



## OMGA 2019 2nd Quarter Chapter Reports

### BENTON COUNTY

#### **Benton County Master Gardener's Association 2nd Quarter 2019 Report Submitted by Richard Taylor**

#### **BCMGA 2019 Plant Sale Results :**

What a great day it was, successful in so many ways! So many healthy plants waiting for new homes. So many people learning about what plants would work best for them. **More than 2200 customers** hauling home their treasures to make their gardens beautiful and fruitful. **Energetic volunteers** answering questions, providing boxes, restocking tables, feeding us, moving plants in and out, tallying and cashiering, and keeping the lines moving. And the monetary gross take from all the year's work: **over \$45,000 to support our educational programs, keep BCMGA going, and fund building our soon-to-be greenhouse.**

Plant Sale Committee Chair, Kathy Clark

#### **Master Gardener of the Year:**

There was consensus by the BCMGA Board to recognize Deb Kern as Master Gardener of the Year for 2019. Deb has contributed to the organization in many ways including Board Secretary, leader of the Demo Garden, and organizing the Plant Problem Scenario program for trainees.

Two Master Gardeners were selected to receive the Behind The Scenes Award this year,

Nanako Smith and Fred Prah, both contributing many hours in various projects for the association.

#### **May Membership Meeting : Plant ID – Melanie Link-Perez**

Melanie, the Herbarium Curator at OSU, introduced our members to some useful plant identification tools available for smart phones. These apps are inexpensive (some are free) and easy to use. **iNaturalist** is from iNaturalist.org and requires that you set up a user account. Note that this project is public and part of a larger citizen science endeavor used by actual scientists from around the globe on a regular basis. **Oregon Wildflowers (\$9.99), Oregon Wildflower Search (free), and SEEK (free)** can be downloaded to your phone from The Apple Store or Google Play. **SEEK** does require an iNaturalist account, but so far it has worked very well to identify plants using the camera on my iPhone.

## **Propagation Teams Forming**

Plant Sale is beginning to experiment with new propagation techniques for the 2020 sale. Four teams are forming to learn how to propagate with seeds, cuttings, purchased plugs, and other techniques: Perennials, Natives, Edibles, and Trees/Shrubs/Vines.

We are beginning our 5-year transition away from digging and dividing and have lots to learn. We already have leads on other MG groups to learn how they go about it. But we also have lots of questions to answer for ourselves. Which plants propagate best when and through which technique? Which plants do we want to include in our sale? What are our local resources for finding plant material? Later, we'll be teaching each other and having work parties, much like the greenhouse seeding work at Philomath High School for vegetable starts, but right now we are focusing on figuring out how we go about it and experimenting to find what works best.

## **CENTRAL GORGE**

## **CENTRAL OREGON**



## **Second Quarter Report to OMGA Board of Directors Spring 2019**

**That Spring** is a busy time of year for Master Gardeners, is definitely an understatement!

**The 2019 COBA Home and Garden Show** May 3 - 5, was a great event for the Central Oregon OSU Extension Service Master Gardener™ mobile plant clinic. We had 779 contacts over the weekend. 164 people attended the six free gardening classes we offered (Best Vegetables for Central Oregon [offered twice], Growing Tomatoes, Water-wise Gardening, Growing Strawberries, and Planning Your Garden). Another 615 people visited the plant clinic, and at least one visitor came to the booth, with weeds in hand, to find out what the weeds were and how to get rid of them! 20 veterans/trainees and 6 instructors were extremely busy for the three days of the show. We gave out hundreds of bookmarks and copies of the publications on Central Oregon Climate, Deer Resistant Plants, the Vegetable Gardening Calendar and Seed Starting. As always, vegetable gardening information was popular with everyone and people really appreciated the information we provided. With the population in our area growing, this event is becoming more and more popular every year. It is a great opportunity for the OSU Extension Service Master Gardeners to educate the public on who we are and the services we can provide to help new residents be successful gardeners in our area. -- Vickie Minor

**The 2019 Plant Sale** was held on June 1, 2019 outside the OSU Extension Service Office in Redmond offering for sale approximately 1,700 transplants consisting mainly of annual vegetables, fruits and a few herbs and flowers. The event was extremely well attended with all but 4 bok choy plants sold out within a short time. More details of the results will be provided with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Update.

**The Spring Gardening Seminar** with 16 classes, 4 sessions with 4 classes in each session was held on April 20, 2019 at the Deschutes County Fair and Expo. Classes are: Young Tree Care, Growing Gorgeous Succulents, Sprinkler Systems, Basics of Greenhouse Management, Turfgrass, Native Bees & Other Pollinators, Culinary Alliums Plus, Gardening Basics, Weeds, Miniature Garden Landscapes, Drying Your Harvest, Vegetable Gardening, Hypertufa Basics, Growing Dahlias, Straw Bale Gardening, Landscape Considerations & Strategies When Purchasing a New Home. Nine of these classes were approved for advanced credit. There were 230 registered attendees who took a total of 906 classes. The overall rating given to the seminar was 4.72 out of 5. Most of the participants were from Deschutes County with 7 from Jefferson, 6 from Crook and one from Grant County. The majority of attendees were intermediate gardeners who were not new to gardening in this area. There were 52 first time seminar attendees and 36 who were new to gardening in Central Oregon. The seminar generated \$12,173.50 and the total expenses were \$5,139.98 with a few expenses still to come. The net income to date is \$7,033.52. Planning for the 31st Annual Spring Gardening Seminar will begin in September. -- Rocky Bessette

**The Northwest Crossing Community Garden** in Bend held its official opening day and registration event on April 27 at the garden. Returning gardeners and winners of the lottery allocation system came to complete registration, pay their registration fee, and meet their garden mentor. Mentors helped new gardeners find their raised bed gardens and get oriented around the garden. Two raised bed and cloche construction repair training sessions were held for Master Gardener volunteers. The weekend after Opening Day, was Garden Orientation Day where gardeners could meet with volunteers to assess their raised bed cloches, receive advice and help for any needed maintenance. A 30 minute presentation on gardening in our short season high desert environment was provided. Northwest Crossing Community Garden has 51 raised beds, 29 of which were available for new gardeners in 2019. Seventy applications were received and a lottery system was used to assign these available beds. – Gary Weber

**The Hollinshead Community Vegetable Garden** opening day was successful. Eight plots out of 90 were available, there were 73 people on the lottery list, so all plots were filled.

**The Water-wise Education Garden** at Hollinshead Park has been pruned, cut back and tidied up for the new season. A great crew of veterans and trainees gathered at the end of April to get the garden into shape. Most of the plants survived the winter, with just a few exceptions. We'll be analyzing why that occurred and be making some decisions about replacement plants. One of the goals of this garden is to develop plant "specialists" who will develop expertise about a particular plant type. They would be available to other Master Gardeners and to the public to problem solve and address issues about that plant type. To further that goal the team has developed a plant profile book that describes characteristics of each plant in the garden. This can be used as reference material for Master Gardeners and as part of an outline for community education classes. We look forward to a great season at the water-wise garden. – Pat Kolling and Chris Miao

**Community Education Committee** classes for the coming weeks – JoAnne Abbott  
6/8/19, from 10-11:00 a.m., will be a class on Organic Weed and Insect Control.

In the following weeks, there will be three classes put on by our Water-wise coordinators, in conjunction with the City of Bend:

6/12/19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Water-wise Drip Irrigation Basics

6/19/19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Water-wise Landscape Transformation

6/26/19, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Water-wise Pollinator Gardens

Then some additional classes and activities at the Community Gardens:

7/6/19 NWXCG: Kids in the Garden

7/13/19 HHCG: Kids in the Garden

7/24/19 Hollinshead Barn: Select and Maintain Water-wise Shrubs

8/3/19 NWXCG: Open Garden for the Community

8/17/19 HHCG: Open Garden for the Community

**COMGA Membership** shows that there are 72 paid members, 6 associates and 37 trainees. Membership is consistent with previous years' membership at this point. Though membership numbers seem to be in line with the number of people recertifying each year, there is some sense that COMGA has been losing membership. The Membership Coordinator will send a letter to recertifying veterans to encourage them to join COMGA.

Report submitted by Gary Weber, COMGA State Representative

## **CLACKAMAS COUNTY**

## **COLUMBIA COUNTY**

## **COOS COUNTY**

2019 OMGA  
2ND QUARTERLY REPORT  
COOS COUNTY  
BY  
TERRY HARRIS

We have had a busy spring preparing for our annual Tomato-Rama sale held on May 17 and 18 at Pony Village Mall in Coos Bay. Our volunteer growers did a great job of growing a huge variety of plants that went speeding out the door at the sale.

We had 29 growers who produced over 7,000 plants for the sale, more than 40 helpers over two days of setup and delivery as well as two days of sale and 12 committee members whose efforts created this year's sale model including supplies, advertising, intake and sale processes, identification labeling, communications, sale room layout, signage and more details than there is room to describe here. Quite a feat for such a small group in one county.

There was one lady who lined up outside the doors two hours early so she could get in first. The sale coordinator gave her a certificate for a free plant for being such a dedicated customer. The

sale was a great success giving our projects and scholarship fund a huge boost for the year.

Our community gardens are mostly sold out and experiencing a growth in people wanting to grow their own vegetables. Our gardening message and education is getting out there!

The Farmers Markets in Coos Bay and Bandon are open and our members are volunteering to man our booths and collecting samples and questions for the plant clinic.

Hopefully the rainy May we have been having will warm up and let some sun in so our gardens will grow instead of the plants just sitting there and shivering.

## **CLATSOP COUNTY**

### **CLATSOP COUNTY SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2019**

Our annual plant sale and fair was very successful again this year. In keeping with our goal to follow OSU “best practices”, the majority of the plants we sold came from a commercial nursery or were propagated from seed by chapter members. We also had OSU topic handouts, that were specific to caring for the fruit trees and vegetables we sold, readily available to shoppers. We had three booths staffed by MG teams. At these booths they held workshops on pollinators and bees, tool care and sharpening, and composting. In addition, Maurice Horn of Joy Creek Nursery was our key note speaker. His topic was “Great Plant Picks” for our area.

The Learning Garden continues to “grow” with a soon to be built kiosk that will be a place for posting CCMGA activities and information on the MG program. This will be a good public outreach tool. In addition, we are installing clear plastic rain proof boxes throughout the garden. These boxes will hold information sheets on what is growing in each area and how to grow and care for the plants. Our garden is open to the public at all times so this will allow visitors to access this information when it is convenient for them. As the ground is warming, we have started planting vegetable starts and have also planted two grafted espalier apple trees that will yield us a total of 9 varieties to pick and deliver to the food pantry. We are still working out the logistics and budget requirements of a greenhouse for this garden.

Our summer speaker series will kick off next month with a presentation on garden plants and how to make paper from their fibers. Future topics will include bees, Dahlias and more. Some of the presentations will be held in our Learning Garden to boost public awareness of the new garden.

We are fortunate to have a new member who knows his way around computers. He has been working with our President Elect in bringing our web site up to date, making it more user friendly and posting important dates to our newly constructed calendar. It is a very good communication tool for our chapter.

The Seed to Supper classes are going well. The senior housing residents are especially enthusiastic, ask lots of questions and really enjoy learning about growing food.

Astoria Sunday Market kicked off on Mother’s Day and will run until October. We will have an informational / plant clinic booth there every Sunday.

Our Board and chapter members look forward to the conclusion of OSU's decision making process regarding future staffing of a coordinator position and welcoming someone new to work with our chapter and enjoy our costal community.

Linda Holmes  
State Rep

## **CURRY COUNTY**

### **Curry County Master Gardener Association Quarterly Chapter Report, June 2019 *Jeffrie Hall – State Representative***

The weather was dry and warm in Curry County for a few weeks from mid-April to mid-May. Then some rain came. Perhaps the last bit of rain for a good long time? Those who planted early are already enjoying late winter and early spring veggies and berries. The new crop of Master Gardeners is fourteen in number and they have been participating in projects, events, plant clinics and will continue to contribute to the future of gardening education in Curry County and also Del Norte County.

#### **Plant Sale:**

The **May Plant Sale** has come & gone. The best sale ever thanks the enormous amount of work done propagating perennials, succulents, starting vegetables, planning, promoting, and organizing for the big day. Driftwood & hypertufa containers were nailed, drilled, molded and filled with attractive combinations of succulents, almost all of them sold. Thousands of plants were planted, potted up, tagged, weeded, watered & watered & watered. Many volunteers worked to help set up, run and clean up after the sale.

#### **Riley Creek Elementary School:**

Since the last report a new more efficient and safer (no tripping) irrigation system has been installed at Riley Creek Elementary School. The local community stepped up and helped with donations of supplies and cash for some of the irrigation equipment, seeds, and other growing supplies. Eighteen people showed up for the spring garden clean up held April 20 and the garden is looking great. The first strawberries are ripening, peas, carrots, lettuce, radishes, herbs, spinach, garlic, zucchini, and pumpkins have all sprouted and are growing beautifully thanks to the last rain. More vegetables will be planted soon. The middle school students planted a new herb garden. Next event at Riley Creek is the "Strawberry Festival", June 4. Fresh strawberry shortcake and lettuce wraps will be served. There will be snail races, strawberry art, and a chance for the students to show off the garden to their families and friends.

Riley Creek Garden will be open this summer for any adult classes a Master Gardener would like to teach, it's a great venue to hold classes for the public when the kids' classes are not in session. There are picnic tables for outdoor classes and benches inside the greenhouse. Some ideas are a vermiculture class open to the public, partnering with other organizations such as Master Food Preservers or Canners.

#### **ABC Preschool:**

Classes have begun and will go to the middle of September. This will be the program's 4th year. A long-term goal would be to establish the program in other local preschools. Barb Carey, program founder, has created an age appropriate curriculum geared for 3 to 5-year old children. She has had great support from the teacher, and volunteer help. The children really enjoy the age appropriate

gardening projects, crafts, and especially watering. The emphasis of the program is growing vegetables & eating what they grow. They also grow flowers and herbs for pollinator studies.

**“Dig Your Library”:**

This program has started at the Chetco Library, Brookings and will continue until June 14. This is the second year of the program created by Julia Bott. Hands-on activities include planting, harvesting, weeding, watering, soil health, and plant identification for a range of school age kids.

**“Make Your Own Succulent Planter”:**

On May 2, Master Gardener and succulent expert Carol Hobbs working with the Curry Public Library, Gold Beach held a class to teach about the care and propagation of succulents. Students filled their own succulent planter to take home and this class was full.

**“Seed to Supper”:**

The first Curry County Seed to Supper class training of instructors is finished and now the class is being promoted with help from Connie Hunter of the Brookings Harbor Food Bank who has contacted many media outlets, groups and individuals to get the publicity out. Childcare will be provided at the church by Head Start. Curry Transit will provide transportation from Harbor. The six classes start June 15 & end July 20.

**New Project at the The Addie Meedom House:**

Judy Emerson a new Master Gardener trainee, is involved in Crescent City, California at the Addie Meedom House, a senior assisted living facility. “We cleared out the weeds, removed a ton of snails, and added some new soil with the help and supervision of a few of the residents. Residents enjoy the smell of the mint and oregano, that we are planting. We planted kale, lettuce, and swiss chard .... Still snails to remove, weeding, and volunteer work to be done.”

**Future projects and events:**

The Buffington Park, Gold Beach cleanup of invasive species (berries) will be held June 1, a permaculture workshop is planned for September 14, and the county fair will be in July.

**DOUGLAS COUNTY**

Douglas County Report for June 2019

Douglas County graduated 33 new Master Gardeners in March.

The Snow Storm at the Discovery Garden did extensive damage that required a tree service to come in and remove trees, widow makers, and broken limbs to the tune of \$6800. This was all done within 2 weeks. The garden heads are now assessing how much more light their specific gardens will have with the removal of the trees. If you are in the area, stop by and see how beautiful the garden looks now.

Our Trash to Treasures was held in March and provides us with additional operating funds. In May we had our annual Plant Expo and it was a huge success. Shoppers waited in line for an hour before the doors opened and then made a mad dash to the MG plants. It felt like most of the 1700 shoppers came in the first 2 hours. It was a busy, busy morning.

We have learned that using the square increases the amount of money people spend. The vendors

reported they did well this year. Perhaps the snow storm helped us out as many customers said they were having to replace plants in their yards because of the storm damage.

Our Community Outreach Committee has been very active.

1. Talked at the Umpqua Home Builders Home and Garden Show on Fire Resistant Landscaping
2. Spoke at a Rotary Club on How to become a Master Gardener, and Highlighted the Discovery Garden
3. Did a talk on Beneficial Insects
4. Participated in Kid Fair in Glide Oregon
5. And gave many tours through the Discovery Garden
6. A talk at the LDS/Pacific Power Preparedness Day on What Master Gardeners Do?
7. Several presentations at the local garden clubs

Our Publicity chair has made great connections with the local newspaper . We are getting coverage for our events like Trash to Treasure, Plant Sale and monthly educational meetings.

June starts our monthly chapter meetings at members home. We all look forward to seeing their gardens, having a chance to pot-luck and visit in beautiful surrounding.

A challenge will be facing us before the year is out. Steve Renquist, our OSU extension Agent will be retiring . We have been so fortunate to have had his knowledge, support and enthusiasm for the MG Program over the last 20 years.

## **JACKSON COUNTY**

JACKSON COUNTY MGA -- 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER 2019 BOARD REPORT TO OMGA  
BY Barbara Davidson

**JCMGA's 2-day Spring Garden Fair**, held the first Saturday and Sunday in May, at the Jackson County Expo

Arena in Central Point, was another success!! Instead of Co-chairs, we had 4 chairs who divided duties

between financial/publicity, volunteers, vendors, and site. We had 5,549 paying customers with cash sales for tickets and income from JCMGA booths over \$26,000 (credit card sales not yet available. Approximately 100 vendors were in attendance. The invaluable volunteer help from 212 Master Gardeners contributed to our event.

A work party to **package bulbs for a bulb sale** enlisted 17 MG who showed up at Roberta's garage on a rainy Saturday morning. Within the hour the bulbs were all counted per package and labeled ready for the booth at Spring Fair. This proved to be a good fundraising activity.

The Saturday after Spring Garden Fair, MGs held a garage sale at the Extension parking lot to coincide with

Practicums sale of remaining plants for the fair. A lot of work but another good fundraiser!

Our **Children's Garden** leaders have been readying the garden area for children to experience the garden during the summer. Leaders had applied for grants from the Robert and Frances Chaney



Family Foundation which helped with cement block raised beds, an improved storage area for children's tools, and bark chips for the paths. A work party also cleared weeds, installed new irrigation system, and made the gardens ready for the "junior gardeners."

Our **working groups are readying their 5-year plans** which the Board will begin to review at the June 26 Retreat. Happy summer gardening to all!!

## JOSEPHINE COUNTY

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2019 2nd Quarter Report, June 8, 2019  
Carolyn McCord, OMGA Representative

The second quarter is always a busy time for our chapter. Ongoing activities included:

- Seeds of Spring, our 30th annual garden seminar, was held in March on the Rogue Community College campus. A wide variety of classes were offered which served the community as well as continuing education needs for our members. Attendees chose 4 sessions from among the nearly 40 classes offered. It was very helpful that RCC handled the registration and provided an accessible campus setting for the seminar.
- The 36 new students were winding down their training class and greenhouse activities. Preparing for their exam and nurturing plants for our annual Spring Garden Fair kept them hopping. The Fair was held on May 4-5, and I am happy to report that both the students and the plants survived.
- A "thank you" BBQ and white elephant auction is always held following the Spring Garden Fair. It is always a fun event to help us unwind from the busy winter activities. It also allows us to clean out our excess garden "stuff" and raise funds for ongoing activities. Almost anything is accepted except livestock, snails, slugs or aphids (unless they are garden statues).
- "Up from the Asphalt" Idea Garden only required a little cleanup over the winter which was mainly handled by the Maintenance Monday activity begun this year. Spring finally arrived and the Idea Garden is preparing irrigation and vegetable planting for the summer season.

New members bring new enthusiasm and sometimes new projects. In our case, VP Mark Koberstein, a relatively new MG and new to our board this year, brought new enthusiasm to rejuvenate an old project abandoned a few years ago—a float in in the Boatnik parade held the Saturday of Memorial Day

weekend. Since one picture is worth a thousand words, here's the picture.



Wilma Christian, our amazing 94-year-old plant clinic coordinator, died in April. When we first began talking about the float it was hoped that she could be our queen bee. Wilma became a Master Gardener at age 81 and was still improving our plant clinic until about a week before she died. We will miss her.



## KLAMATH COUNTY

## LANE COUNTY

**Lane County Master Gardner Association  
OMGA Board Report - May 20, 2019**  
*Submitted By: Kate Kloos & Vicki Harrison*

### Upcoming Event Dates 2019:

- Harvest Fall Festival: September 28, 2019.

### General Updates:

- Our annual Plant Sale was held April 27th at the Lane County Fairgrounds and was a tremendous success. Shoppers with wagons and coffee were lined up long before we opened the gates. The Lane County Plant sale featured hundreds of established plants, veggie and herb starts, fruit trees, flowers and natives. We also have a bake sale, book sale, silent auction, advice booth, and several invited vendors. Laura Hoover is the brains and brawn behind our success, with the plant propagation enthusiast Shirley Betourney at her side, and support from hundreds of MG volunteer hours identifying, labeling, pruning, running, advising, lifting, toting, and fixing food and coffee. It was amazing as always! With some accounting left to do we estimate about \$33,000 net proceeds. Plans for 2020's sale begin this week with the

debrief meeting. Shirley will head up a Propagation Committee to share knowledge and guide MG to build a deep inventory.

- We recently graduated a wonderful group of 30 Master Gardener trainees and 11 horticultural proficiency students.
- With the Plant Sale behind us the work begins in earnest on our Fall Festival which is a more educational and harvest celebration event. This year the Fall Festival will be on September 28th.
- Interviews for our Lane County Staff Horticulturist begin at the end of May. We appreciate the expertise, dedication and good humor of Ross Penhallagon who has filled in these shoes over the past many months.
- Lane County purchased a new camcorder for the extension office to be shared by MG and Master Food Preservers.

## **LINCOLN COUNTY**

Lincoln County Master Gardener Association  
2nd Quarter Report  
Submitted by Ron Woodard II

### Demo Gardens

Each of our five demo gardens has assigned apprentices who have their projects chosen, if not already started. Some examples of the projects include straw bale gardening, a study of slug control methods, an herb garden and one of the gardens is even continuing with a project from last year wherein fresh produce and flowers are offered free to the students at the college where the garden is located. Three of the five gardens have purchased "Durable GreenBeds", which are sustainable 25 year raised beds. Yachats Demo Garden has been able to purchase 7 Adaptive Durable GreenBeds thanks to a grant received from the Siletz Tribal Council. These beds are two feet tall and should provide easier access for our gardeners.

### Fundraisers

Our annual plant sale was held on May 18th and the numbers from that will be reported at a post-sale social on May 28th. The sale went well and hopefully will help make up for the lower than expected return from this year's Seafood & Wine fundraiser which didn't attract the usual number of attendees and our booth suffered a lower than usual return due to that.

### Community Education

The Spring Session of Roundtables concluded on May 11th with straw bale gardening. They have been both well attended and received, possibly augmented by a change of venue to the Gleneden Beach area. The dedication and enthusiasm of the presenters continues as always! A schedule for the Fall Session is currently in the works.

One of our MG's also taught a patio gardening class at the senior center in Newport on May 9th. It was open to the public with seniors highly encouraged to attend. Several of our MG's are providing a Seed to Supper program in Newport this year. There are 16 people signed up and it appears to be going well.

We have a full roster of MG's signed up to host a booth at the Newport Saturday Market and our coordinator is working on getting a couple of slots at the Lincoln City Farmers Market and possibly also one at the Yachats Farmer's Market. Extension has hired a new Educational Program Assistant 1/2 time. Almost 1/2 of her hours will be dedicated to the LCMGA and she'll be able to help with getting the Farmer's Market booths scheduled, among other things.

### MG Events and Tours

Our co-vice presidents have put together a number of outings and fun/educational summer activities starting June 8th with a garden tour in Waldport and concluding on September 7th with a picnic in Toledo. MG's will get CE hours for attending the educational events.

## **LINN COUNTY**

### **2019 OMGA 2nd Quarter Chapter Report, Linn County**

**Demonstration Garden.** A hard walkway was completed in the vegetable garden to replace the gravel put down last year. We found that the material that we put in did not accommodate wheelchairs and walkers. The raised beds in the garden were also improved—additional side boards were added to raise the height of the beds. Nine yards of soil were added to complete the job.

**Master Gardener of the Year, Behind the Scenes Awards Nominations.** Larry Steele was nominated for Master Gardener of the Year acknowledging his hours spent in the Demonstration Garden and willingness to share his expertise in composting and gardening. Melinda Marian was nominated for Behind the Scenes Award with much appreciation for skilled and delightful work in the Demonstration Garden, improving the entrance and exits to the garden. She also has been a great help to the Beevent and has developed a gifting brochure for our various projects.

**Linn County Expo Events.** Linn County Master Gardeners continue to find opportunities to share gardening information and “show off” the demonstration garden at events and shows held at the Expo. The most recent was the Spring Home Show Fair in which a clinic table answered question for 213 people.

**Spring Garden Tour.** Tickets are now being sold and gardens and volunteers are ready for the big event. Special efforts are being made to promote the event through social media and the local newspapers.

**Beevent/Pollinator Conference.** The following is an update and history of the conference that shows how the event has grown and improved. This year we had a large number of people who had never attended before (first-timers). Next year's event will be March 7, 2020.

## History of Registration Beevent 2015-2019

2015	54 Paid Registrations
2016	110 Paid Registrations plus a waiting list
2017	153 Attendees 145 Paid Registrations *
2018	117 Attendees 102 Paid Registrations *
2019	202 attendees 186 paid registrations*.

\* Worker/attendees were given the option of attending for free starting in 2017.

Estimate- about 450-500 people that we have reached at BEEvent Pollinator Conference from 2015-2019. Some people attended the conference more than once.

Rich Little did 2 cocoon harvesting classes in 2015 and 2016. In 2017 we had 5 cocoon harvesting classes. In 2018 we had 9 cocoon harvesting classes. Classes averaged about 12 people per class. Estimate about 170 people attending cocoon harvesting classes between 2015 and 2019.

Between Rich Little, Susan Morton and Raneeb Webb we can estimate that we have taught bee related classes to at least 700 or more people. Just counting 2016-2017 Rich taught about 410 people in his classes around the state. He continues to teach classes for the Oregon Bee Project. Estimate- Susan and Raneeb have taught classes to about 180-200 people (not counting cocoon harvesting classes).

### History of progress for registration

(does not count workers who did not pay registration fee)

2017		2019	
1-26	40 Registered	2-11	91 Registered
2-13	60 Registered	2-17	119 Registered
2-17	78 Registered	2-22	164 Registered
2-20	85 Registered	2-26	186 Registered
2-23	90 Registered		

Attendance at the 2018 conference was likely affected by a change in staff at the Linn Extension Office. Less help with advertising occurred. In 2019 about half of those registering found out about the conference due to advertising within various master gardener programs or Extension websites. Linn County Master Gardener “Bee Notes” (periodic e-mails about bee needs) had a larger impact for attendance this past year with 29 of registrations resulting from notices about the conference on “Bee Notes”. There are about 625 people registered to receive “Bee Notes” as of March 2019

## MARION COUNTY

### OMGA 2019 Second Quarter Report for Marion County

#### Plant Sale

Another plant sale is now behind us! It is expected that our net income from this year’s plant sale will be similar to last year. One hundred and fourteen members helped during the sale! We consider it a great success and thank all of the members who spent numerous hours acquiring plants and caring for them prior to the sale. It is anticipated that more members will be needed for the preparations next year as we adhere completely to the new plant sale rules. Left-over plants (\$2200 value) were donated to the Marion-Polk County Food Share. There will be a coordinated effort for articles by key members in the July newsletter to highlight the many benefits and needs for the plant sale of 2020. We are definitely going to

need more help with propagation of plants and care for them during the year.

### 2019 MG Trainee Class

We started 2019 classes with 54 trainees signed up to attend and right away 11 didn't show for the orientation and attend classes. Then due to a variety of reasons, we lost a few more and ended classes with 35 trainees. We are now assisting them through the 66 volunteer hours requirement. We are fortunate to have some very enthusiastic people among this year's trainees and are excited to see them shine.

### Train the Trainer Workshops

As part of our renewed focus on educating the public, we not only had a specific session for the 2019 trainees during the classes on how adults learn and like to be taught something new, we have also developed Train the Trainer workshops to be held in June 2019. For those MGs who have a passion for a specific topic of gardening and would love to share it and/or find teaching others to be rewarding, we are offering these workshops to improve our education skills. One of our MGs is a former high school teacher and has volunteered to teach others how to develop a workshop, communicate the lesson and make learning fun. She will also inform them of how the Education, Communication and Garden Committees support and assist our workshop presenters.

### Garden Labs

Our new Garden Labs are in full swing. These are continuing education labs designed to provide additional, more specific knowledge to trainees on various subjects following the MG classes. The trainees sign up for those they are interested in and become more knowledgeable on those specific topics in order to be better positioned to educate the public at the Office Plant Clinic, Community Plant Clinics or take on developing and conducting a MG Workshop. These labs will help fulfill their 12 hour requirement of working in the Marion Garden as well. Here is the list of our Garden Labs:

## **Garden Lab Summaries**

### Adaptive Garden Lab

Lab Leaders: Sharon Lohse and Jeanne Brown

Maximum 2 Trainees

**Goals/Objectives:** To become familiar with adaptive techniques and tools for gardening by those with limitations, primarily physical and to visit a more complete adaptive garden in Eugene. [Persons with physical limitations are encouraged to participate in this Lab; we need your personal skill set.]

**Activities:**

- Visit the Lane County adaptive garden in Eugene.
- Become familiar with current adaptive techniques being demonstrated in the Marion Garden
  - Create at least one sign, describing one of those techniques
- Research and implement an additional adaptive technique in Everybody's Garden, with signage

**Exhibit learning:** By installing and creating signage for at least one adaptive technique in Everybody's Garden in the Marion Garden.

### **Blueberry Garden Lab**

Lab Leaders: Joyce Heinke with Mary Gabriel assisting

**Goals/Objectives:** To learn about growing and caring for blueberries, including pruning, soil care (including pH), irrigation, proper tools use, fertilizing, and harvesting.

**Activities: (minimum of 4 visits required for the 3 activities)**

- Prune a blueberry bush in February or early March (this would need to be arranged soon)
- Fertilize a bush in April or May
- Pick blueberries in June and July

**Exhibit learning:** By preparing a group report on blueberry cultivation to be delivered to a Marion Garden General Meeting and by writing an article for *The Garden Gate* newsletter.

### **Caneberry Garden Lab**

Lab Leader: Joyce Heinke

**Goals/Objectives:** To learn to grow and care for blackberries and raspberries, including training the vines, recognizing blackberries and raspberries, distinguishing primocanes and floricanes, fertilizing, and harvesting.

**Activities: (minimum of 4 visits required)**

- Analyze pH and fertilize in April or May
- Irrigate and harvest in June and July (2 visits)
- Prune and train in September

### **Compost Garden Lab**

Lab Leaders: Linda Karr with Rich Clarkson assisting

**Goals/Objectives:** To understand the biology at work in the Marion Garden compost piles; to learn the mechanics of managing those piles (requires ability to shovel and turn piles); to expand and develop community outreach programs promoting composting.

**Activities: (minimum of 4 visits required)**

- Assist in managing compost piles in the Marion Garden
- Participate in community workshop

**Exhibit learning:** By successfully making compost in the Marion Garden

### **Grape Garden Lab**

Lab Leader: Michael Johnson

Maximum 4 Trainees

**Goals/Objectives:** To learn how to select, site, and grow grapes, including trellis design, seasonal care, pruning (dormant through harvest), and problem recognition (including herbicide injury).

**Activities: (minimum of 4 visits required)**

- (1) Propagate (soil prep, fertilize, irrigate, etc.) in the third week of April

- (2) Rejuvenate a neglected vine (trellis, vine maintenance) in the third week of May
- (3) Harvest and analyze problems in the third week of July
- (4) Prune (and harvest) in the third week of August

**Exhibit learning:** By explaining or demonstrating at the time of the visit (1) how to select, trellis and grow; (2) how to renovate; (3) how to solve one particular problem; and (4) how to prune.

### **Herb & Perennials Propagation Garden Lab**

Lab Leader: Linda McGeath

Maximum 3 Trainees

**Goals/Objectives:** To learn propagation methods (seeds, cuttings, division, layering) and maintenance/care during and after germination/rooting, including in a greenhouse environment.

**Activities: (minimum of 3 three-hour visits, the second visit one week after the first and the third a month later)**

- Select suitable mixes for seeds and cuttings.
- Select suitable stems for cuttings.
- Understand methods of preparing cuttings, layering, and division.
- Understand methods of transplanting seedlings & rooted cuttings and care of new plants.

**Exhibit learning:** By observing and explaining results and by summarizing the results of trials using different seed and cutting mixes.

### **Hydroculture Garden Lab**

Lab Leader: Ted Haverkate

Maximum 4 Trainees

**Goals/Objectives:** To understand hydroponics (systems for growing plants without soil, with or without a medium, and with a nutrient solution) and to become familiar with the six basic types of hydroponics.

**Activities: (estimated time to complete the lab is 4 hours)**

- Manage and be able to explain one of the hydroponic units in the Marion Garden.

**Exhibit learning:** By explaining (to the Lab Leader and/or to a Marion Garden General Meeting) one of the hydroponic methods, including theory of operation, components needed, and plants appropriate to that method.

### **Irrigation Garden Lab**

Lab Leader: Mary Treiber

**Goals/Objectives:** To learn basic hydraulic principles, to understand the design of a delivery system (including design for changing needs across the season), and to become familiar with the hardware (its delivery potential and its assembly), including low-tech alternatives.

**Activities: (minimum of 4 visits required)**



- Set up a system for a specific area in the Marion Garden, from initial site analysis and mapping to installation and monitoring of a system that is successful.

**Exhibit learning:** By demonstrating that the system works as planned, not only initially, which is most important, but also over the season (which might require changes in delivery and which should be put in writing).

By creating a written list of ways in which the delivery system initially installed might change over time, with a plan for updating or changing the system as time passes.

### Orchard Garden Lab

Lab Leaders: Carl Heinke with Karen Withers assisting

**Goals/Objectives:** To learn about fruit trees, which includes selecting and purchasing, siting, pruning (including tools and ladders), spraying, thinning, fertilizing, irrigating, and harvesting.

**Activities: (minimum of 4 visits required)**

- Winter prune, in early March (this would need to be arranged soon)
- Thin, in May or June
- Summer prune, in July
- Harvest, in August

**Exhibit learning:** By explaining to others (a designated group perhaps) what they have learned.

### Shrub Propagation Garden Lab

Lab Leaders: Sherry Hari and Laveryne Gray

**Goals/Objectives:** To learn how to propagate ornamental shrubs, including what materials are needed and how to take and care for cuttings.

**Activities: (between mid-June and mid-July)**

- Select shrubs to propagate, take cuttings, and plant the cuttings.
- Care for cuttings.
- Transplant rooted shrubs.

**Exhibit learning:** By successfully growing a plant from a cutting.

### Veggie Garden Lab

Lab Leaders: Bill Sutkus with Joyce Zook and Joan Johanson assisting

**Goals/Objectives:** Grow vegetables more sustainably with less water, less weeding, and less work through square-foot, keyhole, and no-irrigation gardening.

**Activities: (minimum of 4 visits required)**

- Prepare plots in March or early April
- Plant in early May
- Mulch with organic matter and through dust mulching in late May or early June

- Harvest in August or September

**Exhibit learning:** By preparing a report to be delivered to a Marion Garden General Meeting and publishing an article in *The Garden Gate* newsletter.

### **Weeds Garden Lab**

Lab Leaders: Carol Ellen Richards and Susan Brown

**Goals/Objectives:** To identify and learn how to control 12 weeds in the Marion Garden (6 taught by an instructor and 6 of your choice).

**Activities: (convene in the Marion Garden at 10:15AM on the last four Mondays in April)**

- At each of the first three meetings, select a specific area in the Garden in which to identify the weeds (especially your 12 target weeds) and then to remove and press one of them.
- At each subsequent meeting present your findings from the previous week.

**Exhibit learning:** By presenting your findings in meetings #2 and #3 and by presenting a summary conclusion in meeting #4.

Submitted by:

Cyndy Shorter

May 2019

### **MULTNOMAH COUNTY**

Multnomah County Second Quarter Report 2019 to OMGA

March saw Multnomah County Master Gardeners busy with the conclusion of the 7 week concentrated training program which ended on March 22nd. Now the interns have their volunteer hours to look forward to. This quarter also saw the finalizing of our chapter Mission Statement with guidelines to follow that will help us select future activities based on our purpose and mission.

Our speakers series continued in March with Willi Galoway's presentation of strategies for maximizing flavor in homegrown foods. April's speaker was Tom Landis of Southern Oregon talking about talking about Milkweed and Monarch butterflies. May's speaker brought Kaci Buhl to talk about glyphosate and what is the current thinking on the subject.

April 6<sup>th</sup> the Demo Gardens hosted our first Open House/Orientation for interns and other MG's to learn about our work and experience hands on what we do at the Demonstration Gardens. It was very successful with 30 interns, 9 MG's and 19 of our regular MG's participating. Tours were given, multiple tasks were performed and lunch was provided. April 9<sup>th</sup> was our annual Intern Pot Luck and celebration at our regular Tues. night Chapter Meeting. And all through April preparations for our Incredible Edible Sale were on going.

April 27<sup>th</sup> saw us participating in Earth Day festivities at the Learning Gardens in Multnomah County. Activities for adults and children involving planting of salad based pots and face painting went on.

Also on April 27<sup>th</sup> in a show of support for our neighboring Washington County several

MG's attended Washington County's first plant sale under the new guidelines set out by Gail Langellotto and OSU at their new location of Rock Creek Campus of PCC.

And finally but not least our huge Incredible Edible Sale was held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, one day before Mother's Day. As in the past it was a great success despite the heat! We sold out all but 1-3% of our plants ordered and could have sold more. We had 1800 people come through the sale with educational talks, hands on fun for the kids, music, lots of planting advice, food available and lots more going on. The reviews have already started for next year's event.

On to summer and garden fun!!

Marilyn Frankel

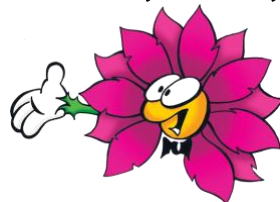
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### **POLK COUNTY**

Hello from Polk county.

Spring has finally come and things are really heating up. We wrapped up another successful plant sale despite all the commotion the new best practices recommendations cause we were able to adapt and be just fine. The magnitude of hours put in by our volunteers is staggering but the magic of Friday morning when they first open the doors is amazing. All attention is being focused back on individual projects across the county.

### **Calendar for June and July**



#### **June 2019**

**06** - Board Meeting @ Extension Office, 1:30 pm

**06** - Chapter Meeting, Thursday, 7:00 pm @ Trinity Lutheran Church, Our Speaker is Devon Young - Herbalist, author and blogger

**11** - Plant Sale Committee meeting - Wrap-up, Tuesday, 2:00 pm, Extension Office

**15** - Bee Friendly Flowers, Inspiration Garden, 10 am -12, Vicki Brink  
(503-831-1373) and Judy Nathe (503-585-5947)

**22** - Dancing Oaks Pollinator Festival, Monmouth, (9 - 2), Gayle Birch  
503-370-9759

**27** - West Salem Thursday Market Clinic 9-1:30, Gayle Birch 503-370-9759

#### **July 2019**

**09** - Thyme Garden Lunch & Herb Vinegar Workshop, 11:00 am, Alsea, Oregon, Linda Yerbick  
503-623-2983

11 - Board Meeting @ Extension Office, 1:30 pm

**NO CHAPTER MEETING**

13 - TBD: PCMG 30th Celebration, Kelly Gabliks 503-831-0892

18 - West Salem Thursday Market Clinic 9-1:30, Gayle Birch 503-370-9759

26 & 27 - Summerfest @ Dallas Courthouse, Dallas, (10 am - 8pm, 9 am - 6pm), Gayle Birch 503-831-0892

- Dallas Youth Garden: Tuesday & Thursday, 4-5, Saturday, 9-11
- Brunk House Work Days: Tuesday & Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon
- Inspiration Garden Work Days: Friday, 9 a.m. to noon
- Delbert Hunter Arboretum: Tuesday, 9 am to noon

As one can see from the next couple months calendar there is plenty to keep one busy. See you on the 7th. Hope everyone is out enjoying the garden.

Thank you George Woodward

## **TILLAMOOK COUNTY**

Tillamook Report to OMGA, June 8, 2019

TCMGA's Spring Classes were held on Saturday, March 30. We had a keynote speaker from the Tillamook Beekeeper's Association sharing ways gardeners can attract bees to their gardens and what can be done to help bees thrive. Several other mini-classes were held that day as well. Everyone who attended the classes spoke highly of the presenters and came away with new and renewed knowledge to help them in their spring gardening endeavors.

Seed to Supper classes were held in North, Central and South Tillamook County. Several Master Gardeners from Tillamook also helped with Seed to Supper classes in Gales Creek. These classes have been taught for several years and the number of attendees has grown each year.

TCMGA's Community Pruning Day took place on March 16. This year TCMGA got a referral from Senior Services. Our goal is to help someone who cannot do the work themselves.

The Home and Garden Show was held in April. Not only is our Learning Garden open during this event but we also have a booth in the show area. Many people are eager to get the growing season going at this time of year and we have a lot of interest at this event. Our location next to the Tillamook Beekeepers was a double draw.

This spring, 16 apprentices completed our Master Gardener classes. They are now busy working on their service hours in the office and through other activities in the county. We work with Tillamook County schools as we receive project applications. Master Gardeners and apprentices also have the opportunity to work with the Tillamook Estuary Partnership along with other community groups. TEP received 40,000 bare root native plants that needed to be potted and held parties to see that done. These plants will be used for habitat restoration all over northwest Oregon.

TCMGA held our annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 4, at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds. The weather in Tillamook County had been very nice that week, inspiring residents to get excited about working in their gardens. A record 1180 people came through the doors, looking for beautiful plants and crafts from local vendors. We are well known for our tomato plants and this year we had over 700

for sale. They practically flew out the door, selling out within the first hour. Our native plants were also hot items with a wide selection of vegetables, annuals, and perennials grown by our members at their home and in our Learning Garden Hoop House. The local vendors, THS Future Farmers of America and Oregon Youth Authority all had a great, and profitable, day. It was a terrific plant sale and we are all looking forward to doing it again next year!

Our spring has ended on a happy/sad note. Our amazing OSU Extension Agent, Joy Jones, who was in charge of the Master Gardener program (and so much more!) officially retired on May 31. We are all thrilled for Joy and her husband, Ron, to be starting this new phase of their lives. But Joy has been the leader, mentor, knowledgeable go-to and friend to us all. She will be greatly missed.



Respectfully submitted-Linda Stephenson, OMGA Rep  
(Plant sale info submitted by Sarah Ostermiller, Plant Sale Chair)

## **UMATILLA COUNTY**

## **WASCO COUNTY**

## **WASHINGTON COUNTY**

## **YAMHILL COUNTY**

OMGA Quarterly Report – April/May/June 2019 Yamhill County, Oregon

In April our Master Gardener, Doris Crimmins passed away. She was one of our longest-serving volunteers, joining Master Gardeners in 1991, near the program's inception. That's close to 28 years. She was our President in '94, '95,'96, and after that on many committees, accumulating over 4000 hours at her time of death. She always had a smile for all and was a friend as well.

Our seminar, Spring Into Gardening, was a great success as usual. It's not a fundraiser- our goal is to break even. This year our raffle earnings exceeded last years by \$500.00. That money will be used for our event in 2020, enabling us to hire speakers who in the past were charging more than we could afford to pay. From the class I attended, I now know how to pronounce "Bonsai"!

The first part of May was our Plant Sale, our yearly fundraiser. Our gross was \$32,000 and net was approximately \$28,000. It's a cushion we really value as our current venue site always seems to be under new management and they rate a non-profit like ourselves as expendable.

Our Plant Sale committee made a number of changes in the running of the sale and these improvements were wonderful. Veterans with much experience in horticulture wore bright orange vests all day, so we could refer a member of the public to them very easily. In the past we had to hunt for someone who could answer a question. Now it was "talk to that person in the orange vest". We had more cashiers and they were busy the whole time and the lines were much shorter all day. The Community Garden's tomatoes and green pepper plants were located in a much more visible location towards the front of the building and that resulted in them selling out within a few hours. In the past they were at the back of the building in a corner and many people never saw them. When we transferred our inventory from a building to our selling building, the traffic was always a crowded jumble of pickups facing different directions. This year it was one way, with an emptied pickup leaving and making a loop back to the transfer building. We changed the locations of the Master Gardener holding area and the public's holding area as well and also had a change in the identification process of who owned which flat of plants. And finally, the disposal of unsold inventory was organized so that each day after the sale a different non-profit was offered at no charge any plants they wanted. This committee should write a book on how to hold a successful sale. And I can't forget the Propagation Committee. Their expertise is vital and they are so dedicated to quality and variety of our plants.

The Community Garden is hosting a variety of classes on horticulture this spring and summer. April's was Garden Preparation, Organic Raised Bed Gardening & Innovations. May's is Vegetable Variety Selection, and June's is Water Conservation Practices. They are charging a nominal fee of \$5.00 per class. What a deal! And of course, our McMinnville Farmer's Market and Newberg Farmer's Market has started and everyone staffing it has so much fun. We also have a table where we have soil, seeds and peat pots for kids to plant and take home. There are never enough gardeners in the world!

Submitted by: Nancy Woodworth OMGA Rep. Yamhill County