

# **OMGA 2018 4th Quarter Chapter Reports**

#### **BENTON COUNTY**

## Benton County Master Gardener's Association 4th Quarter 2018 Report

# **Submitted by Richard Taylor**

**Insights Into Gardening:** Planning for the 2019 edition of this one day educational event Is well underway. The planning committee has filled out a full day schedule of interesting topics and speakers. The event will be held at LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus on February 9, 2019

# Insights 2019 Program \*\*\* DRAFT 09/21/18 \*\*\*

EDIBLES	ORNAMENTALS	GENERAL INTEREST	GARDENING 101
Dry-Land Vegetable Growing MUST be in the AM! Amy Garrett (OSU Extension)	Succulents Lynn Smith (Succulent gardener extraordinaire)	What Gardeners Should Know about Native Pollinators MUST be at this time! Gail Langellotto (OSU Dept of Horticulture)	Right Tree/Right Place Jon Pywell (Corvallis Urban Forester)
Growing Mediterranean Fruits Darren Morgan (Shonnard's)	Plants for Un-Irrigated Landscaping Neil Bell (OSU Extension)	Urban Soils Mykl Nelson (OSU Dept of Horticulture)	Attracting Hummingbirds Bill Proebsting (Prof Emeritus, OSU Dept of Horticulture)
Growing and Using Hops Shaun Townsend (OSU Crop & Soil Sci)	Pruning Ornamentals Joleen Schilling (Chemeketa CC)	Azalea Lace Bug Jim Labonte (ODA)	Seed Saving Rose Marie Nichols McGee (Nichols Nursery)
Peppers Brooke Edmunds (OSU Extension)	Propagating Clematis  Linda Beutler (author, Rogerson Clematis Collection)	Watershed-Friendly Landscaping Owen Dell (Landscape Architect)	Moles, Voles, Rabbits, and other Vertebrate Pests  MUST be at this time!  Chip Bubl  (OSU Extension)

Planning continues to finalize the exhibitors and silent auction items. A tremendous amount of work is left to be done putting together programs, meals, advertising, enlisting volunteers, and other details that make this a successful event.

**Gearing Up For Gardening :** Our The 2019 series of 8 weekly gardening talks will all have titles that begin with the letter "B". The free talks are held at the Corvallis Public Library at 12:00 PM every Tuesday in January and February. The committee is still finalizing speakers for these topics.

**Between the Rows** –The idea is to provide ideas about what flowers/herbs to plant amongst the veggies.

**Bad Boys in the Garden** – All about slugs in the garden

**Blooming – New or Old Wood** - The focus will be what can be/should be cut back and what should not be cut back. How and when.

Building Up Your Soil - The title says it all

**Best Choice – Natives Versus Hybrids** –Up to date research about natives and/or hybrids most successfully attracting pollinators

*Birds, Bugs, Bats, and Butterflies* – Methods to encourage these critters into our garden.

**Bravo for Pollinators** – Encouraging pollinator health in our garden by speaking about how best to take care of what we have and how to encourage more.

Beautiful Annuals, Perennials, and Shrubs, What to Grow to Feed Our Pollinators –

**Dig and Divides:** Planning has begun for the 2019 plant sale. Fall dig and divide activities are already underway with plants being marked and removed from Benton County residents' yards for next year's sale. A total of 11 dig and divide parties have been or will be held this fall.

**Greenhouses:** New plastic was installed on the horticulture department greenhouse at Philomath High School with the help of master gardener volunteers on October 15. Our vegetable starts for the 2019 plant sale will be grown here. Agreements are being finalized with a local property owner to use their very large greenhouse in the foreseeable future. This greenhouse will be our primary resource for propagating ornamental plants for our plant sale.

**October Members Meeting:** After electing our slate of board members for 2019, there was a showing of a wonderful gardening film titled "Portrait of a Garden". It's highly recommended for all garden lovers!

#### **CENTRAL GORGE**

#### **Central Gorge Master Gardeners Fourth Quarter Repost 2018**

What a fabulous fall, cool nights and warm days with little wind. This is the perfect gardening weather to put our gardens to bed for the winter.

Evaluating our Master Gardener projects is now ongoing, looking at the impact of the project, it's educational value, the number of Master Gardeners involved and the time commitment. For example, we have staffed a booth at the Hood River County Fair for years. This project has few Master Gardener participants and even fewer contacts with the public. We have decided that this project will become a one day event on OSU day instead of a 3 day event. We will design a poster display with information about the Master Gardener program. Another project we downsized was the Community Garden Network. The network will continue with the community garden participants but will not be a Master Gardener project.

It's official. We have changed our class format with a 6 week series on Wednesday evenings in February and March 2019. These classes will be open to the public and a prerequisite to becoming a master gardener. Master Gardener continuing education classes will be held at least once per month from April to October with both lecture and field based education. Many of these classes will take place at the OSU extension learning garden and greenhouse and the Fish Food Bank Garden.

Our new Master Gardener students will spend the year learning and participating in our various projects and thus will not be staffing our Plant Clinics until their second year. The classes will be scheduled from February to October, and the new students will need to attend all these classes in order to become certified and

qualified to staff the plant clinics. We will be evaluating our new Master Gardener retention rate with this new longer training and mentoring.

Our graduation celebration and year end meeting is November 1<sup>st</sup>. We are now in the planning process and will be recognizing our new Master Gardeners and returning Master Gardeners. The new Greenhouse volunteers will receive special recognition.

Submitted by Sandra Holden Montag

#### **CENTRAL OREGON**



Fourth Quarter Report to OMGA Board of Directors Fall 2018

Our gardening year has ended and COMGA has had another successful year filled with community gardening events, classes and activities. Our annual recognition night will be October 30, 2018, where we expect thirteen trainees to certify and become full-fledged master gardeners. Honors and awards will also be given out that evening, so stay tuned in future reports on the recipients. Project updates are:

<u>OSU Demonstration Garden:</u> The OSU Demo Garden is designed and maintained by OSU faculty, staff and COMGA master gardener volunteers. The garden includes an "All American Selection" display garden, and hundreds of annuals, perennials, vegetables, fruit trees and other trees and shrubs that are best suited to our high desert climate. This year, the demo garden donated over 400 pounds of fresh vegetables to NeighborImpact, a regional food bank that distributes to more than 40 sites in Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes counties.

Hollinshead Community Garden and Northwest Crossing Community Garden: Both gardens have closed for the winter and volunteers are taking a break before things gear up again next year. Hollinshead had a gardener get together on a Sunday afternoon, where volunteers and gardeners traded recipes and the bounty of their harvests. One gardener successfully grew an artichoke – a real accomplishment in our part of the state! Hollinshead also donated 1217 pounds of fresh vegetables to NeighborImpact – an increase over last year by more than 30 pounds. On the other side of Bend, Northwest Crossing Community Garden battled the rodents all summer, so the food donations went directly to the stomachs of the squirrels and chipmunks!

<u>Hollinshead Waterwise Garden:</u> The garden will close for the winter November 6, 2018. Maintenance right now is low so the focus is shifting to completing a comprehensive plant profile, specific to the plants in the garden. It will include things such as when to prune certain plants, when the plants bloom and if they bloom on old or new wood, etc. Once the guide is done, it will become a key part of our community education efforts on waterwise gardening in the high desert.

<u>Gardening: Get Good At It:</u> We now have a podcast on <u>KPOV 88.9 Radio</u>, which can be found at <u>www.audio.kpov.org</u>. We have more than a dozen episodes, with more added each week. The podcasts relate to the current season, e.g., in the Spring, episodes will cover seed starting and garden planning; in the Summer, we will cover plant problems and veggie gardens. This is an exciting project for us as it is another way for us to reach our gardening public.

Respectfully submitted by Vickie Minor COMGA State Representative

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#### **CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

#### **CLACKAMAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS**

#### **FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2018**

The fourth quarter wrapped up another successful year of clinics held at Farmers' Markets in three locations: Milwaukie, Oregon City and Lake Oswego. The success of these clinics is, to a major extent, due to public interest in urban gardening.

Apart from our Spring Garden Fair, the Chapter has two community-wide educational events: "Spring into Gardening" and "Fall into Gardening". "Fall into Gardening" was held October 6, 2018 at the Milwaukie Center. The main purpose of the event is to offer timely research based gardening information. The program draws both vegetable garden enthusiasts and ornamental garden enthusiasts. An estimated 165 individuals attended resulting in 857 contacts. OSU professor, Gail Langellotto, was the keynote speaker. Her topic was "What Gardeners Should Know About Native Pollinators". Five "10 Minute University" classes were held and soil pH testing was offered. Fifty-six clients brought 135 samples. The clinic responded to questions from 39 clients.

The Chapter's "Extra Row" program at Clackamas Community College concluded another successful year. During the season, Master Gardeners contributed 941.5 hours and public volunteers contributed 140 hours for a total of 1081.5 hours. Complete totals are not in yet but 3590 pounds of produce have been donated to date. Also, Master Gardeners made 81 contacts with the public through our Open Garden as well as people stopping and asking questions. Master Gardeners also provided produce for community needs from their own gardens.

The Fourth Quarter Chapter meetings include:

**October** – Overview of the new Extension Education Center. With projected completion in 2021, this will be an all wood, cross-laminated timber, net zero building – the first of its kind in Clackamas County.

**November** – "Unknown History of Portland's Rose Test Garden"

**December** – "Leach Botanical Garden Plants and History"

Submitted by Dick Nelson

#### **CLATSOP COUNTY**

Our Demonstration garden is now an official Botanical garden. We had a problem, for years, with our plant tags being stolen so we didn't have names on any of our plants. Now we have new tags with plant names that are scientific and common with the garden name and location, URL, reference and OR code for smart phones. They are in concrete.

We had our 11th "Winterizing Your garden" at the county fairgrounds Sept. 29th. We had a great plant sale, very good speakers, demonstrations dividing plants, silent auction, ETC.

We have a speaker at each of our monthly membership meetings. This month was our slug expert from OSU, Dr. Rory Mc Donnell.

Our "Seed to Supper" program this year was very well attended and is finished for the year.

Our new Learning garden produced over 500 lbs. of vegetables for the food bank. Joanie Chapel, State Rep.

#### **COLUMBIA COUNTY**

#### **COOS COUNTY**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report Coos County Master Gardeners by Terry Harris, OMGA Rep.

As Fall descends upon us our five community gardens are winding down.

Myrtle Point – The garden received a \$1,000 grant from NW Farm Credit Services, \$250 from the Coquille Tribe and \$250 from Myrtle Point Rotary Club, all of which went to build a new rat-proof garden shed. About 150 lbs. of produce was donated to various outlets this year.

Bandon – This garden has donated 139 lbs. of fingerling potatoes to E.A.T. (Everyone At Table), who serves meals to people on limited incomes.

Coquille – They have donated over 150 lbs. of produce to the local food bank this year. An instructor from a local alternative school took some students to the garden for a "scavenger hunt" to identify what type of plant different vegetables were, fruit, tuber, grass, etc. The kids had fun exploring and learning.

Our plant clinic and Farmers' Markets are winding down for the year, also.

Our Spring education class, "Fertilize Your Mind" is in the planning stage and will be held on March 30, 2019 at the Mill Casino in North Bend.

#### **CURRY COUNTY**

#### **DOUGLAS COUNTY**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report from Douglas County

Douglas County continues to be a hardworking group and to our honor our many active volunteers we held our Annual Awards Banquet with a Hawaiian theme.

Continuing Education prior to our monthly business meetings have included a tomato taste –off and a talk given by Richard Veldon (class of 2018) on wild mushrooms, how to identify the ad tips on cooking them and how to grow your own.

Coming up on November 17, 2018 is our Annual Bake Sale, being held at Sherms Market. Lots of wonderful baked goods can be purchased just before Thanksgiving. Not only do we garden well, we are also known for our baking skills.

The greenhouses and their crews are busy cleaning, pruning, and propagating plants and putting them to the green houses to protect over the winter. Plant sale is only 6 months away.

The Victory Garden gave 6,263 # of vegetables to UCAN, who distributes them to local food pantries. With tasks of composting, planting winter crops and garlic, the Victory Garden has been put to bed for the winter.

The Discovery Gardens Courtesy Rules sign has been delivered and will be installed soon. The bike rack has been delivered as well as the doggie water station. They will be installed after the Courtesy Rules is completed.

Winter Training is about to begin with 34 students, 17 mentors and 10 alternates.

This will be the last year our amazing Horticultural Agent will be taking the lead. Steve Rendquist will be retiring in the end of March.

Submitted by Rosemary Brinkley, Douglas County OMGA Representative

#### **JACKSON COUNTY**

#### **JOSEPHINE COUNTY**

#### **KLAMATH COUNTY**

# LANE COUNTY LCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2018 Submitted by Kate Kloos

Our annual **Fall Harvest Festival** was held on Sept. 22 and it was a huge success due to great leadership, volunteers, instructors, and the public who values us. The income was \$3039.78. Not all the expenses are in yet but are expected to be less than the \$1400 budgeted. The plant sale portion was much bigger than before. The event gets bigger every year. A key issue is the need to recruit more volunteers next year and use them more effectively. The committee did an outstanding job of documenting the good, the bad, and the ugly of the event so that we can plan accordingly next year.

The Spring Plant Sale preparations are underway. Several hundred plants have been donated by Serenity Lane's Drug & Alcohol Treatment Center due to their re-landscaping project. They are installing a privacy border of Leyland Cypress at their main campus in Coburg and needed to relocate over 500 recently planted plants. MG's hauled in pots and potting soil, dug up, removed dirt, and repotted about 500 plants. Now we need the rains to come and naturally water our future profits.

Ross Penhallegon is returning as interim **horticulture faculty** on November 1, filling the vacancy left by Jeff Choate, and will likely stay on until May. Richard Riggs has submitted the request to fill the horticulture position to the Dean of the College of Ag. Since the department head and associate dean support filling this position, Richard anticipates the Dean will also prioritize it. Once we get his approval, it will be posted, likely after January 1. Richard would like to see an LCMGA rep on search committee and encouraged using the MG network to recruit local candidates familiar with our growing conditions.

**Demo Garden:** The LCMGA board is discussing the best way to proceed to develop a long term plan for the grounds around our extension office. We currently have a demo garden but no long term plan to guide decision making and expenditures of resources. We will bring this up to membership for discussion at Nov. 20 General meeting.

We participated in a Community Garden Tour on 9/9/18 run by BRING Recycling and had nearly 300 visitors to the gardens. Our participation in the BRING Tour was the impetus for us to get all the plants properly signed and the gardens in good shape to use as a teaching tool. Many MGs put in lots of volunteer hours to get the grounds ready for the Tour.

**Board Elections:** The 2019 Board ballots are out to membership and the general meeting is scheduled for the November 20 General Meeting.

#### LINCOLN COUNTY

# LINCOLN COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION – 4TH Q 2018 REPORT TO OMGA

By Deanna Trail October 25, 2018

ACTIVITY IN OUR 5 DEMO GARDENS. Our five demo gardens winding down for the year. On October 9, the Yaquina Bay Lighthouse Garden harvested produce with its elementary age classroom partner. Yachats held an educational workshop on September 9 on tool sharpening and maintenance. Yachats Community Demo Garden has donated in excess of 437 pounds to the Food Pantry as if September 30.

**FARMERS MARKET PRESENCE.** We have are returned to the Newport Farmers Market for selected dates to answer questions and promote better gardening practices. Our market continues indoors after October. Service here is eligible for Help Desk time.

**SENIOR FAIR & WE WERE THERE.** LCMGA staffed an informational booth at the Senior Fair held in Lincoln City on Oct 2. This is a new venue.

**FUN MEMBER EVENTS.** The traditional Old-Fashioned Apple Squeeze took place on October 13 as members Loyd and Verna Collet provided a variety of apples and equipment for the best apple juice to enjoy.

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING.** Our chapter will elect new leadership for its board before the end of the year. On November 8 we will vote on adopting a two tier membership classification, and consider other matters that may come before it. This is concurrent with the 2018 graduation of newly minted Master Gardener members.

**RECORDING OUR HISTORY IN THE CLOUD.** Historian Mary Ellen Townsend began last year recording our chapter's history with annotated photos of events which are stored virtually. This also provides for a photo data bank from which we can select images for historical or promotion purposes.

**E-News Delivers Every Week.** Every Wednesday Pami Monette, our coordinator, issues an e-mail packed with announcements, upcoming events, calls to action, and on-line learning opportunities. This format has been very useful to communicate in a simplified manner.

**Website & Facebook**. We augment information with our Facebook page or website. Our website contains sections for the public view and members only, such as our directory of members.

**ADDING MG STAFF.** Original search was cancelled due to insufficient pool of candidates and opportunity to revision position next year as just MG support (not SeaGrant). Stay tuned next spring for position announcement for this revised EPA II support staff for the MG program in Lincoln County.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH ROUNDTABLES DRAW TO A CLOSE FOR YEAR.** The Fall Series of Roundtable presentations closed in October with Divide and Multiply and Pacific NW Native Plants. Ann Geyer managed the spring and fall series which is actively

promoted to the general public. Speakers are often our members which showcase well our local knowledge.

OCEANVIEW ADAPTIVE GARDEN SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION FOR THE SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE recognition at the 2019 IMGA Convention.

#### **LINN COUNTY**

## 2018 OMGA 4th Quarter Chapter Report, Linn County

## End of year events

The Graduation and the Achievement Celebration will be held Friday night, November 9th at the Albany Senior Center from 6:30 to 8:30pm. It will feature small bites and desserts. This will not only be for the new graduates but also to recognize certified master gardeners' achievements for both Linn and Benton counties.

#### **Demonstration Garden**

There is quite a bit to do to close up the garden, which includes building a wall up against a chain link fence to keep the soil in place. There are plans for improving the walkways, since the paths that were improved in the spring still do not meet ADA requirements. A donation has been given for the pavers and MG garden faithful will be putting the pathways in.

# Pollinator/Bee Program

There are 9 scheduled bee cocoon cleanings and classes for October and November. They are meeting at Rich Little's home October 5th at 10. People can stay as long as they can to get the cocoons harvested. These are the cocoons that will be sold next spring.

Five speakers have been confirmed for the bee event on March 2, 2019. Rich Little will be talking about the new project bee that is a cane bee. They are a type of mason bee but are a summer bee and pollinate cane berries.

### **Upcoming Events**

Linn County Master Gardeners are working on partnering with Willamette Community Garden. LCMG will work with Brooke and Elizabeth to provide classes at the garden and may also provide funds if they are requested.

A Master Gardener is working with the Monarch Way Station at Talking Waters. The ecology class from the high school will be planting milkweed the middle of October. The group will see how the new plants make it through the winter and reevaluate that project next spring.

Submitted by Janice Gregg

#### MARION COUNTY

#### **MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

We have been busy like most of you.

Our demo garden donated 2,714.14 pounds of food to the food pantry. There were 343.86 pounds donated from Master Gardeners and 67.60 pounds from the Learning Garden Lab School Garden for a total of 3,125.6 pounds.

Our new Annex garden grew quite a bit in four beds after getting donated onions, tomatoes, peppers and potatoes. (Someone said we spent around \$4 for some potatoes.) We are still building and planting the Annex Garden. It has an outdoor classroom with benches we built, raised beds, trellises with grapes and kiwis and automatic watering. It has been exciting to watch it start to take shape.

The last two Saturdays in September we had classes on making mosaics at the demo garden.

We are planning a meeting with Tom Fisher of Timber Press for the second Tuesday in November with a book sale from Timber Press.

In October we had a talk on Unlocking the Secrets of Soil Health with Cory Owens, Natural Resources Conservation Service, State Soil Scientist and Soil Health Coordinator.

Submitted by Lorna Schilling

#### **POLK COUNTY**

The season has changed quickly and we find ourselves still wrapping up projects at our inspiration garden.

With help from the city we got some really big paving and concrete projects implemented. The search is on for new candidates to fill leadership roles for the year to come, I am confident we will have some good ones.

With fall has come the rains we so desperately needed, time to hunker down and enjoy the weather and the holiday seasons to follow. For myself I sit wondering where this year has gone? Time to begin planning for the spring.

From Polk county we wish you all a happy holiday season.

Signed George Woodward

#### **TILLAMOOK COUNTY**

OMGA report from Tillamook County, November 3, 2018

In Tillamook County the busy summer has transitioned to a busy fall. Presenters have been contacted and confirmed for the 2019 Master Gardener classes. Orientation for apprentices will be on January 10 with classes starting on January 17. Our Apprentice Handbook and Mentor Handbook are being updated with current information in anticipation of the new classes. Thirteen Master Gardeners have signed up to be mentors.

Also under construction are new questions for the chapters in the <u>Sustainable</u> <u>Gardening</u> handbook. A committee has been working on this project for several months. Editing is complete and they are now being uniformly formatted. The new questions should be ready when our classes start in January.

Our Learning Garden will be closing for a well-deserved winter rest in mid-November. During the year, the garden is not only a labor of love but also a labor of friendship. We do work hard but also enjoy taking our coffee break and sharing what we're all doing and how well the projects are going. Leadership training will take place on November 6. The current Board will be training all incoming officers as well as committee chairs but all TCMGA members are invited to attend.

Fall classes will be held on December 1. Four time slots will have two classes offered during each one. Class selections will include flower arranging, care and sharpening of tools, uses for an Instapot, fall soup recipes, plant propagation and plant identification using various resources.

TCMGA's year-end banquet will be held on December 5. Apprentices will receive their Master Gardener badges. Recognition will also be given to our Master Gardener of the Year, Apprentice (Early Bloomer) of the Year, Learning Gardener of the Year and our Behind the Scenes award. At that time we also honor community members who have supported TCMGA and the Master Gardener program.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Stephenson, Tillamook OMGA Rep

#### **UMATILLA COUNTY**

#### **WASCO COUNTY**

#### **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

#### **OMGA Chapter Report**

Washington County Master Gardener Association – Submitted by Jacki Lindquist; OMGA Rep.

4th Quarter-October 23, 2018:

As personal gardens go through seasonal changes, imposed by weather or by forces outside of its perimeter (i.e., trees growing giving more shade; trees suddenly cut down, invasive weeds or insect species), so does the "life" of a

Master Gardener Chapter. The Washington County Chapter has seen a fair amount of change in 2018; some has come quickly, others were expected and a few have been building over a few months/years.

While the long-standing Demo Garden at the Fairgrounds in Hillsboro is winding down its operations there is a lot of work that goes into the moving of items (some large – like a greenhouse) and others just very different in nature than having the typical "garage sale". While this is going on it is important not to forget the chapter members that have taken care of this Garden over the years – this is no doubt a major loss for them and compassion will be continually important. As this Garden is transitioning out, the PCC Educational Garden located at Rock Creek Campus of Portland Community College is coming on strong. Just as much energy must be applied but in a building/creative effort which is quite different. The Open House was a great success and its very first 2 classes were very well attended.

The Chapter has held its Chapter meetings as well as the Intern training classes at the First Baptist Church in Beaverton, centrally located in Washington County for a number of years. We have also known for a while that this year we were to be looking for a new location both of these major and continuous activities. A new location has been secured for monthly Chapter meetings, but we are awaiting confirmation of space for the 2019 Intern Training.

This is, of course, the time of year to begin consideration for replacements of members leaving the Executive Board, as most Chapters encounter. Most all Board positions will be open, so that will mean a substantial majority of transitional leadership will take place. Efforts are underway to invite those who have shown interest in a Board position to the last couple of Board meetings this year, which gives them an awareness of these Board activities.

The Chapter is focusing on funding efforts, including the Annual Spring Plant Sale, which has been the key fundraiser to date. Due to the invasion of the Japanese Beetle in certain areas of our County we are unable to employ the usual model which has been divisions, etc. from the yards and gardens of our members. As

part of the strategic planning activity there are now a variety of funding avenues being explored, including that of reinventing the Plant Sale.

#### YAMHILL COUNTY

OMGA Quarterly Report --October/November/December 2018 --Yamhill County,
Oregon

We are all interested in the Webinar's being offered this fall. We thank the instructors for their time in putting these together.

On 11/7, Heather Stoven will be presenting to the group her talk on "N.W. Plant Evaluation Program" which she and an OSU professor have been working on. They flew to France and England to procure plants to evaluate for adaptability to our climate. I will be able to be more specific on details once I have attended the class.

Also, in November we will hold our 2018 Trainee Graduation & Awards banquet. This is always so much fun to attend; the trainees are so happy to become Master Gardeners.

Our Seed To Supper program has already started fall classes. The spring classes have been advertised and are filling now. Gene Nesbitt and staff are so active in recruitment at apartment complexes and other facilities. It's really growing in participation and popularity.

Our annual Garden Fair, Spring Into Gardening" is holding it's first meeting soon for the 2019 event. Can't start thinking and planning too soon!

And, finally, YCMGA has received an "Education" award from the Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District here in Yamhill County. They are commending us for our outreach to the public. At their annual dinner/awards banquet Heather Stoven and our 2019 President, Rita Canales, will present a PowerPoint show, highlighting our various outreach events. We are all very excited to be recognized by this organization.

Submitted By: Nancy Woodworth, OMGA Representative, Yamhill County MG