



Oregon Master Gardener Association
1ST Quarter 2022
Chapter Reports

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Benton County Master Gardener Association
Quarterly Chapter Report
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Benton County Association Meetings –

- January – Our speaker for January was Heather Stoven, Community and Small Farms Horticulturalist for Yamhill County. Heather's presentation was on Biological Pesticides. While something like rotenone has been around forever, there are new agents involving plant extracts, bacterial cultures, etc., that are becoming available to farmers and home gardeners in recent years, offering an alternative to synthetic chemical pesticides.

Her talk can be found here on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/aJeTFXXfVHc>

- February - Our speaker for February was Jennifer Klammer, a Benton County Master Gardener. Her talk was on seed starting. The link to her presentation on YouTube is here: <https://youtu.be/fXV3YzUkUQ>
- March – On March 21, Sharon Knight from Garland's Nursery will be the featured speaker. Chapter meetings are open to the public.

Community Garden Education Team (CGET) –

The Benton County Master Gardener (**MG**) Community Gardening Education Team (**CGET**) is presenting a virtual Seed to Supper at Home (**S2S@Home**) class on Feb. 22, March 1, March 8, and March 15 from 6:30 to 8pm. S2S is a free, comprehensive, beginning gardening course for novice adult gardeners who are on a limited budget. The classes have been offered in Benton County for the last eight years, usually in person, but not in the last couple of years. Topics include creating a garden plan, making garden beds, building healthy soil, compost and fertilizer, watering, insects, gardening resources, and food preservation. For more information contact: cget.bentonmg@gmail.com

Annual Plant Sale –

Our annual in-person Plant Sale & Clinic is back! In 2022. We'll have over 10,000 plants for sale on May 7, 9am-3pm, at the Benton Fairgrounds. The greenhouse crew has thousands of vegetables and herb starts seeded and growing fast, featuring stellar varieties tested in our own gardens. There will be 20 tomato varieties and 13 different peppers in addition to other vegetables and various herbs. We're growing more native plants than ever. Native trees, shrubs, perennials, and annual flowers will be for sale.

Landscape plants prepared over the past year are showing signs of welcoming spring. You'll find perennial bloomers, groundcovers, deer and drought resistant plants to make your garden glow.

Questions? Contact the Plant Sale Team at: bcmgplantsale@gmail.com

Central Gorge Master Gardeners 1st Q 2022 Report to OMGA

...End of 2021 Report

In November 2021 the Central Gorge Master Gardeners had our first in-person, indoors event in 2 years. The **2021 CGMGA Recognition Event** commemorated a year full of challenges that we've never seen before. Forty-one members were recertified in this second year of Covid-19 distancing, we had no trainees.

It was a memorable evening at the rustic Crag Rat Hut, with the warmth from the massive stone fireplace, the ambiance of fall leaves and bouquets, and the amber glow of candlelight. A photo montage of the past year opened the evening's program, which was live-streamed on Zoom for those who didn't choose to mingle.

Outgoing President, Sandi, and MG Program Coordinator Megan Wickersham, presented a program that celebrated successes of our challenging year: Creating our first online Plant Sale, adapting Seed to Supper and all classes and meetings on Zoom, and holding masked/distanced work parties. Our Virtual Plant Clinic started in March of 2021, and was an uphill climb. However, 274 online questions from home gardener were answered, and we resumed some of our public presence in mid-summer, adding two new retail locations for Saturday plant Clinics.

After acknowledging our 2 Master Gardeners of the year, and 2 Behind the Scenes stars, the newly created award recipients were announced. Due to the overwhelming number of nominations, it was clear to the Awards Committee that our Association has many more deserving members, in many new roles. This resulted in the creation of the following new awards:

- 1) The **Master Gardener Impact / Projects award** was given to Pat Morrison and Ellen Penswick for their longstanding commitment to the Learning Garden. They were both involved in the initial planning, development and execution of the various garden sectors, and have shown up for years of work parties. This year they learned how to build the replacement Japanese fence and taught others at a work party.
- 2) **Community Outreach award** recipients are Elaine Johnson and Anny VanNatta, who have worked together for years on a special garden area at the Hood River Valley Adult Center. The original project was a Community Garden, established by, and dedicated to Elaine's late-husband. Elaine was a non-gardener, trying to care for it all herself. Anny said, "Of course, I can teach you!!" We can grow produce for the Meals on Wheels kitchen.

Heavy equipment had just cleared blackberries from the adjacent hillside..... doubling the size. The slippery clay soil and uneven slope made it an unstable place for older adults to volunteer. However, using sustainable techniques, burlap-covered pathways, timer-regulated drip irrigation, and leaves to smother weeds. The garden is now tamed, with monthly help of High School volunteers, and plans to host the chapter for a hands-on visit.

There are now ten, 30-foot rows surrounded by pollinator friendly border and a wooden fence, installed by Boy Scouts. The Sherriff's crew of people doing community service helps clean up the debris from tree & shrub pruning.

Linda Kaufman was chosen to receive the **Plant Clinic award** for stepping up in extraordinary ways to assist with Plant Clinic helping to transition "Virtual" phone and online questions. She's one of several who commits to handling the overload of Plant Clinic questions that we often receive. She created a database of question topics to help better plan for future clinics and training.

The **Chapter Educator award** was given to Jewel McKenzie for the educational writing she contributes to the Columbia Gorge News, print and online newspaper editions. She has written some lovely garden articles aimed towards the public, and keeps the local communities informed about our MG program. She also initiated a recurring MG Spotlight article for our CGMGA newsletter.

The **Communications award** was given to the team of Paul Matalucci and Deb Traver, stepping up to create a social media presence. They plan weekly what information would be timely, share what our chapter is doing, and also include some general gardening info for the public.

The **Special Services award** was designed to recognize a community member for contributions to a Master Gardener project or event. Chuck Bugge constructed an informational and educational kiosk at the FISH Food Bank Garden allowing the garden coordinator to more efficiently communicate with volunteer workers.

It also became evident that there were so many contributors to the success of our Biggest Event of 2021 and the most profitable fundraiser, our **Annual Plant Sale**. A plaque will be hung inside the greenhouse which reads '**Honoring the Central Gorge Master Gardener 2021 Plant Sale Team** for a Highly Successful Event via Creative Planning, Dedication, and Perseverance during Covid-19.'

Ending with a short CGMGA business meeting, the membership learned that our chapter is financially healthy with assets in the bank and our best Ever Plant Sale! New officers were elected for 2022.

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...Now to 1st Quarter of 2022!!

2022 Central Gorge MG Training program will be a hybrid of in-person, live streaming (and recorded) on Zoom.....with the online Modules options, and with some in-the-garden workshops. The Mentor program will be revised as we welcome 26 new trainees!

Besides planning and coordinating our training program, Megan revised our CGMGA Handbook, interviewed each trainee and guided us through many Virtual, technical and new AV equipment transitions. She continues to be an active, supportive participant in our chapter activities and committees. We really appreciate her!!

The 2022 plant sale planning is in full swing, continuing all sorts of new processes and revising old ones: website, inventory and ordering forms online (on Shopify), ordering seeds and more efficient supplies, scheduling seed starting parties, producing training videos, daily watering, organizing bundling/ preparing of online orders, staffing for multiple days.

Unfortunately, our hoop house was crushed under the snow, and will have to be rebuilt.

We have Seed to Supper classes this spring, and Garden projects are starting,

Our bi-Annual Garden tour is set for June 18, with gardens in White Salmon Washington.

Submitted by,
Anny VanNatta, State Representative
Central Gorge Master Gardener's Association



First quarter Report to OMGA Board of Directors – March 2022

Membership

We currently have 55 paid members with more expected in. Four are associate members. Nine were certified from last year. We used Digi Signer and PayPal app for membership renewal paperwork and payment. Twenty-one people took advantage of this new option. The data base program, Microsoft Access, will be used for the member database in the near future.

Community Education

Our education events are on Zoom for the time being, except where noted:

- March 15 & 17, 9-10:30 a.m.: Pat Kolling is teaching two COCC classes on General Gardening and Vegetable Gardening; Vicky Kemp and Jan Even are assisting her. These COCC events, but it's our first teaching this season.
- March 23, 7-8 p.m., Pat Kolling and Chris Maio will be conducting a free pruning class, followed up by live pruning demonstrations in both the Water-wise demo garden in Bend and the OSU demo garden in Redmond.
- March 26, 10 a.m.: Free Growing Vegetables Q&A #1. Attendees are sent Amy Jo Detweiler's video about growing vegetables, and then attend a Q&A webinar.
- March 28, 7 p.m.: Growing Vegetables Q&A #2

We now have TWO newspaper columnists providing gardening information for the public. Liz Douville's column in the Bend Bulletin, which has been around for quite some time, and Marilyn Clark's new monthly column in the Madras Pioneer; her first article appeared on Feb. 9th.

Community Gardens

Discovery Park Community Garden (DPCG) (formerly known as Northwest Crossing Community Garden) is located on property owned by Bend Park & Recreation District and managed by our Master Gardener Volunteers. Each 4' x 10' raised bed is equipped with micro sprayers for irrigation. The automatic watering system is centrally adjusted during the season to compensate for weather and the watering needs of garden plants. OSU Master Gardener Volunteers are available as a gardening resource and to assist gardeners. Gardening classes are held throughout the growing season. LOTTERY opens March 1st and closes April 1st. The lottery drawing will be held on April 3rd.

Hollinshead Community Gardens has already had two productive mentor/volunteer meetings to finish off one of last year's projects and are looking forward to another great season. To welcome gardeners, a short video is being developed to send with the Garden Guidelines. This gives them an introduction to community gardening and shows how it's different from home gardening. The New-Gardener Lottery started March 1 and ends March 31. Currently, we have four plots available. Nine legacy renters from last season have until March 23 to reclaim their plot. This year we are developing a "Pre-Lottery" lottery for existing renters, in good standing, who desire to change from their existing plot to one of the vacant plots. So far, we have seven who have indicated they want to move.

The Hollinshead Water-wise Garden's first workday will be March 24 beginning at 10:00 a.m. The regular workdays are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. We are working on perfecting the use of the workday report with procedures for the volunteers to follow. The plant database is progressing, and a meeting is scheduled with the "techie team" to facilitate access to and use of the data. We are upping our educational

program with a pruning class to be held via webinar on March 23rd from 7-8:00 p.m. followed by an onsite class at the garden on March 26 from 1-3:00 p.m. The City of Bend has approached the HWG team to work with them on a "Field Day" to be held in June or July at Hollinshead. More to come as this develops. We're looking forward to having a new group of trainees to supplement our full schedule of activities.

The OSU Demonstration Garden workdays begin in April on the first and third Tuesday. **ALL** master gardeners are required to work at least 3 hours in the garden. This is a great opportunity for every master gardener to become familiar with the garden, keep it in top shape, and engage with visitors coming by for a tour.

The new Alpenglow Demonstration Garden will open in May, when they will make a call out to all Master Gardeners to plant an estimated 100 plants. The Garden will feature four distinct areas: Small Urban, Low Maintenance, Pollinators, and Fire-wise.

Spring Seminar

We will be hosting our 32nd Annual Spring Gardening Seminar virtually on four Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16, and 23rd in 2022. The seminar consists of 7 webinars containing a variety of garden topics. This seminar is open to anyone interested in gardening. Classes are \$5 each. Registration is open on the Central Oregon Master Gardener website www.gocomga.com. All classes are approved for Central Oregon Master Gardener advanced training.

June Garden Fair

June Garden Fair will take place on Saturday, the 4th. It will include a plant sale and raffle, vendors, education booths and a mobile plant clinic. Presentations may include Growing Tomatoes, Water-wise Gardening, and Deer Resistant Gardening. These are in the 10-Minute University format, outdoors, informal and based on existing OSU Gardening Publications.

Home & Garden Show

We are cautiously optimistic that we will have our three-day plant clinic and several gardening classes at the 2022 Home and Garden Show on May 6-8th. Anticipated classes include growing vegetables, tomatoes, composting, and growing berries.

Submitted by,
Jan Barron, State Representative
Central Oregon Master Gardener Association

Clatsop County Master Gardener Association
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We have organized a committee to coordinate Astoria Sunday Market with Seaside Farmers market. It will be every other week instead of weekly. Our county is very large and having a market at each end will allow our MG'S to participate without having to drive 40 miles each way to work at a market.

Ryan Ewing is developing an online sign-up source on our new web site for our master gardeners to sign up to work markets.

Development of two Spring" pop up" plant sales to be stocked by MG propagation efforts and left-over plants from the on-line plant sale. This was very popular with the public last year and was successful. Time frame April and May.

Discussion Phase. Fall field trip considering Savvy Island. Also, to survey nurseries with focus on Fall gardening events.

Our Fall gardening event at the fairgrounds will include several education projects and speakers focused on sustainable home gardens. This will pertain to time of year.

There will be demonstrations including canning, tool sharpening, winterizing, soil testing. Time frame: Sept., Oct.

Our 1st field trip this year will be March 31st at Blackberry Farm @ 3:30 followed by Scott Thompson @ 4:30 who will speak on propagation and cuttings. We will also have a membership meeting.

I have put the word out for Master Gardeners to start working on donations for our silent auction at Mini College. We expect a good turnout this year.

Respectfully,
Joanie Chapel, State Representative
Clatsop County Master Gardeners Association

Columbia County Master Gardener Association

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Seed to Supper Programs

Clatskanie is set to go with Lynn Green who will be teaching a hands-on 4 session class at the Clatskanie Farmers' Market Garden, March 17 - May 5. Deb Brimacombe is organizing a second hands-on class at the MG Demo Garden beginning April 28 and running through Fair. We are working on coordinating a class in Vernonia, too.

Spring Fair

This year's annual fundraiser will be held at the Columbia County Fairgrounds Pavilion. This location will provide ample space for people to attend, and the community is very excited to have us back with tomato & pepper plants and vendors after these past two years!

The BugNutz are planning an information table at Spring Fair and a school visit, sharing pollinators with the second graders in Columbia City. They also helped set up a Mason Bee display McBride, an elementary school in St. Helens.

Katherine Johnson is the Committee Chair.

Monthly "Chat with Chip" online event

This is an ongoing Zoom presentation every 3rd Tuesday of the month with Chip Bubl. Chip will address previously requested topics and also there is time for Q & A.

Register to join in and view previous presentations are also available online at

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/columbia/columbia-county-gardening-small-farms-resources>

Columbia County Fairgrounds Demo Garden

LaVina Patterson is waking up the garden to prepare for this year's County Fair in July. In 2021 the Demo Garden had over 1000 visitors during the fair as well as donating 1000 pounds of produce to our local Food Bank.

Chapter Meetings

This year's presenters have been scheduled by Katherine Johnson, and recordings of the guest presentations are online here: <https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/columbiamga/learning-opportunities/>.

Master Gardeners will be presenting short garden talks two days during the **Columbia County Home and Garden Show, April 23 & 24.**

Also of Interest: Sonia Reagan has left her position at the OSU Extension office in St. Helens but is remaining very active as a Master Gardener Volunteer. We are so lucky to have her expertise and support as we move forward in Columbia County!

Submitted by:

Karen Harte, State Representative
Master Gardener Volunteer (2020)
Columbia County MGA

Sonia Reagan, Alternate State Representative
Master Gardener Volunteer (2009)
Columbia County MGA

**Coos County OMGA
First Quarter Report to OMGA Board
March, 2022**

Coos County MGs are slowly coming back together. We are having in person as well as zoom monthly meetings now.

Our Master Gardener training class has begun with 13 participants. We have joined with Curry County to provide training to both counties. It is a hybrid training with online classes as well as in person training. We have an online group discussion on most Friday evenings.

Several Master Gardeners have begun their ECCO training and we plan to use this in our Plant Clinic this year.

We are gearing up for our Plant Sale that will be held Saturday May 7th. It will be held at the OSU extension office this year. The current Master Gardeners as well as the trainees will be busy with plant starts this Spring. We are all looking forward to having Tomato Rama back!

Submitted by,
Dottie Tucker, State Representative
Coos County MGA

**Curry County Master Gardener Association
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Curry County Master Gardeners are busy planning and participating in numerous programs, community events, and projects as we spring into 2022. We are excited to welcome 9 new trainees to our program, and look forward to getting to know them and get them involved in our programs.

MG volunteers remain active in garden education at the Riley Creek Elementary School Garden in Gold Beach. Most recently, third graders, now in their second year of active participation in the garden, are preparing beds, planting lettuce starts, and marveling over the bumble bee, lady bug, and beetle activity in the garden.

Master Gardeners are active in helping to revive gardening activities at the school gardens in Brookings. The school district currently does not have a garden coordinator on staff, but our volunteers are working to maintain the basic bones of the gardens so they are ready for educational programming when the school has the resources to proceed.

Master Gardeners helped organize and distribute seeds donated by Fred Meyer, Territorial Seed, and Baker Seeds to community members early in February. It was quite successful, attended by more than 200 people with over 3800 seed packets handed out. We hope the recipients of the seeds have successful gardening experiences and develop a passion for gardening!

We are planning our annual plant sale to be held in-person, outdoors, at the Gold Beach High School on May 7. Hundreds of varieties of perennials, tomatoes and vegetables, and a variety of succulents and decorative containers will be offered. We look forward to seeing our patrons excited to shop and visit once again!

Exciting news for our chapter is a step forward in development of a new, master gardener greenhouse and demonstration gardens. The Event Center at the Beach, where our county fair is held, has agreed to allow us to build on their site! After fund raising and searching for a suitable site for more than 4 years, we are moving on to the next phase of the project with a lot of enthusiasm, and a little trepidation!

Submitted by,
Debbie Carroll, State Representative
Curry County MGA

Lane County Master Gardener Association First Quarter Report – March, 2022

The Lane County Master Gardeners began 2022 with renewed hopes and plans for increased community outreach through a number of projects. While we are excited about the prospect of increasing opportunities to work together in person, we're also aware of the value of Zoom to reach MGs and the community beyond Eugene and Springfield.

The LCMGA Seminar series has a full year of seminars on a variety of topics ranging from pruning guidance, adaptive gardening, plant diagnostics to community gardening. Continuing our efforts to reach out to diverse and underserved gardening communities, our September seminars speaker will be a staff member from Huerto de la Familia, a Lane County nonprofit which supports Latino families in organic gardening. Her seminar will focus on their mission to provide organic gardening education and community garden plots to local Latino families. We are continuing to present these seminars via Zoom which greatly expands our outreach to MGs and the general public. We have had attendees from outlying communities in the county as well as from throughout Oregon and even from other states.

Much of last year was spent training Plant Clinic MGs on the use of ECCO in the Plant Clinic. Our MGs continue to work remotely from home to answer gardening questions from the community and we are cautiously working in the Plant Clinic itself following the COVID pandemic OSU guidelines.

Another public outreach that appeals to MGs who enjoy writing has been the "MG Tip of the Week" program. These short, engaging tips are posted on the LCMGA home page and on the LCMGA Facebook page. Each tip provides numerous links to more in-depth information. These tips receive about 1500 views each week.

We have an active group of MGs working on expanding our Soil pH testing service. Last year we tested 154 samples from three collection dates. This year we will offer testing in both Spring and Fall on multiple dates and from collection sites outside the Eugene-Springfield area.

Our various committees are also planning various workshops, again following the COVID guidelines from OSU. In particular our pruning committee has offered numerous workshops in the past few months and the sustainable landscape committee will offer their 4.5-hour course on sustainable gardening twice this year, once in April and again in October. This course was started in the fall of 2021 and has an average of 33 students per course. We are excited about meeting the public and providing garden wisdom.

We have approximately 30 trainees in our Master Gardener Volunteer training program, which is being offered in an online format with some hands-on, in-person coursework. We hope that the online format will make it easier for trainees from outlying areas in the county to participate. There will also be interactive Zoom sessions for trainees to ask questions as well as in-person presentations by the Compost Specialists, Pruning Committee and Plant Diagnostics MGs Committee.

Finally, we are very excited about the return of the LCMGA Plant Sale this April 30th at the Lane County Event Center!!

Submitted by,
Sharon Roberts, State Representative
Lane County MGA

Lincoln County Master Gardener Association (LCMGA)

1st Quarter 2022 Report to OMGA Board of Directors

Board members are Co-Presidents, Sharon Busby, Cathi Block; Co-Past Presidents, Pam McElroy; Co-Vice Presidents Greg Kurtz, Dawn Henton; Secretary, Anne Geyer; Treasurer, Alanna Miklic; State Representative, Michael Christy; Historian, Kristi Kind. **CHANGE**

We have continued to host our monthly board meetings via Zoom. **NO CHANGE**

Membership	2022	2021	2020
Certified/Active 37	39	56	
Lifetime 8	8	9	
Associate	34	38	35
Student Trainees	15	10**	22 + 1 online
Total	94	95	122

** Survivors of Covid challenges

LCMGA Master Gardener Classes/Other Local Events:

We are following the statewide recommendation for training for the 2022 year. Most of the training will be online with follow-up weekly zoom events so that students can ask follow-up questions. **CHANGE**

- **Apprentice Training:** We have 15 students this year to start the Master Gardener training. **UPDATED**
 - **Training is three parts:**
 - online class, 2) workshops in Demo Garden, 3) volunteer experiences
 - Part 1) Online spring classes (Feb & March)
 - Goal for online classes:
 - Provide a strong foundation of gardening knowledge,
 - Start building relationships among trainees,
 - Set expectations for being an OSU Master Gardener volunteer
 - Topics are ~1 hr. pre-recorded presentation that trainees view on their own schedule
 - Weekly 1.5 hr. Zoom meet up to answer questions & learn about MG projects-Thursdays from 10am-11:30am
 - Part 2) Hands-on Workshops
 - Goals for hands-on workshops: 1) active learning to reinforce online classes, 2) develop strong relationships among trainees & current volunteers, 3) build awareness of relevant OSU resources, and 4) model the teaching style expectations of the Master Gardener Program.
 - ~1.5-hour sessions at different Demonstration Gardens/locations
 - These will occur on Fridays from 10am-11:30am, with dates TBD
 - **Part 3) Volunteer Experiences**
 - MG Plant Clinic Desk
 - Demonstration Garden
 - Choice of approved project
 - **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. NO CHANGE**
 - Renee Johnson continues to conduct ECCO training events for those that continue to work our plant clinics. ECCO is developing into the go to plant clinic support tool for our Master

Gardener's. **NO CHANGE**

Community Education:

-Spring Virtual Round Tables: UPDATED

- All classes are online except for the pruning classes which were in-person.

Feb	5	Fruit Tree Pruning Basics In-person (completed)
Feb	26	Rehab Your Orchard In-person (completed)
Mar	5	Seed Starting (completed)
Mar	19	Butterfly Gardens
Apr	2	Herbs and Their Many Uses
May	7	Get Ready for Summer Vegetables

Demonstration Gardens: CHANGE

- **Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) - Lincoln City – OPEN - CHANGE**
 - There is little going on right now. All beds have cover crops and straw to impede weed growth.
 - The compost for the keyhole garden is being fed routinely and when turned 2 weeks ago there were a huge number of worms, very active despite the cold weather.
 - We have 4 new beds. A galvanized 4' x 8' x 12" bed, 2 frames for straw bales and a new pollinator bed.
 - During the winter we are working on refining the new rain catchment system which has the addition of 3 more 50-gallon barrels for a total of 5 or 250 gallons of water collected from the run off of the greenhouse.
 - This year we are looking at an addition of a wheelchair accessible bed. This necessitates the removal of a portion of the curb and adding hardscape to the garden.
 - This garden just continues to grow and push its boundaries, literally!
- **Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) - South Beach – OPEN - CHANGE**
 - Planted Fall crops, garlic: coming along; carrots: harvested took 10 lbs. to Food Bank; Napa cabbage: harvested took 5lbs to Food Bank.
 - Planted over 250 bulbs last Fall as well as another 250 the year before, lots of color starting to show!
 - Working to get the Greenhouse Solar Power working again, one of the many projects on our list.
- **Yachats Demonstration and Community Gardens- OPEN – CHANGE**
 - Working hard all spring and summer into fall getting the garden back into shape after Covid closed everything. The garden is looking good. And we have a new sign for the garden as the old one was really deteriorating.
 - We have many durable green beds and some in ground plots available to Master Gardeners and community members for this season. All the beds are higher to make it easier for our gardeners. We welcome anybody who wants to garden and help make our garden a happy place.
 - One of our community members has been composting in the bins at the garden all winter. We have a new crop of garlic growing in one bed.
 - We plan to have a garden meeting soon for planning and growing ideas et cetera. Weekly get-togethers in the garden will resume in the spring.

Note: The demonstration garden at the Yaquina Bay Longhouse (School Garden) has been closed indefinitely.

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.

This year the School Garden Coordinator is operating under the direct support of the Lincoln County School District as a permanent position. The plan for this year is to add a 3rd school, Sam Case Elementary, Newport, to the fold. CHANGE

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

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Linn County Master Gardener Association First Quarterly Report to OMGA Board March 2022

We will have six gardens on tour for our “Through the Garden Gate” annual fundraiser this June 18. It has not been held the last two years.

Linn County MG’s will hold plant clinics, approximately once a month, at two locations in the county; a farmer’s market and a farm and garden store.

Our demonstration garden is at the Linn Co. Expo Center with an entrance and close-in parking behind two motels. Due to recent thefts at the motel and the demo garden, the motels just put up a tall security fence that is unfortunately blocking our access. We are in negotiations with the motels and expo center to secure permanent access for members and the public.

The 8th annual BEEvent is an online seminar scheduled for March 6. It looks like attendance will be 80+ people. Attendees will get a link to watch the seminar, and have access to it for the next several months. People wanting to purchase mason bee houses (made by us) or other supplies, there will be pick up locations in Linn, Benton, Marion and Lane counties. Many MG’s from around the state have attended this seminar to receive instruction on pollinators and continuing education hours. Classes include:

Dr. Olivia Carril - Bee-plant relationships: A match made in heaven or love on the rocks?

Erin Wickliffe - The Bug Eat Bug World in your Backyard

Dr. Gail Langellotto - Native Plant-Bee Associations in Western Oregon

Sarah Kincaid - The Oregon Orchard Bee Health Cocoon Survey

Susan Morton and Rane Webb - Blue Orchard Bee in the Willamette Valley and Best Practices

Linn County MG has developed a cocoon cleaning video:

<https://us11.campaign-archive.com/?u=4ce1a6600db232cd361f3043c&id=e18d0d7e58>

Photo is of a mason bee block opened for cleaning and revealing chalk brood larvae, which contaminates all nearby cocoons. It can destroy a nesting site within a couple of years if not cleaned properly.



Marion County Master Gardener First Quarter Report – March 2022

We have started our class for 2022. We have 41 new students that are ready to get in the dirt. This year, here at Marion County we are excited to offer this class in its new format. The new course is decided into 3 teaching modalities; Computer Based Training, ZOOM and Outdoors hands on training utilizing the Marion Garden. We will have Marion County Master Gardeners present at the hands-on portion to provide instruction or assist. Some of the new students have been coming out to the Marion County Demonstration Garden on our normal garden maintenance day ready to get involved.

Our Plant Sale and Propagation committees are hard at work getting our plants ready for our Annual Plant sale. As with many, this will be our first in person plant sale in two years. The MCMGA Plant Sale will be at held at the Oregon State Fairgrounds on May 6th, 10 AM to 7 PM and May 7th from 9 AM to 4 PM. Our education committee is also planning on having four short educational events during our plant sale.

On The Spot Award; Each board member will have a number of these awards to hand out to people in their area that they believe have contributed above and beyond the expectation of the volunteer project requirement. In addition, other master gardeners can request additional candidates to be awarded. Recipients of these awards will receive a candy bar and a certificate and will be recognized in multiple ways. We are in the process of having certificates designed for this award.

The Marion Garden is starting to wake up. Our plants are starting to show some signs of spring. However, we still have a critical need for group and plot managers. On a different note, we have been burglarized on two separate occasions. The first time, someone cut through the fence and we lost 6 garden carts. The second time, they used bolt cutters and cut the locks gaining access into our main building and our irrigation shed. This time, we lost our Bear Cat chipper/shredder and two Stihl string trimmers. We are currently taking steps to deter any future break-ins.

Submitted by,

Terry Sawyer, State Representative
Marion County MGA

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January:

- *Heather Stoven announced that recertification requirements would be 20 hours for volunteer work and 10 hours for education for 2022.
- *Our Community Garden is now supplying (3) 8'x12' raised beds for our Garden to Table program at no charge.
- *Our participation at the McMinnville Farmer's Market will be every other week.
- *Clinics we have signed up for are the Camellia Fest in Newberg and Farm Fest at the Yamhill County Heritage Center in McMinnville.
- *Our Garden to Table clinic will begin 2/19 in English. The class will be 50% Zoom and 50% in person. 4/9 will be the beginning of the Spanish class and will continue through May.
- *Our Plant Sale will be 5/13-5-15 for pickup. Shopping time on line will last 2-3 weeks, instead of 2021's 8-week time period
- *And we have happily heard that homemade food is now allowed at events.

February:

- *Our new trainee classes start in February
- *We have a new fundraising campaign; Friends of YCMGA. A donation of \$200 or more equals a Supporter. \$500 or more is a Sponsor. We now have (8) Supporters and (4) Sponsors for 2022. Companies which sign up will have banners for their business posted at events and also receive a certificate of thanks to display in their business.
- *Garden To Table begins 2/19 with (34) participants registered. 55% are low income. The program has (12) mentors.
- *Our Job Fair for trainees is scheduled for 3/17. Each committee has a display explaining what their committee does for YCMGA, with handouts and contact information. Most are staffed by a committee member to enthusiastically encourage trainees to come to a meeting to see what it's all about and hopefully join in an active way.

March:

Our treasurer reports that we received a large donation from Benevity.
Clinics are being held 4/9 at Farm Fest in McMinnville, 4/9 Camellia Fest in Newberg and 6/12 Fuchsia Fest.
Garden to Table has completed 50% of the classes for the 6-week program.
Their mentor ratio is 1 mentor to 5 students.
McMinnville Farmers Market starts 5/12 and we will be participating every other week due to lack of our volunteers.
The Insect Committee is starting the first and 3 Wednesday of each coming month at 9:30AM.
Our plant sale preparation is progressing very well.

Submitted by,
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Yamhill County OMGA