



**Oregon Master Gardener Association
Third Quarter 2022
Chapter Reports**

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Benton County Master Gardener Association Third Quarter 2022 Chapter Report

Benton County Association Meetings –

Our summer association meetings are traditionally replaced by field trips.

- July – The tour of Little Prince Nursery in Aurora was not well attended. It was very warm that day and possibly our members weren't interested in looking at thousands of fabulous plants. However, because the manager spent two hours with us, we received a lot of good information about watering and heating a greenhouse.
- August – Darren Morgan, the nursery manager at Shonnard's Nursery in Corvallis graciously open his yard for a garden tour. Darren's garden includes an area of dry farming as a comparison to his traditionally irrigated crops. The tour of Darren's private veg/fruit garden was very well attended. There were about 20 people that came.
- September – Our annual association picnic will be held on September 23. Our Vice President Janet Magedanz will open up her beautiful yard this year to host the picnic. Grilled salmon is on the menu, which should encourage a good turnout.

Demonstration Garden –

The Demo Garden has been a success on many fronts.

- Over 60 visitors came through the Demo Garden during DaVinci Days and over 375 visitors during the Benton County Fair.
- Garden volunteers demonstrated a new approach to backyard gardening with our diversity beds which combine vegetables and flowers and walkable ground covers in u-shaped beds. We also demonstrated dry gardening techniques in a dry bed where we are harvesting delicious tomatoes that received no water during the gardening season
- Most of the produce we've grown has been donated to local food banks. The total amount of fruits and vegetables donated will be reported in the 4th quarter report.
- We are successfully growing sweet potatoes for the first time!
- We've had a great crew of volunteers and lots of fun working together in the garden this year.

Submitted by,
Richard Taylor
Benton County OMGA State Representative

Central Gorge Master Gardener Association 3rd Quarter 2022 Chapter Report

This Summer, Central Gorge Master Gardeners were able to hold Most of our usual summer activities; none were cancelled by Covid!

Garden Tour in White Salmon, WA was a great success financially and as an Educational Event for both Counties. We used QR codes for our Map of Gardens, and for Plant Lists for each garden!

WORK PARTIES:

- FISH garden at Food Bank
 - Learning Garden at Extension Office
 - Library Garden, Hood River downtown
 - Parkdale Memorial Garden
- (Also co-hosted an Ice Cream Social & Tours in August.)

• **Garden Visit:** Our first one was rescheduled from last summer, due to heat. Our second one had to be cancelled due to heat and poor air quality (wildfire smoke). Our **CGMGA Chapter Meeting & Picnic** is scheduled for September 7, which will include a garden visit!!

Our presence at the **Hood River County Fair** was cancelled at the last minute, due to extremely HOT weather. (This has prioritized finding a new location at the Fair Grounds!). That change of plans, was a double disappointment as the Fair coincided with Mini-College.

Mini-College was attended by four CGMG members, who enjoyed it greatly! We are proud of the hard work of Eric Bosler as a Committee Member; and Shari Bosler stepping up as “substitute” State Rep, for the OMGA Sharing Meeting.

Thanks to generous individual MGs and the unique Thrift Store at the Hood River Valley Adult Center, our chapter delivered 20 items/groupings for the Silent Auction.

JEDI & Garden Tools Library: As part of our quest to make gardening accessible to more people, the JEDI group is partnering with the Hood River County Library to provide gardening tools for their Library of Things.

CGMGA's **Spanish Radio Gardening Program**, La Jardinera, is broadcast on Thursdays, 8-9am: on Radio Tierra (Hood River). More of our signs and forms are being translated into Spanish!

PLANT CLINICS are back to normal (in-person) plus some members helping online from home, for personal convenience, and to help with excess of inquiries.

The **Training Schedule for 2023** is being developed. There are more classes on Saturdays and less on Wednesdays than in the past. The classes will be hybrid and recorded so people can watch offline.

Submitted by
Anny VanNatta
Central Gorge OMGA State Representative



Third quarter 2022 Report to OMGA Board of Directors

We have many creative, hard-working volunteers in our organization who cooperatively provide education to the Central Oregon community and who give so generously of their time and talents. Here are some of our project updates...

Hollinshead Water-wise Garden was in its glory during the month of August. All of Echinacea were in full bloom, the Liatris spicata 'Floristan Violet' spikes seemed a mile high, and the Hydrangea paniculata 'Limelight' was just beginning to bloom. We have had a great team of volunteers that included many trainees. They are very interested, engaged, and curious, and we have been able to make each workday a learning event. The Water-wise Garden along with our Community Garden volunteers held an informative presentation to the public on water-wise plants, caring for the garden during drought and heat, and other related topics. Garden tours were given as well as "Ask me About" sessions. The Homestead House and Tack Shed Museum also opened for tours.

Hollinshead Community Garden has had a challenging beginning to the growing season due to record rains and cooler weather, overtaken by exorbitantly hot days. The overhead watering was adjusted for the hot weather, but many of the plants were 'shut down' until cooler weather prevailed. Six of the garden plots need to be moved due to too much shade and water overspray from the adjacent dog park. They will be erected in the northwest corner of the garden, neighboring the current "alpha" plots. The southeast spaces vacated will become the new 'common area'. These projects are possible due to the continued volunteer hours put in by our master gardeners.

OSU Demonstration Garden volunteers met in the garden to learn about "Container Gardening Basics" and Color Wheel information, including how to put colors and textures together, and how to prepare potting mix for planting. A load of "Thrillers, Fillers and Spillers" was brought in. The group was divided into teams. Each team chose their flowers and began creating. Pictures of the event were sent to our Historian, and 7 beautiful containers were on display at the extension office because of their efforts. An additional class was presented on "weed identification and control" (non-chemical) followed by a weeding opportunity in the garden. Wildflowers were also identified and marked appropriately that had popped up in the garden as they are not weeds and should not be pulled.

Our June Garden Fair included educational booths, mobile plant clinic, Central Oregon Insect display, vendors, a plant raffle, and a Plant Sale. The event was successful as both an educational opportunity as well as providing revenue for the master gardener program. Master Gardeners were essential in the planning, setup, and execution of this well attended event.

The August Desert Garden Tour was a success. Five hundred forty-five participants came out to tour the gardens. This was a great turnout considering the tour had been shut down for two years due to COVID. There also was an increased interest in offering up gardens for next years' tour. Gardeners continue to be so giving of their time and talents.

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

Clatsop County Master Gardener Association

3rd Quarter 2022 Chapter Report

Our chapter Fall/ Winter Garden program will be September 17, 2022 at the Barbary Center in Astoria. There will be tool sharpening, (donation only), worm composting, soil testing, raffles, garden related vendors, pumpkins, workshops and plant sale.

The plant clinic started June 7th and will continue through Sept.

We have two gardens. One is the Alderbrook Learning Garden located within Astoria city park. This past year we were able to donate 1200 lbs. of fruit and veggies to the Clatsop County Community, our regional food bank distribution center. We hope to have 1500 lbs. this year. The mission is to demonstrate organic gardening practices for growing vegetables, herbs, and fruits in our challenging climate. This garden will also demonstrate vertical gardening, gardening with limitations and composting.

Our other garden is the CCMGA Demonstration Garden at the Clatsop County fairgrounds. This 30-year-old garden features dahlias, herbs, native plants, shade garden, butterfly garden and deer resistant evergreens. All plants have identification signs with QR codes for more information.

CCMGA had their first Sunday Market June 7th. We had over 50 contacts with 6 interested in being a master gardener. We will be at the market every other weekend until October, we also have another market in Seaside for those in the South part of our county. It meets every other Wed.

Our 2022 class graduation and awards will be at the Elks club November 17, 2022. The veterans are treating the new class with lots of desserts.

We have a new intake form and a manual on how to record data on ECCO, a statewide on-line program to record questions and answers that go through all state plant clinics. We are learning the new system.

At our Joy of Gardening this year we received two grants. The Karl Carlson award and the Extension Educator grant which will really help with our plant clinic. We needed a new microscope.

Our largest plant sale of the year will be next year on Mother's Day weekend in May.

We also have a Seed to Supper program. It is a 6-week basic gardening course taught to low-income families, providing information, hands on training and guidance that will allow community members to grow their own produce.

We have another program called Grow a Row. Individual gardeners step up to grow produce in their gardens to donate to local food pantries. Several hundred pounds was donated last year.

Submitted by,

Joanie Chapel,
Clatsop County State Representative

Columbia County Master Gardener 3rd Quarter 2022 Report

Columbia County Demo Garden – LaVina Patterson report that there was a total of 928 visits to the garden during the County Fair during the 5 days of the fair from July 20th to 24th.

Also new to the demo garden is the edition of an ADA raised bed built by Chip Gardes.



Seed to Supper Class wrap up with Deb Brimacombe

The Seed to Supper classes wrapped up with a couple of demonstrations in the garden. One of the class participants demonstrated how he saves tomato seed, complete with a salt shaker which he claimed was absolutely necessary so he could eat the bits of flesh left over after he removed the seed. Lily Joslin, Columbia County OSU Extension SNAP-ED Education Program Assistant, also brought supplemental food preparation materials and demonstrated herbal preparation, preservation, and herbal water ideas.

The classes were over a week before the Columbia County Fair so that Fair visitors could enjoy seeing the garden beds. Each participant contributed a short line of text about their bed and experience in the class that was added to the signage for the beds.



Columbia County Annual 2022 Potluck Picnic – held on August 28th

Around 30 folks showed up for our first in person gathering this year. Chuck Petersen our CCMGA Board President manned the grill.

For myself I must say as a 2020 graduate of the Master Gardener Training, I really appreciated being able to meet many master gardeners from the area in person!! So much of the contact with folks these last two years have been on zoom only.



Signups are being take for the 2022 – 2023 OSU Master Gardener class to be held in S. Helens by OSU Extension Agent Chip Bubl. Chip.bubl@oregonstate.edu

Submitted by,

Karen Harte, State Representative
Columbia County Master Gardener Association

Coos County Master Gardeners 3rd Quarter Report 2022

Coos county MG monthly meeting are continuing to be both in person and Zoom.

We continue to have our plant clinic twice a week at the Extension Office. We also participated with a plant clinic during the Coos County Fair in July. We had 388 contacts at the Fair!

Plant clinics are continuing at the Coos Bay Farmers Market and at the Bandon Farmers Market.

In August several Master Gardeners participated in the Summer Camp put on by the Coquille Tribe. They had two age groups of children and they did a craft making seed bombs.

Donna Levridge-Cambell continues to bring the Diversity and Equity committee reports to the monthly MG meetings.

The demonstration beds in front of the extension office are growing pumpkins, tomatoes, celery, lettuce and nasturtium flowers.

MG Lorna Schilling, President of Multnomah County Master Gardeners has moved to Coos County and has joined our group. She gave a great report on Mini College to the members.

The Plant Sale committee is continuing to meet and discuss plans and improvements for next year's Sale. We discussed setting out QR codes for each tomato variety.

The Community Gardens continue to thrive as the season continues.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dottie Tucker
Coos County OMGA State Representative

Curry County Master Gardener Association 3rd^d Quarter Report, 2022

Riley Creek Elementary School Garden-Students, families, and community members are wrapping up a wonderful summer of Fridays learning and harvesting in the garden. Attendees of the three-hour garden sessions have made flower art and pinch pots, learned about soil and pollinators, and harvested many fruits and vegetables from the garden. Each week we hear from families about the dishes and meals that they made from the produce they took home the week!

Volunteers from the Coos Fire Patrol provided with some heavy lifting chores to maintain the garden. Over one weekend, 7 volunteers weeded, brambles, emptied the weed bin, and replaced and boards on the raised beds.

The school year will begin shortly, and lots of our visitors are preparing for their first year of school are so excited to get garden time underway again with all grades and prepare for the fall harvest festival.



Coos Fire Patrol Volunteers

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Annual Plant Sale Preparation-Summer 2022 has been busy preparing for next year's Annual Plant Sale at the greenhouse located at Gold Beach High School. Time has been spent cleaning and organizing the soil, pots and remaining plants. Now the actual task of propagating plants is in full swing. Cuttings have been made from 6 local master gardener home gardens. For the 2023 plant sale we plan to add hanging planters and more native plants to our selection of perennials and vegetables. Several of our MG's are also attempting to propagate some of the woody plants by air layering rather than through cuttings.

Summer Potluck-The Curry County Summer Potluck was held August 20, 2022 at the home and garden of Adele Kurtz. Time was spent exploring the gardens, enjoying the beautiful ocean view, and identifying some of the plants that Adele purchased from the on-line sale in 2021. And eating..... MGs are darn good cooks too!

Plant Clinics-Plant clinics continue using a hybrid model of in person greeting at the OSU office and offsite research. Curry County Master Gardeners have also attended events at a local nursery, Dragonfly Farms, and at the annual county fair to answer plant related questions and improve the visibility of the master gardener program in the county.

Little Bear Patch Garden-Four of our MG volunteers have reengaged at the Little Bear Patch Garden at the Brookings Elementary School. This garden had been unattended for several years. Our volunteers, assisted by the summer school special education students, spent time weeding, placing cardboard and woodchips, and general gardening cleanup. The garden is now ready for students to plant pollinator plants once the school year starts.



*Busy Bee at the Little Bear
Patch Garden 1*

Submitted By,
Debbie Carroll.

Curry County OMGA State Representative

Douglas County Master Gardeners'

Third Quarter Report 2022

Second Annual Fall Training Program

We started our eight-week Training course September 6 with presentations on "Botany" and "Climate and Weather." Twenty new volunteers are enrolled in this session and are paired with veteran Master Gardeners who serve as their mentors to support and guide them through the course work and the ensuing 60-hour internship. In addition to the classroom presentations and seminars, students will also have hands-on workshops in the gardens and green houses.

Fall Plant Sale

We are working in the gardens and greenhouses preparing plants and vegetable starts for a Fall Plant Sale on September 29.

Victory Garden

Last year our Victory Garden grew and donated more than 9,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables to local pantries and community kitchens. We are looking forward to another successful harvest.

Plant Clinic

Through emails, phone calls and visitors, we had more than 100 contacts to our plant clinic in August.

Submitted by,

Barbara Hamby
OMG State Representative

Lane County Master Gardener Association Third Quarter 2022 Chapter Report

It's summer and our Plant Clinic is very busy with email and phone inquiries about a wide variety of plant problems. Clinic volunteers are pleased to be getting an increasing number of walk-ins with plant material in hand. It is always useful to see the problem and talk with the client. We responded to 460 cases for this quarter (921 cases to date this year) and we noted a new pest, the Ligurian Leafhopper, *Eupteryx decemnotata*. Our Mobile Plant Clinic is also out and about at various events and some members presented talks at the Lane County Home and Garden Show. We completed our spring soil pH testing in June and are gearing up to offer this service to the community again this fall.

We continue our monthly seminar series through the summer and in the last three months we presented talks on controlling botrytis on ornamentals, growing tree fruits in the home garden, and adapting to climate change. As part of our commitment to continuing education we are also planning a fall virtual program on Low Maintenance Gardening.



Lane County had a large contingent attending the 2022 Mini-College in July. We enjoyed the two keynote talks as well as many of the sessions. Some of us even took in the baseball game! We awarded three LCMGA scholarships for the event.



Our various subcommittees continue to be busy with summer activities. Of note, the Plant Diagnostic Committee held their first in-person Plant Prowl in two years. These prowls are a favorite of the PDMGs as they provide a wonderful opportunity to get together and investigate several current problems in a garden. It's a great way to expand their knowledge base and help a homeowner. The members have really missed doing these because of the pandemic, so in addition to investigating interesting problems it was just great to be together again.

In July and August three MG's hosted garden tours for LCMGA members. The tours were informative and a great way for our members to reconnect with one another. We also held a pizza luncheon for Plant Clinic volunteers and 25 folks came by to enjoy the pizza, ice cream and conversation. Our LCMGA picnic is upcoming on the 24th of September.

Submitted by
Sharon Roberts

Lane County Master Gardeners Association OMGA Representative

Lincoln County Master Gardener Association (LCMGA) 3rd 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: 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 2023 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.

Community Education: NEW

- **Class on Growing Dahlias-**
 - **Lincoln County Master Gardener Julie Moore** will lead a class on growing dahlias on the Oregon Coast at OCCC-Lincoln City on **September 20 at 10:00 AM.**
- **Class on Growing Perennials on the Oregon Coast-**
 - Come learn about growing perennials on the Oregon Coast from **Lincoln County Master Gardeners Mary Jane Bonelitz and Cathi Block at OCCC-Lincoln City on September 28 at 10:00 AM. Cost: \$10**
- **Happening at the Maritime Heritage Center here in Newport:**
 - **Adding Native Plants to Your Sustainable Gardening Practices, Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022, 1PM**
 - **Ann Geyer, Native Plant Specialist, Lincoln County Master Gardener Association**
 - Native plants have formed symbiotic relationships with native wildlife over thousands of years, and therefore are foundation plantings for a sustainable habitat. If planted correctly, they play a strategic role in supporting local wildlife, conserving water, reducing erosion, maintaining healthy soil, and avoiding the need for chemical pesticides. Learn how to select and care for natives and enjoy the benefits of a healthier, wildlife friendly garden.

LCMGA Grant Initiatives: NEW

- **Congratulations, Mary Jane Bonelitz** for receiving the **Karl Carlson grant** to pay for the construction of a wheelchair-accessible ramp and hardscaping in the Lincoln City Demonstration Garden. This work will help make the garden more accessible for members of our community!
- **Congratulations, Laura Strom** for receiving the **OMGA Educator Grant** for her work developing a seed library in collaboration with the Newport Library. Stay tuned for opportunities to work with Laura to support this project!

Demonstration Gardens:

Oregon Coast Community College (OCCC) - Lincoln City – OPEN - CHANGE

- **The Lincoln City Demonstration Garden will soon be the Lincoln City Demonstration and Community Garden!**
 - We are able to do this work thanks to grant funding from the [Danone Institute of North America](#). This grant was awarded to the SNAP Education team in the Lincoln County Extension office. (In case you're unfamiliar with [SNAP Ed](#), our SNAP educators provide nutrition education for community members in Lincoln County who qualify for SNAP food assistance.) Through this grant, a 'core team' of collaborators from SNAP Ed, Master Gardeners, the [Olalla Center](#) & [Arcoiris Cultural](#), and [Northwest Coastal Housing](#) is working with 5 community gardens in Lincoln City to create accessible gardening spaces for members of the Latinx community and low-income individuals and families in Lincoln City.
 - If you've spent time in the Lincoln City Demonstration Garden, you know that the Rotary Club has had a garden behind the demo garden for several years. Rotary Club has agreed to convert their 5 raised beds into a pilot community garden for Latinx community members and to help with garden maintenance during the pilot. (The pilot will last for two years, with the possibility of making the change permanent in future.) As a first step, we are using grant funding to revamp the garden by investing in things like irrigation, hardscaping, and signage. You may have seen the flurry of emails about moving rocks to the garden as well– we're also working on some beautification projects! SNAP Ed staff have selected 5 families to start working in the garden, and our goal is to have the beds available for community members to start gardening in September. (Of course, this isn't a great time to start planting on the Oregon Coast, but our hope is to support families getting some short season and/or cool season crops in the ground before the cold and rain set in!)
 - This is an exciting opportunity for the Lincoln County Master Gardeners to live out our mission of 'Cultivating resilient and healthy communities throughout Oregon through sustainable horticulture education and gardening projects that are rooted in science and that are supported by OSU Extension volunteers!' There will be many chances for Master Gardeners to support the new community garden: During these beginning stages, we'll need volunteers to help with beautification projects to get the garden ready for new gardeners. Next season, we hope to teach a Seed to Supper course (and maybe some other gardening classes!) with community members at the garden, and will need Master Gardeners to help with course planning and teaching. And of course, helping maintain the demonstration garden and answer community gardeners' questions as they arise in the garden will be a huge way that we support the new community garden.
- The four-legged critter invasion continues to challenge the north county gardeners. Various animals speculated to be deer, voles and raccoons have had their way with the tomatoes, squash, strawberries and other veggies plus pollinators. As a result, the straw bales are nearly decimated. The few remaining tomatoes from the keyhole we're moved to a straw bale as part of an apprentice project. They are covered with bird netting
- The Keyhole Garden was replanted with short germination crops and fashioned with a "deer fence". There are plans to dig out the galvanized bed at the end of the season and lay hardware cloth to stop vole access to the veggies. The bed will be amended using Hügelskultur, a method of using organic items such as rotting tree limbs to create awesome soil. In the spring, a cloche with netting will be placed on this bed.
- Despite the critters some squash, peas, artichokes and cucumbers have been harvested and donated to the local food pantry.
- By the time this newsletter is published the August 15th Kids Faire will be in the past. We will be partnering with SNAP Ed, the Olalla Center and LSWCD to provide educational, fun activities for the attendees. The Lincoln City Rotary will be providing grilled burgers for lunch! Spanish speaking translators will be present making this a bilingual affair!

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

- Planted more pollinator plants. Garlic has been harvested for Food Share. Some fall vegetables have been started to later planting

Yachats Demonstration and Community Gardens- OPEN – CHANGE

- We hosted an open house/plant clinic on Sunday, August 14 from 11am to 2pm. Our three apprentices (Laura Strom, Mary Lumley, and Stormi Dykes) were on hand to talk about their projects and show off their hard work and research.
- It is harvest time in the garden. We have harvested an amazing number of beautiful garlic. We are harvesting squash from the food share bed.
- The carrots and onions are growing, and the potatoes are in bloom.
- The rhubarb grew so well after the first harvest that it is ready to harvest again. We'll be harvesting it this Wednesday if anyone is interested. ◦ We are starting to cut back and prune the huge escallonia hedge on the north side of the garden as well as the other perennials. It's a big job. We would welcome any help. We are there on Wednesdays from about 11-2 or later.
- Our community beds look great. The warm weather has really helped the veggies grow!

Community Garden Initiative: NO CHANGE 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.

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

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. A working plan is being developed to add a 3rd school in the fall, Sam Case Elementary, Newport, to the fold.

JEDI efforts: NEW

- 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. Located at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Newport; this is a community garden space for Latinx and Mesoamerican Indigenous families. There are 29 garden beds being used by 15 families to grow their own food.
- Photos show that these gardens are fruitful. The 4th photo is a *MONGOGO DU GUATEMALA SUMMER SQUASH*, one of many South American/Guatemalan cultivars growing here. Photo #5; many sunflowers on the site...this one is almost 10 feet tall.



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

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Linn Co Quarterly Report – 3rd Quarter 2022 Chapter Report

After a year with no supervising horticulturist in our county, Brooke Edmonds will add our county, along with Benton, Marion and Polk, to her duties as Master Gardener Coordinator.

We hope this is a temporary situation and that funding will become available for a full-time coordinator for Linn/Benton, to assist our heroic program assistant, Elizabeth Records, along with the office staff, in managing the program to its fullest.

Farmers Markets: we have master gardener plant clinics at three markets in our county; Albany, Brownsville and Sweet Home, every second or third week of the market spring to fall.

MG training and community education:

Rich Little is presenting —'Diagnosing Insect Damage on Plants' at Linn County Extension Office. September 15th 6-8 pm. Janice Gregg is teaching a class on Saturday, August 27th. 10-11 am "Growing and Using Herbs." The PNW Brown Bag talks are resuming this fall. The first is October 6th from 12 to 1 pm at Albany Public Library. Demo Garden Classes: "Harvesting Fruits & Vegetables"— Sept 8th, 10—11 am & 6—8 pm.

Blue orchard bee cocoon harvesting classes. Rich Little will offer a "Train the Trainer" class at the Linn Extension office on Wednesday, September 14th from 10:00-Noon.

We will be starting our live membership meetings again. Some of these meetings will include retraining of plant disease and insect information.

Bee Notes: Linn County Master Gardener Association has received the Marje Luce Search for Excellence from OMGA for their publication [Bee Notes](#). Focused on Western Oregon, Bee Notes, a periodically-emailed newsletter, is a valuable resource for MG's and the general public who are interested in enhancing the survival of Oregon's native bees



Submitted by,

Ann Kinkley,
Linn County OMGA State Representative

Marion County Master Gardener Association 2022 3rd Quarter Chapter Report

It has been a very busy summer here in Marion County. Our plot managers are preparing their plots for the winter, removing weeds, dead heading plants and adding new plants. The cane berries have had old canes removed and next year's canes have been tied up, getting them ready for next year's fruit. All of the fruit from our blueberries, cane berries, apples and vegetables has been donated to the Marion County Fresh Start Market supporting their Juvenile Alternatives programs. We are also getting the Marion Garden ready for a Membership BBQ/Picnic and Potluck scheduled in September.

We have had several workshops this quarter, including training cane berries, and a zoom presentation on the Monarch butterfly. We have conducted Community Plant Clinics at Englewood Forest Festival, the Santiam SummerFest, and the Oregon State Fair. We also have continuing plant clinics at the Salem Farmers Market and the Aumsville Saturday Market. Plant Clinic Coordinators and the Help Desk Coordinator have been working with the 2022 trainers to get their required clinic hours.

The Marion Demonstration Garden, as well as propagation, had a rough start to the summer. Our electrical system kept tripping the main circuit breaker causing problems for heating and cooling in the greenhouse. And the well we share with Marion County was having multiple problems, and kept shutting itself off. The intermittent water supply made keeping plants watered as things warmed up very difficult. An electrician was finally able to get the part needed for the electrical repair in June, and the county fixed the problems with the well in August. Our Maintenance Team built an equipment storage/maintenance room inside one of our buildings, and our tools and equipment are now in a much more secure location. We have been working on painting our new (rebuilt) picnic tables and putting a fresh coat on our Education Building.

Our Propagation Team is hard at work getting ready for our 2023 plant sale. MGs and trainees have washed pots, set up cuttings, transplanted and watered plants. They also took advantage of an old canopy frame and some old shade cloth, and set up a new nursery area to expand how many plants we can keep in the shade—especially important with these incredibly hot summers.

Submitted by,

Terry Sawyer,
Marion County OMGA State Representative

Tillamook County Master Gardeners Third Quarter 2022 Chapter Report

TCMGA was busy with a variety of projects throughout the third quarter. We participated in five local Farmers Markets throughout the summer. These were the Neskowin Farmers Market, the Pacific City Farmers Market, the Tillamook Farmers Market, the Garibaldi Night Market and the Manzanita Farmers Market. We opted to be present once a month at each market due to staffing concerns.

We operated a limited plant clinic at the extension office due to volunteer and extension staff limitations. We added the last of the 2020-21 cases, so we are up to date from 2020 in ECCO. We have 98 case records now in ECCO. That's a respectable number of cases, given the pandemic times

We were busy in our Learning Garden at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds. The garden is quite an attraction during the four-day Tillamook County Fair. We had 24 volunteers donate 108 hours of time as garden hosts during the fair. This year also celebrates the 35th year that the Tillamook County Master Gardeners have been in existence. We endeavored to contact each visitor to the garden during the fair and recorded 1,434 visitor contacts. The garden presence on the fairgrounds presents a unique opportunity to interact with many of the county's residents as well as visitors from all over. We also staffed the garden during a local Home Garden Show at the fairgrounds and picked up an additional 36 visitor contacts. All of the produce from the Learning Garden is donated to the Tillamook Food Bank.

We did receive some good news from OSU Extension. OSU/Extension is going to hire an Education Program Assistant to help coordinate and manage the Master Gardener training program for Tillamook County. This would be a 20 hr. per week administrative position that we hope to fill with a Master Gardener. Classrooms have been reserved starting in January.

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Wasco County Master Gardener Association Third quarter report for OMGA

Last quarter I wrote that being without a coordinator has taken a toll on our Wasco County Master Gardeners. In the last three years, we have had a coordinator for one of those years. We have been without one now for 11 months. We do have a new coordinator starting Sept 1, that we have great hopes of retaining for the future. We are so hopeful that he will stay and work with our program. Our program has lost members, even this summer, so we are at the lowest membership number that I have seen since I started in January of 2017. We are committed to making our program relevant and inclusive of all participants.

We have two main ongoing projects, as well as a brand new one that we've just started, and then several smaller projects that may be just one or two times each year. In addition, we try to staff plant clinics twice a week with at least two members each time.

The project I would like to highlight this report is our (The) Dalles Imagination Garden (DIG). This is a children centered garden on land donated by Google, adjacent to their facility in The Dalles. It features raised beds, heart shaped beds, large tubs of flowers, a native plant bed; a 3-part compost bin, as well as a rotating compost bin. The DIG is run by two of our long-term MG's, who keep it pristine and beautiful, with the help of the Master Gardener volunteers who work there each week. All of the food that we raise at the DIG is donated to the local food bank, many hundreds of pounds of food each year.



In the heart shaped Storybook beds, the Master Gardener(s) who adopts that bed, designs it around a children's story book of their choice. We have a small protected library where children and parents can read the storybook. This year we have beds called, Gwendolyn's Pet Garden; Harold and the Purple Crayon; and Cinderella. In the past we've also had Winnie the Pooh, Peter Rabbit, and the Very Hungry Caterpillar beds.

One of our new Master Gardeners is growing raspberries this year. We also have corn and asparagus beds. The Cinderella bed grows pumpkins, as well as flowers. There is a salsa garden bed, and a vertical squash bed. One of our Master Gardeners is putting in a walkway under the entrance arbor. The DIG is very beautiful and attracts families with children who play in a children's play area, many walkers who walk along an adjacent trail. It has even been the site of a wedding.

Another activity located at the DIG is called Mornings at the DIG. It is a weekly summer information class held on Saturday mornings. at 9:00. Each week a different Master Gardener holds a talk there, or plans a children's activity, or leads a tour of the garden. We have cherry tasting in early July, and the summer finishes with a

tomato tasting in August. These are attended by community members, local master gardeners, and even



people from other communities.

Ongoing projects at the DIG include refreshing raised bed soil next year, and refurbishing the outer wall, perhaps with a mural.

I will highlight our newest project in the next quarterly report.

Submitted by,

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Washington County Master Gardener™ Association

3rd Quarter Report to OMGA Board

Education in the Education Garden: A PCC-Rock Creek class is using the newly-planted pollinator hedgerow as part of their learning experience

Backyard Habitat Certification: Our Education Garden has received silver level certification from the Backyard Habitat program (<https://backyardhabitats.org/>) which promotes the transformation of urban gardens into natural backyard habitats in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties.



Grow1/Give1: Grow1/Give1 project purpose is to provide vegetable and herb starts to limited-income residents of Washington County, many of whom do not have yards or space for planting vegetables. The primary goal of this first year was to test the feasibility of such a project and identify best methods for achieving the goals. We met our primary goal and were able to distribute starts of tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, jalapeños, and various packets of vegetable seeds at the St Vincent de Paul food pantry in Hillsboro and through the Centro Cultural food pantry in Cornelius. Thanks to support provided by OSU Extension's Food Hero program, we provided an instruction sheet in both Spanish and English. We included fertilizer supplied by Clean Water Services and grow bags supplied by Root Pouch filled with potting medium unless the recipients indicated that they had yard space for planting.

Open Gardens: Two family Open Garden event for the community were held. The first at the WCMGA Education Garden at PCC-Rock Creek in July just ahead of mini-College and at the WCMGA Learning Garden at the Jenkins Estate mid-August. It's great to be back with some of these fun in person events.



The Oregonian published a lovely article showcasing the WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate. Pictures can be found at <https://www.oregonlive.com/galleries/VXQ6CNOS3NCYFLLCTMPQJNEZA/>

Submitted by,

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Yamhill Master Gardener Association

3rd Quarter Chapter Report

Our chapter is very pleased to receive the "Search For Excellence" Award at mini-college in Corvallis in July, 2022. This \$1000 is to be used for our "Garden to Table" program which teaches people of lower income the basics of gardening and provides a raised bed/seeds/advice through our Community Garden in McMinnville, Oregon. We also received for our chapter adviser, Heather Stoven, an Extension Educator award of \$250 for the purchase of pH testing meters. Both awards will be well spent.

Our Spring Into Gardening event was very successful even though it was held outside and the weather was nasty! We were under a tent and wind/rain blew in non-stop, for the entire event. But...the participants were very hearty and never complained and were transfixed by the speakers. Irrigation and Raised beds were two of the offerings.

The Yamhill County Fair was held in August and our education garden was ready! Many hours of MG time were spent prior to the fair for it to be a beautiful, peaceful location for relaxing at while at the fair. Annuals and perennials, including a collection of scented roses were blooming and inviting all to visit.

During this 3rd quarter we've had a very interesting tour attended by our chapter. This was held in Boring, Oregon at the "Red Hammer" facility. We were instructed on proper tool care. We also participated in our own "Ice Cream Social" which was just a social but also included recognition of the 2022 MG of the Year & 2022 MG "Behind The Scenes" winners who were then recognized at mini-college.

Of course, we have been active at public events in our area. McMinnville Farmer's Market Newberg Farmer's Market, Compostpalooza and Harvest Fest at the Yamhill County Heritage Center have kept us active and available to answer the public's gardening questions.

We also are always educated by our newsletter contributors, Anna Ashby and Shelly Toombes Who are the Allison Inn's gardener and pastry chef. Anna wrote about fava beans and their Benefits and Shelly wrote about alliums. So much information which makes me want to get outside and plant fava beans and alliums!

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