

# Oregon Master Gardener Association Second Quarter 2023 Chapter Reports

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### Central Oregon Master Gardener Association 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Chapter Report to OMGA

Spring has finally arrived in Central Oregon. Oh, but not so fast, it will be 32\* tonight, so cover those precious seedlings and anything that's blooming! Luckily, the weather is not keeping us down! Central Oregonians came out in glorious numbers to attend in-person and on-line classes. Classes were held at the OSU Extension Building from January to April. Our Spring Seminar classes were held each Saturday in April, 2 sessions a day, with 310 attendees. These classes counted for Advanced Training. Our Home and Garden Show with its mobile plant clinic was held at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds. Classes were attended by 140 people, while the mobile plant clinic had 948 contacts in the 3-day period. We started using QR codes for our more popular publications. This idea was well received and easy to access the documents.

The Community Gardens are open and it exciting to see all the activities. Alpenglow, our newest garden, had volunteers planting native plants and rolling out gravel and hardscape.

Our chapter has updated our Policies and Procedures, to include language clarification of procedure and position descriptions.

We are looking forward to 2 events, our annual Plant Sale is June 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be held at the Deschutes County Fairgrounds from 9a-3p. Pre-orders can be purchased on our website at gocomga.com. There will also be outside vendors for more fun. Then on July 15 is our annual Garden Tour. The feature gardens will be primarily in Tumalo. Tickets are available on our website for \$15.

We also had our 15 minutes of fame! We had a visit from our local news channel, Channel 21 while working in the OSU Demo Garden. Our educator Cheryl Hineman was in front of the camera describing our function and goals. The news clip can be found on Channel 21's website.

Thank you, wishing you a wonderful gardening season!

Submitted by:

Karen Simonet, OMGA State Representative Central Oregon Master Gardener Association

### CLATSOP COUNTY MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION 2<sup>ND</sup> Quarter Chapter Report to OMGA

The last few months have been busy for CCMGA! We have new graduate trainees doing a variety of community volunteer projects and educational activities.

Our one-day Spring Event Plant Sale on May 13th was a huge community success and our plant sale raised almost \$10.000! We had a variety of activities and educational booths, a raffle, informational speakers, vendors, soil testing, and bee pollinator information. Clatsop County 4-H Group, The Sundrops, had handmade cards, plants, and crafts for sale at the event, along with aprons to decorate and bookmarkers to make in the "Kid Zone". A huge THANK YOU to Nancy Bouse, Joannie Chapel and all our CCMGA's and trainees for all their work making this event so amazing!

Currently, eradicating Scotch Broom, Spurge and Holly is a large ongoing program at the Yeon House on 106 acres along the coast, which is under the US National Park Service. Scotch Broom is terribly invasive and spreads very easily in Clatsop County.

Our Sunday Market and Wednesday Market started up for the season in May. The Master Gardeners at the Plant Clinics at each market are busy answering questions.

CCMGA partnered with Cannon Beach Food Bank to acquire and donate a tomato plant, in a good-sized grow bag full of soil, for families who would like to grow tomatoes.

Our Plant Clinic (Infoline) at the OSU Clatsop Extension office is up and running on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May through October.

There is activity in the Alderbrook Learning Garden, planting, watering, and maintenance. This garden is working towards providing hands-on garden teaching opportunities for Master Gardeners and the public. All the fruit and vegetables grown organically in the garden are donated to the Clatsop County Food Bank. A pruning demonstration was held there to show the community how to prune berries and apple trees.

The Demonstration Garden was open for the May 13 event and will be again at the Clatsop County Fair coming up August 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Scholarships- 2 well deserving Clatsop County high school seniors were winners of 2023 CCMGA scholarships!

Plans in the works for CCMGA's Harvest & Feast Fall Plant Sale and Demonstrations, to be held on September 30, 2023 at the Barbery Center in Astoria.

Submitted by:

Elizabeth Schimpf, OMGA State Representative Clatsop County Master Gardner association



### Columbia County Master Gardener Association 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

### 26th Annual Spring Plant Sale held at the Columbia County Fairgrounds on April 29, 2023

We had great weather, venders and a fantastic turnout for this year's spring plant sale.







Line around the building before opening

A very enthusiastic display for children to enjoy from the Bug Nutz group

#### BugNutz visited three schools, and delivered 11 nesting boxes houses to 7 schools.

The teachers were all thrilled and delighted that the top tray of the stack was covered with plexiglass so the children could observe. They were also surprised that the houses were painted with their school mascots as well as bees. One 2nd Grader saw my bee display at an Earth Day Event and was excited to tell me all about the bee boxes his teachers put up at his school. He said he could watch the bees going in and out of the box.

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Master Gardener Pat LaPoint who created the project with his wife Andi.

### Seed to Supper—Deb Brimacombe

The Seed to Supper classes all had remarkable interest, and attendance remained high at all of the locations this spring.

Thirteen people registered for the Vernonia classes. All thirteen came to the first day of class and 12 people finished. That is a record for attendance.

Clatskanie, Rainier, and Scappoose all had good, regular attendance with 35 people completing 5 or more classes.

We had hands-on classes in St Helens again this year, with 5 students completing the classes. The participants experimented with one or more bed at the demo garden and are currently maintaining their garden plots.

We also experimented with a short, three-week set of container gardening classes at the St. Helens Food Bank. Seven people registered, but there was a little shifting of attendance with walk-ins wanting to join. The Food Bank was kind enough to share seeds and gardening supplies with the class.



Creative trellis built by seed to supper group.

Submitted by: Karen Harte, OMGA State Representative Columbia County Master Gardener Association

### Coos County Master Gardener Association 2023 2nd Quarter Report to OMGA

We had a great plant sale "TomatoRama" on the 6th of May. Our gross was over \$4,000, which was about twice the last year's proceeds. Sixteen people grew plants. We gave the leftovers (a bit over 30 flats) to several community gardens. It has been a hard year for starting plants due to the coldness of the weather, but people did a great job. We gave fewer plants away and doubled our gross income.

The Farmer's Markets have started in Coos Bay and Bandon and people are there answering questions.

We are looking forward to the Coos County Fair in July.

On the 1st of April, Coos County had a seminar called: Fertilize Your Mind. There were 88 paid attendees for a total of over 100 including Master Gardeners. The keynote speaker was James Cassidy from OSU speaking on Soils. He also did a class on Understanding Your Soil. The price for the day was \$45 which included a boxed lunch. It was held at The Mill Casino. There was a lot of positive feedback.

Submitted by: Lorna Schilling, OMGA State Representative Coos County Master Gardener Association



### Curry County Master Gardener Association 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

**Annual Plant Sale.** Our plant sale was a great success starting with the beautiful spring weather here on the southern coast. This year's crop included many gorgeous varieties of natives, succulents, annuals, perennials and vegetables. Over 30 enthusiastic volunteers were on-hand to assist approximately 400 happy patrons. We sold about 2100 plants at the Gold Beach High School Greenhouse, and we realized revenue of over \$10,500, a 15% increase over last year. What a great day we all had working side-by-side with our friends and neighbors. We are now capturing the lessons-learned from this year's event in anticipation of next year when we should be at our new location...







**CCMGA Demonstration Greenhouse and Garden Project.** As reported earlier, volunteers are preparing grants and actively promoting with local civic and non-profit groups our plans for a new demo greenhouse and garden. The facility will be at the County Fairgrounds and Events Center in Gold Beach, adjacent to the OSU Extension Office. Our building fund is at \$45,000. We hope to achieve our \$120,000 goal soon and break ground in late summer.

#### **Other Volunteer Activities**

**Plant Clinics.** Our Wednesday plant clinics at the Gold Beach Extension Office are off and running for the season. We will also plan on monthly onsite clinics at other county sites.

**School Garden Support.** Our volunteers are very active in the school gardens at Riley Creek School (Gold Beach), Kalmiopsis School (The Little Bear Patch, Brookings), and Brookings High School (The Bridge) assisting with horticulture classes and showing how working alongside students, they can help to maintain sustainable gardens.







**Fred Meyer's Fuchsia Saturday, Brookings.** On April 15<sup>th</sup>, a handful of volunteers assisted with repotting flowers and a plant clinic in the store parking lot. Freddie donated the leftover soil to our school gardens.

**Curry Public Library's "Connect with Your Community", Gold Beach.** On April 15<sup>th</sup>, six friendly volunteers manned our booth at this recruiting event for all the local non-profits.





Coos County MGA's "Fertilize Your Mind", Coos Bay. Four members including our co-presidents enjoyed May Day attending a fun, informative training at the Mill Casino and hosted by our neighbors in Coos County.

Submitted by: Jeff Richter, OMGA State Representative Curry County Master Gardener Association

### Douglas County Master Gardener Association 2023 2nd Quarter Report to OMGA

**Annual Plant Sale:** DCMG held its annual plant sale May 6, 2023 and it was a success! Thousands of plants were sold to more than 1,400 visitors, grossing more than \$43,300. Kudos to all who volunteered their time and shared their expertise.

**Membership News:** There are 214 members in our chapter. We have many trainees from our 2022 session who have completed their 60 payback hours. Several others have also earned new swinger bars, notably one who has volunteered 500 hours, another 3,500 hours and yet another 5,000. Congratulations to all.

**Fall Training Session:** Planning continues to be underway for our eight-week fall training session, which begins September 5, 2023. It will be limited to 27 students, with three students per mentor.

**Plant Clinic:** The plant clinic has had more than 70 visitors in April through emails, phone class, and walk-in visitors with questions about how to plan their gardens and landscapes, concerns about diagnosing plant problems, and identifying insects. With the weather warming up (finally), we anticipate many more gardening inquiries.

**Soil Testing Lab:** DCMG's Soil Lab has a new home and new equipment to make soil testing more efficient. In 2022, there were 31 soil tests done. So far in 2023, 56 tests have been completed. The soil lab facilities were moved from a tiny office space in the Extension Office to a remodeled and larger lab at the Discovery Gardens, thanks to the work of volunteers and their families.

**Discovery Garden and Victory Garden:** The Discovery Garden is alive and all abloom with an array of plants and beautiful colors. The "weed control committee" is very busy trying to keep the bittercress under control, along with the other weeds.

The Victory Garden has radishes, carrots, beets and peas coming up. Volunteers have started planting tomatoes, peppers and other warm season crops.

**Community Outreach:** DCMG hosted a table at the Umpqua Community College Earth Day Resource Fair where 21 students and faculty planted morning glory seeds in recycled newspaper pots and fielded gardening questions.

Other activities DCMG led were: creating hanging baskets with a group from a local assisted living facility; had a representative give an overview of the DCMG at a meeting of the Optimist Club; and offered tips to the Umpqua Valley Boys & Girls Club about outdoor raised beds and ideas about future gardening activities this summer for interested students.

DCMG's MG Program Coordinator and a Master Gardener are developing a list of programs to be presented this summer to all eight granges in Douglas County. Possible topics include native plants, water-wise gardening, and pollinators.

Submitted by: Barb Hamby, OMGA State Representative Douglas County Master Gardener Association

### Jackson County Master Gardener Association 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Chapter Report to OMGA "Garden for Life"

### **Education & Community Outreach**

- Our Master Gardener Program finished with a bang. 53 students started the class and 48 students finished. The
  class was energized, diverse, and committed to completion of their practicum and volunteer hours! Students
  grew over 3,500 plants including summer vegetables, annuals and herbs during their practicum for sale at our
  Spring Garden Fair.
- Our big news for this quarter is our very successful annual Spring Garden Fair (SGF) which we have not been
  able to facilitate since 2019 due to the pandemic. Historically, SGF was held at our county fairgrounds which
  included not only the sale of plants produced by our students but vendors from the community with products and
  services related to horticulture, garden book sales, and horticulture education sessions.

We were so very excited to reinstitute this historical Jackson County signature event. Over 3,000 people attended this year's SFG which was held on the Southern Oregon Research & Extension Center (SOREC) property. Aside from the plant sale, the event included a Plant Clinic, horticulture education sessions, 17 vendors, a food truck, and visits to our demonstration gardens

The one-day event brought in over \$14,000 in revenue. The event is planned a year in advance and a new SGF committee is being formed with feedback on what went well and what can be improved!



2023 JCMGA Spring Garden Fair (Native Plant Sale)



2023 JCMGA Spring Garden Fair Vendor & SOREC presentations



2023 JCMGA Spring Garden Fair – Outdoor Vendors

Submitted by: Kathy Apple, OMGA State Representative Jackson County Master Gardener Association

### Lincoln County Master Gardener Association 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Chapter Report to OMGA

Lincoln County has been making great strides with our plan to build up our education and outreach. A full rundown of our recent activities can be found in the monthly newsletter sent out by our coordinator, Evie Smith, and the newsletters can also be found on our website: <a href="https://www.orcoastmga.org">www.orcoastmga.org</a>

We currently have two Demonstration Gardens in operation and a third is midway through the process of relocation. The southernmost garden (previously in Yachats) will now be located at the Oregon Coast Community College Waldport campus and construction will start as soon as an MOU is signed. The other two gardens (located on Oregon Coast Community College Main and North campuses) have been preparing for the growing season and have hosted four hands-on workshops for our apprentices between them with one more to be held in June.

Apprentice zoom-based training has concluded and the help desk is converted back to regular operation from the off-season adopt a week format.

Our annual plant sale was held on May 20th and was a rousing success. Data from the sale is currently being processed and we will have a post-sale meeting to discuss the results.

Our co-Secretaries have been working with the OMGA Advocacy committee and have asked the group to contact their representatives to make one last push for full funding.

Submitted by: Kristi Kind, OMGA State Representative Lincoln County Master Gardener Association

### Linn County Master Gardener Association 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report to OMGA



Mason Bee tubes filled as of May 25, 2023

Bee notes newsletter: <a href="https://us11.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=4ce1a6600db232cd361f3043c&id=0c5ded5bea">https://us11.campaign-archive.com/home/?u=4ce1a6600db232cd361f3043c&id=0c5ded5bea</a>

Linn county is without a program manager and our Extension supervisor, Brooke Edmunds, is managing four counties. So, we are trying to engage our new trainees by having a mentor assigned to each one to help them make it through their first year, and beyond.

Our second major fundraiser of the year is the 22<sup>nd</sup> (almost annual) "Through the Garden Gate" tour of gardens in the Albany area on June 17. We generally have 300-400 people attending.

Our Demonstration Garden at the Linn Co. Fair and Expo is still without water. The fairgrounds have been unable to tell us why but we hope to have a fix soon. We have spent considerable funds over the last couple of years to install extensive drip irrigations systems. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairgrounds and OSU Extension has been in negotiation for the past five years or so.

Dr Chan came to the demo garden on May 5 to talk about the jumping worm problem and any suggestions on how to move forward with this situation. He had several ideas for us to try.

Seed giveaways, planting days and general advice keep us busy at Albany, Lebanon, Sweet Home and Brownsville farmers markets and plant clinics.

Submitted by:

Ann Kinkley, OMGA State Representative Linn County Master Gardener Association

### Marion County Master Gardener Association 2023 2nd Quarter Chapter Report

Things have been busy with the Marion County Master Gardeners Association this past quarter. Our Annual Plant Sale, held on May 5th and 6<sup>th,</sup> was a resounding success with over 1200 sales totaling over 10,000 plants (this is our primary fundraiser). This would not have happened without the stellar leadership of our Propagation Committee led by Kathy Verble, the Plant Sale Committee led by Dale Marande, and of course our dedicated members.



Many members withstood the cold, wet weather to get our plants loaded for transfer to the fairgrounds, while others worked diligently to get the plants set-up and organized for the sale. Master Gardeners filled several roles throughout the sale, everything from cashiers, tabulators and floor sales, to Hospitality service, event setup and teardown. Some of our members put in very long days prior to, during and after the sale.

This year, we expanded Educational Outreach at

sale by inviting guest speakers to share their expertise with the including hands-on interactive kits and displays, and providing informational materials. A good time was had by all! Our Propagation Committee is already looking at how to improve year's success.



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The MCMGA currently has 211 members with 95 active members, 78 associate members and 38 trainees.

The Marion Demonstration Garden is undergoing some improvements. Under the guidance of our new Compost Manager, we are in the process of moving our compost area to its new location. We have also started working on our parking area expansion.

The Social Committee led by Carol Slavkosky planned a social outing to exploring Ankeny National Wildlife Refuge where 13 Master Gardeners and Trainees explored trailheads, marshes, a pollinator patch, nested trails, story walk and bird watching.

### Submitted by:

Terry Sawyer, OMGA State Representative Marion County Master Gardener Association

### Multnomah County Master Gardener™ Association 2nd Quarter Report to OMGA Board

#### **Demo Garden (DG) Activities**

The summer crop transplants are mostly all transplanted in and growing now, while spring crops are being harvested and donated to food pantries. Drip irrigation has been setup on most beds. Extensive weeding and some pruning in the perennial beds continues. The pergola construction was put on hold to wait for better weather and to free up volunteers to work on the Incredible Edibles Plant sale. The Dry Land Farm area was recently transplanted with new varieties from the Dry Land Farm Collaborative at OSU. These have received their one-and-only-watering at transplant and we now just weed, trellis, and wait for harvest.

#### **Education**

We have executed 2 Soils Workshops, and 2 Propagation Workshops to date, and are prepping for a final 1-day Drip Irrigation Workshop later this month. This year was the first to open workshops to MGs as opposed to just interns. While some of the instructors expressed some trepidation of instructing some folks who might be more experienced than themselves, the events were very popular, especially since it has been so long that we have done anything as a group.

The chapter hosted a field trip to Leach Botanical Gardens. While the day was a bit cold, we had a great time exploring the garden, and even gaining access to some of the less publicly available sights as our leader, Lisa Kerby, was a volunteer at the Leach Garden and helped provide a deep insight to the planning, execution, and history including a peek inside the "hobbit" house the Leaches first homesteaded in.

Our on-going series of "Come Learn at the Demo Garden" continued sharing our experiences continued with topics like:

- Soil Structure
- Mason Bees
- Renovating an Urban Backyard
- Storing carbon in the Soil
- 14 Most "Wanted" Weeds

#### **Fund Raising**

We successfully executed our Incredible Edibles Plant sale of May 13<sup>th</sup> after a 3-year hiatus. We made a good profit with the potential of an even more profitable sales next year. We tried using an order online and assemble and pick up on the day of the sale model. Our conclusion is that this model doesn't scale well to a sale of our size and volume. Shopify was used for the online order processing. The plant catalog was beautiful, and well received as it helped highlight the unique varieties for sale—for example, the plants develop by the Dwarf Tomato Project were very an interesting introduction as in an urban environment, container plants that grow non-dwarf sized fruits and yields is just what is needed for some customer's apartment balcony gardens. However, Shopify had several order processing and reporting issues to the point I would not use them again. Requiring customers to sign up for ½ hour shopping slots worked very well, and we will use that in the future even though we won't be able to use Zapiet appointments app as it layers on top of Shopify.

Next year a simple appointment calendar sign-up system will be used to spread the sales loads out over the day, and more effort in managing publicity will be our focus.

We have also put some time into contacting members of the state legislators to advocate for additional funding of Extension. We have also met with the Multnomah County Chair and Commissioners to make our presence and value known, but with homelessness and crime taking on most of their priorities, this is at best a 2-year effort.

#### **Training**

This seems to be still up in the sir. There is talk of online training in the fall but few details. Getting in-person training back remains a top priority for the chapter.

Submitted by: Rich Becker, OMGA State Representative Multnomah County Master Gardeners Association

### Polk County Master Gardener Association 2023 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Chapter Report to OMGA

We had a very successful plant sale over Mother's Day weekend, with the highest profit we have ever had! We partnered with Chemeketa College Horticulture program for the first time and they grew some varieties of tomatoes and peppers for us, as well as our very lovely hanging baskets. We are looking forward to partnering with them again in the future.

Our watering system installation in the Inspiration Garden is up and functional now - a long sought after project that is finally complete! Our demonstration garden is being showcased in the July conference and we are offering a tour of the garden to attendees. We have also just formed a propagation team that will be working on plant propagation for the garden and for the annual plant sale.

We have been approached by a local library to provide educational sessions over the summer at the library and we are in the process of getting that finalized. We have also been working with the team that is reactivating the Dallas Farmers Market. When it is open again, we plan on adding plant clinics there to the ones we already do in Independence and West Salem.

Have a blessed day.

Submitted by:

Helen McCann, OMGA State Representative Polk County Master Gardener Association

## Tillamook County Master Gardeners Association (TCMGA) 2023 2nd Quarter Report to OMGA (Includes 1st Quarter information)

The first half of 2023 was busy with efforts to conduct Master Gardening Classes and to plan for and execute the Annual Plant Sale, which is TCMGA's major revenue generator. Additionally administrative actions were taken to improve our Board structure and strengthen our communications and recognition efforts. Specifics follow:

#### First Quarter:

- 1. 2023 Master Gardening Classes started on 12 Jan, with in-person classes for seven enthusiastic new students as well as our re-certifiers.
- 2. Three committee memberships were added to our board to facilitate the annual Plant Sale, the Learning Garden activities, and communication activities planned for this year.
- 3. Learning Garden 2023 began March 4, with clean-up day and a review of weeds and pruning.
- 4. The Tillamook Beekeepers approached us to assist them with planning and planting a pollinator Garden on the Port of Tillamook Bay Property.
- 5. Annual Plant sale activities began with investments in new tables for the sale as well as seed starting.

#### Second Quarter:

- 1. The plastic cover on the Learning Garden hoop house was replaced by a crew from Patrick Zweifel's Oregon Coast Flowers, who generously did the work for us.
- 2. We offered in-person sales at the May 6 Annual Plant Sale, which had 20 vendors, 120 volunteers, was attended by 558 people, and earned a profit of \$7,703.86, which exceeded budget expectations.
- 3. With Master Gardener Classes ending, planning for the County Fair and the Tillamook County Farmers Markets began. The Extension Office Plant Clinic is now staffed by Master Gardeners and apprentices and is held on Tuesdays.
- 4. We received an OSU grant of 500.00 for bi-lingual signage for the Learning Garden, which will be applied to the \$1085 cost.
- 5. Our website had over 2000 for the month prior to the plant sale and Facebook continues to get daily hits.

#### Submitted by:

Diane Devens, OMGA State Representative Tillamook County Master Gardener Association

### Washington County Master Gardener™ Association 2023 2nd Quarter Report to OMGA

Washington Count y Master Gardeners had two huge projects in May. Our Gardenfest plant sale/community activity day had about 1,000 attendees. Community members enjoyed the family and children's activities. We sold about 5,000 plants in the 4-hour period. At the following week-end follow-up sale we sold about 500 more plants. We were able to share the follow-up sale with the PCC Rock Creek LAT students who were selling plants they had propagated.

We continue to develop our partnership with PCC Rock Creek as some students are now volunteering in our Education Garden on campus. Master Gardeners did a pruning demonstration and worked with students to solidify their learning.

This was the second year for our Grow1Give1 project. Many members each grew a few early girl, tiny Tim, or Roma tomatoes or jalapenos and brought them to a central location from which we dispersed them to various food banks. This year instead of having one give away day at one Food Bank with hundreds of plants, we went to 4 Food Banks on 9 different days, giving away 30-40 plants on each day with one location receiving about 200 plants on one day because of the large number of clients. We gave away about 500 plants, 650 seed packets and about 250 grow bags. We had about 500 contacts with the public. Food bank personnel and recipients were very enthusiastic and would like us to come back again next year.

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Submitted by: Karen Graham, OMGA State Representative Washington County Master Gardener Association

### Yamhill County Master Gardener™ Association 2023 2nd Quarter Report to OMGA

Another busy quarter! Every monthly newsletter to our members has a full-page explaining the need for us to contact our legislators for increased funding for the Master Gardener program. Our legislators are District 12, Brian Boquist and District 24, Lucetta Elmer. Hopefully all chapters will participate in letting their legislators know the importance of this issue.

Another full-page article in our newsletter is an explanation of the new ECCO public intake form to be filled out. This article is very well done with complete details about the process and also highlights the online training video which should be viewed.

Our 2023 trainees have now completed the program and are starting to sign up to participate in many committees and public education events that our Education Outreach committee has provided. Farmer's markets, educational tours and workshops as well as intakes in the office all provide hours needed to graduate.

Our 2023 plant sale is now over, and as usual, it was a huge event with the public. Much smaller due to a very cold, rainy spring and also a new, smaller venue did not curb the enthusiasm the public and our plant sale committee had. The net figures are not completed at this time, but from the fact that we had a tiny amount of unsold product, we feel that we accomplished another large dollar amount for our chapter. And, I should mention, that the unsold plants were donated to a charity.

Since it is now May, all our committees are in full operating mode. Insects needing identification from the public have been being brought into the office on a regular basis. So far, no invasives! We are even having an ice cream social in June as a way to say "thank you" to all and to introduce trainees to more members. At that event we will announce the winners of our chapter's Master Gardener of the Year and Behind the Scenes. They will be honored in July at our state convention in Corvallis.

Submitted by:
Nancy Woodworth Ol

Nancy Woodworth, OMGA State Representative Yamhill County Master Gardener Association