



**Oregon Master Gardener
Association
3rd Quarter 2021
Chapter Reports**

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Benton County Master Gardener Association

3rd Quarter 2021 Report

Submitted by Richard Taylor

Greenhouse Spaces –

- Work parties have been cleaning up the outside spaces at the Philomath High School greenhouse. BCMGA has an agreement with the school to use the resource for growing veggie and ornamental plant starts for our plant sales. As our Plant Sale Committee propagates more perennials for the sales, we need room to store and irrigate the plants. A large area has been covered with landscape cloth and gravel. Since it hasn't been in use, weeds had taken over the space.

Before



After



- Zoom meetings have been held to consider all needs associated with owning a greenhouse. Still many unknowns and lots of questions regarding site access, maintenance, roads, zoning, permits, etc. Pashalle Johnson is assisting with estimating maintenance costs for a greenhouse.
- Alternative areas that might support our own greenhouse continue to be evaluated. A site south of Avery Park, currently owned by the Boy Scouts, is being investigated.

Plant Sales –

- Two online sales were held in May. Each required a good deal of organization (inventory, distribution, technological support, etc.). The Edibles sale sold 50% of the annual vegetable starts and 75% of the perennial starts. The Natives sale sold 80% of inventory in the first 24 hours and 95% of inventory in total. Leftover starts were given to BCMGA committees, community gardens, food banks, and the Philomath High School Horticulture Club.

Summer Garden Tours –

Instead of member meetings during the summer months, our Vice President organizes field trips and garden tours for our members.

- Erica Chernoh, Lane County's Commercial and Community Horticulture agent, led a hands-on class in summer pruning of fruit trees at the Lewis-Brown Farm on June 25.
- Don and Debbie Lauer hosted a garden tour of their property on Wednesday July 21st. Don also gave a talk on garden tool maintenance.
- On August 17, a group toured County Line Flowers, a new farm venture by Pami Monette and her new partner Jerry, raising and selling cut flowers.
- The annual BCMGA picnic is on September 20th and may include a potluck!

Insights Into Gardening 2022

- We are hoping this popular gardening one day conference can be held again after being cancelled in 2021 due to the pandemic. The consensus of the Board is to continue planning for this event to occur.

Gearing Up for Gardening 2022

- Janet Magedanz will chair this popular series of lunchtime gardening talks at the Corvallis Library for another year and has contacted her committee members to start planning.

Submitted by:

Richard Taylor
Benton County OMGA State Representative

Central Gorge Master Gardener Association

3rd Quarter 2021 Chapter Report

We have a new Alternate OMGA Rep, Norma Benson!

Planning has started to create our Master Gardener 2022 program (welcoming new group of trainees). A variety of delivery methods and combinations are being considered for how we structure our program. Besides classes "in person," some of our traditional OSU speakers/experts can present via Zoom webinars, allowing more flexibility for weather/travel issues, or Covid changes.

With our early summer relaxed rules, we have returned to more **normal activities**:

- Garden Visits
- Work Parties:
- FISH garden at Food Bank
- Learning Garden at Extension Office,
- Library Garden, downtown Hood River
- Parkdale Memorial Garden

Hood River COUNTY FAIR

We were happy to return to the County Fair in a new outdoor location, near the Entrance! (Instead of previous location in a hot building). With limited time to prepare, a group of 22 organized, set-up, packed-up and staffed the Booth during the four-day period. It was great to be out in the public once again hosting a plant clinic, but also to gain some visibility for OSU and our Master Gardener program!

PLANT CLINICS

We have added two new locations for Saturday Plant Clinics:

- Dickey's Farms store in Bingen/ White Salmon
- Tum-A-Lum Lumber store just off the freeway Exit & Hood River bridge over the Columbia

Ace Hardware in Hood River continues to host 2-3 Saturdays

Mini-College was attended by several CGMG members, who enjoyed it greatly! We are very proud of the hard work of Eric and Shari Bosler adding to its success!!!!

CGMGA received two **grants** from OMGA (\$500 Educator Grant and \$132.13 for video equipment). With this, we purchased a laptop and a mobile Wi-Fi connection (i.e., hot spot) for in-office plant clinics, remote plant clinic locations, and for training/class locations.

We are adding some **additional Awards** to recognize the plethora of talented people within our organization. These awards will be presented at our annual Recognition Gathering in November.

We are also adding "Spotlight" articles to our newsletter, to feature various Master Gardeners.

Submitted by

Anny VanNatta

Central Gorge OMGA State Representative



Third Quarter Report to OMGA Board of Directors

By September, our demonstration gardens are thriving and harvesting has begun in our community vegetables gardens. We are all grateful to have had a summer working outdoors without masks and even managed to have one Board meeting in person, instead of Zoom.

Membership: We continue to hold monthly Board meetings via Zoom, although we felt lucky to have our July meeting in person. Membership remains steady; we're looking forward to new members after the 2022 OSU Master Gardener classes.

Community Education: We have not held any classes since June, although we are putting together a class on "putting your garden to bed before the snow" which may be unique to Central Oregon. To be determined is whether we can hold an in-person class in our demo gardens, or if it will be totally via Zoom.

Plant Sale: We held an online plant sale in June. Perennials were purchased at the end of March and a group of Master Gardener volunteers transplanted them into larger pots.

Direct seed sowing took place in early May, and these plants were transplanted at the end of May. This was a challenge for scheduling with the COVID protocol restriction of a maximum of 3 volunteers in the greenhouse at any one time. Online orders and payment for plants started on May 10th and continued until June 9th with Plant Sale Day plant pick up on June 12, 2021. There was a total headcount of 125 customers that went thru the drive-through check-in for plant pick-up at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. Unsold plants were donated to OSU Extension Service, SNAP Ed Program Manager, Katie Ahern. The net income was \$2,312.

Plant Clinic: We began holding live Plant Clinic over the summer, with only one shift per day from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. OSU Extension set us up temporarily in larger quarters so that two Master Gardeners could work shifts together. The ECCO program has been extremely successful; all volunteers are using it and it makes for seamless continuity of solving issues over multiple workdays. Additionally, ECCO made it possible to hold virtual plant clinics.

OSU Extension Service Demonstration Garden in Redmond: There are four remaining workdays scheduled for this demo garden. Duties will include harvesting and transplanting for the landscaping between the buildings. The last official workday will be October 19; the annual beds and vegetables will be cleaned up, and the garden will be put to bed for the winter. All volunteers will be masked, even if outdoors, because it is too difficult to maintain a 6' social distancing space.

Community Gardens: Hollinshead and Discovery Park: Plants are growing, people are harvesting, things are going fine. The gardens will close for the season over the weekend of October 16-17, 2021.

Waterwise Garden: The garden looks very nice right now, with some plants still in bloom. Purslane is an issue in the native beds because it is growing in several areas nearby. Other plants have gotten big and discussions are ongoing about how much larger certain plants will get. Work is also being done to finish the database to get information loaded and available.

Google Workspace Protocols: Earlier this year we implemented Google Workspace (free through TechSoup.org) so that each Project Coordinator has cloud storage for relevant emails and documentation. We are in the process of writing policies and procedures for this and plan to get everyone trained by early 2021. We are planning to create a training video in addition to holding Zoom training sessions. This is a great winter project since our gardens close in late October.

Submitted by:

Janet Dart,
Central Oregon OMGA State Representative

Coos County Master Gardener 3rd Quarter 2021 Report

We had our first in person and zoom chapter meeting in August. Everyone who attended was glad to see the other Master Gardeners.

Coos county Master Gardeners are slowly moving forward with meeting with the public again. We have opened up plant clinic at the Extension office on Mondays and Thursdays as well as at the Farmers Market on every other Wednesday. We also staffed the plant clinic during the Coos County Fair July 20-24.

Our Master Gardener of the year was announced. This year it will be Tina Powers our current Secretary and Behind the scenes Master Gardener of the year is Claudia Turner our current Treasurer.

Submitted by:

Dottie Tucker
Coos County OMGA State Representative

Curry County Master Gardener Association Third Quarter 2021 Chapter Report

We had our Annual plant Sale this year online. The public responded well and it was a great opportunity for Master Gardeners volunteers to serve and learn.

Congratulations to our two CCMGs for their OSU Master Gardener awards!

The **“Behind the Scenes” Award** goes to Ali Vanotterloo for the amazing amount of time and extraordinary effort in making the Shopify website for our Annual Plant Sale.



The **Curry County Master Gardener of the Year** was awarded to Michelle Arnold for all her hard work.



Seed to Supper: This year the Seed to Super program was online via Zoom. The program had a wide range of students and Master Gardeners all learning and providing support. Making it a huge success educating and supporting new gardeners.

Riley Creek Garden: Riley Creek Garden continues to educate the students while practicing COVID precautions. We had a great Strawberry Festival celebrating 15 weeks of hour-long garden classes. Students shared what they learned and accomplished with family members young and older. 85 participants in all!

Excited about strawberry shortcake



We also hosted a Summer Garden Camp in July and August for 3--5 graders at the Riley Creek Garden!

From the garden lettuce wraps with future garden veggie options for the filling



Chetco Seed Library: The Chetco Seed Library cabinet at the library in Brookings is fully stocked. This project supplies free seeds to the community.

Plant Clinic: Continues to go well is currently online and receiving many questions.

Dig your Library: Although Dig your Library was cancelled this year. Julia Bott did host a Fall Plant Workshop teaching various classes. One was how to make your own worm bin and another was Tomato Tasting. This was using COVID precautions and outdoors.

Lastly, we have to announce that our Program Assistant; Scott Thiemann is leaving us. We all are sad to see Scott leave us. There are going to be interviews to find his replacement.

Submitted by:

Sherry Kari Baum,
Curry County OMGA State Representative

Douglas County Master Gardener Association 3rd Quarter 2021 Chapter Report

September 1, 2021, Dawnetta Loomis became the new Douglas County MG Treasurer, Kish Doyle the OMGA Representative and Barbara Hamby the OMGA Alternate Representative.

The Plant Clinic is up and running Monday thru Friday from 1pm to 4pm. Current indoor mask guidelines are in use.

Everyone is working again in the Discovery Garden. As of August 26, the Victory Garden has harvested 3,504 pounds of vegetables that were donated to UCAN, our county food bank.

Steve Renquist was given permission to hold a fall Master Gardener training class. It will be eight weeks long, from September 26 until November 16 and have 19 students attending. He will also have four Thursdays in October with education classes in the garden for the students and current master gardeners. Mask guidelines will be in effect.

Submitted by:

Kish Doyle
Douglas County OMGA State Representative

Jackson County Master Gardener's Association 3rd Quarter 2021 Chapter Report

Board Governance

Like most MG Associations, much of the organizational work continues to be influenced by the changing Covid pandemic restrictions and protocols. The Board has continued to meet via Zoom with the exception of our June meeting when our Covid numbers were quite low. It was great to see each other face to face. However, once our Covid numbers began to rise, the Board has gone back to meeting via Zoom.

- Financially, JCMGA has focused on managing expenses and maximizing revenue. Sales of our *Garden Guide for the Rogue Valley* has helped keep us in the black. Individual members have been growing and selling plants on their own and then donating the proceeds to JCMGA. We recently had a very successful yard sale at the home of a member where again, all proceeds were donated to JCMGA.
- We preparing now for our annual bulb sale in the fall.
- We are planning an October graduation for students from the class of 2020.
- Our website is currently under revision.
- Cancelled our annual membership picnic due to Covid restrictions and are back to wearing masks and social distancing at the SOREC Extension Center.
- During the short period the SOREC Extension Center was open, JCMGA held a yard sale and plant sale that netted over \$3,000.
- We are actively participating in the OSU Master Gardener Extension Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force (DEI) and looking forward to making JCMGA more inclusive.

Education & Community Outreach

- Our annual education day "*Winter Dreams Summer Gardens*" will be held virtually this coming November.
- We had a very successful virtual tour of native plant gardens with eleven local gardeners in June. This was completed with narrated videos of the individual gardens.
- JCMGA has donated plants and volunteer time to develop a new demonstration garden at the Britt Festival grounds in Jacksonville.
- Two members presented a virtual class on *Growing Veggies in the Rogue Valley* through the Osher Lifelong Learning Center (OLLI).

Submitted by:

Kathy Apple
Jackson County OMGA State Alternate Representative

Josephine County Master Gardener Association 3rd Quarter 2021 Chapter Report

For a fleeting moment we were out from under the Covid cloud and had two in person monthly meetings. We were masked, but there were lots of crinkle-eyed smiles and obvious joy at meeting in the same auditorium. Short moments of normalcy. Covid-delta is back down here in Southern Oregon and sadly we have a poor vaccination rate and our hospitals are full to overflowing. In-person meetings are once again out of the question.

Our new Josephine County Master Gardener Coordinator was announced at our July meeting. Danielle Knueppel began via remote access in August and will be here in September. We look forward to her leadership getting us through some challenging times.

All preparations for our move have been put on hold so we had a plant sale to members only. Our great Perennial crew have continued to propagate and care for our plants on benches waiting for decisions to be made. So, money was made, and some beautiful plants went to new homes.

Our county fair went on through smoke from fires and screaming hot temperatures. We did have our usual JoCo MG Plant Clinic in the Agriculture building. Masking was required inside all of the fair buildings. A small inconvenience to allow you to walk around and look at the beautiful produce in an air-conditioned building.

We've operated our Plant Clinic in the office three days a week, with only one Master Gardener in the clinic. An upcoming meeting will determine how the clinic will go forward with the Covid infection rate continuing to climb.

Our website continues to develop and we have seen some real improvements. Collaboration is difficult but we'll get there.

We're looking forward to our Recognition Banquet in November and hope we will be able to meet and share a meal in person.

Submitted by:

Phylis McIntosh,
Josephine County OMGA State Representative

Lane County Master Gardener Association 3rd Quarter 2021 Report

In July, the Lane County Plant Clinic opened up from Covid restrictions on a limited basis, but then sadly, although still open as of now, needing masking and distancing restrictions due to the upswing in Covid cases. Soil testing done on a one-person testing basis also began again.

A planned hybrid Summer Celebration event has been changed to an all-virtual event, with presentations planned on Friday August 27th, at 6:00-8:00 pm, and on Saturday, August 28th, 2:00-4:00. Sunday's "homecoming-type" event was cancelled in an abundance of caution due to Covid.

Throughout the past few months, all of our committees have striven with varying success to stay active, either with masked, social distancing precautions, or by holding meetings via Zoom. Lane County has opened a new Native Plant and Pollinator's group, and a recent group of Propagators continue to save seed and use other methods of propagation to start plants for a potential Spring Sale using safer methods to prevent pest transference.

Monthly webinars have continued throughout the year, and can be viewed on our Lane County Master Gardener YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcqWh7lwUQhJWCkd1b9jLQ/videos>.

Submitted by:

Vicki Harrison,
Lane County OMGA State Representative

Lincoln County Master Gardener Association (LCMGA)

3rd Quarter 2021 Report to OMGA Board of Directors

Board members are Co-Presidents, Sharon Busby, Cathi Block; Co-Past Presidents, Pam McElroy, Kristi Kind; Co-Vice Presidents Greg Kurtz, Lynne Holland; Secretary, Rebecca Hooper; Treasurer, Alanna Miklic; State Representative, Michael Christy; Historian, Kharizma McAnulty. **NO CHANGE**

We have continued to host our monthly board meetings via Zoom. **Currently the position of Master Gardener, Agriculture, and Forestry Program Coordinator is vacant. NO CHANGE**

<u>Membership</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Certified/Active	39	56
Lifetime	8	9
Associate	38	35
Student Trainees	11**	22 + 1 online
Total	96	122

% recertifying = $(39/56) \times 100 = 70\%$

Student trainees continuing from 2020. **NO CHANGE

LCMGA Master Gardener Classes/Other Local Events:

The statewide recommendation for training for the 2022 year is still being worked out. We will work towards graduating apprentices from 2020 this November. There is ongoing discussion about logistics for 2022 training. **NO CHANGE**

- **Apprentices:** Many of our apprentices have worked through the Summer with individual demonstration garden mentors applying projects in their own gardens; often monitored safely by the mentors both in safe distancing/masks and social media/email. **NO CHANGE**
- **Plant Clinics:** Our local plant clinic continues to be fluid. Some weeks taking on a virtual 'adopt a week' plan. Other weeks a tenured/veteran Master Gardener is paired with an apprentice, and they are provided access to the plant clinic email to continue providing community outreach to our county. This will be our community footprint until the end of year and into the 2022 year.
 - **Our in-person Plant Clinics are open- observing all standing COVID guidelines. CHANGE**
 - Renee Johnson has conducted multiple ECCO training events for those that continue to work our plant clinics. ECCO is developing into the go to plant clinic support tool for Master Gardener's. **CHANGE**

Community Education:

-Winter/Spring Virtual Round Tables: **UPDATED**

- The Winter/Spring round tables are being developed at this time. More to follow. **CHANGE**

-Seed to Supper/ Siembra la Cena: **UPDATED**

- Conducted the Seed to Supper program entirely in Spanish and virtually via Zoom. Program consisted of four (4) evening classes and one (1) physical meeting at the community garden at the Lincoln County fairgrounds. Approximately twelve (12) participants.
- Classes were presented by a previous graduate of the program with assistance from our SNAP-Ed Education Program Assistant (Beatriz Botello), Education Program Assistant (Renee Johnson), and three of our own Lincoln County Master Gardeners.

Demonstration Gardens: **UPDATED**

- **Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) - Lincoln City – NO CHANGE**
 - **NOT OPEN** to the public. Not accessible to MGs on weekends. Maintenance only.
- **Oceanview Assisted Living Adaptive Garden- Newport - CHANGE**
 - **This garden is now closed as a LCMGA demonstration garden. The garden has been formally transferred back to the Oceanview Assisted Living Community.**
- **Yaquina Bay Lighthouse and School Garden-Newport – NO CHANGE**
 - **NOT OPEN** to the public.
 - No water currently. Hoping for a fall garden, solely relying on precipitation.
- **Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) - South Beach – NO CHANGE**
 - **NOT OPEN** to the public, not accessible to MGs on weekends. Maintenance only.

- Late season crops have been planted to donate to Food Share. Plants include carrots, peas, beans and napa cabbage.
- **Yachats Demonstration and Community Gardens- OPEN – NO CHANGE**
 - Community beds are open to the public.
 - Currently meeting weekly for maintenance and growing.

Garden Tours: We did manage to conduct six (6) local Master Gardener tours for LCMGA, members only, to comply with our local and state Covid restrictions. This was a much-needed respite for our socially deprived group.

Community Garden Initiative: There has been a revival in the county community garden movement. Meetings with the county are held every other month. The discussion includes how to make community gardens better, community garden access, and the addition of new community gardens. We want to be involved in this discussion with the county and find ways as Master Gardeners to support this. Zoom meeting of interested parties are conducted every other month identifying both scope and additional meeting times. This is an ongoing effort let by a local government partner- the City of Newport- interested in increasing community garden opportunities. **NO CHANGE**

Lincoln County School District (LCSD) -School Gardens Project:

LCSD's school garden program is a partnership with OSU Extension Master Gardener and Small Farms programs. Hopefully someday we will have more MG involvement when volunteering in person is allowed. This year the LCSD School Coordinator only works with the Yaquina View Elementary School. Plans are to expand the program to an additional school pending COVID restrictions. Currently our LCMGA MGs are not able to work directly with this project because of COVID restrictions. The USDA and the Whole Kids Gardening Foundation grant funding was approved for the school garden program. LCSD School Coordinator works with the Yaquina View Elementary School and Newport Middle School. COVID guidelines for garden volunteers are in the process of being developed. **UPDATED**

Check out our website at <https://www.orcoastmga.org/> to see more.

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Linn County Master Gardener Association 3rd Quarter 2021 Chapter Report

Demo Garden

We were approved to open the demonstration garden (located at the fairgrounds) during the Linn County Fair. Master Gardeners manned a table to answer questions. Regular MG volunteers have grown a lot of produce this year for FISH and the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Mason Bee Project

This year the growing sites are really having a problem with pollen mites. There is some serious thought that going forward we might consider one-time-use tubes. Teasel is an option but it is very labor intensive to harvest and prepare them for use. Due to the COVID uncertainty there may not be in person cocoon cleaning workshops this fall. There are videos available for this but will wait until closer to October to make a determination.

Weekly gardening talks at the Albany Library will tentatively begin September 9 and be scheduled every other week. At this time the talks are scheduled to be delivered via zoom. Should the library be open and available this might change? Dan will provide an update at our next board meeting.

MG table at the Saturday Market

We did not have a table every other week this year due to Covid restrictions. We hope to man a table at some other community events/markets or garden stores in the fall.

Submitted By:

Ann Kinkley & Sue Wilson
 Linn County OMGA State Representative and Alternate State Representatives

Marion County Master Gardener Association 3rd Quarter 2021 Chapter Report

Summer is coming to a close, the temperatures are coming down making it pleasant to work in our gardens. The MCMGA is still looking to fill vacant Board positions for President Elect, Plant Sale Chair, Marion Garden Co-Chair and Member-at-Large. We are very happy to report that Jane Sommers has volunteered for editor of our Garden Gate Newsletter and is looking for articles from our Master Gardeners. Our Communications Chair is also trying to fill vacancies for the Communication committee.

The Marion County Demonstration Garden is looking much better due in large part to a small handful of dedicated Master Gardeners working long hours to accomplish this. The Maintenance team has been working on some much-needed repairs to our structures with the Education building being prepped for a fresh coat of paint. They have repaired two of our raised beds that were creating a safety hazard, removed the old parking bumpers and are in the process of replacing with new. We have discovered that we have the invasive species Nutria within our garden and we are working with Marion County to eradicate/reduce their numbers.

The Plant Clinic (located at the Marion County Extension office) is open. The coordinator has requested MG volunteers however there has not been a large turnout

The Community Plant Clinics held at the Salem and Aumsville Farmers Markets have been a success. The majority of volunteer slots are being filled.

Our Education Chair has been busy working on scheduling educational speakers for the MCMGA. She has set up two presentations, one by Salem author John Shervey titled "The Love of Hummingbirds". This presentation is scheduled on September 30, 6:30 - 8:30 at the 50+ Center in Salem. The second presentation is by Laraine Anderson on "Solar Cooking of Veggies from the garden". This will be held in April or May of 2022.

Membership is working diligently with our Tech Support to bring our Digital Membership Directory on line.

Submitted by:

Terry Sawyer
Marion County OMGA State Representative

MULTNOMAH COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION 3RD QUARTER 2021 REPORT

Just like everyone else, the Multnomah County chapter has had to seriously curtail activities in the third quarter. Despite COVID restrictions, however, we have persevered. Here are a few highlights:

- The dedicated Master Gardeners who lead and work in the Demonstration Garden had a successful year, despite changing access restrictions and a historic heat wave. They are harvesting and donating an impressive amount of fresh produce, closely monitoring test plots, and planning for the future.
- Our Educate! committee is exploring new ways to provide gardening education to our community in the COVID environment. They're working in collaboration with community partners on a seed giveaway program, with more projects to come.
- The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) group has continued to meet regularly. They are exploring ways to open the chapter to people who have historically been overlooked, excluded, or made to feel unwelcome. To facilitate those goals, a DEI Toolkit was developed and distributed to the entire membership. The toolkit provides Master Gardeners with guidance as they plan activities, projects, policies or procedures. If interested, we'll send you a copy.

Unfortunately, our annual Harvest Gathering traditionally held at the Demo Garden has been cancelled again this year due to COVID concerns. We're disappointed and look forward to the day we can all gather together again. Be well, everyone.

Submitted by,

Elaine O'Keefe
Multnomah County OMGA State Representative

Tillamook County Master Gardener Association

3rd Quarter 2021 Chapter Report

We recently held our first in person board meeting at the Learning Garden patio. It was great to get together for the first time since the beginning of the pandemic. As of August, we are again unable to get together in person because of the increase of Covid cases and death in our county. We are again using only virtual plant clinics and not participating in the Farmer's Markets.

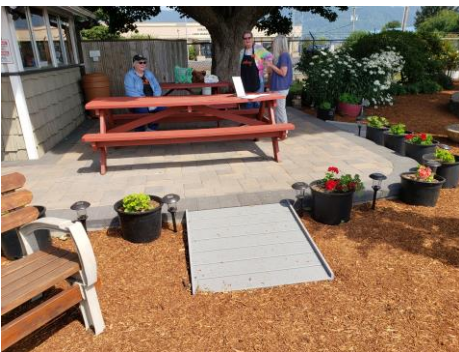
Before the recent shut down it was possible for many to gather and work at the garden, weeding, planting and harvesting. We had a great turnout for the bark spreading day in preparation for the county fair. We had 12 hardy members spread over 12 yards of bark to make the garden look great for the fair. 24 Master Gardeners hosted the garden during the fair and we had 889 visitors. That number is down from previous years but taking into consideration current health conditions in the county we feel great about the participation. We have added a large paved area to the garden and installed ramps for people who are mobility challenged, we also added motion lights for night time visitors. It is a lovely area for taking breaks, eating lunch, having meetings or just relaxing under the tree. Our greenhouse was not used for plantings this year, so several members created some great teaching displays in the greenhouse.

The nominating committee has gathered volunteers for the next years officers. Voting to follow.

Due to the unprecedented number of Covid cases in our area our fall sale and potluck has been canceled. Hopefully next year!

Tillamook has four Farmer's Markets this year, and we have been participating in them all until our recent shut down. Manzanita, Tillamook, Pacific City and Neskowin have markets.

"Communications: TCMGA manages both a Facebook Page and website. Our Facebook page currently boasts over 800 followers. TCMGA's website continues to grow to meet the needs of members and the gardening public. We purchased and installed e-commerce software to conduct an online Plant Sale. This involved creating a store catalog, product inventory, pricing, order form and credit card payment features. This proved to be very successful, despite various 'learning opportunities' which will be employed for subsequent sales. Under our Resources tab is a form the public may use to submit gardening questions and photos directly to Tillamook Master Gardeners. The online calendar interfaces with our Google calendar allowing visitors to view upcoming events and training classes. Our Members Only page is password protected and provides access to chapter policies, procedures, position descriptions along with meeting minutes, reports, and weekly Blast and a link to the OSU Volunteer Reporting System. A Donation page has been created whereby the public can make donations to our established scholarship funds using the same e-commerce functionality noted previously. We have an active Blog with semi-monthly posts ranging from scientific articles, to gardens of interest, to our chapter activities. Posts automatically feed to our FB page thereby reaching an additional 800 people. Our vision for the website is to become the 'One-Stop-Shop' for 'All Things Tillamook Master Gardener' (submitted by past-president Camile Hickman).



Submitted by:

Betty Lyons.
Tillamook County OMGA State Representative

Wasco County Master Gardener Association 3rd Quarter 2021 Chapter Report

As with other groups we have had to limit many normal activities.

- We have been able to keep the Plant Clinics going between e-mail, telephones and outside distancing.
- Our regular radio sessions have been on schedule to the community.
- Classes are on line for continuing education.
- Our DIG Garden (The Dalles Imagination Garden) was planted and harvested. The produce is donated to The Oregon Food Bank.
- We have had a few community education talks at the DIG Garden, outside and distanced from each other.

We all miss the social aspect of getting together, at the same time, to work and visit. Hopefully conditions will improve by spring.

Submitted by:

Ronnie Smith,

Wasco County OMGA State Representative

Washington County Master Gardener™ Association 3rd Quarter Report 2021

The challenges of providing Master Gardener services to the public have eased somewhat and we are beginning to see possibilities in planning for the year ahead.

- Closer to a logo! The membership will be surveyed this week to select the logo from 2 very different designs.
- The survey also contains short questions on our strategic direction in regard to possible funding shortfall anticipated in the 2022-23 year and preference for Chapter meetings – Zoom/In Person/some combination.
- The Spanish translation project has completed information sheet revisions and request for bids is in process.
- We have been back in the gardens and are almost weed free after more than a year away from both the Learning and Education Gardens.
- The Pollinator Hedgerow project has begun with soil test, delivery of soil, and finalization of the layout which includes, for now, a wood chip pathway.
- In anticipation that 2022 will provide opportunities for in person activities, we are planning Garden Fest — our “plant sale plus” — activities and selecting the plants and vendors. Tentative scheduling is to hold Garden Fest late April/early May.

Submitted by:

Leslie Ray
Washington County OMGA State Representative