



**Oregon Master Gardener Association
2nd Quarter 2022
Chapter Reports**

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**Benton County Master Gardener Association
Quarterly Chapter Report
2nd Quarter 2022**

BCMGA Plant Sale -

After a two-year absence, our plant sale on May 7 at the Benton County fairgrounds attracted a huge number of eager buyers. By the end of the day, there was hardly anything left of the inventory of 8000+ plants available to purchase. Kudos to all of the volunteers involved!

Member Meetings -

April - Kathy Clark's presentation "Smart Plant Choices" gave great tips on choosing plants that are easier to grow and reduce the required maintenance, giving you more time to enjoy your garden. To view her talk on YouTube, use this link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9HTLVk1MOk>

May - At our May meeting Nancy Tovar presented "Photography Basics for the Gardener". You can view it on the BCMGA YouTube channel any time. Just go to our website at bentonmg.org and look for the link to the YouTube channel in the blue highlighted area of the home page. <https://youtu.be/9yIQQ-RbwRA>

June- Our summer meetings transition to outdoors beginning this month. For June the event will be the Quilts in the Garden tour. The QITG event this year includes five gardens. You can park your car along the road and walk to each garden. Because this is a money raiser for both Marys River Quilt Guild and Evening Garden Club, there is a \$10 entrance fee.

Submitted by:

Richard Taylor
BCMGA State Representative

Central Gorge Master Gardener Association Chapter report to OMGA - 2nd Qtr. 2022

Our much anticipated, well-planned **Annual Plant Sale** was a huge success, and brought our highest profits yet. We had invested in new, matching-sized potting supplies, prepared instructional videos on planting/potting techniques and trained lots of new trainees. We sure appreciate our Greenhouse and Hoop house and multitude of workers!!!

Our Hybrid event included early Online sales (using Shopify) with drive-up pickup on two days. And our regular in-person Sale wrapped up on Saturday before Mother's Day.

Our other fund-raiser is a **Garden Tour** of four sites in White Salmon, WA, across the "River" from Hood River. It is open to the public on June 18 and received lots of publicity in the local newspaper. MG volunteers will have an educational pre-tour.

Our **Plant Clinic**, has resumed office hours at the Extension Office, and is continuing to answer online submissions. Our Saturday Clinics continue at Hood River Supply (Ace Hardware), Tum-a-lum Lumber (near the Freeway junction) and Dickey's Farm Store (just over the bridge in Bingen, WA.) We were invited to participate in **special event** at the Farm Stand Market & Cafe in Hood River Heights. It was held in their parking lot on our nicest sunny Saturday. It was an outreach opportunity, open to the community.

A chapter **JEDI group** has been formed and begun regular meetings. It is led by Leanne Hogie, our president-elect.

Booth at the **Hood River County Fair....** unfortunately coincides with Mini-college. This team is planning logistics and activities for kids and education for adults.

2023 training is being considered now, by Megan.....she is asking for feedback about continuing a balance of online/ zoom classes(options). Flexibility, with virtual and live classes, was helpful with unpredictable winter weather and providing safe options during COVID.

Chapter Awards and both Grant applications were submitted. Enough **Silent Auction items** have been donated or pledged for Mini-College!

All of our **gardening projects** are keeping volunteers busy and happy to feel involved.

Our **Alternate OMGA Rep**, Norma, is resigning this position, as she is heavily involved in leading the Waterwise (Library) Garden Project, which is preparing to create & install QR codes along with regular maintenance and renewal! And she is very involved with the new JEDI group!

I thank her for her faithful Zoom meeting attendance, and helping me learn the ropes!! And I get to continue working with her, on our Chapter Executive Committee!

Submitted by,

Anny VanNatta
Central Gorge Master Gardener's State Representative



Second quarter Report to OMGA Board of Directors – June 2022

Membership: We have 60 members so far this year.

Community Gardens:

Discovery Park Community Garden officially opened April 16 after a garden readiness work session on April 14th. Volunteers and Trainees met again on the 21st to do more garden maintenance and to do a garden orientation for the Trainees. Our 9 new gardeners for 2022 received their hands-on-at-the-garden orientation in the following week. Registration went very smoothly. Bend Parks turned the water on at the hydrants earlier than usual, and this was very much appreciated by the garlic growers. We were also able to ready the sprinkler system, which is now up and running. A few gardeners experimented with leaving cold hardy veggies out over winter. Likely due to our mild winter, a few lucky kale, spinach, chard, and fava bean plants survived! We have seen a few gardeners setting out cool season bedding plants, but the next few weeks are going to be exciting as gardeners get their beds prepared for seeding cold hardy vegetables and start transplanting the same. Given we see warming weather, the heat-loving veggies will start going in the ground in about a month. What a great time of year to be a gardener!

The Hollinshead Water-wise Garden is starting to bloom! We planted bulbs in the garden last fall and the Puschkinia are up and blooming for the first time. The Narcissus and Allium are also on their way. Early signs of spring were in the air, then we had to cancel our April 14th workday because of snow! Ah, we all love the weather in Central Oregon. We had several trainees volunteer to be part of the water-wise team, and we are excited to welcome them. We'll be orienting them to the garden and assigning work areas in the next weeks. They are enthusiastic and are looking forward to hands on learning. We met with Dan Denning, Water Conservation Program Manager for the City of Bend and are planning a "Field Day" in conjunction with the city at the Hollinshead Barn on June 26th from 9AM- 2PM. We are in the early planning stages. The day will emphasize how to conserve water in the landscape and will utilize the water-wise garden for demonstrations and tours.

OSU Demonstration Garden workdays have begun. We have been getting lots of spring clean-up done. On April 19th, we cut back perennials & did some weeding which involved a flame torch on the weeds in the gravel area. On May 3rd, we focused on weeding the annual All American Selection beds and weed ID. We also had demonstrations on pruning the Asian pear tree and information about our Happy Apples Project and controlling codling moth.

Plans for our newest garden, Alpenglow Demonstration Garden, are moving right along! The location of the five mini gardens have been confirmed - they include low maintenance, fire-wise, pollinator, urban and cultural gardens. We are in the process of selecting the plants we want to feature. A fun day of planting is coming soon.

Spring Seminar: Our webinars were a great success. Seven classes were held on the first four Saturdays in April. We had 299 attendees who took a total of 631 classes. The online format allowed us to reach many people from outside Central Oregon. It also enabled us to host more per class than we could have in person. One class had 75 enrollees. Many registered so that they could get the recordings and watch at their leisure. The surveys at the end of class revealed that most heard about the classes from Facebook. Not a surprise since we paid for some Facebook advertising.

June Garden Fair: Seeds are germinating in the OSU Extension Service Demonstration Garden Greenhouse and perennials that we transplanted into 1 gallon size pots on March 23rd are growing vigorously! The plant varieties we are offering for sale are listed on our website, www.gocomga.com.

There will be 9 vendors along with OSU Master Gardener mobile plant clinic and Insect Display, Irrigation Specialist Booth (from the city of Bend), Fire Free booth and the OSU Master Food Preserver booth. The fair will take place June 4th at the Extension office parking lot in Redmond.

The Home & Garden Show: The OSU Extension Master Gardeners worked all day plant clinics at the Home and Garden Show. Five classes were offered covering vegetable gardening, tips for gardening in the high desert, and gardening with kids.

Submitted by,

Jan Barron, State Representative
Central Oregon Master Gardener Association

Clatsop County Master Gardeners Association 2nd quarter Report to OMGA Board of Directors June 2022

Our 2nd quarter is getting more energized!

We had our 1st field trip in April with a great turn out at Blackberry Bog. Scott Thompson spoke about the science of greenhouses, propagation and dividing. We are making plans for another field trip.

We usually have a trainee class of 10 to 14 but this year we have 38 who finished the course. It was on Zoom so it allowed many more to participate because for some it would have been 50 miles each way to attend class.

We've had 3 plant sales this month. The 1st two at the Barbery Center

that were well received. The 2nd was for the Astoria Trolley kickoff event. Our Trolley runs nonstop all summer along the Columbia River from one end of town to the other. It has a narrator who tells you the history of our town. It cost \$1.00 per person and you get to see dozens of barking sea lions. At our event we had public educational table clinics on Bees and growing a row of veggies. We also had a on line plant sale that was very successful for the 2nd year in a row. People just had to drive to Fernhill Holly Farms and pick up their orders from their car.

We awarded a scholarship this year as we do every year to a very deserving high school student for \$2000.00.

Ally Clark will be an AG educator one day. Her award will be June 2nd at the Liberty Theatre.

At our board meeting last night, I discussed Mini College. We are working on some great items to be auctioned off at our fund raiser.

Our Fall gardening event is Sept. 17th. There will be several educational projects, soil testing, tool sharpening, canning. Guest speaker on sustainable home gardens and how to put your gardens to rest for the winter.

We have had a booth and tent at Sunday Market for decades now. Our 1st one is June 5th. We have 2 trainees and two vets that give advice and answer questions from the public. We sign up new members and pass out brochures. We also this year will have a booth at the Seaside Market at the other end of the county for those members who live at that end. The 1st date is June 15th.

We have two gardens that the Master Gardeners take care of. One is the learning Garden that is now in full swing with planting, weeding, etc. It produced 1200 lbs. of fruit and veggies last year for our local food bank. Our other garden is at the county fairgrounds and we have been maintaining it for 30 years now. We have also utilized both gardens for meetings, etc., weather permitting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanie Chapel

Clatsop County State Representative

Columbia County OMGA Quarterly Report – 2nd Quarter, 2022

Seed to Supper Programs- from Deb Brimacombe

Luckily the small Seed to Supper class is enthusiastic even though the weather hasn't cooperated with a class being taught in the garden. To date the beds are planted and we are anxiously awaiting the green of our sprouting seeds. We are discussing container gardening and how to build your own raised bed, compost bins, and worm bins while we wait for crops (or weeds.) We are all looking forward to having good gardens for display at fair time.

Today we planted a few more rows of beets and carrots after we sifted out a few of the larger clumps we developed when we turned the soil.



Spring Fair – from Katherine Marzullo-Johnson

Our customers not only came to me at the Spring Fair singing praises of the new location and how smoothly things ran, but I also received phone calls telling me they hoped to keep the sale at the Pavilion. (Columbia County Fairgrounds)

It was a reduced vendor year as we were striving to get back into the public eye. We had 12 vendors and I spoke with each of them, thanking them for coming, and they all assured me they did very well and want to come back next year.

The 530 tomato plants left over were given to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank, CC Fairgrounds demo garden, various local gardens and the Seed to Supper program.

Katherine's full report in CCMGA May issue of the Grapevine.

CCMGA Board-

Gail Martyn who serves on the board both as Secretary and Treasurer has spent much time cleaning up policies and updating them, reviewing By Laws and insuring all is in good standing. She also keeps a keen eye on our financials. We are lucky to have her!

The Board has put on the calendar an ALL-CHAPTER PICNIC IN THE PARK set for August 28th.

Chapter Meetings: The following were presented:

- April – Adapting Your Yard & Garden for Climate Change by Weston Miller
- May – The story of Garden Tools and their Use: Artisans' Insights by Seth Pauley. Seth is the lead artisan blacksmith and creator at Red Pig Garden Tools. <http://www.redpigtools.com/>

Submitted by:

Karen Harte
Master Gardener Volunteer (2020)
CC Master Gardener Representative

Coos County Master Gardener 2nd Quarter Report

Coos County Master Gardener meetings are being held in person and via Zoom. The Zoom meetings are great for those who are traveling and who can't make it to the County Extension for other reasons.

The Master Gardener training class started with 13 participants and ended with 8 completing the training and are on their way to working on their volunteer hours.

Our Tomato-Rama Plant Sale was held at the Extension Office this year. Many members contributed plants and worked with set up and worked and answered questions from the public on sale day. It was a one-day sale and was a great success. Plans are to continue having the sale at the Extension office next year.

Two garden grants were awarded to both Myrtle Point and North Bend High School this year.

We are having a plant clinic booth every other Wednesday at the Coos Bay Farmer's Market and once a month at the Bandon Farmers Market.

The twice weekly Plant Clinic at the Extension office is going well with lots of questions coming in.

The three Community Gardens in our County are starting off well. Most are full and one has a waiting list.

Gift Certificates from local businesses around the county were purchased for the OMGA Mini College

Donna Levridge-Cambell has volunteered to represent Coos County MGs on the Diversity and Equity committee.

Submitted by,

Dottie Tucker
Coos County OMGA State Representative

Lane County OMGA 2nd Quarter Chapter Report 2022

Just as our gardens are bursting with the first flush of summer (late spring?), the Lane County Master Gardeners Association calendar is full. ~~and~~ We have been busy in the second quarter of 2022.

We were excited to return to an in-person Plant Sale which was held on a drizzly day in late April. Despite the wet weather, we had the largest crowd we have ever hosted, with long lines of customers waiting anxiously for the sale to open. By the end of the day, nearly all the stock sold out, 3200 people attended and we took in over \$20,000. The final tally awaits an accounting of costs. The sale was an overwhelming success, both financially and for the LCMGA volunteers who participated in any part of the sale activities. It was so GOOD to be back, and the community seemed to heartily agree!

The Lane County Plant Clinic is getting very busy. Many of this year's MG trainees working alongside grateful Perennial (certified) MGs. To date, we have had over 350 cases and the pace is picking up.

All our various committees are also back and busy. The Sustainable Gardening Committee hosted a 3-part webinar on Sustainable Landscaping, the Adaptive Gardening Committee presented the May LCMGA seminar, the Composting Committee and Mobile Plant Committee hosted workshops and the Plant Diagnostics Committee held three soil collection days for the soil pH testing. Our committees remain committed to reaching out to the various communities around the County, holding events in Oakridge and Florence.

As the world reopens, we are working hard to reinvigorate our MG community. We have planned social activities this summer to provide an opportunity to get together and renew friendships. Events include two Master Gardener Garden Tours as well as a MG community picnic. We are also excited about the Mini-College this summer and are offering scholarships to cover registration and collecting items for the Silent Auction.

We continue to explore opportunities to increase our awareness of other gardening communities. One of our first activities this quarter was a showing of the film "Food for Rest of Us" to our MG community. The film was shown as part of the DisOrient Film Festival in Eugene and ~~was~~ one of the centerpiece. This film festival is an Oregon Asian American event that promotes the representation and stories of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. Food for the Rest of Us featured four diverse Indigenous and traditional food projects. After the viewing, we also sponsored a discussion of the film.

Submitted by,

Sharon Roberts
Lane County State Representative

Lincoln County Master Gardener Association (LCMGA) 2ND 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.

We have continued to host our monthly board meetings via Zoom.

Membership	2022	2021	2020
Certified/Active	37	39	56
Lifetime	8	8	9
Associate	34	38	35
Student Trainees	9	10**	22 + 1 online
Total	88	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.

- **Apprentice Training:** We have 15 students this year to start the Master Gardener training.
 - **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.

Spring Plant Sale:

- Conducted on May 21st (Saturday).
- Sale was in person and was well received by the plant starved community. We opened the gates to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds (Newport) early as the vehicle were causing a traffic jam...then moved to a line around the 4H livestock barn we held the sale in.
- Initial sale time was 9:00am till 2:00pm. 90% of plants were gone by noon.



- From the Newport News Times 5/26/2022
 - "A sure sign of spring -There was a lot of sunshine and smiles on Saturday, May 21, particularly at the Lincoln County Commons (fairgrounds) in Newport, where enthusiastic gardeners of all skill levels turned out in droves to take advantage of the annual Lincoln County Master Gardener Plant Sale. Nothing says spring quite like a freshly planted garden, and organizers said there were around 5,000 plants to choose from during the sale, all grown by area master gardeners. Plants included tomatoes, ornamentals and perennials, vegetables and herbs. (Photos by Steve Card}"

Community Education:

-Spring Virtual Round Tables:

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

Mar	19	Butterfly Gardens (completed)
Apr	2	Herbs and Their Many Uses (completed)
May	7	Get Ready for Summer Vegetables (completed)

Demonstration Gardens:

- **Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) - Lincoln City – OPEN - CHANGE**
 - New beds ready for planting this season include a galvanized 4x8 bed and 2 straws bales. 2022 season will include building a wheelchair accessible bed as well as adding the necessary hardscape to truly make this garden accessible to all people
 - Plans to build a wheelchair accessible bed are coming together. Proposed ideas include removing a portion of the curb vs creating a ramp for access. Another proposal is to create a

bed which is partially on the pavement which will allow a wheelchair to access the bed without needing to deal with the curb. A final decision should come this month.

- The DuraGreen Bed will be used as a demonstration bed with plants specifically used to attract and feed the Oregon Silverspot Butterfly. The project is in conjunction with our partner, *Lincoln County Soil and Water Conservation District*.

- **Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) - South Beach – OPEN – CHANGE**

- A huge variety of bulbs are blooming! The garden is beautiful and colorful this spring.
- A propagation workshop was held in classroom next to the garden.

- **Yachats Demonstration and Community Gardens- OPEN – CHANGE**

- New beds ready for planting this season include a galvanized 4x8 bed and 2 straw bales.
- 2022 season will include building a wheelchair accessible bed as well as adding the necessary hardscape to truly make this garden accessible to all people
- Children from the home school across the street are taking a raised bed to grow veggies for their cooking projects and lunches. Finished spreading the gravel in the driveway and path to greenhouse/shed
- Empty compost bins cleaned out and assessed needed repairs to the bins
- Weeded food share plot and in process of amending the soil in preparation for planting.

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 led by a local government partner- the City of Newport- interested in increasing community garden opportunities.

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.

The School Garden Coordinator will operate under the direct support of the Lincoln County School District as a permanent position beginning Fall 2022. The plan is to add a 3rd school in the fall, Sam Case Elementary, Newport, to the fold.

JEDI efforts:

Coordinator Evie Smith and Master Gardener Kristi Kind are participating in the second statewide JEDI cohort.

MGs are starting to get involved in a JEDI initiative, Juntos en el Jardín. This is a community garden space for Latinx and Mesoamerican Indigenous families in Lincoln County. There are 29 garden beds being used by 15 families to grow their own food. Michael Christy participated in a hands-on cloche building demonstration.

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

Report submitted by,

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Marion County Master Gardener Second Quarter Report – May 2022

Our 2022 class is progressing well. The Garden Labs have been successful with 4 labs remaining. Many of the students have been coming to the weekly Marion Garden workdays (Mondays), however, there are several students that cannot make the Monday workdays due to their personal work schedule. To assist them in completing their hours, so we are working with our MGs to bring in additional workdays so these students can get their volunteer hours in the garden.

In preparation for our annual plant sale, we had an unexpected malfunction with the electrical system of the entire Marion Garden. This electrical issue was corrected with a new circuit breaker at the meter. This malfunction caused some tense moments leading up to the sale due to the greenhouse losing power. However, our Plant Sale Chair, Kathy Verble and her team worked tirelessly for many weeks preparing the plants for the sale, resulting in one of our most successful sales to date. Our Propagation team has started working on plans for next year's MCMGA Plant Sale.

Our Membership Chair, Cyndy Shorter, has created a printable version of our membership directory with photos. This will save the MCMGA the cost of printing the directory annually.

We have conducted Plant Clinics at the Salem Saturday (recurring), Ace Hardware, Life Source and the Oregon Garden. Upcoming events are Aumsville Cornfest, Aumsville Saturday Market, Santiam Summerfest, Englewood Forest Festival, and the State Fair.

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 divided 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.

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.

Submitted by,

Terry Sawyer, Marion County OMGA State Representative

Washington County Master Gardener™ Association 2nd Quarterly Report to OMGA Board - June 2022

We are slowly returning to normal, with some activities and events in person and some via Zoom. The Board has begun meeting in person, though the monthly membership meeting is still being held virtually. Our *In the Garden Series* of presentations began in person the middle of May.

Logo: With the change in OSU policy around logos, we developed a logo for the Chapter and have begun using it on various internal documents and flyers. There are 3 versions, depending on the use. The flower and butterfly by itself is being used on our FB pages and as a favicon.



Fundraising: We used a different strategy for fundraising this year as a large public Spring event was not an option as we were planning. Our propagation team successfully propagated hundreds of plants that allowed us to participate in the Clackamas County Spring event and in Hortlandia, a large plant sale put on by the Hardy Plant Society. We also had pop-up sales for association members. While successful, we look forward to our own plant sale and fair, Garden Fest in 2023.

Helpline: We will be returning to the Extension office soon to provide gardening advice in person with other MGs and respond to clients who walk in. We will continue to use the online system and the work-from-home option will continue. One advantage of the online system is the chance to meet and work with MGs from Multnomah and Washington Counties.

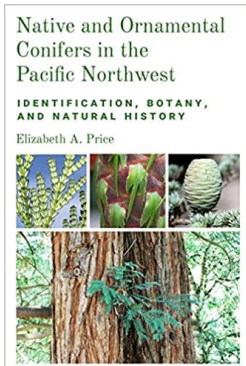
MG training: As noted, the MG training will be a hybrid of online and in person and several of our members are presenting hands on workshops in our Education Garden as part of the initial education/training.

Meet the Mason Bees...and Friends: Our first family event was a success with 42 children and 75 adults coming through during the 3-hour event. We had 6 tents with hands-on activities, live mason bee stations, giveaways and Ask and Expert. In addition to MGs, there were 4 Oregon Bee Atlas volunteers, and OSU Extension Service Staff.



Spanish garden information sheets: Thanks to a Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District grant, we were able to have 10 basic gardening information sheets translated into Spanish. With advice from OSU Extension Nutrition, Food Hero, and Adelante Mujeres, we identified 10 topics and formatted them for accessibility. The documents in both Spanish and English are posted on our website: [Información de Jardinería](#) and [Essential Gardening Information](#).

New Book: "Native and Ornamental Conifers in the PNW: Identification, Botany and Natural History" by OSU Master Gardener Elizabeth Price, is due for release in early summer.



Submitted by,

Leslie Ray,
OMGA State Representative
Washington County

YAMHILL COUNTY 2ND QUARTER CHAPTER REPORT 2022

We've been very busy the last few months. Our Spring into Gardening workshops for the public started March 26 with "Seed Starting" led our own Sue Nesbitt. April 16 was "Hanging Baskets" led by a well-known nursery owner in McMinnville. June 4 was "Raised Beds" where the participants built a group raised bed from a kit. And June 11 is "Irrigation". All have been well attended, even though they are all being held outside, under canopies which still don't protect us from the wind and rain. The public never complained and all thanked us profusely for our effort.

May was our big on-line plant sale, with pickup in person. As usual our committees (Propagation, Greenhouse, Plant Sale) did a very organized sale. Net income has not been reported. Participation from the public appears to have been quite high. The cool, wet weather made it difficult to achieve high growth rates on the plants.

In April our (21) trainees completed the MG course and are now working on attaining their volunteer hours and continuing education classes. All seem very excited to become certified. Sadly, we had two veterans pass away this month.

April also had our Education Outreach Committee working on public outreach venues. We participated in the Farm Fest at the Yamhill Heritage Center and the Camellia Fest in Newberg.

Our Insect Committee is meeting twice a month. The Educational Demo. Garden is meeting weekly as well as Propagation, and Greenhouse. Intakes from the public are heavy and being answered by the trainees with their mentors. We are also attending the local McMinnville Farmer's Market.

Our May newsletter, The Grapevine, reported on Gail L's et.al's research on in-town vegetable beds cared for by MGs in Portland and Corvallis. The Grapevine also has an article contributor who is a 2022 trainee and is the Pastry Chef at the Allison Inn & Spa in Newberg and also works with our Anna Ashby who grows vegetables at the Allison. Her May article explained how to make "Purple Pansy" ice cream. The pansies came from Anna and after a complicated and time-consuming preparation added to the one cup of packed pansy flowers were sugar, egg yolks, cream and milk. Unfortunately, we could not sample it. Lucky folks at the Allison!

Submitted by,

Nancy Woodworth
Yamhill County OMGA State Representative