

# The Gardener's Pen

Oregon Master Gardener Association

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*News for all Master Gardeners in the state of Oregon*

## BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

After two years apart - all Master Gardeners in Oregon will once again gather with new and vintage MG's at a fun, educational conference. Bring friends: this conference is open to all interested gardeners.

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## WHAT IS A "GARDEN"

That's a good question! Of course everyone knows what 'garden' means to them - but does it mean the same thing to their neighbor or the nearby farmer or the family in the apartment down the road?

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## VISITING GARDENS STATEWIDE

From MG sponsored garden tours to *a m a z i n g* demonstration gardens created to educate our constituents - you can spend the whole summer touring the state and learn new ways to improve or enhance your growing environment. *See page 3.*

## CLASS OF 2022 RECEIVE TRAINING

"Having the Master Gardener program available online has helped me easily fit the coursework into my other obligations like working full-time.

I've loved being able to nurture my gardening knowledge in my own time, getting myself prepared for in-person volunteering this spring!"

—Mary P. 2022 Master Gardener trainee

*James Cassidy, faculty advisor for OSU Organic Growers Club and a speaker at mini-college, teaches trainees about soils.*



# the JOY of Gardening

Treat yourself, and *invite a friend* to join you at *The Joy of Gardening*, this year's Oregon Master Gardener Association Mini-College and annual gathering of all of the state's Master Gardeners and friends.

There are *20 different classes* for you to choose from. Go deep with plant experts exploring and growing native plants, roses, fig trees, berries, peppers, olive and apple trees, irises, tomatoes, and turf. Discover resources for Mason bees and Oregon Flora. Learn current science techniques for soil fertility, raised beds, permaculture, dry gardening, seed starting, hydroponics and smart strategies for *less work* (a favorite topic)!

Get inspired with two excellent *keynote talks*. Friday morning, Dr. Samantha Chisholm Hatfield will speak about Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), climate change impacts, Indigenous ecosystems and food systems.

On Saturday we'll hear from Dr. Gail Langellotto about Successes, Challenges and Opportunities in the Oregon Master Gardener Program.

*Optional tours* include area nurseries, Oak Creek Center for Urban Horticulture at OSU, a brewery tour and the Corvallis Saturday Market. Other options include low-cost lodging in the dorms and a Thursday night minor league baseball game and social get together.

Mark your calendar for **Friday July 29-Saturday July 30th** on the Corvallis OSU Campus.

Please note: Our annual conference is priced to just cover costs incurred and we try hard to keep the cost low so all Master Gardeners can attend. The only profit from the conference comes from the sale of the items donated to the Silent Auction by the chapters, and this goes towards OMGA's yearly expenses.

REGISTER NOW: [omga.org/mini-college-2022/](https://omga.org/mini-college-2022/)



## Attention Garden Enthusiasts, Master Gardeners, Landscapers, and Plant Nerds

The *Joy of Gardening Conference* has something for everybody. Our 2-day, 4-class session format allows time for Q&A with the instructors and discussion among fellow participants. Master Gardeners can earn all their **re-certification hours** in two days!.

Classes will be held at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center, across the street from Gill Coliseum and next to the OSU Beaver Store. A variety of food options are nearby. An optional Thursday **Corvallis Knights baseball game** is planned. We have reserved the Omaha Room at Goss Stadium, where you can have a beer and hot dog, enjoy the game, catch up with friends and make new ones.

Our optional *awards dinner* on Friday offers a **Marimba band**, no host bar and Mexican dinner buffet with many food options. Come honor the amazing work of OMGA's *award-winning volunteers*!

Stay at the Hilton Gardens Inn (walking distance to the conference) or you can book a convenient OSU dorm room, other motel or bring your camper!

Meals on your own can be purchased near by.

Make your reservation today! [bit.ly/3NWj0vQ](http://bit.ly/3NWj0vQ)

**A garden is where the vegetables grow.** Right? Or is your meaning of garden, "Everything outside my back door." There are flower (or cutting) gardens, rock gardens, herb, perennial and Victory Gardens. Zoological and botanical gardens and acres of formal gardens can be awe-inspiring. Patio or deck gardens may be a gardener's first attempt, only opportunity or grateful compromise due to aging or infirmity. Seeds children receive at school and scratched into the soil near their front door (*continued below*)



## GOOD THINGS HAPPENING

### UPCOMING GARDEN TOURS



On June 18, 2022, 9am-1pm, visit four fabulous gardens in White Salmon with a special focus on growing fruits and vegetables. [blogs.oregonstate.edu/cgmga/](https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/cgmga/)



Come see the 21st *Through the Garden Gate* tour in Albany, featuring six beautiful and inspiring gardens with koi ponds, container and raised bed plantings, gazebos, garden rooms, roses and more. [linnmastergardeners.com/](http://linnmastergardeners.com/)

### High Desert Garden Tour

July 16, 2022 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. Join us for the 26th annual *High Desert Garden Tour*! This year will feature six gardens in the Bend area. [bit.ly/HDGardenTour](http://bit.ly/HDGardenTour)

CHECK WITH YOUR PROGRAM OFFICE FOR A LIST OF CLASSES, DEMONSTRATIONS AND LEARNING EVENTS THIS SUMMER. THERE ARE MANY EXCELLENT ONES TO CHOOSE FROM!

... can be the beginnings of a life-long gardener. The word comes from the term 'to guard' - in other words to enclose and protect. If you'd like, shoot me an email at [gardenerspen@gmail.com](mailto:gardenerspen@gmail.com) and tell me what YOUR definition of a garden is.

Happy planting!



*A backyard boot garden*

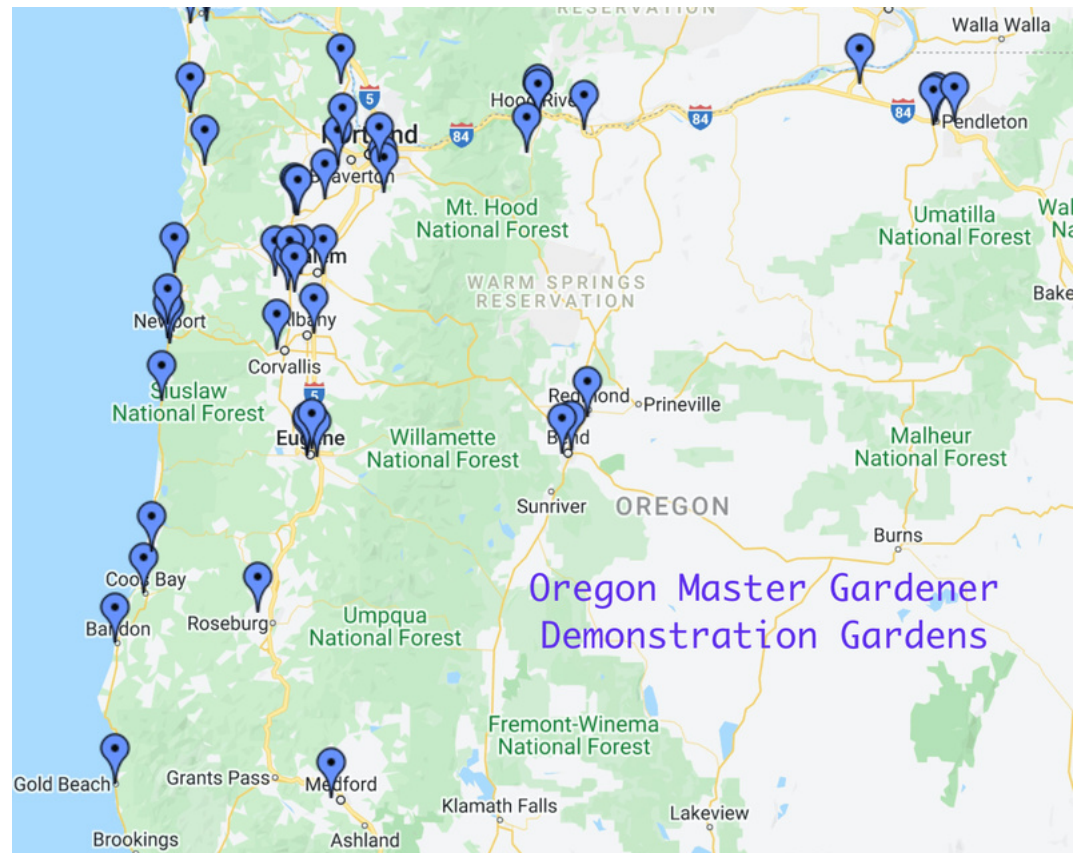
## Statewide Awards

Volunteer and longevity awards and chapter grants will be presented at **The Joy of Gardening mini-college** this summer. We appreciate our volunteers and their passion for sharing knowledge to improve the lives of others. Come celebrate the good works and good workers July 29 and 30.

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

~Cicero 40B.C.

Traveling this summer? Why not stop at some of the **50 MG DEMONSTRATION GARDENS** across Oregon and southern Washington and pick up some fabulous ideas for your project? Directions to all the gardens can be found here: [bit.ly/33znA1m](https://bit.ly/33znA1m)



## Get involved!

**We need you to help lead the OMGA**

All Master Gardeners can join the Executive Committee (not just chapter representatives). Please consider putting your experience and talents to work. We work hard, have fun, and make a big difference all across the state. Talk to some officers at Mini-College and learn more about it! [omga.org/executive-committee/](https://omga.org/executive-committee/)

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