



1st Quarter Board of Directors Meeting

March 7, 2020

10 am – 3 pm

Hosted by Josephine County Master Gardeners

Josephine County Extension Office

215 Ringuette St, Grants Pass, OR 97527

541-476-6613

Attendance

Officers:

Benton County: Richard Taylor
Central Gorge: Eric Bosler, Past President; Barbara Kilkenny, Representative; Jean Bailey, Alternate Representative; Shari Bosler, Mini-college Speaker Chair
Clackamas: Seamus Ramirez, Database Manager and Representative
Clatsop County: Nancy Bouse, Representative; Cathie Fulton, Alternate Representative
Coos County: Dottie Tucker, Alternate Representative
Douglas County: Chris Rusch, President; Patrice Sipos, Treasurer; Sharon J Bordeaux, Secretary; Barbara Hamby, Representative; Kish Doyle, Alternate Representative
Jackson County: Barbara Davidson: Historian and Representative, Kathy Apple, Alternate Representative
Josephine County: Breezy Schallheim, Representative; Diane Lewis, Alternate Representative; Jean Honig, Trainee; Mark Schallheim, JCMG Chapter President, Pamela Zaklan, JCMG Chapter Past President
Lane County: Victoria Harrison, Representative; Ivy Kohler, Alternate Representative
Lincoln County: Michael Christy, Representative; Julie Huynh, 2nd Vice President
Linn County: Janice Gregg, Representative
Marion County: Terry L Sawyer, Representative
Multnomah County: Marilyn Frankel, Representative; Elaine O'Keefe, Alternate Representative
Polk County: George Woodward, Representative
Tillamook: Betty Lyons, Representative; Jake Lyons, Alternate Representative
Yamhill County: Polly Blum, Representative; Linda Coakley, Alternate Representative; Sue Nesbitt, Mini-College Co-chair
Gail Langellotto: OMGA State Coordinator (presented Friday, March 6th at Educational Forum)

Welcome

President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 10:00 am introduced Mark Schallheim, the President of the Josephine County Master Gardeners. Mark welcomed board members, representatives and guests to the Josephine County Extension and Grants Pass. He gave a brief history of the area. Chris noted that there had been a tour of the gardens and greenhouses the previous day along with a slide presentation of Josephine County by Mark.

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Additions to the Agenda – Chris Rusch, President

There were no additions to the agenda. Chris noted that Gail Langellotto, State Coordinator, presented her report at the Educational Forum on Friday but it would be included in the Board minutes.

Board Action Items

Approval of the OMGA Board of Directors Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes. Patrice Sipos moved and Huynh seconded that we accept them as presented. Motion passed.

OMGA Treasurer’s Report – Patrice Sipos, Treasurer

Patrice Sipos presented the financials and answered questions regarding taxes paid by OMGA. OMGA does not pay federal taxes but does pay state taxes. The amount is determined by total chapter income and the value of chapter assets. Patrice has retained a new accounting firm and after reviewing the books, they have determined they can save OMGA a considerable amount in taxes this year.

Two changes were suggested: 62001 – Change from Leadership Forum to Educational Forum; 40003 – Underline and subtotal Annual Chapter Dues.

Patrice will hold training for new and returning treasurers prior to the September and November Educational Forums.

Gardener’s Pen – Renee Taylor

Chris reported for Renee Taylor that the articles for the Gardener’s Pen need to be to her by March 15th.

Educational Forums – Chris Rusch, President

The 1st Quarter Educational Forum for new and returning Representatives was a great success. It was a consensus that this should be an annual event. The next Educational Forum will be in September in Yamhill County. The November Educational Forum will be a panel on “Best Practices.” The location has yet to be decided.

Database and Server – Seamus Ramirez

An updated OMGA State/County Officers and OSU MG Contacts roster should be out within the next week. He is only waiting on a few updates.

Reports

Mini-college Report – Sue Nesbitt and Eric Bosler

Sue presented a Power Point presentation reviewing the status of Mini-college. It has been included in the minutes.

- The deadline for early registration was changed from July 15th to July 1st.
- Janice Gregg would like to make 5-6 baskets for the Send a Friend Raffle. These funds are given to help gardeners attend Mini-college. Basket themes this year are Garden Décor, Tools for Gardeners, and 1st Aid kit for gardeners.
- The Silent Auction is looking for 10 items from each chapter. “Like New” items are OK. More to come....

- Grass Roots Book Store will be the vendor selling gardening books, speaker's books, specialty books and Gail's book on Bees. They will be open from Friday noon and all-day Saturday.
- Chapter displays are encouraged. The theme this year is Educational Outreach.
- Chapter Sales: Chapters are welcome to have a table to sell items from their chapter., except books.
- Eric reported that the bookmarks are available for chapters to take and distribute. Ads in ½ and whole page will be made available to the chapters.
- Graphics will be sent to the chapters to use on their websites.
- A press release is coming soon.



Schedule:

Thursday, July 23, 2020

- 1 p.m. OMGA Board Meeting, University Room Hilton Garden Inn
- 6:30 p.m. Corvallis Knights Ballgame at Goss Stadium (located behind the CH2M Hill Alumni Center)

Friday and Saturday, July 24 & 25 (CH2M Hill Alumni Center)

- 9 – 10:45 General Session
- 10:45 – 11 Break
- 11 – 12:15 Classes
- 12:15-1 p.m. Lunch
- 1 – 2:15 Classes
- 2:15 – 2:45 Break
- 2:45 – 4 Classes

1p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Tours
 2:30 – 4 p.m. Tours
 1p.m. – 4 p.m. Workshops

Schedule cont.

Friday evening
 Banquet at Adair Club House (approximately 15 minutes north of Corvallis)
 5:30 – 6:30 Social Hour with Music by Ancient Ways
 Marimba Band
 6:30 Banquet and Award Presentations

At approximately 8 – 8:30 – Dorm social with games, visiting, snacks, etc. Lots of fun – you won't want to miss this!

Classes, Workshops & Tours

Keynote Speaker: Robert Michael Pyle
 Author and Founder of Xerces Society

Classes:

Entomology Track
 Mason Bees – Rich Little
 Value of Natives vs Nativars – Jen Hayes,
 Oregon Bee Atlas – Rich Little
 Insect Pests – Navneet Kaur
 Japanese Beetle/no dig & divide – Jessica Rendon

Ornamental Track
 Dahlias – Julie Huynh

Classes Cont.

Ornamentals Cont.
 Peonies – Lore Sampson
 Hostas – Lore Sampson
 Roses – Katherine Johnson
 Hydrangeas – Joan Giles
 Pollinator Plants Year Round – Janet Magedanz

Vegetables Track:
 Small Space – Big Harvest – Marjorie Neal
 Hydroponic Gardening – Richard Bertram
 Companion Planting – Pam Zaklan
 Vegetable Research – Jim Meyers
 Organic Gardening – Weston Miller

Other Track:
 Oregon Season Tracker, Citizen Science, Jody Einerson

Classes cont.

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 Pesticides – Amy Cross
 Biochar – Dr. Kristin Trippe
 Microbes Under Your Fingernails - Dr. Gwynne Mhuireach
 Urban Soils – Mykl Nelson

Workshops

Plant Propagation – Ruth Estrada and Heather Stoven
Plant Problem Diagnosis – Neil Bell
Native Plants in your Landscape – Signe Danler
Common Insect ID and Associated Plant Pathology –
Brooke Edmunds and Gail Langellotto

Tours

Oak Creek Center – 1 ½ hours, both Friday & Saturday
afternoons
Pollinators and the Bee Project – Friday 2:30 – 4
Jim is waiting for confirmation on the 4th tour

Cost:

Registration: \$49 per day – this includes lunch

Housing:

Hilton Garden Inn - \$132 per night - conference rate
Oregon State University – Bloss/West Dorm Rooms
Suite Style
\$40 per night which includes linens

There is a KOA campground and other motels in the
Corvallis area.

Food:

Breakfast (a la carte) will be available in Arnold Dining
Hall (close to the dorm, the Alumni Center & the Hilton)

The Frosting

- Send-A-Friend Raffle
- Silent Auction
- Book Store
- Friday night Dorm Social
- Chapter Displays
- Chapter Sales

Still Needed

- Silent Auction Assistants to help with set-up and pick-up.
- Greeters/Hostesses for both General Sessions.
- Photographer.
- People to help carry large items into and then out of the Alumni Center.
- 2 or 3 garden carts to move heavy items into and out of the Alumni Center.

Mini-College Committee

Co-Chair: Sue Nesbitt & Eric Bosler
Speakers: Shari Bosler, Pam Zaklan & Julie Huynh
Tours: Jim Liskey & Carol Sufkus
Workshops: Gene Nesbitt
Publicity: Eric Bosler
Chapter Sales: Sue Nesbitt
Chapter Displays: Sue Nesbitt
Send-A-Friend Raffle: Janice Gregg
Silent Auction: Committee
Thursday Evening Welcome Social: Rich Taylor
Friday Evening Banquet: Rich Taylor
Centerpieces: Nancy Tolver
Cookie Coordinator: Polly Blum
Decorations: Janice Gregg
Bookstore: Barbara Davidson
Friday Evening Dorm Social: Sharon Boredaux

State Program Coordinator – Gail Langellotto

Statewide Program Leaders Report to the OMGA | Gail Langellotto | gail.langellotto@oregonstate.edu

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OSU Extension and the OSU College of Agriculture Make Decisive Investments in the Master Gardener Program

I am happy to say that OSU has shown a strong commitment to the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program, via financial investments in new hires and established positions.

New Positions:

• North Coast Horticulture Professor of Practice Position: this 12-month, 1.0 FTE (Full Time Equivalent, where 1 FTE = 40 hours) position will serve Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. It is roughly 20% Small Farms and 80% Master Gardener. Recruitment is currently open for this position (closes March 18th, but the close date may be extended). This position is funded by the OSU College of Agricultural Sciences and OSU Extension Administration.

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- Statewide Master Gardener Program Coordinator (Professional Faculty) Position: this 12-month, 0.60 FTE position will work with the Statewide Master Gardener Program Leader (Gail Langellotto) to support the Master Gardener Program in three areas: (1) Extension Master Gardener / Home Horticulture website content management (<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening> and associated pages); (2) University compliance with youth safety, risk, insurance policies; (3) Statewide Master Gardener Program Administration. Recruitment is currently open for this position (closes March 24th). The position is funded by Extension Administration, Extension and Experiment Station Communications, Department of Horticulture, and the College of Ag Sciences for two years.

- Wasco County Horticulture / Master Gardener (Professional Faculty): this 12-month, 1.0 FTE position will serve the Master Gardener Program, and will provide horticulture education and outreach in Wasco County. Recruitment is currently open for this position (closes March 22nd). This position is funded by county funds.

Re-Classified Positions: Professional Faculty positions have been an issue for the Master Gardener Program over the last few years, particularly when individuals within the position are doing comparable work to Professor of Practice colleagues. Professional Faculty positions do not have a path to promotion, while Professor of Practice positions do. Thus, I was thrilled to hear the College of Agricultural Sciences is working to reclassify two Master Gardener Professional Faculty positions in Jackson and Lincoln counties into Professor of Practice positions. These actions represent a clear and decisive investment in the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program, by the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Increased FTE: Several faculty (both Professional Faculty and Professors of Practice) were hired at OSU at less than 1.0 FTE, even though the expectations of their position required full time hours. FTE has been adjusted for Master Gardener faculty in the Portland Metro region, Josephine, and Jackson counties, to more fairly reflect and provide compensation for their time worked. Funding for increased FTE has come from the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Thank you to each and every one of you, who has helped to articulate the value of the Master Gardener Program to yourself and to your community to decision makers in your county, at OSU, and at the state capitol. Thank you to each and every one of you who has built a culture of excellence in sustainable gardening outreach and education. These fiscal investments would not have come to the Master Gardener Program, if it were not for you.

OMGA Helps OSU Receive Prestigious Carnegie Foundation Designation

There is more good news to share. Sue Nesbitt and the Oregon Master Gardener Association were one of 15 community partners selected to contribute to OSU's application to the Carnegie Foundation, for the coveted 'Community Engagement Classification'. You can read more about this honor, here: <https://engagement.oregonstate.edu/initiatives/carnegie>

This honor recognizes OSU's university-wide commitment to engaging with local, national and global communities to advance all aspects of our mission through research and scholarship, teaching and learning and outreach.

The re-classification vaults Oregon State into a select group of only 28 universities in the United States and its territories to earn the community engagement classification in 2020 and also hold a "very high research activity" classification, both from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.



OSU Master Gardener Program to be Featured on Dam Proud Day / OSU Giving Day

On April 30, Beavers everywhere will come together for Oregon State University's second annual Dam Proud Day, a 24-hour fundraising event for

transformative education, life-changing research and other important programs. Our goal will be to engage 500 donors in a 24-hour campaign, to support advances in the science of sustainable gardening. Your tax-deductible gift can be as small as \$10 (and as high as \$99,000), and will be used to cover the costs associated with sustainable gardening research: plants, plot fees, greenhouse fees, and supplies. Please keep an eye out for the campaign on April 30th, and the buzz leading up to the event.

There are many ways you can help this campaign succeed:

Donate on April 30th. Any gift, from \$10 to \$10,000, makes a huge difference!

Share news about Dam Proud Day | Beavs Give in your Master Gardener newsletter. Newsletters published near the end of March or the beginning of April will have the biggest impact.

Amplify messaging shared on the Master Gardener Facebook page, by sharing news about Dam Proud Day | Beavs Give on your own social media. I will begin posting about this campaign in the two weeks leading up to April 30th.

Sponsor a challenge gift of \$1,000-\$5,000. Challenges are funded by donors and create opportunities to leverage your support for a program that matters to you. These may include goals for a certain number of people to donate within a certain period of time or to donate a certain amount, which will unlock additional funding for the program.

Wish us luck, as we embark upon our first crowdsourcing campaign, with the goal of engaging 500 or more donors to support the Master Gardener Program.

If you have questions about how you can support the April 30th campaign, please let me (Gail Langellotto) know.

New Business

Recruitment/Succession – Chris Rusch, President

Chris continues to reach out to the chapters to fill vacant positions on the Board.

Plant Sale “Best Practices:

Richard Taylor from Benton County had questions regarding “Best Practices” – propagation versus dig and divide. Discussion followed and it was determined that this would be a perfect topic for the 4th Quarter Educational Forum. Chapters are moving from dig and divide from home gardens to propagation and division of nursery stock to avoid diseases and pests. This forum would encourage chapters to share what they are currently doing – success and failures. This topic could be expanded to include propagation education – what plant, when, how. Jackson County has Pop Up sales when they have too many plants left over.

OMGA 2020 Objectives Review:

The OMGA Goals and Actions were reviewed. Under Outreach – Seamus has been updating the email (gaggle) to make it more user friendly and will look into making “tweeting” available by Mini-college.

Business completed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon J Bordeaux
Secretary

<u>Executive Committee</u>	<u>Educational Forum</u>	<u>Board of Directors</u>
Friday, February 7, 2020 Linn County Extension Office Tangent, OR	Friday, March 6, 2020 Jefferson County Grants Pass, OR	Saturday, March 7, 2020 Jefferson County Grants Pass, OR
Friday, May 15, 2020 Linn County Extension Office Tangent, OR	Mini-college 2020 OSU, Benton County Corvallis, OR	Thursday, July 23, 2020 Benton County Hilton Garden Inn, Corvallis
Friday, August 7, 2020 Linn County Extension Office Tangent, OR	Friday, September 4, 2020 Yamhill County McMinnville, OR	Saturday, September 5, 2020 Yamhill County McMinnville, OR
Friday, October 2, 2020 Linn County Extension Office Tangent, OR	Friday, November 6, 2020	Saturday, November 7, 2020