



**2nd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting  
June 4, 2021  
Zoom and Telecommunications Meeting**

**Attendees**

Rusch, Chris	Douglas County	OMGA President
Bosler, Eric	Central Gorge	OMGA Past President
Sue Nesbitt	Yamhill County	OMGA Interim Secretary
Sipos, Patrice	Douglas County	OMGA Treasurer
Langellotto, Gail		OSU State Program Leader
Richard Taylor	Benton County	Representative
Kilkenny, Barbara	Central Gorge	Representative
Anne Gehrig	Central Gorge	President-elect
Bosler, Shari	Central Gorge	Mini-college Speaker Committee Chair
Dart, Janet	Central Oregon	Representative
Bouse, Nancy	Clatsop County	Representative
Krager, Rachel	Columbia County	Representative
Dottie Tucker	Coos County	Representative
Sherry Karibaum	Curry County	Representative
Hamby, Barbara	Douglas County	Representative
Barbara Davidson	Jackson County	Representative/Historian Co-Chair
Phyllis McIntosh	Josephine County	Representative
Schallheim, Mark	Josephine County	Josephine Co Chapter President
Harrison, Victoria	Lane County	Representative
Kohler, Ivy	Lane County	Alternate Representative
Christy, Michael	Lincoln County	Representative
Gregg, Janice	Linn County	
Kinkley, Ann	Linn County	Representative
Sawyer, Terry	Marion County	Representative
Frankel, Marilyn	Multnomah County	Representative
O'Keefe, Elaine	Multnomah County	Alternate Representative
Groth, Claudia	Multnomah County	Multnomah Co Chapter Vice President
Wardrum, Judy	Polk County	Polk Co MGA Treasurer
Ray, Leslie	Washington County	Representative
Simmons, Pat	Washington County	Alternate Representative
Graham, Karen	Washington County	President
Blum, Polly	Yamhill County	Representative
Tom Canales	Yamhill County	Alternate Representative
Nesbitt, Sue	Yamhill County	Mini-college Chair

## **Welcome – Chris Rusch**

President Chris Rusch called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm  
There were no additions to the agenda

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

- Four nominations for the State-wide Master Gardener of the Year and two nominations for the State-wide Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the Year were received. The selection committee is working to determine the recipients of both awards.
- Several counties have not submitted nominations for the County Master Gardener of the Year or the County Behind the Scenes awards. Although it is past the due date counties may still submit their nominations.
- As of June 1, 2021 the restrictions for counties in the low and moderate risk categories are being lifted. It is no longer necessary to obtain permission from the Regional Supervisors for face-to-face meetings. Restrictions are still in place for counties in the high-risk category.
- Face coverings are still required in-doors; but, not outside as long as social distancing is maintained.
- Covid-19 training is no longer required.
- There will be Master Gardener training in 2022. In 2019 a hybrid training was used and this may be used again in 2022.
- A reduction in volunteer hours is being considered. The mean number of hours in Oregon is 66.
- They are working on a Statewide Needs Assessment to determine the preferred type and form of Master Gardener education. The focus is on how to serve gardeners. Master Gardeners may be also to assist with the interview portion of the assessment.

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

- There is a new version of Quick Books. Although the program is updated regularly the changes are normally very small and there is no need for updating. However, it may be time for us to update the versions we are using. Normally it is only necessary every 2 – 3 years.
- We were all sad to learn that Patrice has resigned as OMGA Treasurer. Her husband is quite ill. She has done a fabulous job and we appreciate all the time and hard work she has given to OMGA.

## **Approval of the March 5, 2021 Minutes**

Patrice Sipos moved to approve the March 5, 2021 minutes. Polly Blum, Yamhill County Representative second the motion. It passed unanimously.

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

Chris reported that the following volunteers are still needed.

- President Elect
- Vice President
- Newsletter Editor

## **Database**

Chris asked all counties to please review the information for their officers and representatives in the database to make sure that it is correct.

## **Diversity Task Force**

Chris, who is serving on the Diversity Task Force reported on their work. There are four areas of focus which are:

- Who becomes a Master Gardener?
- Who do the Master Gardeners serve in their communities?
- How can the Master Gardener program be more inclusive? They are looking at the practices in other states.

- Events and Programing. For example, the Martin Luther King Day event at OSU



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

Mini-College is rapidly approaching. The last details are being finalized. It is OMGA's first virtual mini-college and should be very exciting.

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

Business completed; the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sue Nesbitt  
OMGA Secretary, Interim



**Update  
2021 Mini-College**

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Where to Find Information About 2021 Virtual Mini-College

Website: <https://mastergardenerminicollege.org/>

Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/oregonmastergardenerassociation>

Cutting Edge Science and Research Happening in Horticulture Now

**Keynote Speakers**  
Robert Michael Pyle,  
People, Plants and Pollinators in the PNW  
Gail Langellotto  
Oregon Master Gardener Report

**Workshops**

- Hydroponics, Grow Amazing Vegetables Indoors Year Round
- OSU Plant ID Program – Full
- Pollinator Garden Design with Native Plants – Full
- Using I-Naturalist for Insect ID

Friday Classes

- The Oregon Bee Atlas
- All About Mason Bees
- Native Garden Plant Considerations for Pollinators
- Pests Attacking Field Crops and Gardens in Oregon: Scouting, Identifying and Managing:
- Microbes under your fingernails? An exploration of the garden microbiome and potential transferability to human skin

Saturday Classes

- Agricultural adaptations for the urban environment
- Organic Vegetable Gardening: Keys for Success
- Invasive Species In Oregon!
- Biochar: The promise, pitfalls, and potential of an emerging soil amendments
- Year-Round Pollinator Plants

Marketing and Promoting 2021 Mini-College

Registrations today 118

- Your help is essential.
- Emphasize Mini-College is open to the public
- Classes will be recorded so registrants can view all of the classes at their convenience

Other Notes

- Each day, ½ hour before the program begins, there will be a slide show of pictures taken by Oregon MGs:
  - Friday – Oregon Gardens
  - Saturday – Beautiful Oregon
- The \$49 attendance fee is bargain since all the classes will be recorded and made available to attendees to view at their convenience following the conference.
- Huge Thanks to all the chapters who have sent monies to support the Silent Auction and Send-A-Friend. As a result we've cancelled the actual auction this year.