



**4th Quarter Board of Directors Meeting  
November 6, 2020, 1:30 – 3 PM  
Zoom and Telecommunications Meeting**

**Attendees**

Rusch, Chris	Douglas County	OMGA President
Bosler, Eric	Central Gorge	OMGA Past President
Bordeaux, Sharon	Douglas County	OMGA Secretary
Sipos, Patrice	Douglas County	OMGA Treasurer
Ramirez, Seamus	Clackamas County	OMGA Database/List Serve/Representative
Langellotto, Gail		OSU State Program Leader
Kilkenny, Barbara	Central Gorge	Representative
Bailey, Jean	Central Gorge	Alternate Representative
Rousseau, Sandi	Central Gorge	Central Gorge incoming President
Bosler, Shari	Central Gorge	Mini-college Speaker Committee Chair
Dart, Janet	Central Oregon	Representative
Bouse, Nancy	Clatsop County	Representative
Krager, Rachel	Columbia County	Representative
Harris, Terry	Coos County	Representative
Tucker, Dottie	Coos County	Alternate Representative
Hall, Jeffrie	Curry County	Representative
Hamby, Barbara	Douglas County	Representative
Fuller, Nancy	Douglas County	Douglas Co MGA Past President
Schallheim, Breezy	Josephine County	Representative
Schallheim, Mark	Josephine County	Josephine Co MGA President
Harrison, Victoria	Lane County	Representative
Kohler, Ivy	Lane County	Alternate Representative
Christy, Michael	Lincoln County	Representative
Gregg, Jannice	Linn County	Representative
Kinkley, Ann	Linn County	Alternate Representative
Sawyer, Terry	Marion County	Representative
Frankel, Marilyn	Multnomah County	Representative
O'Keefe, Elaine	Multnomah County	Alternate Representative
Groth, Claudia	Multnomah County	Multnomah MGA Vice President
Wardrum, Judy	Polk County	Polk Co MGA Treasurer
Lyons, Betty	Tillamook County	Representative
Lyons, Jake	Tillamook County	Alternate Representative
Ostermiller, Sara	Tillamook County	
Ray, Leslie	Washington County	Representative
Graham, Karen	Washington County	
Blum, Polly	Yamhill County	Representative
Coakley, Linda	Yamhill County	Alternate Representative
Nesbitt, Sue	Yamhill County	Mini-college Chair

## **Welcome – Chris Rusch**

President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

Patrice Sipos made a motion to approve the minutes as posted. Polly Blum Seconded, the attendees approved.

There were no additions to the agenda.

## **State Program Coordinator – Gail Langellotto**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report from Gail via email on November 4:

“My 4th quarter report is largely covered by the recent Annual Statewide MG Program address, which can be accessed via this link: <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/mgcoordinators/2020/10/30/celebrate-oregon-master-gardener-week-day-5-statewide-program-update/>. Some of you may have already seen the address, but in case others have not, you can access it via the link provided. (Note: So worth watching!)

I also wanted to debrief how our first online celebration of MGs event went. Briefly:

- ~640 people registered for the online event
- most who participated had positive things to say about the event
- folks wanted reminders that they had signed up
- navigation was an issue for some, but less so than for other platforms we have used (i.e. Canvas and Ideal Logic)
- most wanted to see this type of event, again . . . which might dovetail well with a broader discussion of how to make Mini-College more accessible to those who can't attend in person (in post-COVID years)

Two MG Faculty Coordinator departures are forthcoming (Sara Runkel, Josephine County and Neil Bell, Marion/Polk county). There is a plan to refill the Josephine position as quickly as possible (early April, reasonably). Since Neil will not retire until June 30th, we have a bit of time to plan.”

The International Master Gardener Convention in Roanoke, VA, will be open to 2,500 attendees. Registration will open on April, 5, 2021. A link will be set up on both the internet and Facebook.

## **OMGA Treasurer’s Report – Patrice Sipos, Treasurer**

There were no expenses. The Net Income YTD is \$5,281.71.

## **Recruitment/Succession – Chris Rusch**

Chris reported that the following volunteers are still needed.

- President Elect
- Newsletter Editor

Discussion followed on the problem all chapters are having finding members to fill positions on the board. Suggestions were to go to another chapter, reach out for help from neighboring chapters, reach out to members who have expertise in a particular area.

Please contact Chris with ideas to fill the positions and the successes your chapter has had in finding members to fill Executive Board positions.

### **Database and Server – Seamus Ramirez**

**PLEASE** have all updated board information to Seamus by **NOVEMBER 30, 2020**. Changing all the information on the data base is very time consuming. Please help make this update smooth for Seamus.

### **Mini-college Report – Sue Nesbitt and Eric Bosler**

Sue's Power Point is attached to the end of the minutes.

Sue reviewed the progress on 2021 Mini-college. Discussion items included:

- What 2 days of the week should we have the Mini-College? Should we include one weekend day (Saturday) so those working full time can take classes?
- Should we consider charging more? \$75? Are we looking for more attendees or more profit?
- Maximum attendees?
- Should the Mini-college be only for Oregonians?
- Can and will the presenters agree to be pre-recorded?
- Offer Mini-college to the general public?
- Can the presentations be formatted to view as one "program?"

The committee will research all items and present the results at the next Executive Meeting.

### **Old Business:**

#### **OMGA Chapter Dues – Chris Rusch**

Should OMGA waive dues for 2021? After discussion, Jannice Gregg moved and Seamus Ramirez seconded the approval by the OMGA Board of Directors to waive the OMGA \$7.00 dues per chapter member for the year 2021. There were no objections. Chapters can choose to pass the savings on to members or keep the funds for use by the chapter.

### **New Business:**

#### **2021 OMGA Budget – Patrice Sipos**

Patrice presented the 2021 OMGA Budget. After discussion, Jannice Gregg motioned and Janet Dart seconded that the 2021 OMGA Budget be approved as presented. There was no opposition. There was discussion of the OMGA obtaining a credit card for costs associated with fund raisers. Patrice will contact the bank for credit card information and Chris will form a committee to review any changes needed to the Policy and Procedures and to discuss limits and signers. A report of findings will be presented at the next Executive Board meeting.

#### **Nominations/Approval of Executive Board Positions – Chris Rusch**

The following Master Gardeners have been nominated to fill the positions on the 2021 Executive Board:

- Chris Rusch – President
- Julie Huynh – Vice President
- Eric Bosler and Sue Nesbitt – Co-Past Presidents
- Sharon Bordeaux – Secretary
- Patrice Sipos – Treasurer

Janet Dart moved and Polly Blum seconded to accept the nominees for the 2021 Executive Board. A majority approved.

## Chapter Plant Sales for 2021 – Chris Rusch

There was a lengthy discussion on the topic of plant sales. There are chapters who are entertaining the idea of a plant sale and those who have had successful plant sales. There are new rules due to COVID and chapters are becoming innovative – online, third party, and virtual sales. To better address all the questions regarding plant sales, there will be a Plant Sale Forum as part of the December 1<sup>st</sup> OMGA 2021 Planning Retreat. Chris will contact presenters for the Forum.

## Other Discussion:

Linda Coakley has volunteered to be the OMGA Historian. This will be an opportunity to gather all the historical records in one place.

Business completed; the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon J Bordeaux  
OMGA Secretary



**2021 OMGA Mini-College Report**

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter OMGA Board Meeting  
November 3, 2020



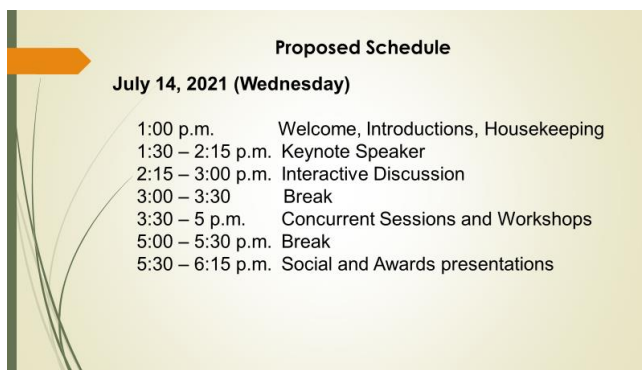
**Dates:** July 16 (Friday) and 17 (Saturday), 2021

**Theme:** Connect – Collaborate – Cultivate

**Program:** Keynote Speakers  
Concurrent Sessions  
Gail Langellotto's Annual Report  
Presentations, Search for Excellence winners  
Awards Presentations

**Delivery Method:** Zoom – both webinars and meetings

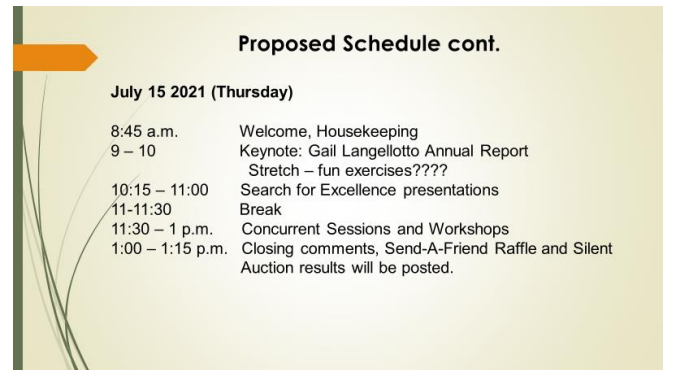
**Cost:** \$49 for entire conference



**Proposed Schedule**

**July 14, 2021 (Wednesday)**

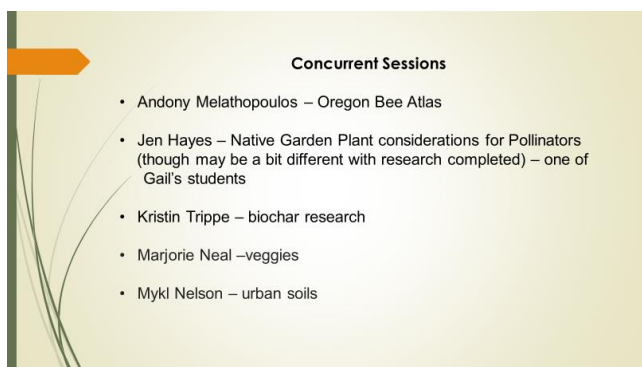
1:00 p.m. Welcome, Introductions, Housekeeping  
1:30 – 2:15 p.m. Keynote Speaker  
2:15 – 3:00 p.m. Interactive Discussion  
3:00 – 3:30 Break  
3:30 – 5 p.m. Concurrent Sessions and Workshops  
5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Break  
5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Social and Awards presentations



**Proposed Schedule cont.**

**July 15 2021 (Thursday)**

8:45 a.m. Welcome, Housekeeping  
9 – 10 Keynote: Gail Langellotto Annual Report  
Stretch – fun exercises????  
10:15 – 11:00 Search for Excellence presentations  
11-11:30 Break  
11:30 – 1 p.m. Concurrent Sessions and Workshops  
1:00 – 1:15 p.m. Closing comments, Send-A-Friend Raffle and Silent Auction results will be posted.



**Concurrent Sessions**

- Andony Melathopoulos – Oregon Bee Atlas
- Jen Hayes – Native Garden Plant considerations for Pollinators (though may be a bit different with research completed) – one of Gail's students
- Kristin Trippe – biochar research
- Marjorie Neal –veggies
- Mykl Nelson – urban soils



**Concurrent Sessions, cont.**

- Navnett Kaur – IPM with crops
- Rich Little – Mason bees (or anything else we might need him to speak on)
- Janet Magedanz – year-round pollinator plants
- Jessica Rendon – Japanese Beetle
- Jody Einerson – Oregon Season Tracker
- Gwynne Mhulreach—soil health/human health
- Weston Miller—organic gardening

## Workshops

Limited to 20 participants each

1. Heather Sloven – How to use the OSU Landscape Plant ID website
2. Signe Danler – Designing a pollinator garden using native plants
3. Richard Bertram – How to build a hydroponics system, and growing and harvesting leafy greens
4. Gail Langellotto – Using I-Naturalist to identify insects, weeds and trees.

An educational video will be sent to each of the workshop participants prior to the start of Mini-College. Each participant will be required to complete either a homework assignment or an activity prior to Mini-College. The course time will be an interactive session based on the homework or activity. Example: The Pollinator Garden workshop may require the participants to submit a design for a small pollinator garden. The designs would then be discussed during the Mini-College session.

## Other

Silent Auction

Send-A-Friend Raffle

Bookstore

2021 Mini-College Website – Mini-College Activities in one place

Registration – Janette Woosley will provide our registration services

- email reminders to registrants
- Management lists and reports
- Evaluations and the summaries of them
- Help with linking the registrations to the conference admission

### Help Needed:

- Master Gardeners willing to work as a Moderator for a session.
- People willing to help organize the Silent auction.
- Please send Sue ([sue.nesbitt1231@gmail.com](mailto:sue.nesbitt1231@gmail.com)) and Eric ([ericbosler@hotmail.com](mailto:ericbosler@hotmail.com)) an email if you would like to volunteer.

Your thoughts, suggestions, ideas and questions????