



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

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Benton County 4th Quarter Chapter Report

October Association Meeting –

- Our program included a presentation on the Emerald Ash Borer by Jennifer Killian, Urban Forester for the City of Corvallis Parks and Recreation. was very informative and a bit frightening. We are fortunate that this pest is not widespread in Oregon yet but what we learned is that once established it is devastating, so be on the lookout for signs of this new pest.
- A copy of her presentation can be viewed [HERE](#).

Gearing Up for Gardening –

- This well attended series of talks on gardening is returning in January 2023 after a two-year hiatus. These free talks are open to the public and held at the Corvallis Public Library during January and February.

Insights Into Gardening 2023 –

- This one-day conference, complete with exhibitors and raffle prizes, will be held again in LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus on February 11, 2023. The speakers and topics for this popular conference have been finalized. Registration will open on January 2, 2023.
- The preliminary conference schedule can be viewed [HERE](#).

Central Gorge Master Gardener Association

4th Quarter report to OMGA

The **CGMGA Chapter Meeting & Picnic** was held September 7, at the home & garden of our President-Elect, Leanne Hogie.

Our Annual Recognition and Graduation Event, November 9, will honor our Master Gardener of the Year: Sandy Holden Montag. Paul Matalucci and Linda Kaufman were co-recipients of the Behind-the-Scenes Award. There will be other awards announced as well as, election of officers and a Potluck!

We got to have a final Garden Visit on Oct 7, to the gardens at the Hood River Valley Adult Center. The Community Garden, was established by Scott Johnson, late husband of MG, Elaine Johnson who continues to Coordinate this very prolific project. MG Anny VanNatta joined her in 2017, and they created a "Kitchen Garden" for Meals on Wheels, out of a newly-bulldozed, former blackberry thicket. The pair has experimented and created this ten-row organic garden using No-till, Companion planting, "Lasagna" and "Weedless Gardening" techniques. The latter was learned from Lee Reich, keynote presenter at the MG International Conference held recently in Portland!

Both gardens are enclosed with a fence, planned and installed as an Eagle Scout project. A pollinator hedgerow enhances the fence's perimeter.

This project has been aided by local Lions Club members, and the High School "Leos" who regularly volunteer in the garden and are donating to the fall project of raised beds and cold frame for the Community Garden.

As we total up this year's volunteer hours, plans are well underway for 2023. The application form for new Master Gardeners was just posted online!

Submitted by,

Anny VanNatta, Central Gorge MGA Representative



Fourth Quarter Report to OMGA Board of Directors – November 2022

Embracing Fall...

Hollinshead Water-wise Garden—

The water-wise garden is slowing down, and the amount of work needed to maintain the garden is too. But our work is not over yet! We continue to document work performed in the garden on our workday reports. For example, we document things like bloom time, our research regarding pests, how we address pest issues, and when pruning and other care was completed. These reports will then be used for future planning and be included in next year's Care Reports for each part of the garden.

Deer have made their way into the garden once again, with the bark of our new crabapple damaged by their antlers rubbing the bark. We have wrapped the tree with a netting to prevent further damage. We will be planting spring bulbs when the soil cools. We will be planting Muscari and some narcissus varieties later this month. This will add to early spring interest in the garden and demonstrate the use of bulbs as waterwise plants. We will also add additional mulch to the garden in November to prepare for the winter months.

Discovery Park Community Garden—

Discovery Community Garden volunteers got together and had a work session. Bend Parks had delivered several yards of fresh wood chips to spread. Seven volunteers made short work of the task. There is one more work session to take place after the garden closes with the finishing touches on the garden for winter winds and storms. Many gardeners have already done the work to prep their beds, and some garlic has been planted. Again, this year, gardeners who have opted to purchase and use multiyear plastic film, will be allowed to leave it installed through the winter. Results from this last year look promising in finding something which will not deteriorate in one season. As we all know, every year throws a different combination of conditions at we gardeners.... some not so favorable. A bright spot this year has been the success the garden had ripening tomatoes. I'm not sure if the garden has seen this many orange and red tomatoes in October. Warm, sunny weather following an early light frost seemed to do the trick. In a couple of weeks, the garden will be put to bed, and we'll be dreaming about all those wonderful veggies we enjoyed all summer long. Happy Fall.

The **Hollinshead Community Garden (HHCG)** closing weekend is upon us. Gardeners must have their plots cleaned out and adjacent pathways must be clear of all weeds. In 2020, we had a rotation for when gardeners could be in the garden due to COVID restrictions. It was then we started the "clean your own plot and adjacent pathways", rather than the mandatory 2-hour work period for opening and closing days. The 'clean your own plot' worked SO well, we continued this process for opening and closing weekends. Most of our plot renters agree this is the best process. Bend Parks and Recreation have agreed to put in posts at HHCG, to hold the numerous hoses we have throughout the garden. For many years we have thought it dangerous for the gardeners and visitors to have the hoses laying on the ground, in the middle of the pathways. By the end of the month, we will hopefully have these posts installed, and ready for next year's gardening.

Community Education Report—

We wrapped up our Community Ed season with a "Putting Your Garden to Bed" class at Hollinshead. We had a small but engaged group of gardeners who kept us answering questions for an hour beyond the scheduled hour class. Touring the community garden one-on-one resulted in more questions.

OSU Extension Service Demo Garden –

The month started off with eradicating weeds and ended with vegetables being harvested and donated to Neighborhood Impact. The 70+ pounds of vegetables donated included potatoes, onions, fancy lettuce, blue pumpkins, green beans, cucumbers, corn, oregano, and sage.

A 10-minute educational class on the characteristics of corn held in the garden aided the volunteers in the harvest.

Green Thumb Travelers—

We have a new 'trial' fundraising opportunity for those who love to travel. Green Thumb Travelers has partnered with Collette Tours for two Small Group Explorations tours to Great Britain and Ireland for Fall 2023. Seats are limited for these small, active tours that take 12-24 travelers off-the-beaten -path, stay in small boutique hotels, and seek out the culture, agriculture, food, art, and history of a region. These tours can be booked individually (one or the other) or you have the option to combine the two tours with an extra two nights in Edinburgh between the end of the Ireland tour and the beginning of the Scotland & England tour. These tours are rich in visits to world famous gardens, and 10% of trip fees go to Central Oregon Master Gardeners Association for community education programs! This opportunity is open to anyone that would like to travel. Watch for more travel opportunities in the future.

—For more information about the tours, contact Cher Hinerman, 503-750-7168 or go to our website at www.gocomga.com

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

Clatsop County 4th Quarter Chapter Report

As we have passed the Fall Equinox glancing back to our 2022 successes and start to look forward to the opportunities and possibilities for 2023, we have discovered energy and creativity.

CCMGA is thrilled with our newest members bringing much needed enthusiasm. They will be graduating Nov. 17th. Our efforts to nominate interested and capable individuals to serve on our CCOMGA board for 2023 has paid off! We look forward to prospects of 2023 to carry on our Mission Statement forward, reactivate community projects that have been placed on hold during Covid and watch our current involvement, Blossom. CCMGA'S major events for 2023

1. Black Berry Bog was an educational and social event and was very well received and attended by both our newest members and our Veterans.
2. CCMGA'S \$2000 scholarship went to a very deserving high school student who will be studying horticulture.
3. CCMGA's fund raises have exceeded our expectations even though presented on a much smaller scale due to post covid challenges.
4. Our two public gardens the Demonstration Garden and the Alderbrook Learning Garden have managed to produce 1500 lbs. of healthy organic produce for the food bank and delight the public as well.
5. CCMGA's flagship public offering this year Garden into Winter was Sept. 17th and was well received and attended by the public. Our speakers covered composting, winter gardening, and local mushrooms. There was robust Q&A for each speaker. The table clinics focused on bee keeping, Oregon Bees Atlas, and Oregon Bee project. Soil analysis, displays of local mushrooms and winter vegetables and 4H projects. The generous door prize donated by Home Depot included the wheel barrow, garden clippers, gloves, waste bags, and many other items. It was won by a couple who participated in their local community garden. They are donating all of it to the community garden.
6. The final event, an educational offering was on the Emerald Ash Beatle. Speakers were Dan Stark and Christine Buell from OSU Forestry service. Christine is also an Entomologist.
We have a committee formed to start planning for our Spring Garden Seminar Mother's Day weekend. Our largest plant sale of the year. There will be vendors speakers, etc. Free admission, free parking. Come one come all.

Submitted by,

Joanie Chapel,
Clatsop County MGA State Representative

Columbia County Master Gardener 4th Quarter Chapter Report.

On October 27th we held our second in person Chapter meeting at the St. Helens Extension office. At this meeting a vote was held for officers to serve this next year.



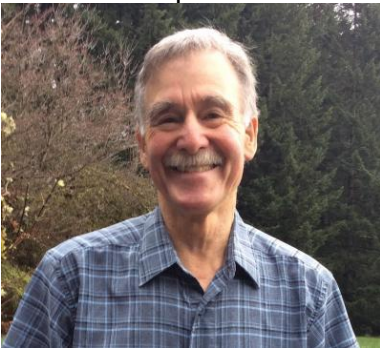
In photo left to right – Karen Harte (Rep.) Sonia Reagan (Alternate Rep), Gail Martyn (Treasurer/Secretary), LaVina Patterson (Historian), Katherine Johnson (Vice President) and standing tall in the back Chuck Petersen (President).

Jenny Rudolph Associate Professor of Practice in the OSU College of Public Health and Human Services and Extension Family & Community Health Program presented:
“10 Tips for Safe and Healthy Food Preservation”.

September's Chapter meeting presenter was Tamara Paulat. Tamara worked at the former Joy Creek Nursery and presented a program on ground covers. She and her husband David transformed a two acres property from clay, blackberries, rocks, and sand to a thriving diverse ecosystem.

Their property was featured in the November 2021 issue of Better Homes & Gardens. Here is the link to the article: <https://www.bhg.com/gardening/design/color/fall-garden-design/>

Chat with Chip



Monthly meetings on zoom every 3rd Tuesday evening at 6:30pm. Chip addresses previously requested topics, and invites ideas for future presentations.

Recent topics included

- Drought impact and deluge ahead
- Pros and cons of cover crops
- What is the magic material that helps clay soils drain better?
- Who is coming indoors this winter?
- Powdery mildew explodes
- Boxwood issues

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Harte, CCMGA State Representative

**Coos County Master Gardener
4th Quarter Report
2022**

Coos County MG monthly meetings continue to be held in person at the OSU extension office as well as on Zoom.

We continue having our plant clinics at the Bandon Farmers Market, Coos Bay Farmers Market and at the OSU extension office.

It looks like we may be cutting back the Bandon Farmers Market next year and possibly participating with Curry County doing a plant clinic at Dragonfly Nursery as well as other local nurseries and venues.

The three Community Gardens in the county will continue through the fall and will be shutting down for the winter the first of December. Most will have a final workday at that time. Many pounds of produce were grown and donated to the local food banks this season.

The plant sale committee has decided that next year's Tomato-Rama will be May 6, 2023. Committee members cleaned and organized pots after the monthly meetings in September and October.

Master Gardeners participated in a camp at the local Indian tribe. They had two age groups of children. The activity they chose to do was seed bombs. It was a hit with all the kids.

We have 3 new MG Trainees that will be graduating in 2022.
The Master Gardener training for 2023 will begin on January 12th.

Master Gardener of the Year for 2022 is Claudia Turner and the Behind-the-Scenes award was given to Mike Mueller.

We are excited to be bringing back "Fertilize Your Mind" in 2023. It will be held at the Mill Casino on April 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted
Dottie Tucker, Coos County OMGA State Representative

Douglas County Master Gardeners Report 4th Quarter 2022

These are some of the articles printed in the Douglas County Master Gardeners Monthly Report. We have been busy with a variety of projects. We are coming out of the Covid shutdown with renewed energy to keep our program blooming better than ever.

The Plant Clinic is one of our DCMG programs that reach out to our community to help people solve a wide range of gardening and landscape questions. The Plant Clinic training program is a great opportunity for our new members to put their knowledge of sustainable gardening to work. We are lucky to have a terrific Plant Clinic team this summer with Leo Grass, Barbara Horst, Diane Smith-Lewsadder, Doralee Hayden, and Chris Rusch. Many of our new MG's are also helping to fill in vacancies.

In an effort to reduce cost and to use our own resources, we decided to take a swing at making our own potting soil. In our potting soil experiment thus far, we have been able to create a compost that should be sufficient for two-thirds of the operations at the Horticultural Learning Center (HLC). This effort could potentially save the DCMG's close to one thousand dollars per year.

The program combines classroom and hands-on education in the classroom and out in the field. You are joining a group of 20 trainees, each of whom are paired with a veteran Master Gardener. Your mentor will introduce you to all that our program has to offer, including continuing education seminars, organizational meetings and many varied avenues of community outreach. The most important component of our program consists of taking our Sustainable Gardening message to other groups in Douglas County. We give presentations and demonstrations wherever we can. Our Plant Clinic is open year-round in the Extension office where home gardeners can come for help with their garden problems or questions. We use our training to give OSU research-based advice that advocates sustainable practices such as wise use of water, options to chemicals or how to properly apply a chemical and how to build healthy soil. We have an excellent library and computer programs and dedicated veteran volunteers who will guide you during your first volunteer year. Established in 2000, our chapter has developed an educational garden and training center at the Discovery Garden near River Forks Park. You may be familiar with our complex, called the Horticultural Learning Center (HLC). You will have many opportunities to work and attend classes at the HLC. The last Thursday of each month is our DCMG membership meeting.

This year we are trying something new to see how it goes. We are planning on having a Fall Master Gardener Plant Sale. We will have it in conjunction with the September chapter meeting on Thursday, September 29. This is the meeting that we have out at the Discovery Garden followed by potluck. We will be selling for a couple of hours after the potluck. More information will be coming out through Shirley on the details. Fall is often a great time to get some plants in the ground to get established during the dormant period. We will also have fall/cool weather vegetables starts.

Plant Clinic - The clinic has been busy all summer. Chris thanked everyone who worked this summer. They had over 100 contacts every month this summer. Cheryl sent out quarterly progress reports to the newspaper. Training will start in February for the new students. October hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They had 7 calls and walk-in's yesterday, including 3 stink bug questions.

Our "make-your-own" potting soil project is working out well. We have already started using some of the soil we have made and are seeing good results. One test that Bruce did was to check on weed seed germination. So far after three weeks in the test samples, no weeds have appeared. That means we have been able to get the compost mixture hot enough to kill any weeds that might have otherwise been in the soil. We have enough weed seeds blow in from the fields around the greenhouses that we don't need any more to deal with!

Respectfully submitted,

Patrice Sipos
Alternate DCMG State Representative

Lincoln County Master Gardener Association (LCMGA)

4th 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 continue 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: NEW

- **MG Graduation...** The 2022 Master Gardener Class will have a graduation ceremony at the OSU Extension building on November 16th.
- **MG Classes for 2023: Training Course Fee, Dates & Trainee Timeline have been set and updated on LCMGA FB page, website and flyers posted throughout the county.**
 - There are 20 trainee slots available in 2023.
 - Applications open: November 1st
 - Application deadline: December 31st
 - Classes will be via Zoom unless otherwise specified.
 - There will be multiple in-person workshops, hopefully, in our demonstration gardens.
- **Training Course Components:**
 - Your Master Gardener training has three main components: 1) online classes, 2) workshops in demonstration gardens, and 3) volunteer experiences.
 - **Part 1) Online spring classes (February & March 2023)**
 - **Part 2) Hands-on Workshops (February-June 2023)**
 - **Part 3) Volunteer Experiences (February-October 2023)**
 - Plant Clinic, Demonstration Gardens, Volunteer Projects
- **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.**
 - 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

- The **Fall Roundtable Series** addresses several new topics of interest to many coastal gardeners. Each session will be held at the OSU Extension Office (**IN-Person**) from 10:00-Noon
 - **Nov 5 Ornamental Pruning**
 - Learn the basics of pruning your ornamental shrubs. This session is taught by a Certified Master Pruner and will use the techniques developed by Cass Turnbull.

- **Nov 12 The Mystic and Many Uses of Herbs**
 - Herbs delight all of our senses. They add flavor to food and aroma to our environment. This session will show you how to capture the most from your herbs and introduce you to some of the fascinating lore surrounding them.
- **Nov 19 Rainwater Catchment Methods**
 - Many coastal gardeners are interested in taking advantage of rainwater as a source of summer water. This session will cover several simple approaches and provide real-life examples of how a large garden is watered using only captured rainwater.
- **Dec 3 Gardening in Sandy Soil**
 - Learn the ins and outs of gardening in sandy soil. You can have a beautiful garden and grow vegetables if you follow a few simple tips and, of course, choose the right plants. This session will give you the ABCs of sandy soil gardening.

Demonstration Gardens: NEW

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

- A HUGE thank you goes to Diane Gettis & Gettis Construction for their donation of hardscaping for the OCCC-Lincoln City demonstration garden AND connecting the demonstration garden to the community garden. Thank you for your generous donation that will make these gardens more accessible and welcoming to members of our community!



- Community service at our Rotary community gardens! We built garden beds and cloches, filling them with garden soil. Thanks to [OSU Extension Lincoln County Master Gardeners](#), Danone Institute, One Planet One Health, [Oregon Coast Community College](#), and others for funding this project!
- This Community Garden is adjacent to the Lincoln City Demo Garden. We welcome our new neighbors and thank the Rotary for their years of service to a food pantry garden and enhancing the transition to a Community Garden.

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

- Garden has an outbreak of aphids but now under control. At next work day, will continue to spray the vinegar. Some produce remaining to be harvested.
- Fall clean-up in progress

Yachats Demonstration and Community Gardens- OPEN – NEW

- Our open house on Sept. 18 was well attended for the end of the season. People were interested in hearing about how to put your garden to bed. A couple community members were eager to plant crimson clover as a cover crop that day! Others picked up information about cover crops.
- While we were down at the garden on a past Wednesday, we had 7 visitors visit the garden. They were very interested in the community involvement. The garden is so much more inviting when the gate is open!
- We harvested the rest of the potatoes and some more zucchini, onions, and broccoli. The food share in Waldport loves the fresh produce.

- We are going to grow some winter veggies in the garden. We are trying a fall/winter variety of broccoli. It will be interesting to see how it grows.

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. 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.
- 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.
- **(NEW) Meetings in progress to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for a Lincoln County Master Gardener partnership.**

Juntos en el Jardín (Newport Fairground)

- 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 providing access to gardening space for historically underserved members of our community; **for** families with limited English proficiency and without access to land ownership. There are 15 families using 29 garden beds to grow their own food.
- Michael Christy and Dough Hoffman built compost bins for the garden this past month.
- The Guatemalan squash are huge and the size of basketballs. The garden is looking like a fall garden, winding down. The sunflowers are gone. Time to fill the compost bins.
- **PHOTOS: See here for more photos: <https://tinyurl.com/bdz5shtp>**

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

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OMGA State Representative
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Linn County
OMGA 4th Quarter Report, 10/2022

In order to be more inclusive, going forward we are going to try to have the option of attending one of two membership meetings. The first meeting will be at the Albany Library following the PNW Brown Bag gardening talk at noon. The second meeting option will be from 6:00-8:00pm at the Linn Extension Office, on the same day. Newer members who work or have families have already expressed appreciation for the evening option too. Next year we will not have the PNW talks and the membership meeting on the same day of the week. We may offer some YouTube presentations at membership meetings followed by a discussion. Other ideas on topics for future classes: Having a city parks representative give a talk on elm ash borers, having an OSU talk on fire suppression (Ms. Bordelon from OSU), finding OSU graduate students to give talks. The Demo Garden is wrapping up with crops mostly ending production. With cooler weather, October hours are now from 1:00-3:00 on Wednesdays and Fridays. Irrigation is still running (longer this year) since it has been so dry. There will be 10 locations teaching classes for Mason Bee cocoon harvesting, from Eugene to Salem. A recording of the cocoon harvesting PowerPoint presentation will be published in Bee Notes and on our website.

Plant Clinics at the Albany Farmers Market continue through Nov. 19. There is a seed saving and seed swap planned at the Lebanon Library in February where we will have a table.

Our graduation and celebration of the past two year's master gardeners' graduates will be Nov. 19 in Tangent.

Submitted by:

Ann Kinkley, OMGA State Representative

Marion County Master Gardener Association 4th Quarter 2022 Chapter Report

Our Annual Members BBQ/Picnic at the Marion Garden was a big success. There were garden related craft projects, Swap-a-Plant, and a sharpening station for garden tools, scissors and knives. We welcomed our newest members and said hello to many members we had not seen for a while due to COVID restrictions.

Our Plant Sale Committee and Propagation Team are extremely busy getting ready for next year. There is a proposal to move the Propagation Team from the Plant Sale Committee due to the increased responsibilities of this position, and make it a separate board position. Also, the Propagation Team collaborated with Linn and Benton counties in purchasing plugs for the 2023 plant sales. This allows the counties to place a larger order for plants and share the cost, saving money for all counties.

Registration is now open for the 2023 MCMGA Master Gardeners class. We are planning on continuing the hybrid version of the class, with on-line and in-person events. The newer approach allows more people to participate, even if they are still working.

We are in the process of revamping our website to allow for easier access and smoother flow. The new webpage will make it easier to get to information without having to scroll through long lists of items to find what you're looking for. It will also include sign-up links on the calendar of events, rather than having to go to a different section.

There was a donation of \$500.00 "In Memory of Harry Olson.", a long-time Marion County Master Gardener. The Board decided to use this donation to establish a scholarship fund in Harry's name – "The Harry Olson Mini-College Scholarship". Each year, a Marion County Master Gardener can apply for a \$100.00 scholarship to be used for OMGA Mini-College. Any monies awarded above the tuition costs can be used towards gas, lunch, or books.

Graduation ceremony for the 2022 class will be part of a combined Graduation/Holiday Party on December 17. At this event we will recognize all trainees who have completed requirements, those Master Gardeners who are receiving new hours' bars, officers who are retiring from their positions on the Board, and those who received awards such as 'the MCMGA Master Gardener of the Year Award.'

The MCMGA Annual Membership meeting will be on November 15, where we will vote on officer positions and proposed Bylaw changes.

Submitted by,
Terry Sawyer,
Marion County MGA State Representative

Tillamook County Master Gardeners (TCMGA) Fourth Quarter 2022

TCMGA members have been active in advocating for an Agent for Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. We have also been involved assisting OMGA in advocating for adequate funding for the program on a statewide basis. One of our members has taken the lead in getting the chapter involved in the ECCO database. We have added links to ECCO on our members page on our website.

OSU Extension has decided to add a specific staffing commitment to the program to hire one of the volunteers in each county under a temporary employee status. The temporary hire approach allows for greater control and less administrative burden during the hiring process. We have identified a willing and excited MG volunteer in each county who will become a part-time member of our Extension staff to support the MG program. As in the past, the administrative staff will provide both front and back-office functions, such as advertising, enrollment, scheduling, IT support, VRS input, and other critical functions. They are also working with MG volunteers to coordinate for instructors for the upcoming classes for training this year.

2023 MG Training Program –A schedule has been prepared for 2023. These will be in-person classes. We have teachers lined up, with classes starting January 5. If people don't want to do community service, we will offer a home horticulture certification, and this can be done on line. Our price for in person classes has not been established. In October, the books will be put together and we will start advertising.

The Learning Garden at the County Fairgrounds is in the process of being winterized for the season. The Hoophouse will be prepared for propagation in preparation for next year's plant sale.

Submitted by,

John Casteel, OMGA State Representative

Washington County Master Gardener™ Association 4th Quarter Report to OMGA Board - October 2022

WCMGA Education Garden: WCMGA was recently approved to become an American Conifer Society (ACS) Reference Garden, in a joint application with PCC RC. With this designation, the WCMGA Education Garden at PCC RC and the PCC RC Campus become the 3rd of only three ACS Reference Gardens in the state or Oregon, joining the Oregon Garden and Hoyt Arboretum.



Wissel's Saguaro' Port-Orford-cedar
Chamaecyparis lawsoniana 'Wissel's Saguaro'



Waterwise area of the Education Garden
with 'Blue Ice' Arizona cypress



'Green Penguin' Scots pine
Pinus sylvestris 'Green Penguin'

WCMGA Learning Garden at the Jenkins Estate The adjacent THPRD Nature Kids preschool started on September 14. and Mary Hewitt, liaison with the preschool, is collaborating with the teaching staff on when and how to best introduce the children to the garden and possible other related activities.

The Oregonian published a lovely article showcasing the WCMGA Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate. Pictures can be found at <https://www.oregonlive.com/galleries/VXQ6CNOS3NCYFLLCTMPQJNEZAI>

New MG Soiree Resuming a tradition too long on hold due to COVID, WCGMA welcomed its new members from 2020 and 2022 at a Potluck held in the Learning Garden on September 17th. The weather cooperated for a wonderful evening with great food and company in a lovely setting.



Looking ahead to a very busy 2023. Our calendar for monthly speakers and our *In the Garden* series of presentations is nearly complete. Planning for Garden Fest, our annual plant sale and festival, proceeds apace and we are moving ahead with our next Grow1/Give1 event.

Submitted by
Leslie Ray, OMGA State Representative
Washington County

Yamhill County
4th Quarter Master Gardener Chapter Report
October, 2022

Our 2023 Planning Committee has met and we've set dates for our in-person Spring into Gardening event (March, 2023) and our in-person Plant Sale (May 6,2023). These two committees have already begun filling chairpersons for the many parts that go into events like these.

Farmer's Markets in McMinnville & Newberg have been very successful, with new people taking responsibility. Both markets are being guided by 2022 trainees who have infused new enthusiasm and ideas into expanding our participation as well as offering the public more science-based information.

Our greenhouse at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds in McMinnville, has needed a replacement skin covering as well as a new interior floor. The skin has been leaking for years, creating water puddles throughout the interior. We hired a crew from Bailey Nursery in Yamhill to replace it and they did an excellent job for an incredibly low price. Once that was completed, we hired a concrete company to replace the floor. They've graded the floor, installed gravel, leveled, and added rebar to the floor surface. Next comes the concrete pour, probably In November. The existing floor was covered with cloth which ripped and created an uneven walking surface, let alone a level area for our plant tables. And, it was a very dangerous tripping hazard. This is another project which we've talked about doing for years and it's so fun to see it near completion.

We are all very happy that we have a completely filled Board of Directors for 2023. As we all know, sometimes it's very hard to find volunteers.

Our 2022 MG Graduation is Nov. 6 at the Yamhill County Heritage Museum in McMinnville. We have 19 graduates and most of them are very active in our programs already. It's exciting to have new blood joining us. Lastly, our community newspaper, The News Register, wrote an extensive article about our Garden to Table program, published on October 25, 2022. Both the MG, Gene Nesbitt, and Heather Stoven were interviewed. It's four columns and all accurate! What a great way to explain this program to the public and hopefully get people interested in participating in the program and becoming Master Gardeners.

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