference and demographic information about Oregon residents. Demographics are a method of measurement that can be utilized to observe patterns and growth within a state's population.

Included later in this chapter are three demographic population tables. The tables were created by the Population Research Center at Portland State University.

1. Oregon's total population by age groups and counties
2. Oregon's female population by age groups and counties
3. Oregon's male population by age groups and counties

The tables are submitted for information and reference only.

It would have been historically interesting to include a statistical summary documenting the percentage of populations in Oregon and the United States that are involved in horticultural and gardening pursuits. This information was not available. It is unknown how many Oregonians (2009, population was 3,823,465) are involved in gardening. However in researching the topic in newspaper and magazine articles, books and the internet it is evident that Oregonians and Americans are very interested in the subject because of varied reasons:

- Nationwide, gardening is a popular hobby for men, women and children from varied ethnic, social and age groups.
- Nationwide, the master gardener program continues to attract new trainees each year and retains committed veteran volunteers.
- In the last few years school children have been introduced to gardening because of programs like 'The Edible Garden' and (GENE) – 'Growing Healthy Kids' curriculum for 1st through 3rd graders.
- Popularity of school gardens (teaching gardening to children of all ages).
- Popularity of community gardens with donations to food banks/pantries.
- Popularity of using sustainable gardening practices in local backyard food production (OSU Master Gardener flagship programs).
- Popularity of growing and having access to organic vegetables and fruit.
- Economic and financial challenges (growing vegetables is affordable).
- Nationwide, popular newspapers and magazines feature articles on a variety of horticultural and gardening topics. Retail stores carry inventories of 'gardening' books with a wide range of titles/topics.

Historically, Oregonians have been interested in trees and fruit for home use. Even before Oregon became a state in 1859 the early settlers, in 1847, recognized the importance of adding fruit to their meager diet. They were committed farmers/gardeners.

The First Fruit Nursery in Oregon

The first fruit nursery was brought to Oregon by Henderson Luelling:

“The first fruit nursery of Oregon was known as the ‘Traveling Nursery’ because it was brought to Oregon on wheels. Henderson Luelling, a prosperous nurseryman of Henry County, Iowa, conceived the idea of conveying trees by wagons to Oregon. In the early spring of 1847 with his son Alfred he started westward, driving four yoke ox teams hauling about 800 vigorous young trees. They arrived at the present site of Milwaukie, November 27th. Their trees consisted of different varieties of apple, pear, peach, plum and cherry, and were in immediate demand.”

(It is noted that in 1851 a good crop of apples and cherries was harvested from these trees and four bushels of apples were sold in San Francisco for \$500) – Oregon History (Horner)

Oregon Statistics and Facts (Information from the Oregon Blue Book)

- Oregon became a state after 5 years as a provincial government and 11 years as a United States Territory. President James Buchanan signed the Act of Congress ratifying Oregon’s State Constitution on February 14, 1859 as the thirty third state in the United States. John Whiteaker became the first Governor of Oregon
- 1861 Oregon City held the first Oregon State Fair
- 1862 Congress passed the ‘Homestead Act’ (stimulating settler migration)
- Oregon’s area is 97,073 square miles (10th largest state in U.S.)
- Oregon’s highest point is Mount Hood at 11,235 feet
- Harney is the largest county with 10,228 square miles
- Multnomah (smallest county/465 square miles/largest population)
- Oregon’s largest industries are forest products, agriculture, grass seed production and tourism. A leading producer of peppermint oil, winter pears, fresh plums, blackberries and boysenberries
- Oregon produces 98% of the U.S. filbert (hazelnut) crop
- Crater Lake is deepest lake in the U.S. (formed from an ancient volcano and with a maximum feet of 1,943)
- Oregon’s Capitol was erected in 1854 and destroyed by fire in 1855. The second Capitol was completed in 1876 and destroyed by fire in 1935. The third and present Capitol was dedicated on October 1, 1938
- The Douglas Fir tree was designated as the official state tree in 1939
- The school children of Oregon voted the Western Meadowlark as the state bird in 1927 (sponsored by Oregon Audubon Society)
- The Oregon Grape was designated as the state flower in 1899
- The 1969 Legislature designated the beaver as Oregon’s state animal

Chapter 3

Source material: Oregon History by John D. Horner/published J .K. Gill/Portland 1931/Population Research Center, Portland State University, (pdx/edu/prc). The Oregon Blue Book is published by the Oregon Secretary of State (bluebook/state.or.us/cultural/history)

Table 9. Population by Age and Sex for Oregon and Its Counties: July 1, 2009
Prepared by Population Research Center, PSU, March 2010.

Age Group	Total Population																			All Ages
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	
OREGON	234,555	243,024	253,412	154,526	102,615	259,627	265,937	259,627	260,379	257,872	268,503	275,905	285,073	217,588	157,370	113,323	87,998	70,264	76,869	3,823,465
BAKER	829	927	947	603	401	792	825	804	988	1,053	1,177	1,352	1,305	1,122	950	796	632	488	557	16,450
BENTON	3,933	4,192	4,674	4,891	3,248	12,487	6,391	5,805	5,365	4,897	5,234	5,710	5,716	4,418	2,918	2,055	1,706	1,342	1,744	86,725
CLACKAMAS	23,603	23,514	26,837	15,943	10,587	25,367	26,524	24,158	24,264	25,302	27,853	29,441	27,829	22,572	15,860	10,240	7,384	5,904	6,863	379,845
CLATSOP	1,979	2,105	2,360	1,565	1,053	2,422	2,371	2,114	2,052	2,209	2,719	3,095	3,201	2,581	1,826	1,401	1,081	857	859	37,840
COLUMBIA	2,938	2,903	3,454	2,167	1,439	3,063	2,712	2,505	2,922	3,314	3,717	3,930	3,778	3,058	2,257	1,529	1,107	831	795	48,410
COOS	2,863	3,243	3,755	2,478	1,645	3,308	3,355	3,057	3,238	3,614	4,504	5,124	5,266	4,745	3,937	3,076	2,399	1,775	1,893	63,965
CROOK	1,746	1,803	2,015	1,185	787	1,735	1,867	1,664	1,680	1,615	1,719	1,912	1,838	1,720	1,282	1,046	765	551	474	27,185
CURRY	822	849	1,032	690	458	935	905	759	798	1,020	1,439	1,702	1,804	1,807	1,741	1,527	1,183	924	945	21,340
DESCHUTES	9,732	9,969	10,981	6,100	4,050	9,557	11,374	11,365	11,739	11,578	12,657	13,376	13,036	11,377	8,318	5,629	3,946	2,955	2,965	170,705
DOUGLAS	5,695	5,828	6,663	4,041	2,683	6,128	6,397	5,526	5,505	6,043	7,090	8,091	8,200	7,297	5,824	4,698	3,921	3,011	2,765	105,395
GILLIAM	79	98	106	73	49	91	98	85	96	113	140	173	158	128	101	93	73	63	88	1,885
GRANT	406	369	472	324	215	353	442	341	382	430	556	631	633	554	443	346	256	178	194	7,525
HARNEY	402	426	468	332	221	467	398	338	386	470	618	666	612	521	418	345	265	179	182	7,715
HOOD RIVER	1,473	1,565	1,528	928	617	1,277	1,303	1,325	1,491	1,498	1,617	1,696	1,508	1,106	797	586	494	397	517	21,725
JACKSON	12,424	12,082	13,389	8,398	5,577	13,844	13,248	12,282	11,973	12,214	13,835	15,058	15,371	13,391	10,106	7,421	6,134	4,933	5,329	207,010
JEFFERSON	1,670	1,680	1,743	1,018	676	1,402	1,370	1,306	1,376	1,446	1,528	1,488	1,441	1,311	1,110	879	591	395	304	22,715
JOSEPHINE	4,389	4,288	5,051	3,258	2,164	4,633	4,636	4,017	4,191	4,690	5,546	6,407	6,830	6,313	5,114	3,877	3,233	2,484	2,542	83,665
KLAMATH	4,162	4,305	4,563	2,826	1,877	4,395	4,197	3,942	3,966	3,992	4,427	4,535	4,667	4,186	3,184	2,479	1,962	1,428	1,255	86,350
LAKE	380	397	436	308	204	378	435	376	416	427	535	641	632	538	448	355	280	207	195	7,800
LANE	18,378	19,261	21,026	14,612	9,704	29,868	24,254	22,978	22,330	21,553	23,053	24,586	25,337	20,909	14,949	11,022	8,738	7,263	7,898	347,860
LINCOLN	2,044	2,166	2,433	1,515	1,006	2,184	2,225	2,211	2,436	2,710	3,150	3,653	4,074	3,633	2,739	2,213	1,823	1,290	1,155	44,700
LINN	7,207	7,298	7,899	4,848	3,087	6,733	7,036	6,592	6,713	6,965	7,557	7,815	7,643	6,639	5,190	3,775	2,977	2,420	2,699	110,865
MALHEUR	1,859	2,286	2,356	1,351	897	1,922	2,210	2,348	2,084	2,133	2,158	2,074	1,968	1,574	1,277	964	788	660	808	31,720
MARION	22,274	23,344	23,504	13,618	9,043	22,272	24,248	22,513	21,323	20,914	21,044	20,690	19,164	15,910	11,852	8,489	6,680	5,463	6,026	318,170
MORROW	983	891	1,059	575	378	796	875	795	816	777	870	903	795	633	474	350	258	170	146	12,540
MULTNOMAH	44,157	46,830	43,835	25,757	17,104	46,552	55,578	59,381	60,495	56,002	53,564	52,897	48,930	37,011	24,210	16,780	12,887	10,865	12,045	724,860
POLK	4,383	4,182	4,502	3,033	2,014	5,558	5,198	4,597	3,882	3,876	4,240	4,610	4,749	3,913	2,863	2,106	1,785	1,429	2,066	68,795
SHERMAN	80	85	114	75	50	104	72	61	73	98	148	185	156	132	108	86	76	75	72	1,830
TILLAMOOK	1,108	1,250	1,375	964	633	1,351	1,642	1,335	1,232	1,444	1,788	2,115	2,233	2,091	1,733	1,315	1,017	780	738	26,130
UMATILLA	4,748	4,916	5,374	3,180	2,118	4,702	5,021	4,594	4,685	4,791	5,088	5,036	4,779	3,779	2,823	2,179	1,870	1,416	1,542	72,430
UNION	1,550	1,639	1,638	1,220	810	2,440	1,562	1,376	1,363	1,313	1,468	1,897	1,807	1,532	1,184	933	732	541	666	25,470
WALLOWA	328	308	401	267	177	415	391	273	307	319	472	605	734	565	431	339	283	227	281	7,100
WASHINGTON	1,502	1,542	1,728	1,004	667	1,289	1,373	1,319	1,312	1,421	1,637	1,846	1,860	1,653	1,198	931	746	593	610	24,230
WASCO	38,232	40,434	39,077	21,452	14,246	32,922	37,666	40,317	42,597	41,115	38,485	35,621	30,952	24,025	16,259	10,932	8,069	6,528	8,284	527,140
WHEELER	88	82	87	59	39	43	59	56	71	102	115	110	129	118	136	110	89	69	63	1,595
YAMHILL	6,124	6,249	6,527	4,051	2,690	6,932	7,696	7,108	6,048	6,414	8,756	6,705	5,939	4,743	3,523	2,417	1,938	1,587	1,814	95,250

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	Female Population																			All Ages
	Age Group	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	
OREGON	114,416	118,344	124,155	75,370	50,050	126,335	129,521	126,312	125,806	125,709	134,180	140,408	134,445	110,309	81,166	59,771	48,855	41,380	49,908	1,916,442
BAKER	404	399	449	286	190	378	383	393	496	538	621	671	633	578	471	399	307	259	353	8,208
BENTON	1,917	2,041	2,338	2,360	1,567	6,343	2,996	2,586	2,623	2,552	2,830	3,023	2,870	2,247	1,543	1,100	961	792	1,139	43,828
CLACKAMAS	11,514	11,490	13,080	7,735	5,136	12,177	12,656	12,008	12,352	12,962	14,297	15,240	14,354	11,282	7,947	5,338	4,151	3,575	4,499	191,781
CLATSOP	965	1,009	1,151	760	505	1,116	1,082	1,033	1,050	1,130	1,407	1,603	1,608	1,274	961	738	583	501	544	19,031
COLUMBIA	1,433	1,396	1,655	1,054	700	1,482	1,389	1,338	1,546	1,708	1,876	1,895	1,823	1,488	1,039	688	553	454	495	24,012
COOS	1,397	1,607	1,911	1,211	804	1,594	1,630	1,494	1,582	1,807	2,359	2,753	2,770	2,498	2,058	1,542	1,241	961	1,017	32,237
CROOK	851	812	1,036	584	388	775	847	840	853	835	887	971	920	854	602	503	386	281	292	13,515
CURRY	401	405	504	345	229	470	472	401	410	499	768	902	948	1,015	931	738	552	437	482	10,818
DESCHUTES	4,749	4,973	5,528	2,935	1,949	4,498	5,474	5,430	5,720	5,884	6,578	7,041	6,638	5,775	4,134	2,729	1,975	1,568	1,720	85,290
DOUGLAS	2,779	2,836	3,247	1,929	1,281	2,954	3,179	2,816	2,870	3,225	3,761	4,227	4,130	3,644	3,025	2,416	2,015	1,596	1,621	53,561
GILLIAM	38	39	36	31	21	42	46	50	53	56	66	86	73	60	57	48	38	35	39	914
GRANT	198	188	232	147	98	165	217	199	225	218	291	317	291	252	217	175	121	92	109	3,755
HARNEY	198	187	199	155	103	211	184	187	217	219	281	306	295	248	198	188	141	94	114	3,724
HOOD RIVER	719	771	800	480	319	650	594	609	736	708	787	825	705	532	407	313	270	243	342	10,809
JACKSON	6,058	5,840	6,539	4,188	2,781	6,906	6,774	6,421	6,217	6,400	7,405	8,015	7,836	6,822	5,193	3,827	3,319	2,816	3,300	106,659
JEFFERSON	814	855	881	495	328	686	843	676	688	685	724	736	723	658	575	413	268	184	161	11,153
JOSEPHINE	2,141	2,091	2,430	1,545	1,026	2,218	2,328	2,128	2,189	2,488	2,983	3,420	3,618	3,350	2,682	1,961	1,624	1,315	1,491	43,047
KLAMATH	2,031	2,083	2,193	1,309	869	1,996	1,954	1,942	2,043	2,075	2,270	2,357	2,359	2,024	1,572	1,228	1,030	787	746	32,876
LAKE	190	177	202	144	95	185	226	199	227	223	280	333	302	248	213	167	136	92	108	3,747
LANE	8,965	9,378	10,270	7,217	4,792	15,146	12,021	10,997	10,781	10,783	11,918	12,889	12,944	10,612	7,724	5,849	4,975	4,403	5,055	178,720
LINCOLN	997	998	1,093	723	480	1,076	1,037	1,056	1,229	1,418	1,720	2,007	2,208	2,004	1,511	1,216	1,001	731	713	23,220
LINN	3,515	3,577	3,861	2,291	1,521	3,289	3,446	3,354	3,359	3,516	3,840	3,885	3,891	3,377	2,675	2,016	1,635	1,397	1,694	56,137
MALHEUR	907	1,148	1,176	644	428	907	818	734	886	709	744	784	848	720	590	483	415	361	511	13,596
MARION	10,865	11,344	11,613	6,672	4,431	10,408	11,006	10,010	9,396	9,334	9,885	10,353	9,722	8,181	6,194	4,687	3,908	3,326	3,942	155,277
MORROW	480	434	484	270	179	382	403	369	405	397	404	421	372	299	223	151	106	79	85	5,944
MULTNOMAH	21,540	22,814	21,629	12,686	8,424	23,187	28,231	29,733	28,848	26,276	25,633	26,013	24,488	19,620	12,627	9,457	7,781	7,031	8,608	363,838
POLK	2,138	2,037	2,213	1,434	952	2,591	2,731	2,410	1,874	2,032	2,251	2,460	2,475	1,966	1,445	1,126	1,025	834	1,380	35,475
SHERMAN	39	45	60	38	25	50	33	28	38	58	70	77	74	64	53	36	32	35	31	886
TILLAMOOK	539	581	592	432	287	626	684	578	574	664	868	1,068	1,145	1,115	905	671	510	385	453	12,678
UMATILLA	2,316	2,414	2,612	1,522	1,011	2,213	2,186	2,020	2,128	2,130	2,271	2,309	2,235	1,765	1,354	1,143	922	824	964	34,338
UNION	756	810	818	610	405	1,220	795	720	683	723	838	889	916	772	577	476	385	293	446	13,132
WALLOWA	159	132	165	117	78	202	180	141	176	180	260	309	336	265	203	162	136	113	141	3,453
WASCO	732	731	800	501	332	853	666	657	673	736	856	909	913	828	578	488	437	331	356	12,186
WASHINGTON	18,950	19,564	19,153	10,529	6,992	16,009	18,370	19,529	20,199	19,615	18,978	18,063	16,061	12,549	8,658	5,879	4,780	4,187	5,775	263,639
WHEELER	33	30	34	23	15	19	36	33	37	56	64	62	68	53	61	59	40	28	31	783
YAMHILL	2,987	3,098	3,179	1,967	1,305	3,443	3,805	3,164	2,633	2,870	3,099	3,182	2,837	2,289	1,761	1,250	1,087	939	1,148	46,074

Table 9. Population by Age and Sex for Oregon and Its Counties: July 1, 2009
Prepared by Population Research Center, PSU, March 2010.

Age Group	Male Population																			All Ages
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85+	
OREGON	120,139	124,680	129,257	79,156	52,565	132,292	135,416	133,315	134,572	132,183	134,323	135,497	130,628	107,279	76,204	53,551	39,143	28,884	26,961	1,907,923
BAKER	424	428	498	317	210	415	442	411	492	515	555	681	673	544	479	397	325	230	204	8,242
BENTON	2,015	2,151	2,337	2,531	1,681	6,144	3,395	3,219	2,742	2,344	2,404	2,687	2,846	2,172	1,375	955	744	549	605	42,897
CLACKAMAS	12,089	12,024	13,747	8,208	5,451	13,190	13,868	12,152	11,912	12,340	13,556	14,202	13,475	11,310	7,913	4,902	3,233	2,329	2,164	188,064
CLATSOP	1,014	1,095	1,208	825	548	1,307	1,289	1,081	1,002	1,079	1,312	1,461	1,593	1,307	885	663	488	356	315	19,609
COLUMBIA	1,505	1,506	1,799	1,113	739	1,571	1,324	1,167	1,377	1,606	1,841	2,035	1,956	1,570	1,218	841	554	376	300	24,388
COOS	1,466	1,636	1,844	1,267	841	1,714	1,725	1,563	1,655	1,807	2,145	2,371	2,496	2,247	1,879	1,534	1,158	814	665	30,828
CROOK	895	791	979	601	399	980	1,021	825	807	780	832	941	917	865	680	544	380	269	182	13,667
CURRY	421	444	528	346	230	465	433	358	389	521	671	800	856	792	810	789	631	486	453	10,422
DESCHUTES	4,983	4,996	5,453	3,164	2,101	5,069	5,900	5,935	6,018	5,694	6,079	6,335	6,398	5,602	4,184	2,800	1,970	1,387	1,245	85,415
DOUGLAS	2,917	2,990	3,416	2,111	1,402	3,175	3,208	2,710	2,634	2,818	3,329	3,864	4,064	3,653	2,798	2,281	1,906	1,415	1,144	51,834
GILLIAM	40	80	70	42	28	50	52	35	44	57	73	87	85	69	44	45	35	28	29	971
GRANT	208	182	240	177	118	187	225	142	157	211	265	314	342	302	226	171	134	86	84	3,770
HARNEY	206	239	269	177	118	256	214	151	169	250	337	361	317	273	219	157	124	85	67	3,991
HOOD RIVER	755	794	728	450	289	627	710	717	755	790	830	870	803	574	390	273	224	154	174	10,916
JACKSON	6,368	6,242	6,850	4,210	2,795	6,938	6,474	5,862	5,756	5,814	6,430	7,043	7,535	6,569	4,913	3,594	2,815	2,117	2,030	100,351
JEFFERSON	856	836	882	523	348	737	727	630	688	762	805	732	718	652	535	465	323	201	143	11,562
JOSEPHINE	2,249	2,196	2,621	1,713	1,138	2,415	2,308	1,889	1,992	2,202	2,553	2,987	3,212	2,963	2,432	1,916	1,609	1,169	1,051	40,618
KLAMATH	2,131	2,213	2,370	1,517	1,007	2,389	2,243	2,000	1,943	1,918	2,157	2,178	2,308	2,145	1,612	1,251	931	640	509	33,474
LAKE	200	220	234	164	109	193	208	177	189	204	255	308	330	290	235	188	145	115	87	3,853
LANE	9,413	9,883	10,756	7,396	4,911	14,723	12,232	11,981	11,549	10,770	11,135	11,697	12,393	10,297	7,225	5,173	3,763	2,861	2,813	170,970
LINCOLN	1,047	1,197	1,340	782	526	1,118	1,188	1,155	1,207	1,291	1,428	1,646	1,867	1,628	1,228	987	821	559	442	21,480
LINN	3,691	3,721	4,038	2,358	1,565	3,444	3,591	3,239	3,354	3,450	3,717	3,920	3,752	3,262	2,516	1,759	1,342	1,023	965	54,728
MALHEUR	952	1,138	1,181	707	470	1,015	1,392	1,614	1,418	1,424	1,414	1,290	1,120	854	687	481	372	298	296	18,124
MARION	11,409	12,000	11,891	6,946	4,612	11,864	13,242	12,503	11,927	11,580	11,158	10,337	9,442	7,729	5,457	3,802	2,774	2,136	2,084	162,883
MORROW	503	457	575	300	199	414	472	426	411	380	466	482	423	334	251	199	152	90	62	6,596
MULTNOMAH	22,616	24,016	22,206	13,071	8,680	23,365	27,347	29,648	31,648	29,726	27,931	26,894	24,432	18,391	11,383	7,323	5,106	3,834	3,437	360,842
POLK	2,245	2,144	2,289	1,598	1,061	2,866	2,488	2,187	1,808	1,844	1,989	2,150	2,274	1,946	1,418	980	781	596	666	33,310
SHERMAN	41	40	54	37	24	54	39	32	35	41	78	89	82	68	55	51	45	40	41	944
TILLAMOOK	566	669	783	522	347	725	957	757	657	780	920	1,047	1,087	975	827	644	507	385	285	13,452
UMATILLA	2,431	2,503	2,762	1,668	1,108	2,488	2,835	2,574	2,538	2,692	2,815	2,727	2,544	2,014	1,499	1,036	748	592	578	38,092
UNION	794	829	819	609	405	1,221	767	656	680	590	630	808	890	760	606	457	348	249	220	12,338
WALLOWA	167	176	236	150	100	212	211	132	131	139	213	296	398	300	228	177	147	114	120	3,647
WASCO	789	811	929	503	334	846	708	652	639	685	780	937	947	826	608	443	309	262	255	12,044
WASHINGTON	19,581	20,870	19,924	10,923	7,254	16,813	19,296	20,788	22,398	21,501	19,507	17,558	14,880	11,476	7,601	4,953	3,318	2,339	2,509	263,501
WHEELER	35	33	53	36	24	25	23	23	34	46	52	47	61	65	74	51	49	41	32	802
YAMHILL	3,137	3,150	3,347	2,084	1,384	3,489	3,881	3,924	3,415	3,544	3,657	3,523	3,102	2,454	1,762	1,158	851	648	685	48,176

CHAPTER 4

OMGA Governance

OMGA (Oregon Master Gardener Association) and the OSU Master Gardener Program are separate entities. Acting autonomously, OMGA is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of one representative elected by each chapter and the Executive Committee. The OSU Program Coordinator is included as a non-voting member of the board. OMGA is incorporated in Oregon as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization and because of this non-profit status OMGA and its chapters are able to engage in fundraising activities. In an analogous manner OMGA has the characteristic of a ‘parent’ because the chapters are joined by a common mission and purpose.

The OMGA Bylaws Outline the Mission and Purpose of the Association

OMGA and its county chapters both consistently support the same four primary purposes which are outlined in Article 1 of the OMGA Bylaws.

- To enhance and supplement the Oregon State University Home Horticulture Program.
- To assume responsibility for performing special tasks and engaging in continuous activities relating to the program.
- To promote a wide dissemination of information available as a result of University study and experimentation, such information shall be in accordance with Oregon State University standards.
- To award scholarships for post-secondary education in the fields of horticulture and plant sciences on the basis of scholastic merit and need.

The Revised OMGA Articles Divided According to Topics

For reference, each county chapter should have the OMGA Bylaws and Policies and Motions on file. The most current OMGA Bylaws and revisions are outlined on the OMGA web site. A summary of the articles are listed as follows:

- Revised Article 1 outlines the four primary purposes of OMGA
- Revised Article 11 (sections 1-5) OMGA Chapters
- Revised Article 111 (sections 1-8) OMGA Members
- Revised Article 1V (sections 1-8) OMGA Board of Directors
- Revised Article V (sections 1-8) OMGA Committees
- Revised Article V1 (sections 1-6/7A-7G/8) OMGA Officers
- Revised Article V11 OMGA Amendments OMGA Bylaws
- Revised Article V111 (sections 1-3) outlines miscellaneous provisions
- Article 1X specifies dissolution of the association

Article 3 of the OMGA Bylaws state there are three classes of OMGA members.

1. Active members (dues paying certified master gardeners).
2. Honorary members (exempt from paying dues/non-voting).
3. Associate members (non-voting/ineligible to hold office).

Some Examples of the OMGA Executive Committee's Responsibilities

- Provide leadership to OMGA Master Gardener Chapters in Oregon
- Hold quarterly board meetings around the state to engage discussion among OMGA Representatives and the OMGA Executive Committee.
- Distribute OMGA agenda and minutes to chapter representatives and alternates, chapter presidents, OMGA Officers and OSU Program Leader.
- Monitor/limit oral chapter reports to two minutes at quarterly meetings.
- Prepare annual federal and state reports for chapters (IRS and Dept. of Justice). The exception is Marion County because of its unique structure.
- Sponsor annual Gardener's Mini-College (also recognition and awards).
- Coordinate the Marje Luce, Search for Excellence program presentations.
- Conduct annual Leadership Forum at mini-college.
- Use Gardener's Pen newsletter to communicate with OMGA members.
- Utilize the OMGA committee system to accomplish tasks/responsibilities.
- Distribute/fund PNW Handbooks, annually, to county chapters.

OMGA Policies and Motions

In addition to adherence to the specific criteria mentioned in the OMGA Bylaws, the Board of Directors is also subject to any adopted policies and motions. The current updated OMGA Policies and Motions are also published and available for access on the OMGA web site. Generally they are subdivided into sections with notations of the specific dates when particular motions were voted as OMGA policy.

Some Examples of OMGA Policies and Motions

- Establish importance of adherence to the OMGA Record Retention Policy and the disposition of OMGA and its chapter's documents and records.
- The OMGA Board's signature is required on the 'Whistleblower Policy'.
- Quarterly audit of the OMGA financial records.
- OMGA and its chapters are organized as a group organization according to IRS guidelines. A group organization is considered to consist of a central organization (OMGA) together with subordinate organizations (i.e. OMGA Chapters) which function semi-autonomously.
- The central organization and each subordinate must obtain a separate EIN number from IRS. OMGA is incorporated as a tax exempt organization.

Examples of OMGA Ad Hoc Committees (listed in the Policies and Motions):

Ray McNeilan Scholarship	Mini-College	Extension Educator Grant
Karl Carlson Fund	Leadership/Officer Training	Bylaws/Policies/Motions
Nominating Committee	Display Board	Fund Raising
Silent Auction	Standardized Accounting	Demonstration Garden
Send-A-Friend	Awards	

Some of the committees mentioned above are 'chaired' by members of the OMGA Executive Committee while other 'chairs' are appointed positions. The OMGA Board may vote the approval of other committees and appointments.

Composition of the 2009 OMGA Executive Committee:

President	President Elect	Vice President 1	Vice President 2
Secretary	Treasurer	Past President	

Note: The OSU Master Gardener Coordinator and the Database/Website Manager are non-voting honorary members of the OMGA Executive Committee. Appointed voting positions include the Historian and the Newsletter Editor. The OMGA Executive Committee job descriptions are posted on the OMGA web site.

OMGA Executive Committee Members

The many labor intensive assignments accomplished by the OMGA Executive Committee on behalf of the OSU Master Gardener Program, the OMGA and its individual county chapters are awesome and historically noteworthy. In addition to adherence to the OMGA Bylaws and Policies/Motions, the members participate in a volume of assignments related to their specific job's description and responsibility on the Executive Committee.

Some additional examples of their dedication and commitment include:

- Effectively and efficiently accomplishing their expansive job descriptions on the OMGA Executive Committee while participating in their own local chapter's activities, events, programs and projects.
- Faithfully donating their time, energy and finances by attending board meetings. (They are usually held a month before the OMGA quarterly meetings). The committee members usually attend the OMGA quarterly meetings. Both meetings are held at locations throughout the state.
- Understanding the importance of working with partnerships.
- Demonstrating expertise in problem solving, and analyzing information and developing facilitative responses and alternative solutions.
- Tirelessly chair key mini-college committees and sub-committees.
- Participating in the Leadership Forum at mini-college.
- Receiving no salary (except reimbursement for related expenses).
- Serving for at least one year (some members serve for several years because of their responsibilities and titles).

Legacy of the Pioneer OMGA Officers

Chapter 1 of this OMGA history documents the pioneer OMGA Officers who faithfully executed their challenging responsibilities. They diligently 'sowed master gardener seeds' in spite of financial challenges, continual changes, unexpected setbacks and restructuring problems. Their valuable legacy continues to 'bear fruit' because of their balanced decisions.

On June 26, 1985, the State of Oregon's Department of Commerce Corporation Division issued a Certificate of Incorporation to OMGA. The set of bylaws were agreed by officers and chapter representatives. Many chapter bylaws mirror OMGA Bylaws.

The past and present OMGA Board of Directors, Executive Committees and OSU Master Gardener Program Coordinators are the 'unsung heroines and heroes' of this landmark Oregon program because of their dedication and commitment to serve the horticultural, educational needs of home gardeners around the state.

The following pages list OMGA Executive Committees from 1999-2009.

1999 OMGA Executive Committee

2000 OMGA Executive Committee

Title	Name	Name
President	Lyle Jack	Jack Wright
President Elect	Jack Wright	Don Ness
Past President	Melinda Bernert	Lyle Jack
Vice President 1	Kathy Staley	Kathy Staley
Vice President 2	Hal Howell	Alice Satterlee
Secretary	Mary Jane Wilson	Reenie Satak
Treasurer	Dianna Yazzolino	Larry Hearne
Historian	Cheryl Crane	Karen Ailor
Newsletter	Reenie Satak	Reenie Satak
Publicity Chair	Wendy Kroger	none listed
Use of Funds Chair	Bob Shelley	Bob Shelley
OSU Program Coordinator	Ann Marie VanDerZanden	Ann Marie VanDerZanden
OSU Program Assistant	Amy Dreves	Amy Dreves

2001 OMGA Executive Committee

2002 OMGA Executive Committee

Title	Name	Name
President	Don Ness	Claudia Groth
President Elect	Claudia Groth	Claudia Law
Past President	Jack Wright	Don Ness
Vice President 1	Claudia Law	Sheila Shelley
Vice President 2	Charlotte Hart	Charlotte Hart
Secretary	Reenie Satak	Thelma Otto
Treasurer	Larry Hearne	Larry Hearne
Historian	Karen Ailor	Karen Ailor
Newsletter Editor	Reenie Satak	Reenie Satak
OSU Program Coordinator	Ann Marie VanDerZanden	Ann Marie VanDerZanden
OSU Program Assistant	Amy Dreves	Amy Dreves

2003 OMGA Executive Committee

2004 OMGA Executive Committee

Title	Name	Name
President	Claudia Law	Larry Hearne
President Elect	Larry Hearne	Joe White
Past President	Claudia Groth	Claudia Law
Vice President 1	Joe White	Bob Law
Vice President 2	Heather High	Sheila Shelley
Secretary	Thelma Otto	Karen Payne
Treasurer	Chuck Aiello	Chuck Aiello
Historian	Karen Ailor	Karen Ailor
Newsletter Editor	Reenie Satak	Reenie Satak
Database Manager	Patty Driscoll	Patty Driscoll
OSU Program Coordinator	Ann Marie VanDerZanden	Ann Marie VanDerZanden
OSU Program Assistant	Amy Dreves	Amy Dreves
McNeilan Scholarship	Bob Law	Bob Law

2005 OMGA Executive Committee

2006 OMGA Executive Committee

Title	Name	Name
President	Joe White	Sam Sadtler
President Elect	Sam Sadtler	Rod Bach
Past President	Larry Hearne	Joe White
Vice President 1	Rod Bach	Marcia Grubb
Vice President 2	Sheila Shelley	Ray McNeilan
Secretary	Karen Payne	Linda Eggiman
Treasurer	Roger Sawyer	Roger Sawyer
Historian	Karen Ailor	Vacant
Newsletter Editor	Reenie Satak	Reenie Satak
Database Manager	Patty Driscoll	Patty Driscoll
McNeilan Scholarship	Bob Law	Marcia Grubb
OSU Program Coordinator	Jan McNeilan	Jan McNeilan

2007 OMGA Executive Committee

2008 OMGA Executive Committee

Title	Name	Name
President	Rod Bach	Bill Eller
President Elect	Marcia Grubb	Vacant
Past President	Sam Sadtler	Larry Hearne (appointed)
Vice President 1	Bill Eller	Tam Martin
Vice President 2	Ray McNeilan	Daryll Alt
Secretary	Linda Eggiman	Marilyn Scheffler
Treasurer	Katherine Johnson	Katherine Johnson
Historian	Larry Sutton	Cathy Burdett
Newsletter Editor	Laura Swanson	Laura Swanson
Database Manager	Patty Driscoll	Patty Driscoll
McNeilan Scholarship	Marcia Grubb	Carol Bieschke Small
OSU Program Coordinator	Gail Langellotto	Gail Langellotto

2009 OMGA Executive Committee

Title	Name	
President	Bill Eller	
President Elect	Tam Martin	
Past President	Rod Bach	
Vice President 1	Betty Faller	
Vice President 2	Dave Rugg	
Secretary	Marilyn Scheffler	
Treasurer	Katherine Johnson	
Historian	Cathy Burdett	
Newsletter Editor	Laura Swanson	
Database Manager	Annette Frye	
McNeilan Scholarship	Carol Bieschke Small	
OSU Program Coordinator	Gail Langellotto	

One of OMGA's many responsibilities includes the publishing of a master gardener newsletter. In 1985 several ex-officers of OMGA recognized the importance of communication among master gardeners and decided to put together a state-wide newsletter. They joined other OMGA members in the state by promoting this project. Their cooperative efforts and vision has gained impetus as county chapters continue to participate by submitting articles about gardening issues, events, projects and programs.

History of the OMGA's Newsletter - (First Issue on November 1985)

The first official issue of the OMGA newsletter was published in November 1985. It was titled, Oregon Master Gardener's Association 'Northwest Newsletter'. It lists the State Association dues as \$2.00. The intent was to publish it four times a year - in the months of February, May, August and November.

The editorial board was composed of:

- Bill Gartner, Editor (Josephine County)
- Karl Carlson, Douglas County
- Neil Wymer, Douglas County
- Alice Roach, Douglas County

The OMGA newsletter listed the OMGA Officers:

- President Joyce Nesmith, Linn County
- Vice-President John Caine, Multnomah County
- Secretary Terri Bangs, Columbia County
- Treasurer Chris Christenson, Marion County
- (Ray McNeilan is listed as the State Master Gardener Leader)

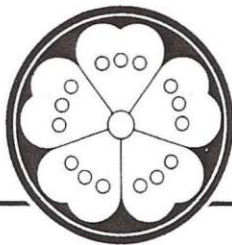
The content of the newsletter included articles submitted on the following topics:

- Clackamas/Multnomah/Washington County - 'Killer Bees'
- Benton County - the Benton County Fair and master gardener booth
- Douglas County - noted 30 master gardeners in their chapter
- Jackson County - mentions a fundraiser to purchase books for their library
- Lincoln County - had 36 master gardeners but no formal chapter yet
- The first OMGA quarterly meeting was held at the Albany Extension office, September 21, 1985. Although the final totals were not available it appeared that mini-college made a net profit of \$958.25 cents.

A more detailed history of the formation of the 'master gardener association' and the pioneering OMGA members is mentioned in Chapter 1 of this OMGA History. Note: the name of the OMGA newsletter was changed later to the 'Gardener's Pen'.

Chapter 4

Source material: OMGA historical notes/OMGA Bylaws, June 2009/OMGA Policies and Motions August 2009/OMGA web site/Previous copies of 'Gardener's Pen' listing OMGA Executive Officers from 1999-2009/OMGA 'Northwest Newsletter, dated November, 1985.



Oregon's Master Gardeners Association Northwest Newsletter

November 1985

Oregon Master Gardeners Northwest Newsletter

OUR FIRST ISSUE

I guess the whole thing started with the ex-officers of the Master Gardeners, trying to put together a state-wide newsletter of interest, one that would be informative to everyone, and I volunteered. I said I would try with everybody's help; and so far the help has been great. I've received input from all over and a lot of help from Washington State University. My thanks to everyone. If I could retain half of what I've read so far, I'd be the smartest guy in town — I'd even settle for 2%. Thanks again.

Mini College 1985 was terrific. Our congratulations to Jeanne and her staff. They have done it again. The lectures were informative and the subjects well chosen. The picnic was entertaining, fun and the food was great, thanks to Joyce and Company. All in all, it was a BLAST, especially after 7 p.m. Whatever you do don't miss the 1986 session, August 16-23, 1986.

Bill Gartner

OMGA NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER

Published four times a year — Feb., May, Aug., Nov.
Editorial Board is composed of Douglas County Master Gardeners Karl Carlson, Neil Wymer, Alice Roach with Bill Gartner, Josephine County compiling information from around the state.

OMGA NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER is the official publication of the OREGON MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION.

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CHAPTER 5

OMGA County Chapters

Historically - Varied Reasons Individuals Join OMGA County Chapters

- Consider the importance of investing their time, talents and energy in training to be a master gardener volunteer in their community
- Recognize the value and history of the OSU Extension Service in providing valuable, research based horticultural and sustainable gardening information to the public in Oregon communities
- Enjoy the social aspect of joining others with like-minded interests while working together on community projects, programs and activities
- Pursue the opportunity to gain quality, horticultural training and expertise through access to OSU resources and educational classes
- Network with other master gardeners inside and outside their own specific chapter at conferences, general OMGA meetings and mini-college
- Seek personal growth and advancement in chapter leadership roles

Volunteers bring the uniqueness of their own life experiences, special talents and individual personality traits to county chapters. OMGA community volunteers provide a collective resource and contribute much more than is readily evident. Committed and involved volunteers are valued assets with inestimable resources.

Historically - OMGA County Chapter Leadership Structure

Generally the following structure of leadership is uniformly adopted in OMGA County Chapters. Variances in the structure may occur depending on the volume of members in each county chapter and their roles, responsibilities and job descriptions.

The elected officer board structure generally used is:

President	Vice President
Treasurer	Secretary
Past President	Representative OMGA Board of Directors
Alt. Rep. OMGA Board of Directors	Members at Large - often more than one
(All voting members of chapter's board)	

Note: individual chapter bylaws and policies/motions often mirror the OMGA structure.

Leadership is an important facet of accomplishing an association's mission. Responsibilities may also be assigned to chapter committee chairs/co-chairs. Strong effective leaders supply a myriad of chapter functions:

- Furnish clear concise communication in outlining responsibilities
- Familiarization with OMGA and chapter bylaws, policies/motions
- Practice a team/partnership concept in accomplishing tasks
- Provide encouragement/support/mentoring/teaching as needed
- Express thanks to individuals involved in projects/programs
- Offer access to training opportunities/classes/seminars – online sites
- Show energetic enthusiasm and a sense of humor

Article 1 of the OMGA ByLaws Outlines the Purpose of the Association-
Article 2 and Sections 1-5 of the OMGA ByLaws Delineates Chapters as follows:

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE

The primary purpose of Oregon Master Gardener™ Association (OMGA) shall be;

- To enhance and supplement the Oregon State University Home Horticulture Program (Master Gardener™ Program).
- To assume responsibility for performing special tasks and engaging in continuous activities related to the Program.
- To work with other garden organizations to enhance gardening when appropriate.
- To award scholarships for post-secondary education in the fields of horticulture and plant sciences on the basis of scholastic merit and need.

ARTICLE II
CHAPTERS

Section 1. Organization. This is a statewide organization comprising chapters in designated geographic areas of the state. Chapters may include one or more counties for administrative practicality.

Section 2. Membership. Membership in a local chapter shall automatically make the member a member of OMGA. The local chapter will send the amount of dues required by OMGA for each of its members. The requirements for membership in a local chapter shall be the same as those for OMGA. The local chapter may charge an additional amount for local chapter dues.

Section 3. Articles of Organization and other Founding Documents. Each local chapter admitted to the OMGA shall adopt Articles of Association or Incorporation. The Articles of Association or Incorporation must include a statement that the local chapter is subject to the general supervision and control of the Oregon Master Gardener Association. Each local chapter shall obtain an Employer Identification Number from the Internal Revenue Service. Each local chapter shall adopt bylaws with provisions that the chapter is run by its officers and the officers are elected by the active members of that chapter. The chapter bylaws shall also provide for the election by the members of the chapter of a representative and an alternate representative for the Board of Directors of OMGA.

Section 4. Admission and Termination of Chapters. Upon compliance with Article II, Section 3, a local chapter may apply to OMGA for admission as a chapter of the association. OMGA reserves the right to terminate the status of a chapter as a member of OMGA, with or without cause.

Section 5. No Liability. The local chapters shall function autonomously, except as provided differently in these bylaws. OMGA shall have no liability of any kind for any acts of the local chapters or their members. The local chapters are not agents of OMGA and shall not hold themselves out as such.

List of Oregon Counties With/Without OMGA Chapters in 2009

There are 36 counties in the state of Oregon. The following counties designated by *** are only represented by an OSU Extension agent. The others may have an OMGA County Chapter presence and an agent.

- Baker County ***
- Benton County
- Central Gorge (Hood River)
- Crook/Deschutes/Jefferson Counties (Central Oregon)
- Clackamas County
- Clatsop County
- Columbia County
- Coos County
- Curry County
- Douglas County
- Jackson County
- Josephine County
- Klamath County
- Lake County ***
- Lane County
- Lincoln County
- Linn County
- Marion County
- Morrow/Gilliam Counties (Blue Mt. Group) ***
- Multnomah County
- Polk County
- Tillamook County
- Umatilla County
- Union County ***
- Wasco County
- Washington County
- Yamhill County

Some counties are combined into a “one chapter group”, example, the Central Oregon group is comprised of Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties.



Some Examples of Newsletter Titles Chosen by OMGA County Chapters

Written communication is a key element in informing county chapter master gardeners of announcements, upcoming programs, projects and events that maybe of specific interest to them. The introduction of computers and computer technology as a medium of communication enhanced the quality of chapter newsletters that could be produced with minimum effort and cost. Master gardeners, with access to email capabilities could be forwarded a newsletter without the expense of mailing costs. Others could be still be mailed a copy.

The following are examples of ‘titles’ chosen for chapter newsletters:

MARION COUNTY - THE GARDEN GATE

CLATSOP COUNTY - THE CULTIVATOR

COOS COUNTY - GARDEN THYMES

YAMHILL COUNTY - THE TILLER (in 2010 changed to Grapevine)

COLUMBIA COUNTY - COUNTRY LIVING

JACKSON COUNTY - GARDEN BEET

JOSEPHINE COUNTY - THE MASTER GARDENER TM

LINCOLN COUNTY - COASTAL CURRANTS

POLK COUNTY - THE POLK WEED

When advanced computer technology became available and was cost effective and user friendly, individual county chapters soon developed their own web sites. The internet is an avenue of communication which allows chapters to enter a large volume of current and historical information on their web sites with an added bonus of sharing important computer links to other web sites. Using the computer, internet and web sites is now a common practice among master gardeners and is widely used for research.

Chapter web sites are important opportunities to communicate with the public and master gardeners. Ease in modifying and upgrading current information is another advantage. Computer generated chapter newsletters, access to the internet and web sites has expanded the quantity and quality of communication shared among master gardeners. It is amazing the technological computer changes and available accesses to educational resources since the master gardener program began in 1976!

2008 Statistics - OMGA Chapter Volunteer Contributions

Since the formation of the master gardener program in Oregon the chapter volunteer contributions have been notable and outstanding. The following is an example of the volume of investment in time, talents and energy donated in 2008 to the master gardener program in Oregon. The following was included in the 2008 Annual Master Gardener Report prepared by Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback, OSU Program Leader, and Patty Driscoll, OSU Statewide Program Assistant.

2008 - Chapter Statewide Contributions

- Presence in 28 of Oregon's 36 counties
- 838 new trainees entered the program
- 2644 veterans remained in the program
- 162,369 public contacts made
- 173,269.5 hours donated to the program
- Equivalent of 85 FTEs volunteers for Extension (hours donated divided by 40 hours, multiplied by 52 weeks equals 2,040 hours worked by only 1 FTE)
- Translates into dollar value of approximately \$3,380,487.95 (calculated as hours donated multiplied by \$19.51 the dollar estimate per volunteer hour for 2007)
- 72% of the 838 enrolled master gardener trainees completed their volunteer service obligations
- 63% of the 2644 veterans chose to recertify
- 2008 online program included students from other states and countries
- OSU website averages over 236,000 hits each month

Note: Not all reported volunteer hours are submitted by OMGA members

2009 Statistics – OMGA County Chapters Contributions

The following information was obtained from the 2009 Annual Report of the OSU Master Gardener Program. This report was prepared and published by OSU State Program Leader, Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback and Patty Driscoll the OSU Statewide Program Assistant. It reflects the volume of contributions that master gardener made.

2009 Chapter Statewide Contributions

Presence in 28 of Oregon's 36 counties

28 Extension faculty and program assistants

Trainees/Veterans/Contacts/Calculations of Value to Program:

At least 823 new trainees and 76% completed all the requirements to become certified

3,105 veterans remained in program and on average 59% of the veterans chose to recertify. It is important to note that recertification is not necessary to remain an active OSU Master Gardener

At least 3,928 active master gardeners

At least 169,173 public contacts

Donations of at least 195,989 hours to the program

(52 weeks=2080 hours worked by 1 FTE - full time employee)

Donations to OSU Extension by OSU Master Gardeners equals 94 FTE's for Extension

Calculated as hours donated multiplied by \$20.85 (the dollar estimate per volume hour for 2007)

Value of volunteer service \$4,086,370.65

Food Donations:

Donations to Food Banks or Food Pantries at least 33,800 pounds

Media Exposure 2,683,00 additional public contacts via TV, newspaper and radio shows

Note:

The Portland Metropolitan Master Gardeners (tri-county) comprises:

- Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah Counties
- This tri-county has 1,105 OSU Master Gardeners

The next largest program is Jackson County with 419 master gardeners

Not all reported volunteer hours are submitted by OMGA members

2008 Statistics – Volunteer Hours and Public Contacts

In a February 1985, OMGA Northwest Newsletter article it noted that 650 master gardeners were working in 17 areas in Oregon. Since then, OMGA has significantly increased its membership and commitment to residents of Oregon.

County	Hours of Volunteer Service	Number of Public Contacts ^z	Mean Hours of Volunteer Service Per Master Gardener	Mean Number of Public Contacts Per Master Gardener
Baker	555	589	185	196
Benton	11,340	10,590	60	NR
Central Oregon*	6,731	3,550	71	37
Clatsop	3,011	2,113	23	16
Columbia	2,242	5,300	24	57
Coos	3,029	6,725	48	107
Curry	2,596	1,473	38	22
Douglas	18,537	4,426	70	17
Hood River	3,843	2,966	54	42
Jackson	21,848	15,885	52	38
Josephine	11,575	5,000	52	22
Klamath	2,430	3,100	42	53
Lane	16,875	38,021	66	149
Lincoln	9,104	740	60	5
Linn	6,054	11,309	148	276
Marion	12,345	4,924	57	23
Portland Metro***	40,666	31,500	37	29
Polk	1,051	2,879	7	16
Tillamook	4,301	3,297	41	31
Umatilla	2,462	1,747	53	38
Union	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wasco	4,579	9,839	95	205
Yamhill	10,815	3,200	166	49
Statewide	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL or MEAN ± SE	195,989	169,173	66±9	68±15

Prepared by Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback, OSU Program Coordinator/Patty Driscoll,
OSU Statewide Program Assistant (2008 Annual Master Gardener Report)

2009 Statistics – OSU Master Gardener Service and Public Contacts

County	Hours of Volunteer Service	Number of Public Contacts ^z	Mean Hours of Volunteer Service Per Master Gardener	Mean Number of Public Contacts Per Master Gardener
Baker	524	430	29	24
Benton	7823	8677	55	61
Central Oregon*	6,713	3,608	71	38
Clatsop	2,119	1,279	13	8
Columbia	3,628	3,000	36	30
Coos	3,613	5,976	37	69
Curry	2,749	4,389	48	77
Douglas	18,205	4,071	71	16
Hood River	3,527	3,682	52	54
Jackson	20,108	5,009	51	13
Josephine	11,082	14,752	49	66
Klamath	3,200	570	45	8
Lake	180	0	23	0
Lane	14,836.5	43,300	66	192
Lincoln	6,280	1,603	69	18
Linn	754	784	16	16
Marion	10,158	3,618	102	36
Portland Metro***	27,991	15,154	31	17
Polk	11,180	3,060	75	21
Tillamook	4,400	6,813	69	106
Umatilla	2,037	14,585	66	470
Union	340	50	16	2
Wasco	2,647	9,058	56	193
Yamhill	9,175	8,594	116	109
Statewide	NA	331	NA	NA
TOTAL or MEAN ± SE	173,269.5	162,369	53 ± 5	69 ± 21

*Central Oregon includes Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook counties

**Portland Metro includes Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties

***Public contacts through the statewide Master Gardener program represent the number of people who attended the 2008 Gardeners Mini-College.

NA=Not Applicable

Prepared by Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback, OSU Master Gardener Coordinator, and Patty Driscoll, OSU Statewide Program Assistant (2009 Annual Master Gardener Report)

OMGA County Chapters Function Autonomously with Thread of Uniformity

Although county chapters function autonomously; there is a thread of uniformity and commonality among the OMGA chapters. For example:

- A non-profit organization subject to the general supervision of OMGA and an official chapter and member of an association paying annual dues
- Each county chapter association's primary purposes are the same as outlined in the OMGA ByLaws and Policies/Motions
- Governed by an Executive Committee members of the Board of Directors are the elected voting officers of county chapters
- County chapters maintain an affiliation and coordination with their chapter's OSU Extension Service and agent
- Have an opportunity to work in their own specific community and county
- Members successfully complete an OSU Master Gardener training program in horticulture and sustainable gardening practices. The actual hours and times of instruction vary from chapter to chapter. In addition to training hours each member is required to complete and payback volunteer service hours in the following categories:
 1. Volunteer at the OSU Extension office, area clinics etc.
 2. In educational service activities e.g. teaching/talks etc.
 3. At county chapter activities e.g. board meetings/committees etc.
 4. Take classes to increase horticultural knowledge and expertise
- Veterans recertify by taking advanced training classes or 'test out' and donate payback hours (there are variances from chapter to chapter)
- OSU Master Gardener are given an 'official' name badge
- Generally use the same form of communication within a chapter and with other chapters around the state. For example, communicate by email, regular mail, and telephone. Personal contact is made at chapter meetings and general OMGA meetings, social events, and at mini-college
- Plan, organize and initiate key chapter committees and sub-committees for specific and also on-going community projects and programs
- Schedule Board of Director and general chapter association meetings
- OMGA schedules general member meetings in locations around the state
- Chapters generally publish a monthly newsletter for their members
- Members receive the OMGA newsletter the 'Gardener's Pen'
- Recognize individual contributions by awarding special plaques. For example, 'State Master Gardener of the Year' and 'State Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the Year' for outstanding involvement
- Submit candidates to OMGA to be considered for awards and certificates
- Chapter historians document, in scrapbooks, valuable evidence and achievements of their chapter's history and accomplishments
- Use the OMGA Retention Policy for retaining chapter records
- Opportunity to showcase outstanding chapter projects at mini-college
- Attend a yearly mini-college conference which features authoritative speakers on specific horticultural and gardening topics

The only exception in the county chapter organizational structure is Marion County. The following information provides an explanation of the present reporting practice. The report written by Larry Hearne, in 2007 mentions Yamhill County but this exception is no longer applicable.

OMGA ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

PRIOR TO 2001

OMGA registered with the State of Oregon as a corporation in 1985. It obtained tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in 1987. From that time forward until 2001, OMGA reported to the IRS and the State of Oregon as if the state organization (OMGA) and all of its chapters were one, single, monolithic organization¹. For example, in preparing Information Returns (Form 990) for the IRS, income from the state organization and all of its chapters was totaled together. Likewise, expenses for all chapters were lumped together. Program activities were listed without identification of the chapters involved. As further examples of its monolithic nature, none of the chapters were registered with the State of Oregon and a single Employer Identification Number (EIN) was used by all chapters.

However, in actual practice, individual chapters were operated as autonomous organizations. For example, each chapter had its own bylaws and officers. Decisions on activities and financing were made locally with no oversight by the state organization. Financial records were kept separately by each chapter and separate bank accounts were maintained independently by each chapter.

This difference between organizational structure for reporting and organizational structure for operating made little sense. Legality of this situation was questionable; for example, it made the officers of OMGA responsible for chapter operations and finances over which they actually had no control. Furthermore, it made government reporting complicated and unwieldy. The OMGA Treasurer was responsible for gathering and compiling detailed chapter information (both financial and programmatic) from every chapter; chapters were often delinquent and their inputs frequently lacked needed information thus adversely impacting compliance with reporting requirements. Finally, the official organization structure maximized liability risks since chapters were not officially separate, conceivably OMGA and all of its chapters could have been held liable for a wrongful act of any single chapter.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AFTER 2001

In 2001, a decision was made by OMGA to change the organizational structure to reflect the actual mode of operation, to simplify government reporting requirements and to reduce mutual liability risks. In particular, each chapter (other than Marion County) was asked to adopt Articles of Association and to acquire their own unique EIN as a subsidiary of OMGA, the "parent" organization². This action was accomplished with the assistance of the OMGA Treasurer. As part of the process, OMGA applied for and was granted tax exempt status for the new "group" of subsidiary chapters.

¹ There was one exception to this statement which is noted here. The Marion County chapter separated organizationally from OMGA by filing as a corporation with the State of Oregon in 1997. They have reported activities and financial operations separately since that time. OMGA was informed of this separation and discontinued the inclusion of Marion County data in its reports to the IRS and the State of Oregon.

² The Yamhill County chapter apparently filed as a corporation in late 2001 instead of establishing itself as an association. The situation is unlike that for the Marion County chapter. OMGA was not informed by the Yamhill County chapter of its action. Accordingly, this chapter has been accounted for in OMGA government reports as if it had been an association.

OMGA Organizational Structure by Larry Hearne Continued

Two key provisions of the reorganization should be pointed out. First, chapters were asked to form associations instead of corporations. This was done because it offered advantages regarding the extent of reporting to the State of Oregon and avoided payment of certain fees. Second, a group tax exemption was obtained by OMGA for its subsidiary chapters instead of having each chapter obtain a separate tax exemption. This was done because it greatly reduced filing fees and reorganization effort. It also greatly reduced annual IRS reporting requirements.

According to both the terms of the group tax exemption granted by the IRS and chapter bylaws adopted by each chapter, each of the subordinate chapters is subject to the general supervision and control of OMGA. OMGA has an obligation to monitor the activities of all subordinate chapters to insure that they are complying with the requirements of nonprofit organizations. For this reason, OMGA requires that individual chapters provide it with information on activities, finances and any changes in governance.

Individual chapters now have ultimate responsibility for government reporting. However, the IRS allows the parent organization to report for a subsidiary, provided that the subsidiary authorizes its parent organization. Thus, individual chapters can avoid the onerous task of preparing government forms with the willing help of OMGA. OMGA chapters that need to report have taken advantage of this provision and have granted reporting authority to OMGA. With this arrangement, OMGA prepares a "group return" including required information for all the reporting chapters.

It is important to note that financial information need not be included in the group return for any subsidiary with total annual receipts averaging less than \$25,000. Fortunately, most chapters are below this threshold level and they therefore avoid the need for reporting detailed financial and programmatic activities. Only a few larger chapters (those that are more likely to have the required accounting expertise) must prepare detailed program and financial data for inclusion by OMGA in the group return.

PRESENT REPORTING PRACTICE

OMGA presently reports to the IRS for both itself and its subsidiary chapters. In particular, it prepares one Form 990 for itself and a second Form 990 including only those chapters in its subsidiary group that have annual receipts of \$25,000 or more. This latter report is referred to as the "group return". OMGA also prepares an "information return" for the IRS advising of any changes in the governance of any of its subsidiaries, regardless of their income level. This latter report includes information such as changes in chapter officers and chapter bylaws.

OMGA, as an Oregon Corporation, annually submits to the Oregon Department of Justice a Form CT-12 together with appropriate fees. It also annually submits a report and filing fee to the Oregon Secretary of State. Because its subsidiary chapters are not corporations, the chapters do not have these Oregon reporting requirements.

Historically – OMGA County Chapter Committee System Utilized

The committee system has worked very well in OMGA history. Committees were formed for specific functions. Their purpose and objectives depended on the particular goal and purpose in mind. Some committees were long-term, on-going projects and programs that historically continued year after year. Other committees were formed for short-term designated assignments.

Because of the yearly OSU training program chapters had continued access to a new group of trainee master gardeners. When trainees completed their training program and participated in the committee system of service in their community, this benefitted OMGA and county master gardener chapters throughout the state.

Several examples of ‘specialized’ county chapter committees:

Library	Publicity (media)	Historian
Programs	Newsletter	Greenhouse
Photography	Membership	Teaching
Clinics	Events	Hospitality
Scholarship	Desk Captain	Board/Officer
Festivals	Plant Sales	Coordinator
Chapter Sales	Training	Computer
Displays	Tree Sales	Insect
Clinics	Education	Speakers Bureau

Historically, committees were formed, leaders were chosen and the members selected worked on short and/or long term projects and programs that met the primary purpose of the OMGA. The OMGA and county chapter leadership wisely recognized the value of utilizing this ‘committee training system’ and it continues to be an extremely effective organizational process.

OMGA County Chapter Projects/ Programs/Accomplishments

Each county chapter, board and volunteer member is unique and reflects individuality in their choice of projects, programs and accomplishments.

Other sections of this OMGA history focus on member and chapter involvement in specific, distinct areas. For example, Chapter 6 features the annual mini-college conference. Chapter 7 documents awarded OMGA scholarships. Chapter 8 outlines several successful programs. Chapter 9 mentions chapter successes and accomplishments.

Chapter 5

Source material: OMGA historical notes/OMGA ByLaws/OMGA web site/OSU Extension web site/OMGA roster of county chapters/chapter newsletters/Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback, Statewide Coordinator, Patty Driscoll, Statewide Program Assistant, 2008 and 2009 Annual Report of Oregon Master Gardener Program/OMGA newsletter, February 1985/Larry Hearne, OMGA Organizational Structure – Marion County 2007.

CHAPTER 6

Gardener's Mini-College History

The Goal of Establishing an Annual Gardener's Mini-College

The goal of establishing a yearly event was to bring together OSU Master Gardeners and any interested members of the public to receive advanced training, and to share gardening knowledge. It was officially named Gardener's Mini-College.

The Purpose of Establishing a Gardener's Mini-College

The purpose of establishing a Gardener's Mini-College was three fold.

First, it provided an opportunity for attendees to access short, concentrated classes in horticultural and gardening related topics over a two or three day period. The speakers generally selected were OSU faculty, extension agents or known authoritative speakers with expertise on specific horticultural subjects. The organizers and planners made every effort to reduce costs so that the experience would be affordable and encourage attendance.

Second, the mini-college experience provided an opportunity for communication and social exchange to occur among chapter members and the public attending the event. Developing friendships plus sharing information and resources were added values.

Third, retaining active master gardeners in local county chapters was a crucial retention strategy in establishing mini-college. OSU Master Gardeners shared a common interest in gardening and membership in OMGA although from diverse backgrounds.

This three fold focus continues to be successfully adopted. The concept works.

Historical Background of Mini-College

Because of access to OSU facilities and faculty a practical decision was made to actually use OSU as the site of the first mini-college. For attendees who did not live within easy commuting distance of Corvallis, access to food and housing arrangements were offered. OSU Bloss Hall had available dormitory facilities at reasonable rates that could be utilized by those attending the conference. Nearby Arnold Hall was open during the summer and could provide nutritious, reasonably priced meals for attendees.

On August 22-25, 1983 the first Gardener's Mini-College was offered jointly by OSU and OMGA. Organized primarily by JIM GREEN, (OSU Professor of Horticulture), ERIC ROSS, (Linn County Extension Agent), JEANNE WALKER (OMGA President) and RAY MCNEILAN (Multnomah County Extension Agent), it was an outstanding success.

From 1984-1996, mini-college was held at OSU in Corvallis (Benton County) and attendees continued to use the facilities of Bloss Hall for housing, Arnold Hall for dining and the LaSells Stewart Center for the actual classes. There was a facilities cost increase in 1995 and 1996 for using the LaSells Stewart Center. During both years the boilers in Bloss Hall were shut down because of problems that caused attendees to have cold showers!

In 1997, because Bloss Hall was being remodeled and the cost of using LaSells Stewart Center was increased by \$400, a decision was made to have mini-college at George Fox College in Newberg (Yamhill County). The cost of using the George Fox facility was \$1,290 versus the OSU cost of \$1,400.

In 1998 George Fox College again held Gardener's Mini-College because of reduced costs in comparison to OSU. However, the Executive Committee decided to seek another location. Three OMGA members visited the campus of Central Oregon Community College (COCC) to determine the feasibility of having mini-college there. During a quarterly meeting, Hal Howell of the Executive Committee asked attending members to indicate if they would be willing to travel to the COCC, in Bend, for the mini-college conference. An overall positive response was received.

In 1999 mini-college was held at COCC and a committee was appointed by Lyle Jack to develop criteria and evaluate options in the selection of future sites for the event. The committee summarized key issues for consideration including facilities and equipment costs. Julie Stanberry was selected as committee chair and the other members included Kathy Staley, Claudia Law, Wendy Kroger and Ann Marie VanDerZanden. This committee compared costs of classroom facilities at George Fox College, Central Oregon Community College, Southern Oregon University and Oregon State University for evaluation as potential future sites of the annual master gardener conference.

In 2000 mini-college was held at OSU with classes at LaSells Stewart Center and housing and meals at Market Place West which was not adjacent to LaSells. Completed conference evaluations by attendees noted that classes were located too far from the dorm facilities.

In 2001 Southern Oregon University in Ashland was the site of mini-college. Even though the weather was very hot, attendees had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful campus while they walked to class.

Since 2002 the Gardener's Mini-College has been held on the OSU campus.

Advantages of Using the OSU Campus

- OMGA and its chapter master gardener members are affiliated with OSU through the Oregon Extension Service Agency.
- OMGA and OSU have partnered to serve Oregon residents through their recognized master gardener program.
- Geographically, the OSU campus is centrally located in the state of Oregon.
- Difficulty in locating an alternative site that could provide affordable housing, access to dining room for meals, classroom facilities and equipment while accommodating a large group of attendees.
- Access to available OSU research and teaching staff for speaking assignments at the conference.
- Access to affordable housing at Bloss Hall, food in the Arnold Dining Hall, classroom equipment and facilities at the Alumni Center.
- Access to excellent parking facilities.
- Access to the OSU Bookstore.

- Access to OSU Master Gardener volunteers to accomplish, at no cost, a myriad of committee assignments, detailed responsibilities and duties that are necessary in the organization of an effective, successful conference.

Selection of Alternate Sites in Oregon for Gardener's Mini-College

- Selection of alternative sites in Oregon and organizing the annual mini-college requires extensive, detailed, long-ranged planning.
- Attempts to locate an alternate site that is geographically accessible, financially cost effective and efficient are being pursued for their appropriateness and availability.
- An opportunity to travel to other sites around the state of Oregon.

Mini-College Changes in Activities Since 1983

Since the first mini-college in 1983, changes in activities have added to the excitement and interest in attending the annual conference. For example:

- General OMGA quarterly meeting sessions with two minute chapter reports read by county representatives.
- A Leadership Forum covering topics to assist chapter leaders.
- A Wednesday evening kickoff banquet-style meal.
- Each year, individual chapters have an opportunity to create displays based on a specific, predetermined theme. They are judged by a panel. The judges select first, second and third place displays as winners and they are honored at the OMGA Awards Banquet. Individual attendees are also given the opportunity to vote for a 'People's Choice Award'.
- Chapters submit names of individuals to receive certificates and awards presented by the State Program Coordinator and OMGA President.
- At the annual OMGA banquet selected candidates are honored as OMGA State – Master Gardener of the Year or OMGA State - 'Behind the Scenes' Master Gardener of the Year.
- The Silent Auction event gives attendees the opportunity to bring a variety of items to be sold to the highest bidder. The money accrued is used to offset some of the costs of organizing mini-college.
- OMGA Historian and county chapter scrapbooks are shared at the event.
- Individual chapters have an opportunity to bring fundraiser items to sell.
- Door prizes are given at varied times during the event. Chapters are encouraged to donate two items to be used for this purpose.
- A Send-A-Friend raffle is conducted. The money accrued is used to assist in sending needy master gardeners to the conference.
- Selected Search for Excellence candidates showcase their chapter's outstanding project or program to those attending.
- A selection of books is brought by the OSU bookstore for attendees to purchase and a percentage of profits is given to OMGA.
- Local tours and interesting events and workshops are scheduled.
- Attendees given an opportunity to evaluate the speakers and events.
- Access to updated OSU literature and publications.

OMGA County and State Master of the Year Awards Presented at Mini-College

After the first mini-college was organized in 1983 it was very evident that master gardeners in their local chapters were accomplishing many outstanding projects and programs. A process was developed to identify and honor those individuals selected for special recognition. The State Program Coordinator and the OMGA President present both the county and state awards at mini-college. The county awards are presented at a General Assembly meeting. The state awards are presented to the recipients at the annual awards banquet.

Each year, county chapters and their agents are encouraged to complete an application process recommending individuals (accompanied by documentation of their accomplishments) for an award as a county – Master Gardener of the Year recipient.

County chapters and agents may complete an application process recommending candidates (accompanied by documentation of their achievements) as OMGA State – Master Gardener of the Year. A panel of judges reviews the submitted list, using strict criteria guidelines, and selects the recipients.

List of OMGA State – Master Gardener of the Year Recipients:

<u>Year Awarded</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Award Recipient</u>
1984	Washington	Al Klass
1985	Columbia	Terri Bangs
1986	Douglas	Karl Carlson
1987	Josephine	Daniel Felthauson
1988	Lane	Pat Patterson
1988	Jackson	Marje Luce
1989	Clackamas	Dorie Crooks
1990	Clackamas	Paul Miken
1991	Washington	George Hall
1991	Benton	Carol Finley
1992	Josephine	Helen Bell
1993	Douglas	Clint and Emogen Atherton
1993	Benton	Mary Fran Sewell
1994	Marion	Blaine Kuhn
1995	Douglas	Betty Ison
1995	Clackamas	Bill Pennington
1996	Josephine	Lindell Perkins
1996	Jackson	Bob Heatherington
1997	Linn	Lyle Jack
1997	Deschutes	Cheryl Crane
1998	Tillamook	Nancy Penzola
1999	Multnomah	Dianna Yazzolino
2000	Douglas	Julie Stanberry
2001	Klamath	Larry Hearne
2001	Douglas	Jack Wright
2002	Polk	Reenie Satak
2003	Jackson	Claudia Law
2004	Tillamook	Sheila Shelley
2005	Clackamas	Gary and Norrene Thompson
2006	Lane	Patty Driscoll
2007	Washington	Jean Natter
2007	Jackson	Marcia Waite
2008	Clackamas	Pat Smith
2009	Central Oregon	Betty Faller

OMGA State ‘Behind the Scenes’ Awards Presented at Gardener’s Mini-College

Although the first county chapter and state awards were presented at mini-college in 1984, it was not until 1998 that it was recognized that many master gardeners contributed a volume of accomplishments quietly and effectively on behalf of their own chapter and OMGA.

These energetic and enthusiastic master gardeners were often overlooked because they were accomplishing their responsibilities and tasks ‘behind the scenes’. The situation was rectified when a new award category was created.

An application process was developed so that chapters and agents could submit names to be considered for this state award. A panel of judges reviews the list of candidates submitted (accompanied by documentation of their accomplishments) and then using strict criteria guidelines, select the recipients.

At the awards banquet the State Program Coordinator and OMGA President present a certificate to the candidate chosen by the judges as the OMGA State – ‘Behind the Scenes’ Master Gardener of the Year.

List of OMGA State – ‘Behind the Scenes’ Master Gardener of the Year Recipients:

<u>Year Awarded</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Person Selected for the Award</u>
1998	Douglas	Robert Modenhauer
1999	Clackamas	Harold Kleiner
2000	Douglas	Dorothy Roberts
2001	Lane	Betty Jo McHenry
2001	Douglas	Stew Avery
2002	Clackamas	Paul Miken
2003	Multnomah	Evelyn Clink
2004	Clackamas	Louise Hargens
2005	Wasco	Cheri Austin
2006	Washington	Jerry Anderson
2007	Clackamas	Carol Zinsli
2007	Douglas	Richard Johnstone
2008	Curry	Robert and Hoberly Schiller
2009	Central Oregon	Rocky Bessette

Certificates of Appreciation Presented at Mini-College

The occasion of the annual mini-college conference is an opportunity for the OSU Program Coordinator and OMGA President to present certificates to be distributed to local county chapters for specific achievements and support. The following are some examples of these types of certificates given:

- Any chapter displays selected by the judges to receive special certificates
- Candidates selected for Marje Luce, Search for Excellence presentations
- Individual organizations and businesses supporting local chapters in noteworthy community projects, programs and contributions to OSU and OMGA

History - International MG Committee and Conference (IMGC)

The establishment of successful state initiated mini-college style conferences led eventually to the formulation of the International Master Gardener Committee (IMGC). According to the OSU Extension web site, “The role of the IMGC is to manage the process to perpetuate the continuance of international and regional conferences”.

The primary purpose of IMGC is the selection of a host site for the international conference which is held every two years. In the United States the IMGC is divided into four regional sections which include the north eastern, north central, western and southern regions. The Canadian region is comprised of several provinces. The conferences rotate between designated regions and provinces.

There is a total of twenty IMGC Regional Representatives - four from each of the four US regions and four from the Canadian region. IMGC officers are elected from its membership for four year terms. The term ‘national’ was changed to ‘international’ when the Canadian provinces were included in the IMGC regions with the United States.

International and regional conferences utilize the format used at OMGA mini-college conferences. Authoritative speakers give advanced training on specific horticultural and gardening topics. Conferences provide excellent opportunities to interchange and exchange ideas, communication and develop friendships.

In 1987 Joyce Nesmith (Linn) and Ray McNeilan, (MG Program Leader) served on the planning committee for the first national MG meeting held in Washington D.C.

1989 - Second National MG Conference - Portland, Oregon on October 11-14

Six years after organizing the first Oregon mini-college, a number of key OMGA members planned the 1989 National MG Conference in Portland, Oregon. The conference theme was an ‘On-Growing Experience’. The following statistics and information provide interesting, historical details:

- Co-Chairs were OMGA Past President Marje Luce and Ray McNeilan (Multnomah County Extension Agent). Dr. Karl Carlson, OMGA President was the Master of Ceremonies and presided over the event.
- Jan Powell and Julian Henry provided assistance to 11 major committees, 80 master gardeners and extension staff, plus 268 volunteers.
- 1200 master gardeners and extension staff attended the event.
- 42 states and 3 Canadian provinces were represented.
- Dr. Dave Gibby (founder of the MG Program) attended.
- Marje Luce introduced the Search for Excellence program.

Historical records mention that OMGA, in August 1988, loaned \$2,000 to the conference’s planning committee to pay for expenses incurred prior to the actual event. Later the money was repaid from the conference proceeds.

Local, Regional and International Conferences

The first Western Regional MG Conference was hosted by OMGA in 1994. Historically, local, regional and international conferences are well attended.

Since the very first conference was organized, attendees have perceptively recognized the value of conference attendances and have continued to be supportive. Access to advanced training and the social interaction of communicating with fellow master gardeners continues to be a proven successful format.

Comparison in Mini-College Committees Between the Years 2000 and 2009

Committees - 2000 Mini-College	Name/County Chapter
Chapter Sales	Wendy Kroger – Marion
Chapter Displays	Bob Shelly – Tillamook
Door Prizes	Lana Tepfer - Columbia Gorge
Housing	Carol Finley – Benton Alice Satterlee - Central OR
Leadership Forum	Jack Wright – Douglas
McNeilan Scholarship	Claudia Law – Jackson
Registration	Pat Patterson – Lane
Search for Excellence	Alice Satterlee - Central OR
Tours	Barb Fick - Benton
Welcome Bags	Donnie Edmiston – Lincoln
Banquet – Salmon BBQ	Lynn Welp - Linn

Committees - 2009 Mini-College	Name/County Chapter or OSU staff
Awards	Gale Langellotto-Rhodaback – OSU State Program Coordinator
Banquet Food	Sue Pislis – Benton
Banquet Decorations	Barbara Davidson – Jackson
Kick-Off Dinner	Claudia Groth - Multnomah
Chapter Displays	Larry Sutton - Douglas
Chapter Sales	Donald Hausman – Curry
Classes/Workshops	Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback – OSU
Classroom Hosts	Margy Johnson – Marion
Door Prizes	Lana Tepfer – Wasco
Evening Garden Tours	Bonnie White – Linn
General Sessions	Bill Eller – Curry
Housing/Meals	Joan Ojerio - Lane
Leadership Forum	Tam Martin/Rod Bach - Washington/Marion
Maps and Signs	Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback - OSU Patty Driscoll - OSU/State Program Assistant
Master of Ceremonies	Daryll Alt –Yamhill
McNeilan Scholarship	Carol Small - Benton
Mini-College Co-Chairs	Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback – OSU Betty Faller - Central OR
Photographers	Herb Davis/Rodger Sanman - Clackamas
Registrar	Patty Driscoll - OSU/State Program Assistant
Registration On-Site	Cathy Burdett/Linda Eggiman -Yamhill/Multnomah
Scholarships	Katherine Johnson - Columbia
Search for Excellence	David Rugg - Jackson
Seed Exchange	Cathy Gibson - Multnomah
Send-A-Friend	Marcia Sherry - Yamhill
Silent Auction	Marilyn Scheffler/Mary Mellard - Benton
Sponsorships	Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback - OSU
Helpers-At-Large	Ronnie Smith - Wasco
Greeters and Food Drive	Jacque Siewart-Schade - Central OR

Examples of Classes Offered During the 2000 Mini-College

Poisonous Plants	Spider Mites
Home Irrigation	Bonsai
Pests and Pesticides	Garden Writing
Culinary Herbs	Oregon Perennials
Home Greenhouses	Weed ID
Environment Enhancement	Oregon Strawberries
Horticultural Photography	Home Orchards
Topiary Art	
Garden Design	
Native Plants	

Examples of Leadership Forum Classes Offered During the 2009 Mini-College

2009 Leadership Forum Classes:

Presidents/Vice-Presidents	Chapter Secretary
Together we Can-Community Impact	Chapter Historian
County Representatives/Alt. Rep.	Training Design/Implementation
Treasurers Training	Long-Range Planning
Publicity Roles	Master Gardener Idea Exchange
Using OMGA Extension Logos	How to Optimize OSU Calendar
Regulatory Update Board Recruitment	Advanced Presentation Skills
Meet our Extension Agents	Cultural Diversity
Advantages of Parliamentary Procedures	

Examples of Classes offered During 2009 Mini-College:

Grape Expectations	Genetically Modified Foods	Compost/Mulch Methods
Cover Crops	Permaculture Design	Preserve What You Grow
Growing Healthy Kids	Fertilizers	Fruit Trees/Home Gardens
Home Winemaking	Organic Vegetable Gardening	Backyard Chickens
Small Space Gardening	Local Eating And Food Sharing	Create Edible Landscape
Basic Backyard Pruning	Heavy Metals in Garden Soils	Plant It And They Will Come
Bee Pollination	Pruning Demonstration	Vegetable Varieties
Season Extenders	The Living Soils	
	The Edible Landscape: The New American Garden	

Saturday Tours and Workshops:

Gathering Together Farm Tour and Lunch	Herbal Teas
Cooped in Corvallis/Chicken and Duck Tour	Herban Renewal: Herb and Spice

Comment:

The 2009 Gardener's Mini-College had over 30 combined classes, workshops and tours that focused on the art and science of locally growing, preserving and cooking foods. It set a record of attendance with 405 attendees at the event.

Achievements (2008-2009): Gardener's Mini-College Attendance

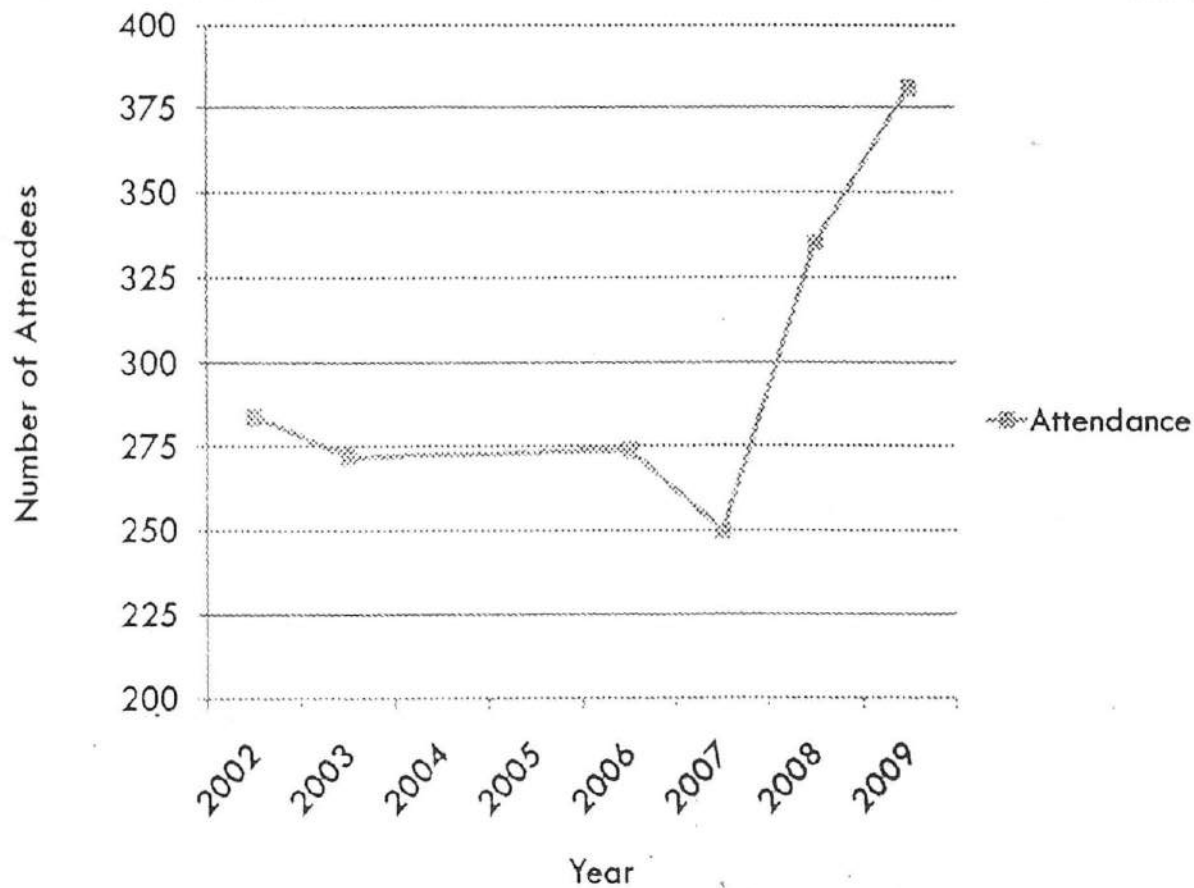


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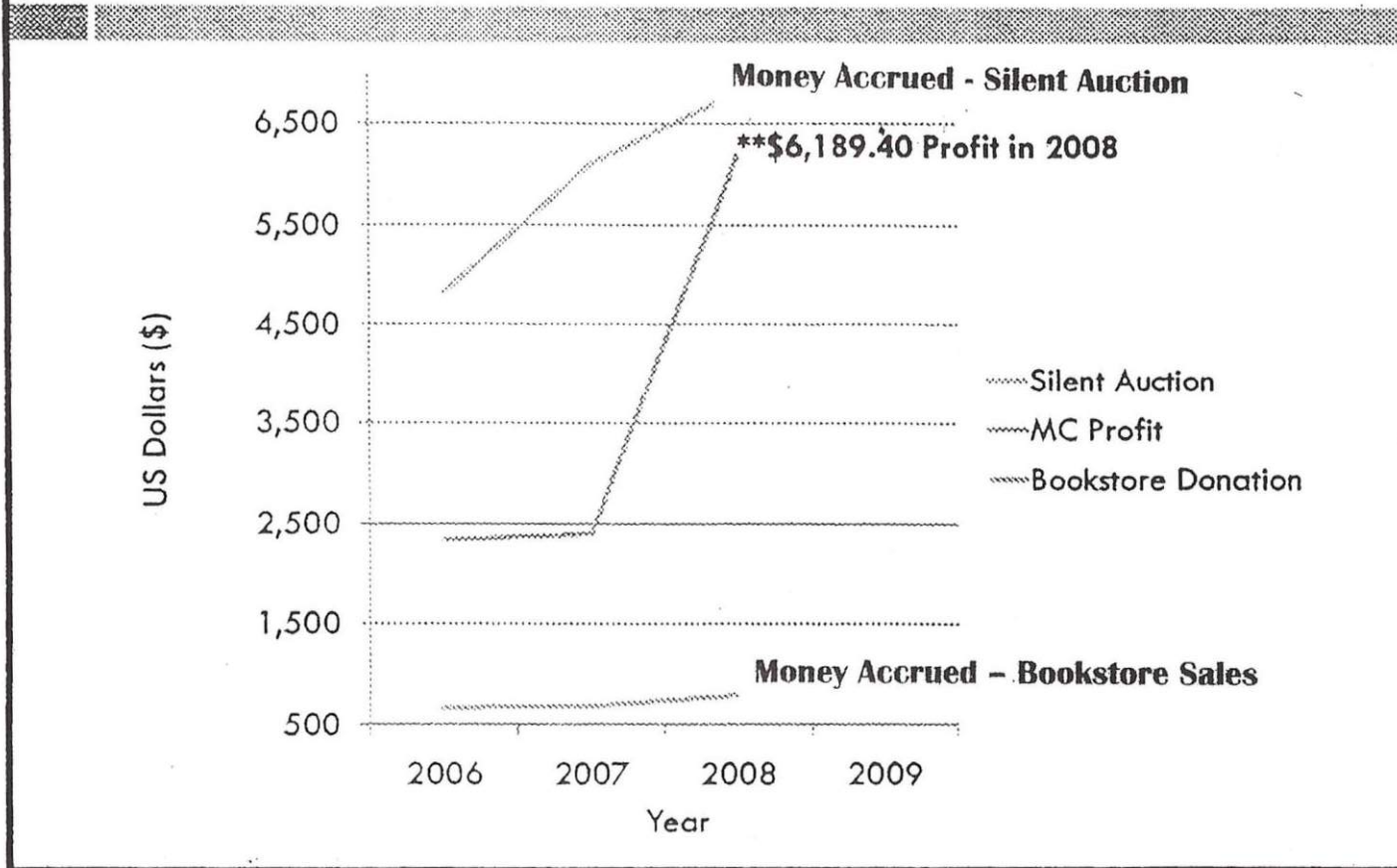


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Examples of Themes Chosen for Gardener's Mini-College

1993 OREGON TRAIL AND PIONEER GARDENING
1994 There was no mini-college organized because OMGA was hosting the first Western Regional Conference. It was decided that hosting two conferences would be a duplication of master gardener's efforts, resources and finances
1995 ENHANCING THE GARDENER'S ENVIRONMENT
1996 TWENTY YEARS AND STILL GROWING
1997 DAYS OF VINES AND ROSES
1998 SUSTAINABLE GARDENING: CREATING THE CIRCLE
1999 GARDENING INTO THE MILLENNIUM
2000 EMBRACING THE FUTURE
2001 NOURISHING THE BODY – FEEDING THE SOUL
2002 CULTIVATING PLANTS AND PEOPLE
2003 GARDENING...A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY
2004 GARDENING IN HARMONY
2005 REDISCOVERING OUR ROOTS
2006 CELEBRATING 30 YEARS
2007 GROWING THE FUTURE
2008 GOING GREEN ON OUR SILVER
2009 BACKYARD FOOD SOLUTIONS...LOCAL...SUSTAINABLE... SECURE

The mini-college experience can be personally educational and socially enriching depending on an individual's perspective. An extensive amount of effort is expended each year in planning and organizing the event. Many committees and subcommittees are formed to accomplish the list of duties and responsibilities required in preparation for a large conference. OMGA Master Gardeners from county chapters in the state volunteer and contribute their valued resources, time, energy and expertise during the event.

In addition to the magnitude of volunteer contributions mentioned above, OMGA members give gifts of money or its equivalent in financial donations. For example:

1. Donations to the 'Silent Auction' event at Mini-College
Attendees have an opportunity to participate in bidding for items donated by county chapters. Each year a large impressive selection of items are donated. The money accrued is used to offset some of the expenses incurred during the conference. It is a popular event.
2. Donations of 'Door Prizes' Distributed during Mini-College
Each county chapter is requested to donate two items that are used as 'door prize' giveaways to attendees.
3. Donations of money for the 'Send-A-Friend' Program
Money donations can be made to the SAF program during the registration process by simply adding an amount to the registration fees. Attendees can purchase raffle tickets for a specially purchased gift that is displayed near the registration area.. The money accrued is used to financially assist in sending a needy master gardener to mini-college.

4. Donations of Centerpiece Displays

County chapters generously volunteer and provide exceptional centerpieces for two specially prepared meals at mini-college. They are the well attended 'Kickoff Dinner' and the 'Awards Banquet'. Generally the creative displays reflect the specific theme chosen for the conference and add to the festivities and fun.

The Annual Mini-College's Success

The original goal and purpose of establishing an annual Oregon mini-college:

- Provide attendees with access to concentrated classes in horticultural and gardening related topics over a two or three day event
- Encourage communication and social exchange and an opportunity to share gardening information and resources
- Provide an annual event where gardeners could get together because of the importance of retaining active master gardeners in local chapters. Sharing time at a gardening conference was an opportunity to develop friendships with other OMGA members and foster connections and encourage support. This could develop into active retention strategies.

Historically the original planners of the annual mini-college focused on advertising the conference as a 'Gardener's Mini-College' and the title continues to be used. Although the majority of the attendees are master gardeners the event is open to anyone interested in advancing their horticultural and gardening knowledge.

The 2009 Gardener's Mini-College Co-Chairs GAIL LANGELLOTTO-RHODABACK, the State Program Coordinator and BETTY FALLER (Central Oregon Chapter) continued the tradition and legacy started at the first conference in 1983.

Chapter 6

Source material: OMGA historical notes/OMGA 'Gardener's Pen' newsletters/2009 Gardener's Mini-College Registration information/2002 Mini-College notes by Anne Marie VanDerZanden, State Program Coordinator/OSU Extension web page/IMGC quarterly newsletter issued December, 1989/Information and charts prepared by State Program Coordinator, Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback on the attendance and achievements of 2009 mini-college.

CHAPTER 7

Ray McNeilan Scholarship, Jan McNeilan Quarterly Grant, Extension Educator Grant Program, OMGA Endowment – Other Scholarships

This chapter highlights and features four key OMGA Programs and other scholarships.

Each of the following four specific programs were established and developed for particular reasons and functions. The OMGA programs are:

1. Ray McNeilan Scholarship Program
2. Jan McNeilan Quarterly Grant
3. Extension Educator Grant Program
4. OMGA Endowment Program

1. History of the Ray McNeilan Scholarship Program

- In 1996 OMGA honored retiring OSU Master Gardener Program Leader Ray McNeilan by establishing a scholarship program.
Note: Extension Agent Ray McNeilan worked tirelessly to develop the OSU Master Gardener Program in Oregon. He partnered with others who founded the first Gardener's Mini-College and his visionary involvement is mentioned in several chapters of this OMGA History.
- The scholarship program funds were originally allocated to finance the attendance, to the annual Gardener's Mini-College, of up to six high school students.
- Between 1997 and 2002 the scholarship program supported the attendance of more than twenty high school students at mini-college.
- The scholarship program then transitioned into an annual tuition support by awarding one scholarship to an OSU horticultural student.
- In 2005 the program was modified to replace the original concept and reflect the establishment of an annual scholarship of \$1,000.
- Scholarship guidelines were developed for prospective applicants:
 - A. Requirement – a junior or senior student (in class standing)
 - B. A grade point average of 2.75 if a junior and 3.0 if a senior
 - C. The Department of Horticulture Scholarship Committee determines the recipient of the Ray McNeilan Scholarship.
- The Ray McNeilan Scholarship recipients since 2005:
2005 Evan Bellinger
2006 Jason D. Oliver
2007 Meredith Brown Durham
2008 Brian Clifton Smith
2009 Ty Patton

2. Jan McNeilan Quarterly Grant

The Jan McNeilan Quarterly Grant became an OMGA Policy and Motion on August 1, 2007 and then was revised on May 3rd 2008.

- The grant was initiated in 2007 to honor Jan McNeilan for her dedication and commitment to OMGA as an OSU Program Leader.
- OMGA quarterly meetings are held around the state of Oregon.
- The Executive Committee, OMGA Chapter Representatives, Alternate OMGA Chapter Representatives, OSU Program Coordinator and various members of the host chapter and OMGA members may attend these meetings.
- The purpose for holding the meetings is to discuss OMGA business and share information about county chapter's activities and events.
- Because of the distances that some of the OMGA members travel to attend the quarterly meetings it is appreciated that some nourishment is provided. Generally in the mornings, the host chapter prepares coffee, tea and some food to welcome the attendees. At the lunch period food is also provided. Since a large group attends the OMGA quarterly meetings the expenses could be prohibitive to the host chapter.
- The Jan McNeilan Grant provides monetary assistance to OMGA Chapters that host board meetings. The available amount is \$300.00.
- The format used to receive reimbursement:
 - A. The host chapter keeps copies of receipts when costs are incurred.
 - B. If a host chapter chooses to request reimbursement, a letter is sent to the OMGA Treasurer (from the Chapter Treasurer) with all the applicable receipts attached and a request for payment.

OMGA's establishment of the Jan McNeilan Grant offers county chapters an opportunity to host OMGA quarterly meetings without depleting financial resources.

3. Extension Educator Grant Program

The OMGA Extension Education Grant Program was developed with the specific purpose of providing funds to enhance public education in the field of home horticulture. Extension Educator Grant request forms and information are available by accessing the OMGA web site. An OMGA Committee reviews the submitted applications and awards the funds and the winners are recognized at mini-college.

The purpose of the grant is to assist OSU Extension Community Horticulture Agents, Program Assistants, or designated OSU Extension Staff responsible for County Master Gardener Programs. The program's criteria are outlined as follows:

- All grants will be made to aid in the development of programs or the acquisition of materials, designed to enhance public education in the field of home horticulture.
- Grants shall not exceed the amount of \$500 for any chapter, in any one fiscal year. The total of all grants can not exceed \$1000 in 2010.
- All grant applications must be submitted on the OMGA Extension Educator form with at least two quotes, bids, estimates, or a material list with projected costs. Submit a concise description of the project, with details such as maintenance plans and other sources of funding.

3. Extension Educator Grant Program Continued

- The OSU Extension Community Horticulture Agent, Program Assistant, or designated OSU Extension Staff member must sign the grant requests.
- In event of dissolution or disbanding of a local chapter, the equipment or materials purchased with this grant shall revert to OMGA to be held in trust.
- Funding from the local OSU Master Gardener Association Chapter should be sought first before applying to OMGA.
- Grants may include the purchase of equipment and materials: e.g. books, office equipment, software, signs, program promotion etc.

4. OMGA Endowment

Information about the background of the OMGA Endowment can be accessed from the OSU Extension web site. The following quote is included for reference (extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/endowment):

“In 2004 the Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA), the OSU Extension Service, and the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences launched the OSU Master Gardener Program Endowment, a fund raising initiative to ensure that the OSU Master Gardener Program will continue to grow and serve Oregonians across the state.

OMGA, individual master gardeners, and other program supporters have donated over \$100,000 in the first two years. Our goal is to raise over one million dollars in support of the statewide master gardener program. The interest earning from the endowment will provide on-going and sustainable program support for the statewide program thus ensuring the continued success and impact of Oregon Master Gardeners. Although we have a long way to go before we reach our goal of one million dollars, every little bit helps.”

Donations to the statewide Master Gardener are tax deductible, to the extent allowable by law. The OMGA Endowment is managed by the OSU Foundation. The OSU Foundation’s address is: 850 SW 35th St, Corvallis, OR, 97333-4015.

Other Scholarships Provided by OMGA County Chapters

Historically it is important to include in this chapter additional information about scholarships which are provided by the OMGA County Chapters and not OMGA. These specific scholarship programs are financed by funds generated from chapter fundraising activities or individual master gardener contributions.

Accumulatively there is a large group of master gardener chapters in the state of Oregon. Some of the chapters are small and are combined with other chapters into one larger group. Other master gardener chapters are very large. The chapters act autonomously so the type and purpose of the fundraising events varies from chapter to chapter. The money accrued is used for a variety of functions e.g. paying expenses, purchasing equipment, educational supplies and the payment of chapter scholarships.

Under this main category of ‘Other Scholarships’ there are several specific subheadings to consider:

- A. Chapter Scholarships to High School students
- B. Chapter Scholarships to attend Gardener’s Mini-College
- C. Chapter Scholarships to attend OSU Master Gardener Classes
- D. Chapter Scholarships to attend conferences, seminars and classes
- E. Send-A-Friend Scholarships to attend Gardener’s Mini-College

Chapter 9 of this OMGA History is titled ‘Successes and Accomplishments’. In November, 2009 a request was made to OMGA chapters for information about programs, projects and activities that could be included in this OMGA History. Many of the responses received from individual chapters mentioned that they were involved in some form of scholarship programs. The scholarship programs vary from chapter to chapter.

A. Chapter Scholarships to High School Students

Some chapters have indicated that they have designated and budgeted funds for the sole purpose of awarding college level scholarships to students. Scholarship Committees are formed to evaluate applicants (based on criteria) and award scholarships. Some chapters also have specified that if a recipient retains a predetermined grade point average they can also apply to be considered for a ‘continuing scholarship’ award.

B. Chapter Scholarships to Attend Gardener’s Mini-College

There are varied forms of scholarship amounts that are disbursed by chapters to attendees of mini-college. Some chapters award full scholarships while others give a designated amount to veteran master gardeners and a lower amount to new class members. The money is paid by the Chapter Treasurer after proof of payment and attendance is received from the master gardener requesting the reimbursement funds.

One of the purposes of these scholarships is to provide an incentive to take advanced training which may contribute to a master gardener’s re-certification. Another purpose is to give recognition for significant contributions to the association’s activities. Other chapters award the scholarship to offset costs for the classes or help to pay food expenses or gas. Scholarships to chapter members may encourage attendance at mini-college and may stimulate chapter involvement in volunteer activities.

C. Chapter Scholarships to Attend OSU Master Gardener Training Classes

Because of uncertain economic times, chapter scholarships can pay for students to attend training classes when they could not otherwise afford the tuition. Generally a formal request is made to the chapter requesting assistance. The local board votes on the scholarship request. At least one chapter pays subsidies for each student in training.

D. Chapter Scholarships to Attend Educational Conferences, Seminars and Classes

Continuous education and attendance at conferences, seminars and classes are important so that master gardeners keep informed. Some chapters have educational funds to pay for expenses incurred (e.g. payment for gas or class fees).

E. Send-A-Friend Scholarships to Attend Gardener’s Mini-College

Chapter attendees to mini-college can participate in the Send-A-Friend Scholarship program that provides funds to master gardeners needing financial assistance to attend the annual event. Attendees pay to fund this important scholarship program.

There are two opportunities to participate in the program. First, financial contributions can be added when the registration form is completed. Second, there is a raffle conducted during mini-college and the money accrued is used for the program.

Chapter 6 of this history has more details about this scholarship program that is paid by master gardeners to benefit fellow master gardeners.

It is critical to remember that the scholarship money generated, in these numerous fundraising activities, is in addition to the master gardener's primary function of providing horticultural gardening information in Oregon communities.

Historically, it has been difficult to access documented statistics on the total specific types or amounts of scholarship money generated by each county chapter since the classes began in 1976.

Although the statistical data on the total amounts of scholarship money that OMGA chapters have disbursed is unavailable, many Oregonians have benefitted. Over the years, thousands and thousands of dollars in scholarship funds has been collected and disbursed.

It is important that these scholarship contributions should be mentioned and included in this OMGA History.

Chapter 7

Source material: historical notes/OMGA web site/OSU Extension web site and OSU Endowment information/notes from county chapter reports in archive notebooks/comments by chapters after a request was made in November, 2009 for information.

CHAPTER 8

History of Search for Excellence Program, Karl Carlson Fund and Send-A-Friend Program

Included in this chapter are several exceptional programs that were established and founded by master gardeners specifically for the benefit of master gardeners and OMGA. Historically, it is essential to document the significant contributions of the following three programs:

1. Marje Luce 'Search for Excellence' Program (SFE)
2. Karl Carlson Memorial Fund
3. 'Send-A-Friend' Program (SAF)

First to be considered is the program that was began by Marje Luce. It is important to present a short profile on her before recounting the program's history and purpose.

Profile of Marje Luce, Dedicated Oregon Master Gardener Ambassador

- 1988 OMGA State Master Gardener of the Year.
- Served as an OMGA President then OMGA Past President.
- Served as Jackson County's chapter president, then past president.
- Developed and implemented the Oregon SFE Program which continues to be titled, nationally and internationally, as the 'Marje Luce Search for Excellence' Program.
- 1989 Co-Chair of the International MG Conference (IMGC) in Portland.
- Inspiring motivator and promoter of SFE Program at IMGC events, mini-colleges, state meetings and county chapters.
- Lived in the foothills of the Siskiyou Mountains outside Ashland.
- Nature lover and avid gardener with a particular interest in geraniums.

History of the SFE Program

- 1985 Ray McNeilan 'borrowed' the concept from another extension service project and delegated the idea to Marje to implement.
- Because of Marje's enthusiasm and leadership the program gained impetus as county chapters were encouraged to share their SFE presentations at mini-college.
- 1989 Marje presented the innovative Oregon program, for the first time, at the IMGC in Portland and it was an immediate success.
- In attendance at the IMGC were master gardeners from 42 states and three Canadian provinces.
- At the conference, 20 outstanding SFE programs were displayed and 10 especially noteworthy projects were selected for presentation.
- After the event, the SFE Program was chosen to be featured as an on-going event at future conferences which are held every two years.

The Purpose of the SFE Program

It is a program that highlights and showcases effective projects that have been accomplished and achieved at the county level. The purpose is that master gardeners can learn by observing what has been successfully implemented. The types of programs presented are varied and diversified, innovative and creative, adapting to the horticultural and gardening needs of their particular community. The presentations are educational, practical and informational.

- Each year, county chapters have the opportunity to submit an application to OMGA about an outstanding program they have developed.
- The Chair and Coordinator of the SFE Program is the OMGA 2nd Vice President.
- The application process is very specific and requires following a predetermined format with a scoring criteria and rating formula.
- The applications are reviewed by an appointed panel of judges who score them.
- The OMGA SFE Chair notifies applicants of the judge's results.
- The selected chapters are requested to prepare a presentation for attendees at an OMGA General Assembly meeting at mini-college.
- Each selected SFE chapter receives a Certificate of Excellence and a monetary cash award of \$100.00.
- Successful candidates at mini-college have an opportunity to submit their applications to the IMGC to be evaluated, reviewed and considered as potential presenters at an international conference.

Chapters Selected as Presenters of SFE Programs - 2000 to 2009

<u>2000</u>	Yamhill/Jackson/Douglas/Central Gorge/Lane/Benton
<u>2001</u>	No record
<u>2002</u>	Coos/Clatsop/Curry/Douglas/Lane/Yamhill
<u>2003</u>	Douglas/Jackson/Josephine/Lane/Marion/Tillamook/Yamhill
<u>2004</u>	Tillamook/Jackson/Yamhill/Klamath
<u>2005</u>	Jackson/Douglas/Multnomah/Curry/Lane - 5 counties
<u>2006</u>	Clackamas/Columbia/Lane/Tillamook
<u>2007</u>	Yamhill/Clackamas/Coos/Lane/Tillamook
<u>2008</u>	Josephine/Lincoln/Lane/Yamhill
<u>2009</u>	Marion/Yamhill/Central Gorge/Jackson/Benton/ Washington/Clackamas/Multnomah – tri-county

Some Examples of SFE Programs Presented at Mini-college

Over the years since the SFE Program was implemented there has been a kaleidoscopic explosion of practical, relevant projects and accomplishments presented at mini-college each year. The application process criteria emphasizes that the program should be simple to replicate and demonstrate significant learning and impact. The following examples of programs submitted by county chapters clearly indicate the educational, learning impact and focus.

<u>Benton County</u>	Windowsill Gardening Easy Access Garden Gearing up for Gardening (brown bag classes) Insights into Gardening Seminar Training Program for new master gardeners
<u>Central Gorge</u>	The Learning Garden
<u>Coos County</u>	Growing Yer Grubs Day Camp Lady Bug Landing Community Garden
<u>Clackamas</u>	Certificate of Merit 10 Minute University Noontime Chats – (for new trainees)
<u>Clackamas/Multnomah/Marion/Washington/Polk Counties:</u>	North Willamette Insect and Weed Group
<u>Curry County</u>	Les Ritchey Garden
<u>Douglas</u>	Mountain of Roses Mason Bees/Using Bee Blocks
<u>Jackson County</u>	The Apprentice Program
<u>Lincoln County</u>	Community Gardens
<u>Marion County</u>	Celebrating Seeds
<u>Metro Counties</u>	(Clackamas/Multnomah/Washington) A Day in the Life of a Master Gardener
<u>Yamhill County</u>	A Partnership – The McMinnville Community Garden Newberg High School Horticultural Classes Understanding Bee Dances – Elementary Schools Demo/Native Plant Gardens/Extension Landscape Junior Master Gardener Program/Youth Classes Insect Committee Work

Listed on the next two pages are the detailed criteria and guidelines used in the OMGA program which is patterned after the IMGIC format.

Oregon Master Gardener™ Association (OMGA)

Marje Luce Search for Excellence Criteria and Guidelines for 2010

February 2010

The Search for Excellence (SFE) program recognizes superior Master Gardener volunteer work, both throughout the United States and Canada (at the international level), and across the state of Oregon within the OMGA. The Marje Luce Search for Excellence Criteria and Guidelines mirror the International Search for Excellence Guidelines. All SFE applications must show that significant learning took place, whether by Master Gardeners or the general public.

All volunteer work done by Master Gardeners is significant to their communities, but not all is a SFE project. How do you determine if your project meets the SFE criteria?

1. First it must fit into one of the following seven categories:
 - Youth Programs
 - Demonstration Garden
 - Workshop, Presentation, or Hands-on Demonstration/Program
 - Community Service
 - Innovative Project
 - Special Audiences (Senior, Disabled, Therapy)
 - Other or General MG Accomplishment
2. Your project may cover more than one category; however, you must choose one main category for it to be considered. It must have completed at least one cycle (*i.e.*, it should not be a project in its initial stage of development) and have been worked on over the past two years. Program projects that have previously won SFE awards are not eligible in any category. Regional winners are encouraged to submit their project for International Master Gardener recognition.
3. Marje Luce Search for Excellence is designed to recognize a group project, not an individual.
4. It must be simple to replicate. One of the goals of Search for Excellence is to share ideas and programs so other Master Gardener groups can replicate them, or parts of them. A step-by-step "how to do this" would be a great way to share your project.
5. Practicality. A Search for Excellence project is one that is easy to use and fits well for the situation it is intended for. You have found the best way possible to meet a need of your community.
6. Original and creative. We don't want you to recreate the wheel, just maybe parts of it so that it fits your situation. We are looking for that added touch that makes this your own, or that reflects the personalities of the Master Gardeners who are working with it.
7. OSU Extension and Master Gardener missions. Every chapter has their own mission statements, but there are some generalities that we can use.
 - All Extension and Master Gardener programs should have an educational component.
 - All Extension and Master Gardener programs are available to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, veteran status, political beliefs, sexual orientations, national origin, financial capacity, and marital or family status.
 - All Extension and Master Gardener programs should extend the resources of the University to the public wherever they live; helping them use knowledge to solve home horticulture related problems at work, home, and in their communities.
 - Information provided should be research based.

8. The project application should be written by the Master Gardeners involved, not by Extension staff. Use the criteria indicated in items 1 through 7 above and provide your application in a WORD compatible document. Please use the following outline for your application:
 - Name of Chapter
 - Name of Project
 - Key Contact:
 - Name
 - Title
 - Address
 - Phone
 - Email
 - Name of Master Gardener Coordinator/Extension staff
 - Category
 - Description of project
 - Names of individual Master Gardeners involved who should receive certificates if this is the winning project. (Please limit this to name only.)
 - Extension and mission goals
 - Significant learning and impacts
 - Number of people affected
 - Support from other community groups
 - Budget
 - Other pertinent information
9. Please email applications to marilynscheffler@comcast.net, and include a copy to Gail.Langellotto@oregonstate.edu. Please put "Search for Excellence" in the subject line. Please include the actual application as an attachment. Please put your contact information in the body of the email.
10. PLEASE limit applications to three single spaced pages. Please use a font 10 points, or larger, in Times New Roman. Do not include additional attachments, photos, or additional information in the body of the email. No hard copy or mailed applications will be accepted.
11. A verification letter, or email from your Extension Advisor/Coordinator is required and must come directly from that individual. Please do not include this with your application. This verification is to insure that all Master Gardener's involved are in current good standing with their local chapter.
12. Receipt of the application, as well as receipt of the verification letter, will be acknowledged by a return email within two days (48 hours). If you do not receive this reply, please contact Marilyn Scheffler (541.917.0380), between the hours of 7am and 9pm.
13. **Significant Learning and Impacts.** Significant learning and the impacts we are making is an area that all of Extension is being asked to demonstrate. OMGA, along with the International Master Gardener Committee, should make every effort to emphasize our contributions in this area. Evaluations that help support this goal will go a long ways towards helping to demonstrate the value of your project. Your Extension Office is learning better ways to show impact and can be an excellent resource in this area.
 - For information on the International Master Gardener's Conference:
<http://www.unce.unr.edu/imgc/>
 - For additional information on Search for Excellence projects, search keywords Master Gardeners Search for Excellence.
14. There are no reimbursements for expenses related to applications, including but not limited to registration fees or travel to or from Gardener's Mini-College.

The second significant program that was established for the benefit of master gardeners was the Karl Carlson Fund. Historically, it is important to learn about Karl Carlson and then explain the purpose of the memorial fund.

Profile of Dr. Karl Carlson, Enthusiastic Spokesman for the MG Program

- 1977 Chief of the Rehabilitation Medical Service at the Veterans Center in Roseburg, Oregon.
- Founding member of the Douglas County MG chapter, and served as its first president and then past president.
- During a period when there was no extension agent assigned to Douglas County he faithfully held the chapter together and organized the first classes given to trainees.
- 1986 OMGA State Master Gardener of the Year.
- 1989 OMGA President and then OMGA Past President.
- In 1989 he was the master of ceremonies and presided over the second IMGCC held in Portland.
- 1992 the Karl Carlson Memorial Fund was established and serves as a tribute to his dedication to the OMGA and extension service.
- Avid gardener who particularly loved to grow vegetables.

Purpose of the Karl Carlson Memorial Fund

The purpose of the fund focuses on the same four primary purposes as outlined in Article 1 of the OMGA Bylaws. The criteria states that all grants and zero interest loans shall be made in accordance with the purpose for which the fund was established and any chapters who meet the fund's criteria can apply for those grants and loans.

Memorial Fund Grants

- Not to exceed an amount of \$250 for any chapter, in a fiscal year
- May be provided for purchase of educational materials, projects or programs in urban horticulture when chapter funds not available
- Application deadline is stated on OMGA website
- Grants are awarded during OSU/OMGA mini-college event

Zero Interest Loans Awarded

- Shall not exceed \$500 for any chapter, in any OMGA fiscal year
- Total outstanding zero interest loans and grants not to exceed \$2,500 in any OMGA fiscal year

Funds to Support OSU/OMGA MG Chapter in Grants or Loans

- In the establishment of new OSU/OMGA MG chapters
- To assist new or struggling chapters become established
- In the implementation of new programs and projects related to urban horticulture, when financial assistance is needed

The OMGA President Elect is the committee chair. The following page outlines a list of grants and loans that have been disbursed since 1993.

History of Karl Carlson Fund Grants and Loans

YEAR	CHAPTER/COUNTY	PROJECT	GRANT AMOUNT	LOAN AMOUNT	IF LOAN, REPAID DATE/AMOUNT
2010					
2009	Lincoln	Yaquina Bay Lighthouse Garden	\$125		
2009	Wasco	The Dalles Imagination Garden (The Dig)	\$125		
2009	Multnomah	Learning Garden Signage	\$250		
2008	Lincoln	unknown	\$250		
2008	Central Gorge	unknown	\$250		
2007	Lincoln	unknown	\$250		
2007	Central Gorge	unknown	\$250		
2006	Marion County	unknown	\$150		
2006	Columbia	Irrigation System	\$350		
2005	?				
2004	Lane	Moving Demo Gardens	\$250		
2004	Klamath Falls	Cookbook	\$250		
2003	Linn	Wooden Shed for Demo Garden	\$250		
2002	Curry	Pine Trees for County Students in Grades 1-4	\$250		
2000	Tillamook	Library Materials	\$250		
2000	Coos	Library & Start-up Materials	\$250		
2000	Columbia	Reference Library Books	\$237		
2000	Clatsop	Educational Display Materials	\$250		
2000	Polk	Reference Library Materials	\$250		
1999	Central Oregon	NA	\$247		
1998	Polk	Support of Master Gardener Class	\$250		
1998	Douglas	Display Board	\$250		
1997	Central Oregon	Purchase Rototiller for Community Organic Garden	\$250		
1997	Polk	NA	\$250		
1996	Klamath Falls	Development of Turf Grass Demo Plots	\$250		
1996	Lincoln	Purchase of Reference Books & Bulk Mailing Permit	\$250		
1996	Columbia Gorge	Establish Hood River Plant Clinic Facility	\$250		
1996	Linn	Improvement of Reference Book Collection	\$250		
1995	Benton	Display "One teaspoon of Soil Contains"	\$90		
1995	Lincoln	Publishing of Newsletter	\$250		
1994	Douglas	Mulch Comparison Study	\$250		
1994	Columbia Gorge	Gardening Calendar	\$250		
1994	Klamath Falls	Garden Journal/Calendar		\$500	
1994	Benton	Teaching Display "Insect Pests of the Cabbage Family"	\$150		
1993	Central Oregon	Community Garden Sprinkler Install		\$400	
1993	Curry	Start-up Funding	\$250		
1993	Klamath Falls	Start-up Funding	\$250		

History - a Total of \$7,974 has been Administered in Grants and Loans

Lifetime of Achievement Memorial

The Karl Carlson Memorial Fund commemorates the life and work of Dr. Karl Carlson.

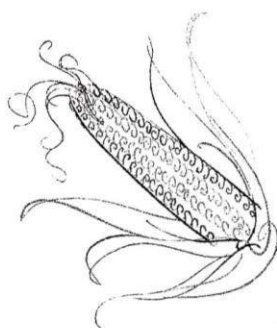
Karl Carlson was born on July 9, 1918 in Ishpeming, Michigan. He attended schools in Connecticut and was an exchange student in Germany for one year prior to the beginning of World War II.

Karl met his wife, Mary, while both attended Stanford University. He received his Doctor of Medicine Degree from Stanford and served two years as a Captain in the United States Army Medical Corps and in the United States Air Force.

Following military service, Karl received his medical specialty training in Rehabilitation Medicine at New York University and at the Bellevue Medical Center in New York City. He founded the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at Palo Alto with a Stanford Medical School faculty rank of Assistant Professor of Medicine.

Two years before his retirement in 1979, Karl transferred to the V.A. Medical Center in Roseburg, Oregon, where he was chief of the Rehabilitation Medical Service. Dr. Carlson retired from practice in 1981 but remained active as a diplomat of the American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Retirement allowed Dr. Carlson a chance to literally, 'smell the roses'. In his home garden, however, Karl particularly loved to grow vegetables.



Carl Carlson was a charter member of the Douglas County Chapter of the OSU Master Gardener Association. Karl organized the first Master Gardener classes in Douglas County and was the motivating force in keeping that chapter's OSU Master Gardener information office open during the year prior to the hiring of an Urban Horticulture Agent.

Karl served as the very first President of the Douglas County Chapter of the OSU Oregon Master Gardener Association. He was elected as President of the Oregon Master Gardener

Association in 1989. That year, Karl presided over the Second International Conference of Master Gardeners in Portland, Oregon. Nearly all states were represented as well as several foreign countries.

Cancer claimed the life of Dr. Karl Carlson on April 10, 1992 in Roseburg, Oregon.

Dr. Karl Carlson is remembered by many as "a sweet, cheerful and extremely intelligent man" and one who sincerely loved his work as an OSU Master Gardener, both at local and state levels.

The Karl Carlson Memorial Fund is Dr. Carlson's legacy, a tribute to his dedication to the Oregon Master Gardener Association and to the Oregon State University Extension Service.



OSU Master Gardeners™ Educate and Serve Oregonians. Master Gardeners™:

- Provide non-biased, science-based gardening information to the public
- Diagnose plant problems and provide sustainable solutions to Oregon gardeners
- Design and present education programs on subjects of interest to Oregonians including
- Integrated pest management (IPM) practices
- Yard waste management and composting
- Water quality protection
- Gardening with children, youth, seniors and the physically challenged
- Provide a window to research and education at Oregon State University to Oregonians.



Oregon State University Extension Service
Master Gardener™ Program

The Oregon Master Gardener™ Association (OMGA) serves four main functions as part of the Oregon Master Gardener Program:

- To enhance and supplement the Oregon State University Home Horticulture Program
- To assume responsibility for performing special tasks and engaging in continuous activities related to the program
- To promote a wide dissemination of information available as a result of University study and experimentation. Such information shall be in accordance with Oregon State University standards
- To work with other gardening organizations to enhance gardening in Oregon, when appropriate.



Oregon Master Gardener™ Association

The Karl Carlson Memorial Fund



Offered By

Oregon Master Gardener™ Association

in cooperation with OSU Extension Service

THE KARL CARLSON MEMORIAL FUND

Application Form

Date:

Contact Person for Application:

Master Gardener Chapter Name:

Project Name:

Estimated Project Completion Date:

Amount of Funds Requested:

Are you applying for a grant or a loan? GRANT LOAN

If you applying for a loan, please indicate the source of funds that you will use for repayment, as well as the date when repayment in full is expected.

Source of funds:

Date of full repayment:

Please check the ways in which the monies loaned or granted from The Karl Carlson Memorial Fund will be used to support your OSU Master Gardener Chapter. If applicable, you may check more than one box:

- ☐ In the establishment of new OSU Master Gardener Chapters.
- ☐ To assist new or struggling OSU Master Gardener Chapters become better established.
- ☐ In the implementation of new programs or projects related to urban horticulture, when financial assistance is needed.

For the item (or items) that were checked, above, please briefly describe how the monies will be used to accomplish your goal(s).

**Submit to: Oregon Master Gardener Association
2397 NW Kings Blvd.
PO Box 166
Corvallis, OR 97330**

First was mentioned the importance and history of the SFE Program. It has evolved from an Oregon originated project to a highly respected international event.

Second, the Karl Carlson Fund's history was reviewed. The establishment of this fund has financially assisted many county chapters by offering grants and zero interest loans for horticultural and educational programs or projects.

The third and last section of this chapter focuses on the Send-A-Friend Program.

History and Purpose of the Send-A-Friend Program (SAF)

This is a fund that was created to benefit master gardeners who needed financial assistance to pay for the fees to attend mini-college. The OMGA Policies and Motions outline the establishment of the SAF fund as a scholarship program:

OMGA will offer one scholarship per chapter to mini-college 2001. This scholarship will be replaced thereafter by a Send-A-Friend Scholarship Fund established for future mini-colleges. This fund will be financed by donations solicited from mini-college attendees through the registration form. County chapters will then apply for these scholarships (Motion 060201)

The SAF fund money will be used until registration completed by end of fiscal year. This was amended to amount of the previous year (Motion 030202). Clarification: Scholarships are awarded from the fund monies that have been collected in previous years. SAF monies collected during registration for the current year are used in subsequent years (Motion 030205).

The volunteer coordinator of the SAF is part of the team that works during mini-college. In the last few years the coordinator has purchased a composite group of gardening related items and attractively displayed them near the on-site registration area. Attendees at mini-college have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets in support of the SAF program. A winning ticket is drawn and the ticket holder receives the gardening related items. This has been a popular event. The SAF program has financially benefited by receiving this revenue and other donations and master gardeners have benefitted by having the opportunity to attend mini-college when they otherwise could not afford it.

Each year, county chapters can request funds from the SAF program. No more than \$200.00 can be disbursed to each chapter requesting a scholarship. The details of the SAF Fund are articulated in the SAF forms on the next pages.

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Source Material: previous issues of the Gardeners' Pen – including the June 2002 issue/OMGA web site/IMGC web site/IMGC newsletter Vol. 11 November 1988/Katherine Johnson OMGA Treasurer contributing list of SFE candidates/information from individual chapters/historical notes/OMGA Policies and Motions dated August 15, 2009/Marcia Sherry contributing SAF forms.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AN INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION
TO MINI COLLEGE BY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT/CHAPTER

- A. OMGA/SAF Committee will award a *Send-A-Friend Scholarship* to approved MG Chapters for applicants. A check will be sent to and made out to the individual MG Chapter the beginning of June. It will be up to the Chapter to disperse scholarship funds to individual(s). (A Chapter may also award its own scholarships to individuals to cover balance of registration fee.)
- B. The chapter member in charge of coordinating awards and registrations should send all of the following documents to the mini-college registrar:
 - 1. A completed mini-college registration form for *each* person/scholarship recipient.
 - 2. A separate check from MG Chapter for each individual registering for mini-college for *full amount of registration fee*. (Funds may be a combination of checks from Chapter and individual, but total must be for full registration amount for each completed registration or it will be returned to the Chapter.)

The registrar's address is:

Patty Driscoll
MGMC Registrar
4017 ALS Building
Corvallis, OR 97331-7304

- C. If MG Chapter does not use the *Send-A-Friend Scholarship* funds, then the unused amount must be returned to OMGA. The unused funds will be placed in the fund for next year's *Send-A-Friend Scholarship* awards.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Marcia Sherry
msherry114@aol.com
503-487-6652

Send-A-Friend Mini-College Scholarships

March 7, 2009

Dear Chapter President/Area OMGA Representative:

In 2002, a new policy was put into place which established a revolving fund to be supported by state and chapter donations. This fund is called "Send-A-Friend". The revolving fund works this way.....the funds donated last year will be used to make awards to applying chapters this year. Monies donated to the fund this year will be used to make awards for the 2010 Mini-College.

An OMGA committee has been established to make this year's award at the June quarterly meeting. The maximum award that will be given to a chapter this year is \$200.00.

It should be noted that the funds presently available are not sufficient to permit an award of this amount to each OMGA Chapter. It is hoped that only the less affluent chapters will apply for Send-A-Friend awards. If the applications exceed the fund's ability to pay, the funds awarded to each chapter applying will be reduced.

Please notify your chapter's executive board and extension agent that the "Send-A-Friend" scholarship forms are available. The "Send-A-Friend" process should be acted upon immediately so that the committee can vote on awards at the June Quarterly meeting. This ensures that award letters can be sent out in time to be ready for registration to the Mini-College.

Deadline for "Send-A-Friend" application this year is May 22, 2009.

Applications must be on the enclosed Send-A-Friend Award Application Form. A copy is attached.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at: Marcia Sherry
503-87-6652
Msherry114@aol.com

Information and registration forms for the 2009 Mini-College will be included in the June issue of the *Gardener's Pen* newsletter.

WAYS AN OMGA CHAPTER CAN SUPPORT THE "SEND-A-FRIEND" PROGRAM

Continuation of the Send-A-Friend award program in future years is dependent upon the generosity of both individual OMGA members and OMGA Chapters. There are three ways your chapter can help to support the "Send-A-Friend" program:

- ❖ You are encouraged to ask members to seriously consider donating as individuals to this fund. If your chapter is in a strong financial situation, consider making a chapter donation to the fund.
- ❖ Support the Send-A-Friend raffle at mini-college. This is a fun way to get involved and have a chance to win a wonderfully filled basket of gardening goodies.
- ❖ Offer individual chapter scholarships. Your chapter may have funds available to send a member to mini-college without using Send-A-Friend scholarship money.

CHAPTER 9

Successes and Accomplishments

An Interdependence between OSU and OMGA Membership

There is an interdependence that exists between Oregon State University and OMGA members while working together in Oregon communities.

- OSU trains master gardener volunteers from communities in Oregon.
- They work together under the auspices of the OSU Extension Service.
- OSU Extension Agents administer the OSU formal training.
- After training and graduation master gardeners receive an OSU badge signifying their relationship to Oregon State University.
- OMGA members usually utilize the OSU Extension Service's statewide offices and facilities in their specific county chapters.
- Volunteers use and distribute OSU printed material, literature and resources to residents in Oregon communities.
- The OMGA's purpose and mission is to enhance and supplement the OSU master gardener training program.
- The OSU MG Program encourages and supports membership in the county and statewide Oregon Master Gardener Association.

An Interrelationship between OSU Extension Service and OMGA Membership

OSU Master Gardeners represent the OMGA as members of local Oregon county chapter associations. In the performance of their duties as volunteers, they distribute OSU extension material and literature. This information is science and research-based, objective educational handouts, booklets and resources. In addition, OSU extension's training of volunteers includes access to resources, literature, computer technology, horticultural seminars and programs.

The OSU Extension Service benefits from having a vast pool of trained, enthusiastic volunteers from diverse and varied educational, social, creative and business backgrounds. It is conceivable that this multi-faceted group with a wide range of expertise, education, and resources would potentially develop and contribute to the quality and quantity of noteworthy successes and accomplishments in their respective communities. While working with residents of the communities in which they live volunteers have contributed their valuable time and expertise in developing exceptional horticultural programs, projects and activities. Historically, the extension service staff and master gardener volunteers work very well together.

Over the years there has been an abundance of successes and accomplishments that has resulted from the relationship and partnership that has developed between the OSU Extension Service and master gardeners working in OMGA chapters throughout the state of Oregon.

For example, each year there are awards presented for the work that has already been accomplished. In the past master gardeners have been recipients of OSU Extension Service awards such as the 'Cooperator Award' and the 'Diamond Pioneer Award'.

The following first section focuses on the achievements of the OSU Master Gardener Program and the second section on individual OMGA county chapter successes and accomplishments under the auspices of the OSU Extension Service.

The 2009 Annual Report of the OSU Master Gardener Program, prepared by the Statewide Coordinator, Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback and Statewide Program Assistant, Patty Driscoll outlines several important program successes and is referenced below:

First Section - Two Significant Flagship OSU Master Gardener Programs:

1. Sustainable Gardening Practices

- Sustainable Gardening Practices – theme of master gardener training classes, publications and extension service in Oregon communities
- OSU Certified Sustainable Landscapes (initiated by Douglas County)
- 2008 online courses launched again and received the Vice Provost/Associate Award. It has a national and international presence and offers a Certificate in Home Horticulture (rather than a master gardener badge). The first online training began in 2002 but was discontinued because of a budget shortfall and then continued again.
- 2007 'Waterwise Plants' publications (water usage reduction)
- 2008 'Garden Smart Oregon' (a guide/booklet to non-invasive plants) with successful partnerships with OPB/City of Portland/Oregon Sea Grant/Nature Conservancy and Oregon Association of Nurseries. Linda McMahan, Yamhill County, was the principal author of this booklet
- The Virtual Sustainable Garden and Metro Natural Gardening Program
- Eco-Gardening
- The OSU Garden Calendar
- Revisions of OSU Extension Master Gardener publications
- 2008 Willamette Valley Green Industry held series of seminars
- OSU partners with OMGA in an annual educational 'Gardener's Mini-College' for both master gardeners and non-master gardener participants
- 'Sustainable Gardening Practices' information is distributed through literature, education, workshops, publications, and classes

2. Local and Backyard Food Production

- Local backyard food production (contributes to a sustainable food system)
- Lectures and workshops, seminars and publications, literature and education provide information to the public about the importance of local food production
- 2008 'Organic Gardening Certificate' Program, initiated in Portland Metro region teaches skills in organic gardening
- Gardening Enhanced Nutrition Education (GENE) is a work group that includes a 'Growing Healthy Kids' curriculum for 1st through 3rd graders.
- Community and school gardens at varied locations in the state produce a large quantity of fresh produce that is donated to local food banks.

Second Section - OMGA County Chapter Successes and Accomplishments

In November 2009, a letter was mailed to each of the county chapters by the then OMGA Historian Cathy Burdett, requesting information about their individual successes and accomplishments. The following section lists and notes the OMGA county chapter's responses to this written request for information to be included in this OMGA history. Some of the responses received were very detailed while others were short and specific. It is important to document the fact that OMGA county chapters are involved in similar activities and accomplishments even though their responses may not reflect this.

Plant Clinics - at area farmers markets/retail outlets/educational conferences
Demonstration/Community/School Gardens - donate seasonal produce to food banks
Conferences/Seminars/Talks/Speaker's Bureau - on horticultural/gardening topics
Youth Programs – classes focus on education and community outreach
Garden Tours and Plant Sales - highlight sustainable gardening techniques
Beautification Projects - enhance communities through gardening programs
Media Outreach - use diversified approaches to reach the public
OSU, OMGA and individual chapters use web sites with links to projects and events
Recognition and Awards – are given for work already accomplished and are covered in other chapters of this history. Chapter 6 and 8 mentions awards presented at mini-college.

Alphabetical Listing of OMGA County Chapter Successes/Accomplishments

Benton County

Insights into Gardening conference
Windowsill Gardening
Gearing up for Gardening (brown bag classes)
Benton County Fairgrounds Demonstration Garden
'Plant a Row for the Hungry' Program
Fall Festival and annual Plant Sale
Annual Corvallis Flower Basket Beautification Project
4H Wildlife Stewardship Program (started in 1994 and continues in 2009)
Virginia McKinney Easy Access Garden (disabilities)
'Kids Day for Conservation Day' (planting camas bulbs)
Farmers Market /Plant Clinics/Speakers Bureau
Teaching Garden in Lebanon
'Planting Seeds of Change' (school program)
Composting Clinics

Central Gorge

Japanese Heritage Garden/Learning Garden at Extension
Hood River Library Low Water Garden
Hood River Care Center Garden
Hood River Cultural Trust Garden
Community Garden at LaClinica
Educational displays at Skamania/Hood River Fairs
Garden Tours/farmers market/speakers bureau
Demonstration Garden

Central Oregon

(Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties included)
Hollinshead Community Garden in Bend -
A partnership with Bend Metro Parks since 1983
Demonstration garden Jefferson County Fairgrounds
Demonstration garden in Redmond
Since 1989, annual 'Spring Seminar' event
2006-2009 conducted Plant Clinics/Farmer's Markets in
Bend, Redmond, Prineville and Madras
Since 2006, 'Good Morning Central Oregon' is a (one
Saturday each month) morning television program
conducted by interviewed master gardeners
Plant sale plus educational outreach
Mobile plant clinic - annual 'Home and Garden' event

Clackamas County

1983 Clackamas County Chapter started
1984 designed flower symbol for the OMGA logo
Designed/sold 'Pins/Patches'
1983 started MG clinics at Clackamas County Fair
1985 first 'Spring Garden Fair' (earned \$530)
1985 created and built the donated water system vases for
horticultural display at Clackamas County Fair and which
are still used in 2009
1985 organized soil PH testing clinics for MG/public
1990 full tuition scholarship Clackamas C. College
1991-2009 2 scholarships to CCC Horticulture students
Established and contributed to CCC Endowment
1996-2009 'Pruning Demonstration' Clinic
2004-2009 started 'Noontime Chats' (new trainees)
2005-2009 developed 10-minute University
1985-2009 'Spring Garden Fair' the venues expanded to
events and celebrated 25 years in operation with 186
vendors and over 17,000 attendees with income \$30,000
distributed to OSU Extension/Endowment/Master Gardener
Association
Over time, many projects have been developed (workshops
for members on mason bees/tomato culture/propagation
'Plant a Row for the Hungry' – food pantry project)

Clatsop County

'Spring Garden' seminar
Participated 'Growing Healthy Kids' Program
Increased Sunday Market Booth to weekly event
Display at Animal Shelter and Pet Friendly Garden
Discovery Garden (native plants)
Community and Demonstration Gardens
Farmer's Market/Speaker's Bureau

Columbia County

Spring Fair
Community Gardens - St. Helens/Scapoose
Community Garden - Ranier
Columbia County Sheriff's Department - Jail Garden
Scapoose Farmer's Market
Plant Clinics - Vernonia
Weekly Radio Show on Gardening/Speaker's Bureau
Bi-weekly articles in two local newspapers

Coos County

'Cooking and Gardening' (youth day camp)
2006-2009 'Lady Bug Landing' community garden
2001-2009 'Fertilize your Mind' gardening seminar
2002-2009 Farmer's Market/Plant Clinic
2000-2009 Demonstration Garden
Coos County Fair Booth

Curry County

Kalmiopsis Elementary School Program
Riley Creek Elementary School Garden
'Hummingbird and Butterfly Garden' at Port Orford
'Garden/Art Tour' fundraiser
Plant sale fundraiser

Douglas County

1988 'Horticultural Learning Center' storage shed and permanent restroom with five greenhouses and gardens
1999 'Discovery Garden' contains several gardens including the butterfly/herb/orchard/xeriscape/easy access/Japanese and children's gardens
1987 'Outreach Program' has evolved from plant clinics to 3 outreach clinics/a huge speaker's bureau/power point project 'Spring into Garden' Seminar and advanced pruning clinics/booths at events with brown bag seminars
Mountains of Roses project
Mason Bees/Using Bee Blocks
Annual awards banquet/recognizes volunteers
1988-2009 annual Douglas County Plant Sale at Fairgrounds and in 2008, raised \$30,000
Fundraisers: auctions/bake sales/maple trees/grape cuttings/trash and treasure/cookbooks/garden journals
Compost tea and worms – vermicomposting
2008 promoted/helped pass Ballot Measure (10-86) establishing a tax district for extension
Certified Sustainable Landscapes Program

Jackson County

‘Winter Dreams/Summer Gardens’ Conference
Youth Garden Project
The Apprentice Program
Expanded Children’s Garden Project
Summer Program for 9-11 year olds
Scholarship Program
Television Program ‘Scott’s Garden’
Master Gardener weekly columnist for the
‘Mail Tribune’ newspaper
Speaker’s Bureau

Josephine County

Home Garden Seminar/St.Vincent DePaul Kitchen
Spring Fair and Home Gardening Symposium
Co-sponsored a Plant-A-Row Project

Klamath County

Klamath Garden – donations to local food bank
Two Junior/MG summer camps for grades 2-6
Master Gardeners featured in local newspaper ‘Herald and News’: Ask-A-Master-Gardener (public submits questions to newspaper)
Spring Fair/Farm Expo
Tulelake Butte Valley Fair/Tulelake Migratory Bird Day
OIT Arboretum

Lane County

Fall Festival
Bulb Sale and Seminar
Collaborative events with Master Food Preservers
Grassroots Garden – ‘Food for Lane County’
Demonstration Community Garden
Brown Bag Seminars
Speaker’s Bureau

Lincoln County

2003-2009 ‘OSU Extension Spotlight’ gardening tips broadcast on six local radio stations (Michael Noack)
2003-2009 ‘OSU Extension Spotlight’ gardening tips in articles to local newspaper (Michael Noack)
Yaquina Bay Lighthouse Garden/edible school garden/education to elementary students/food pantry
12th Street Garden/Garden Project Coordinators/Food Share
Community Gardens: Waldport/Newport/Lincoln City
Demonstration Gardens at Yachats and Oregon Coast
Community College sites at Lincoln City and Newport
OMGA MC at several mini-colleges (Michael Noack)
Chapter display winners at Gardener’s Mini-College
Fundraisers: Fall bulb sale/Spring garden plant sale
Mentoring Committee for new class training

Linn County

Garden Seminar
Community Garden
Garden Tour
Garden Plant Sale
Farmer's Market
Speaker's Bureau

Marion County

Marion Garden and 'Native' Garden
Educational Pruning demonstration garden
Elementary School Children's Educational Project
Speaker's Bureau
Oregon Garden in Silverton/waterwise parking lot
Celebrating Seeds Program
Weekly Radio Program on KBZY
Marion/Polk County Food Share Program

Multnomah County

Plant Clinics at weekend markets and local, county and state garden shows/fair
Demonstration Gardens
Plant Sale
School Gardens/Ronald McDonald House Gardens
International Rose Test Gardens/tours/pruning workshops
'Grow An Extra Row' (food for low income families)
Fall Gardening Seminar/Kiwanis Tree Sale
Elementary and Middle School Garden mentors
Seattle Flower Show bus trip fundraiser
Pittock Mansion landscape maintenance
Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church Landscape Restoration
Doernbecher Children's Hospital Horticulture Teaching
Organic Gardening Certificate Project
Partnerships with Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation Service
Metro Service District
Portland State University
Portland Public Schools
Portland Bureau of Parks

Polk County

'Fall Fling' annual gardening conference
Polk County Fairgrounds (Brunk House/Gentle House)
Delbert Hunter Arboretum
Annual Plant Sale fundraiser
4H/Junior Master Gardener Camp
Central School District Community Garden
Polk County Service District established
Speaker's Bureau/Demonstration Garden

Tillamook County

Spring home and garden classes/show
Garden bus tours
4H / week long gardening camp
School projects/elementary students/high schools
Central School District community garden
Garden tours and plant sales and fundraisers
“CART’M Recycle/Reuse beautification project
Wade and Spade Garden Tours
Annual Gardener’s Tea event
Demonstration Garden at Fairgrounds
Aldercreek Farms Spring/Fall Festival
Plant Clinics and Farmer’s Market
Speaker’s Bureau/Lower Nehalem Land Trust
Community Pruning Day (provide assistance to those unable to prune due to physical limitations)

Umatilla County

Farmer’s Market – Pendleton/Hermiston/Pilot Rock
Booths at ‘Spring Spectacular’ and ‘Spring into Summer’
HAREC Centennial Celebration and Umatilla Fair
Wrote articles for Hermiston Herald and Umatilla County
Schools kids programs at alternative education site with a greenhouse
3rd graders at Sunset Elementary School
Five Community Gardens and produce donated to local food banks

Wasco County

4th grade gardening classes/education
Garden tour and plant sale as fundraiser
The Dalles Imagination Garden (DIG)
Raised bed at Wahtonka High School

Washington County

Clinics at Farmers Markets at:
Beaverton/Cedar Mill/Hillsboro/Sherwood/Tigard/
Haggen Planting Days
Harvest Festival Home Orchard Society
WCMGA Open Garden Tour
Workshops/Programs for the Public:
Rose Pruning Workshop/Tree and Shrub Pruning/partner with Tualatin Valley Garden Club/educational programs and tours/Host Metro Garden Series Programs at the Demonstration Garden
Develop and Maintain Demonstration Gardens:
Washington County Fairgrounds (partner with the TV Garden Club, Washington County Fair Board, Washington County Facilities Department)
Capital Center Landscapes and Rose Garden

<u>Washington County Contd.</u>	<p>Provide financial and educational support for school gardens: Edy Ridge/Lennox/Lincoln Street/Rosedale</p> <p>Fundraisers: Spring Plan Sale and Raffle/Timber Press Book Sales/Merchandise Sales</p> <p>Speaker's Bureau on a variety of gardening topics</p>
<u>Yamhill County</u>	<p>Newberg High School Hort. Class has weekly classes of approx. 80 students and education/training by MG.</p> <p>Beautification efforts, including hanging baskets, have expanded from NHS to many planting areas in the city.</p> <p>Newberg Library has a large waterwise garden (with signage) and greenroof kiosk. NHS has plant sales.</p> <p>McMinnville Community Garden - Junior MG/4H classes</p> <p>McMinnville Community Garden - large contributions to local food pantries and Salvation Army food boxes</p> <p>Annual Tree/Shrub sale with proceed for scholarships and education projects. Total of \$30,000 has been given to local students</p> <p>Very successful annual YCMGA plant sale</p> <p>Advanced Insect Classes/active committee system</p> <p>Farmer's Market booths/plant clinics at local retail outlets</p> <p>Demonstration Gardens at Yamhill County Fairgrounds</p> <p>Monthly newsletter published on web site</p>

Previously mentioned is the interdependence and interrelationship between the Oregon State University, master gardener volunteers, Oregon Extension Service and OMGA membership. The successes and accomplishments that have been achieved since the program began are memorable and impressive.

Successes and Accomplishments Attributed to 'Shared Partnerships'

Successes and accomplishments at the university or local OMGA county chapter levels have in part been achieved by utilizing and understanding the value and importance of 'shared partnerships' while working on community projects and programs.

Short-term and long-term partnerships are crucial to OSU Extension Service and MGA members. Horticultural, educational and financial shared partnerships add value and can expand resources and services provided to Oregon communities.

OSU Extension has extensive educational resources, technology and science based information that are utilized and shared in the certification and recertification training process of master gardeners.

Trained, effective OMGA member volunteers provide a large pool of unpaid volunteers that share horticultural and gardening educational information with the public. The money accrued by county chapters from their various fundraising projects is shared and reinvested in programs and activities supporting the OSU educational mission.

An Example of a 'Shared Partnership' - OSU Extension Service and OMGA

- The Pacific Northwest (PNW) handbooks are published by OSU.
- OSU Extension and master gardener volunteers recognize the value of using the PNW reference books. However it is expensive for each chapter to annually purchase two PNW books.
- OMGA has funds for educational literature and recognizes the importance of master gardeners using current PNW books.
- Master gardeners use the PNW books at various events including responding to horticultural questions from the public at clinics, festivals, seminars or demonstration gardens. The reference books are also used while on desk duty.
- Each year OMGA purchases two PNW books for each county chapter to use in providing current information to the public.
- Result: OMGA provides the money for the PNW books, both extension and master gardener volunteers benefit from having access to current PNW books on file to answer questions.

An Example of Successful 'Shared Partnerships'

- Many chapters provide educational scholarships to students attending college by using innovative fundraiser strategies.
- Yamhill County developed a scholarship fundraiser of selling trees and shrubs to the public. (It continues to be held annually).
- Local nurseries had inventories of trees and shrubs and generously donated some of their nursery stock because they supported the concept of college scholarships for Yamhill County students.
- Volunteers shared their time, energy, and expertise. They planned, organized, advertised and worked during the sale dates.
- The public supported the scholarship, educational program by purchasing trees and shrubs.
- Students from local schools benefited from this shared partnership by receiving scholarships to attend colleges.
- Unsold trees and shrubs were donated and planted in many public areas in Yamhill County in shared beautification projects.
- Result: Yamhill County has a successful annual fundraiser. Nurseries contribute to the fundraiser. This partnership benefits scholarship recipients. Trees and shrubs are purchased by the public for planting around the county. Unsold trees are planted in many public areas in the county.

Increase in demand for services and resources without corresponding increases in manpower and money has challenged OSU Extension, OSU master gardener volunteers and OMGA to investigate alternative solutions. The mission of the OSU Extension Service is extended and expanded when utilizing the successful concept of shared partnerships while interacting with organizations and businesses, or educational sources and universities.

This chapter focuses on successes and accomplishments. Many of the achievements mentioned have resulted only because innovative strategies and alternative solutions have been developed by utilizing shared partnerships combined with the productive effort of dedicated master gardeners. This concept works well.

Stated in a note by Jan Powell McNeilan, retired statewide OSU Program Leader on the topic of successes and accomplishments:

“The OSU Master Gardener Program and the Oregon Master Gardener Association serve the people of Oregon through a partnership providing research based information in a sustainable manner to protect and enhance our environment.

It is so much more.

Gardening with plants is the name of our game but we also grow people. The program is a welcoming organization to the new resident of Oregon, the young entrepreneur who has the ability to telecommute and has a flexible work schedule, the stay at home mom screaming for adult contact, the newly retired executive, plumber, nurse, teacher or a parent with an empty nest finds new friends and a reason to be somewhere on a certain day each week.

We have literally saved the lives of widows and widowers who lives have drastically changed. The OMGA and the program provide leadership skills that not only contribute to the personal growth of the individual, but benefit the whole community in which the volunteer lives.

What a wonderful legacy this program leaves. No matter whether we agree or disagree how things are done or how they are run we know we have a reputation of excellence and a fierce pride of accomplishment by being affiliated with the OSU MG Program and the OMGA Chapters throughout the state”.

Chapter 9

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CHAPTER 10

Historical Partnership Saga Continues...

An old wise proverb states:

- If you are planting for a year then plant wheat.
- If you are planting for a lifetime then plant trees.
- If you are planting for a century plant people.

Sowing OMGA and OSU Master Gardener Program Seeds in Oregon

In 1973 the ‘seeds’ of the Oregon MG Program were sown in the state of Washington by DR. DAVID GIBBY, Extension Agent for King and Pierce counties.

In 1976 Oregon Extension Agents DUANE HATCH (Lane) and GRAY THOMPSON (Clackamas) took the precious seedlings and patiently planted them in the rich and diversified Oregon soil.

Historically, RAY MCNEILAN (Multnomah) and other Oregon Extension Agents continued liberally sowing and transplanting the OSU Master Gardener Training Program and mission in counties throughout Oregon.

In 1983 the Oregon Master Gardener Association was formed with Articles of Incorporation in 1985.

The results of 33 years of ‘sowing seeds’ from 1976 to 2009:

- In 1976 - 36 OSU Master Gardener trainees began the program.
- In 2009 - 3,679 OMGA members. The total includes 2,883 paid members and 796 trainees (including on-line trainees).

Each year as new trainees enroll in standardized classes and veterans take advanced training and recertify, the volume of active volunteers continues to progress.

Nationally and internationally, the Oregon Master Gardener Program is affiliated with extension horticulture programs in other states and in Canadian provinces. The objectives and mission of the program are much the same as when it started.

Planting and Growing People

The success of the OSU Master Gardener Program and OMGA partnership can be attributed, in part, to the efficient, energetic, enthusiastic people who have chosen to work in Oregon communities in the field of horticulture and home gardening projects, programs and activities as community volunteers. Their efforts have resulted in a bumper crop and harvest of outstanding successes and accomplishments. By ‘planting and growing people’ in key leadership roles and responsibilities the ‘Program’ and OMGA continues to grow, mature and develop.

The founding pioneer seed sowing, people planters recognized the importance of growing people to ensure a vigorous, perennial future and bountiful, productive horticultural harvests in Oregon communities. This process continues.

The 2009 OSU-OMGA Leadership Roles Include:

- GAIL LANGELLOTTO-RHODABACK, the State Program Coordinator of the Oregon MG Program with access to OSU resources and personnel.
- OSU Extension Agents and staff working in counties throughout Oregon with OMGA local chapters and boards in support of the MG program.
- BILL ELLER, President of OMGA.
- OMGA Executive Committee and appointed committee members.
- Co-Chairs of the Gardener's Mini-College annual event are assisted by various labor intensive committees and sub-committee members.
- County OMGA representatives and alternate OMGA representatives from local county chapters to the OMGA Board of Directors.
- OMGA county chapters with Boards of Directors and committees.
- County chapter members plan, organize and implement the varied horticultural and gardening projects, programs and activities that enrich and serve their Oregon communities.

The OSU-OMGA'S Partnership Saga Continues...

The seed sowing partnership that developed between OSU and OMGA has grown into strong, perennial plantings that are vibrant, functional and provide an important service to Oregon residents in sustainable gardening practices and local and backyard food production. The quantity and quality of completed accomplishments and horticultural achievements are noteworthy and impressive.

A written history can only reflect part of the story. Each OSU trained master gardener has experiences and could add to this history. The partnership saga continues because it is continually regenerating and renewing itself by sowing master gardener seeds and people plantings. They are preserving and protecting the OSU-OMGA partnership and legacy in Oregon by their continued actions.

Yesterday, today and tomorrow, OMGA and the Oregon Master Gardener Program is a 'living and growing' history that continues to unfold.

The 2010 OMGA Executive Committee - Continuing the Partnership Saga...

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