

Central Oregon Master Gardeners - Q3 Report 2025



Central Oregon announced another new program this year called “Open Gardens” in which Master Gardeners offer garden tours to other Master Gardeners and trainees. This program is based on The Hardy Plant Society program. The idea was first brought up by MG Lisa Kieraldo. Master Gardeners can send an email to Lisa when they would like to offer a tour, and Lisa will assist with coordinating the event. Any members who wish to volunteer can open their garden as often as they would like. We had 2 Master Gardeners open their gardens on a Saturday afternoon. It was a fun day of exchanging tips and ideas.

Our Community Education team had a fantastic year, teaching classes to **over 700 participants** across our entire tri-county region. Their efforts have extended our reach and strengthened our presence throughout Central Oregon. From delivering classes in La Pine, about 30 miles south of Bend, to staffing the Crook County Plant Clinic, located 20 miles away, this dedicated team has gone the extra mile—literally! We noticed that registrations increased this year because in each seminar, mention was made of upcoming seminars. A big selling point seems to be that classes can be attended remotely.

Our COMGA President, Toni Stephan, has brought a new level of camaraderie to our group with the introduction of “**Casita Chats.**” These gatherings bring together Master Gardeners, their families, and friends for a relaxed time of connection, good food, and friendly games. Who knew we had some serious cornhole competitors among us? It turns out our green thumbs also come with a strong throwing arm!

Thank you,

Karen Simonet

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Our chapter has had lots of activity this summer.

Our June meeting included an informative talk about the value of hover flies in the garden given by Nina Miller who is a graduate student at Oregon State University. We also voted to appropriate funds to purchase new soil testing equipment which was well researched and now acquired.

On June 16 an early evening tour was hosted at Hydrangeas Plus in Aurora. It was a festive time with 64 attendees admiring the gorgeous plants, taking some home, and enjoying refreshments. How many of us knew that there are hundreds of varieties of hydrangeas?

An open garden was held at the historic Risley Garden Landing on July 27. It's run by the Oak Grove Garden Club and received a Gray and Noreen Thopson Community Grant through our chapter to restore a wall. It's a lovely setting on the Willamette River.

At the Grow An Extra Row Garden a large bounty of vegetables and herbs have been grown and given to two food pantries in Oregon City. At the height of summer two cars were needed to get all the produce to the pantry. One week over 600 lbs. of produce was delivered. Tomatoes accounted for more than 200 lbs. Two days of workshops were held for interns in July and August to give them a hands-on experience and info on topics ranging from composting to growing productive tomatoes to preparing garden beds.

Volunteers have been working away at the End of the Oregon Trail Pioneer Garden growing historic vegetables, herbs, and maintaining the roses. While rabbits wreaked some havoc with seedlings the persistence of the volunteers paid off with healthy plants. This garden sees extra visitors during the summer concerts and the Festival of the Arts held on the museum grounds.

Another volunteer effort happens at the Native Plant Garden at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Our people installed an ornamental garden at Everett Hall and have signs and an enhanced native garden.

10 Minute University offers expert garden information at [10-Minute University™ – Clackamas County Master Gardener™ Association](#). There are articles, webinars, handouts, videos, and briefs from the Garden Ecology Lab. It's a great source of expert info on a wide range of garden related topics.

Our annual pot luck picnic was held at the Milwaukie Center Pavilion at the community center on September 6. The theme was "Flowers, Friends, and Fun". A special photo display for selfies was featured. In addition to delicious food we had the traditional sing-a-long. Gorgeous dahlia bouquets from one of our members gardens were raffled off.



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School Garden Produce and Flowers Win Ribbons at the Curry County Fair



Riley Creek School Garden is a well-known and loved school garden, located in Gold Beach. Volunteers meet every Monday to tend the garden. During the school years, it is used for educational activities and produce goes to the cafeteria. One class brings the cafeteria's kitchen scraps back and feeds the worms.

In the summer months, volunteers open it up during their workdays for the community to enjoy and harvest extra produce.

Produce and flowers from the garden were entered into the County Fair. Most entries earned a ribbon this year and \$43 in prizes, which went back into the garden for more seeds.

Flowers and greenery from the garden are also provided for the 4H floral arrangement activity held on the final day of fair.

Volunteers also staffed a booth, providing information and a plant clinic.

Spanish Language Workshop Offered

Curry County Master Gardeners partnered with the South Coast Equity Coalition to host a hands-on seed starting workshop for the Spanish-speaking community. Participants learned all about soil preparation and how to get started with vegetable gardening—whether you're gardening on the coast or in varied microclimates.

A huge thank you to Blythe Family Farm for welcoming us and to our amazing Master Gardener volunteers Brenda We're also



incredibly to grateful to Equity Coalition for providing supplies and helping bring and helping bring this opportunity to the Brookings community.

Summer Picnic

In August, we held our summer picnic and acknowledged the recipients of Curry County's Master Gardener of the Year, the Behind the Scenes team, and the Growing and Belonging awards.

Submitted 9/9/25 Julia Bott, OMGA Representative

Curry County Master Gardener Association

JCMGA Chapter Q3 2025 Report for OMGA

Submitted by Colet Allen

JCMGA has been very busy this year and are tracking our Accomplishments. We have created a flyer that lists our 2024 accomplishments. We are keeping track and adding to that lists for 2025. The 2024 flyer is attached and is being expanded for year 2025.

Spring Garden Sale: JCMGA moved back to the Expo this year. We rented the Mace building and sold out in a day and half except for some very small plants that started late. We did the best financially that we have every done and plan to rent a second building in 2026. We have already started planning. There were some process improvements in 2025 which really paid off and there are more on the planning board for 2026.

The first year back to Expo we learned some valuable lessons which will make 2026 SGF even better.

JCMGA's Participation in July 2025 Joy of Gardening (JOG) Conference at OSU: This year we had a great turnout from JCMGA for the JOG conference. I want to thank the Group who not only showed up but over half of us actually had a role to play. We had 9 who came. I hope we continue to show JCMGA's stuff at the State level. Thank You.

The Beet: our monthly newsletter, (<https://jacksoncountymga.org/beet/>) has created new column for Gardeners to send tips and their gardening experiences to. It is called *Growing Knowledge*.

Winter Dreams, Summer Gardens (WDSG), is on track via Zoom for Oct 17th, 18th, 24th, and 25th. Registration is open, cost is still \$30 and the Symposium has been approved for State Licensed Landscapers Continuing Education Hours (CEH) again this year. Plus, all master Gardeners can log all the hours for the presentations that they attend. To register go to the JCMGA Website, then the Events & Class Tab and find Winter Dreams Summer Gardens. **To Register go to JCMGA Website, then to Events and Classes Tab and find Winter Dreams Summer Gardens and then Registration.**

Medford Library Showcase: Colet Allen discovered that JCMGA was eligible to reserve one of the 5'x 6'x1' showcases at the Medford Jackson County. We have reserved the middle showcase for the Month of OCT. This project helps to make our county and community know what the JCMGA Master Gardeners are about. Two of our artistic members Janine Salvantti and Marcie Katz are shepherding the artwork, after several members weighed in on what we wanted to express via this opportunity.

- A Tree of life will be the main frame with JCMGA being the Trunk with our Mission Statement on a Scroll.
- The branches showing the major Activities and Programs.
- Leaves will add interest, detail and identifiers to get our message across visually.
- There will be elements of whimsy included, hanging, crawling and wondering about.

There will be other elements of Whimsy in the show case. This is a program that Speakers Bureau has worked with the library for over 3 years. We do 3 presentations each for 3 seasons, Fall, Winter and Spring. Each presentation is on a Saturday and via Zoom. The Fall series is in place and Winter program is coming into focus.

The Library Garden Series: Our Jackson County Library System is one of outstanding Community Partners. Our involvement with them has helped us get the word out about our Master Gardeners Association. They are delighted to have us present our programs and we are delighted with the opportunity to have another avenue to expand our reach into our community. About two weeks after each presentation, they put the recording of the presentation on their You Tube Channel. Last year one of our programs had over 100 hits. Can you think of other Community Partners that we might work with to increase our Outreach?

Annual Picnic: Held late June was a nice event. Great Food, lots of catching up with old friends, the Special Awards, some serious and some just for fun and during the meal an Informative update on the state of Monarch in Western US currently. Robert Caffee and Mother Nature did not disappoint. Once again, Robert was able to bring a few Monarch Caterpillars for our joyful viewing.

The Senior Companions program that JCMGA received a grant for last year was held again this year at various Jackson County branch Library led by Grace with several members as well as student involved.

Seed to Supper: that Lindsey McNab with Grace Florgancic's input, has been leading has expanded and is moving forward. Lindsey wants to have a statewide meeting and is going to send out a note for a Zoom Meeting to discuss what and how other chapters are doing.

Plant a Row: is playing a large role as well as very generous Master Gardeners in this year's Produce donations to Access. Thanks to Barbara Lows efficient set up every Wednesday produce is brought to Extension, weighted, logged, boxed and Access picks it up for the Food Bank. We will have data for what JCMGA donated.

Grants Awarded to 5 of our Community Gardens in 2025: JCMGA awarded Grants to Five of Jackson County's Community Gardens. There is a field trip planned to visit all five gardens in the second week of September to view the gardens and enjoy how the money improved these gardens.

Class of 2025 Graduation: Planning is underway and following years past programs with a few additions. This year one of the additions is in each new class, Grace Florjancic, divides the class into approximately 7 to 10 teams depending on class size. Each team is assigned to a Plant Family for presentation. After a few weeks in class one team a week does a 10-to-15-minute presentation. This year, volunteers from various teams created an expanded presentation to showcase the Sunflower Family (Asteraceae) to their family and friends.

There is a twofold benefit to JCMGA: One, they do a deep dive into a family with research and two we get to see future Speakers and Teacher in action early in the new students so we mentors can help expand their skills. Plus these presentation are delightful and will surly lead to expanded uses in the future.

These are the highlights of JCMGA's year so far. It has been a busy but rewarding year. Several things have come together and JCMGA is back on track after the Setbacks of the past years. We are still faced with needing a new Practicum Classroom/Building, replacing an old Greenhouse and more Volunteers would be a blessing. We do have a small few family members who have signed up for Friends of the Garden.

Hope to see several of you at Winder Dreams Summer Gardens this year. Come Join Us.

JCMGA 2024

Accomplishments

WE HAVE SOME GROWTH TO SHARE!

CREATION, INITIATION, AND DEVELOPMENT

- THE 2024 JCMGA STRATEGIC PLAN WAS DEVELOPED AND REVISED
- A MASTER GARDENER SCHOLARSHIP POLICY WAS CREATED
- FRIENDS OF THE GARDENS BEGAN IN APRIL 2024
- A MEMBER SERVICES SURVEY, TO HELP GUIDE THE BOARD AND WORKING GROUPS, WAS CREATED
- AN AWARDS COMMITTEE WAS CREATED TO RECOGNIZE JCMGA MEMBERS FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT STATE AND COUNTY LEVELS
- A PRACTICUM DESIGN AD HOC COMMITTEE WAS CREATED
- CONCRETE PATHS WERE ADDED IN THE LAVENDER GARDEN
- THREE BUILDINGS WERE DEMOLISHED TO LAY-WAY FOR A NEW PRACTICUM CLASSROOM AND GREENHOUSE
- A NEW CLOTHING DESIGN AND T-SHIRTS FOR FRIENDS OF THE GARDENS WERE CREATED
- A LOGO WAS CREATED FOR THE NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

ONGOING AND IMPROVING

- 5 COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANTS WERE GIVEN OUT
- HOURS PROVIDED BY PERENNIAL MASTER GARDENERS TOWARD PROGRAM MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT FAR EXCEEDED REQUIREMENTS FOR RECERTIFICATION BY HUNDREDS
- PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE GENERATED FOR ALL EVENTS
- JCMGA BOARD MINUTES WERE ADDED IN THE GARDEN BEET, OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
- MONTHLY MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH GRACE, THE SORCEC MASTER GARDENER COORDINATOR, TO MAINTAIN PRODUCTIVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN JCMGA AND SORCEC/OSU
- STANDARDIZING OF THE COMMUNITY GARDENS PROGRESSED
- THE POPULAR AND HIGHLY FREQUENTED OSU PLANT CLINIC IMPROVED ITS TRAINING PROGRAM AND VOLUNTEER STAFFING
- THE JCMGA WEBSITE WAS UPDATED
- GARDEN MURALS WERE PAINTED, BEAUTIFYING THE STORAGE PODS



2024 JCMGA SPECIAL EVENTS

- SPRING GARDEN FAIR
- FALL FESTIVAL
- DEMONSTRATION GARDEN TOURS
- JCMGA ANNUAL PICNIC – PRESENTER FROM SOUTHERN OREGON MONARCH ASSOCIATION
- ART IN THE GARDEN AND PUBLIC TOUR
- GARDEN TOURS ON WEDNESDAYS
- LAVENDER TRAIL EVENT
- TROON VINEYARD TOUR

JCMGA TABLED AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS IN 2024

- JOSEPHINE COUNTY HOME SHOW - FEBRUARY
- BLUE HERON PARK EVENT - APRIL
- MEDFORD OPEN STREETS EVENT - MAY
- HONEY & MEADE FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER
- SANCTUARY ONE EVENT - OCTOBER



2024 JCMGA EDUCATIONAL OFFERINGS

- MONTHLY COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM CLASSES
- MASTER GARDENER CLASSES
- PRACTICUM CLASSES
- GARDEN BUDDS
- WINTER DREAMS SUMMER GARDENS SYMPOSIUM
- OSU LEVEL-UP SERIES – BARBARA LOW WAS A PANELIST ON PLANT A ROW PROJECT
- SPEAKERS BUREAU CLASSES
- CULTIVATING COMPANIONS - A NEW PROGRAM WITH THE HELP OF A GRANT MEANT TO BRING GARDENING EDUCATION TO RURAL SENIORS



2024 DONATIONS MADE BY JCMGA

- OREGON JOY OF GARDENING SILENT AUCTION
- NATIVE NURSERY DONATED NATIVES TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS
- ROGUE RIVER WATERSHED SILENT AUCTION
- PLANT A ROW PRODUCE WAS DONATED TO ACCESS
- COSMIC COIR WAS DONATED TO GARDENERS IN NEED












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(NOTE: LCMGA has 58 Certified members and 15 Associate [non-certified] members. Total Membership: 73)

LCMGA DEMONSTRATION GARDENS

LCMGA has formed a Demonstration Garden Steering Committee that meets regularly to create a three-to-five-year master plan to increase the sustainability of each of the three demonstration gardens and to showcase them as educational hubs for the community. Committee member(s) are Carita Edson, Sandy Mathis, Shereen Rowland, Joan Crall, Steve Vogel, Terry DeJongh, Kathy Burke, Anne Irving, Julie Roth-Carter, Ann Geyer, and Mary Jane Bonelitz. The Committee hopes to present its plan to the LCMGA Board of Directors in October.

Lincoln City Demonstration Garden (Co-Leads = Kathy Burke & Terry DeJongh)



Pictured (left to right): Terry DeJongh, Ron Woard II, Debbie Poland, and Dave Hall. Photo credit: Stormi Dykes



Photo credits: Terry DeJongh



July and August have been very busy in the Lincoln City Demonstration Garden. Members held Garden Days every two weeks with 6-8 people working in the garden on those days, visits at those times by a number of drop-in visitors due to the garden's advertised presence, and several drop-in visitors asking questions about the garden because they were walking in the neighborhood. Members have hosted three additional garden tours provided by request for garden clubs from Depoe Bay, Coronado Shores and Otis. The biggest project for Lincoln City Demonstration Garden has been educational signage which has been developed by Member Dave Hall and is being translated into Spanish by MG Coordinator Evie Smith. The new signage has been posted and includes maps and directions for a self-guided Sensory Garden tour. The August 29, 2025 edition of *Oregon Coast Today* featured the Sensory Garden and LCMGA. Here is a link to the article:

<https://www.oregoncoasttoday.com/home/heaven-scent> Members will be reaching out to Taft Elementary School and a day care in Depot Bay to offer Sensory Garden tours.

Pictured: Kathy Burke, Terry DeJongh Photo of newspaper cover: Trish Riley

Members continue to harvest vegetables and herbs for the food bank including zucchini, yellow squash, patty pan squash, cucumbers, cabbage, green beans, peppers, cilantro, parsley, rosemary and sage. They replanted radishes, parsnips, broccoli, onions, and carrots. They are also planning and starting seeds for their fall/winter vegetable garden. Lincoln City Demonstration Garden Workdays are Wednesdays from 4PM to around 6PM.

South Beach Demonstration Garden (Co-Leads = Joan Crall & Steve Vogel)



(Photos Credit: Steve Vogel)

Members planted a bed with snap peas and green beans for Food Share. Members also took ten pounds of garlic and five pounds of radish and cilantro to Food Share.

The greenhouse portion of the garden's building was cleaned out in preparation for staining the building and the arbor again this year. The garden is full of pollinators and flowers, hummingbirds and dragon flies. Some of the beds against the college building were cleaned up a bit. The garden has one compost bin full of beautiful looking compost, that will be spread on the beds surrounding the garden. South Beach Demo Garden Workdays are Fridays from approximately 10:30AM-12:30PM.

Waldport Demonstration Garden (Co-Leads = Carita Edson, Sandy Mathis & Shereen Rowland)



Photo Credit: Sandy Mathis) Pictured Sandy Mathis, Tom Green, and Carita Edson Photo credit: Trish Riley



Pictured (left to right) Julie Ericksen, Tom Green, Carita Edson, Cathi Block, Jill Johnson. Photo credit: Sandy Mathis (left) Photo credit: Stormi Dykes (right)

The garden will soon be inundated with cherry tomatoes, beans, zucchini and other summer squash. The strawberries are about done. The Seascape variety has wonderful flavor. The herb bed was pruned and now has nice fresh growth. Members planted four cherry tomato types using two different planting methods. Two using the traditional deep planting method and two extra tall plants using a horizontal trench method. They are all about the same height now and just starting to ripen fruits.

Member Tom Green reworked the big gate to keep it from sagging. The clematis vines have new growth on the arbor that he built. The regular Garden Workday is Wednesdays 11am - 1pm.

NEW LCMGA WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED

LCMGA is excited to announce that the new website has officially gone live! While our familiar URL will stay the same — <https://www.orcoastmga.org> — just about everything else has been refreshed, reimagined, and rebuilt. Per LCMGA Member, Webmaster, and Web Designer Larry King, “The new website is packed with great features designed to make things easier, more engaging, and with a community focus.:



Screen Shot by Larry King

Better Event Management

We've integrated with **Eventn**, a top-notch event and ticketing system. This means you'll be able to RSVP or get tickets to our events in just a few clicks. Plus, we now have a shiny new calendar with both public and private views — super helpful for planning and staying in the loop.

Smarter Email Communication

Thanks to our new connection with **MailerLite**, we can send email updates that are faster, more reliable, and look great on any device. It also allows us to grow our reach while keeping things simple behind the scenes.

Fresh Content from OSU

Our site will soon pull in selected **OSU news articles and blog posts** via RSS feed. That means fresh, relevant content will appear automatically — no need to go hunting for it! OSU will begin providing this content service shortly after the website launch.

Easier Member Blogging

Want to share your gardening adventures or insights? You can now write and submit blog posts directly on the website. If you can type, you can blog — no tech skills required.

For the Public and for Us

The site has two faces: one public-facing, with easy access to information about our classes, workshops, demonstration gardens, and the Master Gardener™ program itself — and one private area (password-protected) with resources just for Master Gardeners, including licensing info, a private calendar, and more.

And we haven't even mentioned the look and feel! The whole site has a **"green and casual" vibe** — modern, fresh, and easy on the eyes. It proudly features our beautiful LCMGA logo and includes inspiring gardening quotes on every page."

COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND OUTREACH



LEFT - Pictured: Julie Roth-Carter and Mary Jane Bonelitz Photo credit: Stormi Dykes

CENTER - Pictured: Stormi Dykes and Kristi Kind Photo credit: Mary Jane Bonelitz

RIGHT - Pictured (left to right) Janice Smith, Sharon Busby, Cheri Rice, Julie Eagleson, and Carla Clark Photo credit: Julie Roth-Carter

LCMGA MGs/Apprentices participated in the following community events since 06/19/25:

- June 19/Central Coast Beekeepers of Oregon Presentation: Tom Green & Trish Riley
- June 21/Pollinator Day @ Seaside Joy Garden: Joan Crall, Carita Edson, Jill Johnson, Julie Roth-Carter (third photo above)
- June 28/Newport Farmers Market: Sharon Busby, Carla Clark, Julie Eagleson, Ross McCann, Cheri Rice, Janice Smith
- July 12/Newport Farmers Market: Trish Anderson, Carla Clark, Jill Johnson, Mary Lumley, Ross McCann, Marlenee Shapiro
- July 26/Newport Farmers Market: Pam Crobar, Carrie Davis, Gary Dorris, Linda Mallinoff, Renee Patton, Janice Smith
- July 26/Tel-tvm' Volunteer Day: Mary Jane Bonelitz, Stormi Dykes, Kristi Kind, Julie Roth-Carter (first and second photos above)
- August 1/Garden Tour: Gary Dorris (host), Julie Roth-Carter & Laura Strom (organizers)
- August 9/Newport Farmers Market: Kathy Burke, Sharon Busby, Carrie Davis, Gary Dorris, Jill Johnson, Ross McCann

Total community face to face contacts for June, July, and August 2025 are approximately 300.

NEW The Newport Public Library has requested a partnership with LCMGA for the purpose of providing quarterly gardening education to adult community members. Member Natasha Knight is the project lead and has been working with library staff to bring this to fruition. So far, she has planned three classes. Fall quarter, Cathi Block will be presenting Cloche Building and Usage. Julie Roth-Carter will be presenting Gardening with Native Plants in the winter quarter and in the spring, Janice will dazzle the audience with Pests in the Garden, Friends or Foe. Presentations will be 45 minutes with a 15-minute Q and A. This partnership with the library will provide us with another great opportunity to share our knowledge about sustainable gardening with our community!

NEW The LCMGA Education and Outreach Committee, in partnership with the Publicity Committee, has been hard at work on a radio show that airs on KYAQ Newport 91.7 on Fridays around both noon and 4PM, after the news hours. Each episode is an interview focusing on a particular topic as well as seasonal gardening tips and any current event promotions. Past broadcasts will also be uploaded to the newly renovated website.

ECCO- Based Plant Clinic

Plant Clinic moved to its regular season on April 1! Regular season is 9AM-Noon, Tuesdays & Thursdays, at the OSU Extension Service office. This schedule will continue through October.

Summer staffing has been good. LCMGA received an ok from Mary Jo Detwiler to use pre-recorded ECCO training videos. Terry DeJongh and Stormi Dykes developed a use of pesticide/herbicide statement to include in Plant Clinic correspondence: "OSU Extension Service advocates a least toxic approach to horticultural control that will result in safe, effective management. If you do opt to use a pesticide/herbicide, please make sure that it is registered and can be legally used in Oregon for the specific purpose being considered. You should also carefully follow the directions on the pesticide/herbicide label as well as published OSU recommendations."

Launch of the Lincoln County Master Gardener™ Fall 2025 OCCC Education Series as Promoted through the Fall 2025 Catch the Wave Catalog

The LCMGA classes are listed below. Here's a link to the catalog. See pages 14 and 15 https://issuu.com/occc/docs/catch_the_wave_fall_2025

- Apple Talk & Tasting Instructors: MGs Joan Crall & Steve Vogel
- Friday, September 26, 3:00 – 5:00 pm OSU Extension Service Demo Garden, South Beach OCCC campus.
- Winter Cover Crops for the Home Garden Instructors: MGs Carita Edson, Sandy Mathis & Shereen Rowland
- Saturday, September 27, Noon – 2:00 pm Location: OSU Extension Service Demo Garden, Waldport OCCC campus
- Challenges of Coastal Gardening Instructors: MGs Cathi Block and friends
- Saturday, October 4, 10:00 – Noon Location: OCCC Lincoln City Community Room
- Growing Vegetables at the Coast Instructors: MGs Carita Edson and Marlene Shapiro
- Friday October 10, 1:00 – 2:30 pm Location: Waldport Community Room & OSU Extension Service Demo Garden Date:
- The Return of the Attack of the Killer Invasives Instructor: MG Larry King
- Saturday, October 11, 1:00 – 3:00 pm Location: OSU Extension Service Office, 1211 SE Bay Blvd., Newport, OR
- Growing Garlic on the Oregon Coast Instructor: MG Joan Crall Friday,
- Friday October 17, 2:00 – 4:00 pm South Beach OCCC Campus
- Creepy Crawlies - Friends or Foes? Instructor: MG Janice Smith
- Friday, October 24, 2:00 – 3:30 pm South Beach OCCC Campus
- Universal Design in the Home Garden Instructor: MGs Julie Roth-Carter & Martha Mills
- Samaritan Health Education Center, 740 SW 9th Street, Newport, Oregon November 7 from 10:00 – 11:30
- Invasive Pests: Threats to Oregon Forests, Native Trees and Native Plants Instructor: Dan Stark, Assistant Professor of Practice for the OSU Forestry & Natural Resources Extension
- Friday, November 7, 1:00 – 2:30 pm North Campus, Lincoln City

LCMGA MEMBER GARDEN TOUR

On August 1st LCMGA member Gary Dorris hosted an Open House Tour of his garden in Toledo. The tour was a great success with 22 MGs and 2 Apprentices in attendance. Gary was applauded for his beautiful, productive garden and thanked for his inspiring innovations and creative garden design. Going forward, several LCMGA members will hopefully open their home gardens for LCMGA tours.



Left - Pictured (left to right): Julie Roth-Carter, Cathi Block, Shereen Rowland, Julie Eagleson, Anne Irving, Janice Smith Jill Johnson, and Ann Geyer. Photo Credit: Stormi Dykes

Center - Pictured (left to right): Trish Riley, Julie Roth-Carter, Gary Dorris, Tom Green, Janice Smith. Photo credit: Stomi Dykes

Right - Pictured (left to right): Apprentice Julie Ericksen, and MGs Sandy Mathis, and Stormi Dykes with Julie Roth-Carter and Tom Green in the background. Photo credit: Janice Smith

Polk County Master Gardener Association Inspiration Garden Tour



On June 14 LCMGA members toured the Polk County Inspiration Garden. The Inspiration Garden is “a seven-acre demonstration garden developed and maintained by the OSU Polk County Master Gardeners and operated in cooperation with the City of Independence, Inspiration Garden is among the city’s most successful urban renewal projects, and it’s most inspirational!” PCMGA

Pictured (left to right): LCMGA Members Carita Edson, Sharon Busby, Gary Dorris, PCMGA Tour Guide, and Cathi Block. Photo credit: Janice Smith

<https://polkmga.org/inspiration-garden/>

<https://www.ci.independence.or.us/mt-fir-park-inspiration-garden/>

OSU Extension Service Master Gardener™ Training Program | Lincoln County - 2025 Apprentice Projects

The Apprentice Training Program is well under way at this point, with eleven apprentices who have completed their 40+ hours of foundational education, passed their Final Exam, and are now moving into the Volunteer Service Hours components of their graduation requirements.

Each Apprentice is assigned to one of the three Lincoln County Demonstration Gardens and is responsible for a project that will help them learn about a particular horticultural area of their choosing - while providing the opportunity to educate the community about their process/results. A description of their projects follows.

Lincoln City

- Stephanie Matthews: "Worm Poo - Do Your Plants Love It?"
- Meredith Meyer: "Sensory Garden for Accessibility"
- Cheri Rice: "Value vs. Cost of Dwarf Vegetables in Small Spaces"

South Beach

- Daniel Alvarez: "Elevated Vertical Gardening"
- Donna Cressy: "Beautiful Gardens Can Be Edible"
- Pam Crobar: "Carnivorous Plant Bog"
- Derek Robinson: "You Shell Not Pass - aka Using Native Plants to Deter Slugs from Native Edibles"
- Ray Springer: "Solar-Powered Automated Drip Irrigation"

Waldport

- Julie Ericksen: "Carbs vs. Caffeine: Slug Reduction Strategies"
- Amy Shoulders: "Do Marigolds Help Prevent Slugs & Snails from Eating the Veggies? A theory we can (?) Put to Bed."

The Apprentices will present information of about their demonstration projects as follows.

- o Lincoln City Demo Garden (OCCC North Campus, 3788 SE High School Drive, Lincoln City): Thursday, 09/04, 2025; 5-6:30PM
- o South Beach Demo Garden (OCCC Main Campus, 400 SE College Way, South Beach): Friday, 09/19, 2025: 3:30-5:30PM
- o Waldport Demo Garden (OCCC South Campus 3120 S. Crestline Dr., Waldport Saturday 8/30, 2025 11:00 to 1:00 PM

LCMGA looks forward to welcoming these apprentices as new LCMGA members in November!



2025 Apprentices (left to right) Amy Shoulders and Julie Ericksen presenting their Demonstration Projects at the Waldport Demonstration Garden. Photo credit: Trish Riley

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Education & Outreach

We wrapped up a successful children's library series in Independence this quarter. The three-part series brought local kids together to learn about gardening, bugs, and the outdoors in an engaging and hands-on way.

In addition, we've expanded Continuing Education opportunities by integrating field trips into our schedule. Highlights included a local garden and farm tour, a visit to our local food bank, and a tour of the OSU Arboretum. We also hosted a field trip at the Inspiration Garden for children from across the county, giving them the chance to explore, learn, and connect with nature.

We continue to build deeper partnerships with our local library directors and city garden clubs, creating more opportunities than ever for community classes. This fall alone; we are on track to host six public sessions on a variety of topics.



Demonstration Garden (Inspiration Garden)

The Inspiration Garden remains a vibrant hub for our community. While we continue to face challenges with our irrigation system, we've submitted a request to the city for a larger pipe to improve water pressure across the garden.

Accessibility is also top of mind. We have identified a new project to make the Riparian Trail more accessible to all. Currently, it is a steep, unpaved path, and we are seeking a local partner to help us build safe steps down onto the trail.

Our garden's bounty continues to make a difference — so far this season we have donated approximately **400 pounds of fresh produce** to our local food bank, and we hope to see that number grow as the season continues!



Other Highlights

Planning is already underway for our **2026 Plant Sale**. We are identifying early tasks to reduce the workload in future years and addressing storage needs for our “Country Store” by seeking a dedicated space for donated items.

Our leadership team is also busy preparing for year-end activities, including officer nominations, our annual banquet and awards, and 2026 programming.

One of the biggest accomplishments this quarter was securing the future of a beloved community resource. A local library, which has hosted a community seed bank since 2015, recently lost program funding and its source of donated seeds. Our team developed and submitted a proposal to keep the program alive — and it was approved! Since 2015, the seed bank has distributed more than **28,500 seed packets** to residents. Thanks to our support, the seed bank will continue in 2026 and, we hope, well beyond.

Tillamook County Master Gardeners - Q3 Report 2025

Wendy Kunkel, OMGA Rep

The Tillamook County Master Gardener Chapter has had a busy summer. A new East Entrance to the Learning Garden was installed in July, just in time for the Tillamook County Fair. Our Learning Garden is adjacent to the fairgrounds, so during Fair week, the Learning Garden is staffed with both Master Gardener Hardy and Apprentices alike. This year, over 1,660 visitors came through the garden for the beauty and respite alike. Volunteers work all spring and summer making the Learning Garden come alive for Fair week. And this year was no exception. The garden looked great.

Following Fair week, the TCMGA participated in the first Cape Meares Lighthouse Day. The Cape Meares Lighthouse, turned 135 years old this year. Friends of Cape Meares Lighthouse decided to throw a party and invite local organizations to participate. TCMGA was on hand to describe to over 750 visitors, the flora in the area, what Master Gardeners do and the adaptation of Native plants.

TCMGA is participating in four Farmers Markets this year, Rockaway, Manzanita, Tillamook and Neskowin. From North County to South County, our Master Gardeners are reaching out to our neighbors.

TCMGA has plant clinic hours on Mondays and Wednesdays all summer long. It has been another great way to spread garden knowledge.

The Learning Garden Volunteers have made three new raised beds and are conducting soil comparisons in anticipation of planting for next years' plant sale.

This coming Sunday, September 7, TCMGA will be holding a member and guest picnic. This had been an annual event in years past, but since COVID, it had gone by the wayside. The new slate of Officers will be nominated during a brief meeting at the beginning of the picnic.

TCMGA is planning a Hypertufa Class in September that is open to the public. This was quite popular last year and looks like a good attendance is in order.

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MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM—MEMBER ENGAGEMENT



Socials Events

Sizzling summer socials sometimes our plans for socials are so hot...they're too hot. Seriously, the temperatures can hit triple digits in The Dalles and when they do (or the heat index gets into the danger zone), we cancel our events. This summer most of our socials were too hot to handle.

Upcoming fall socials the annual late summer potluck is September 11th and graduation is in November,

The Board

Officers for next year have been identified

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Plant Clinics started in May in the extension office and will continue through October

Farmers Markets alternated between The Dalles, Tygh Valley and Sherman County. The Dalles farmer's market schedule was expanded upon request.

Dufur school plant clinic during the elementary school garden ribbon cutting which took place during the annual threshing bee on August 9th and the **Wasco County Fair** booth on 8/14 were considered successful outreach events

The Dalles Discovery Center Wildflowers & Watershed event June 7th- 8th was a new event for WCMG. Next year we'll aim for more a kid-friendly approach as the event is heavily family-oriented

Summer Talk Series were offered at a variety of venues: the library, the rose garden and The DIG (Dalles Imagination Garden).

Harvest Event the ever-popular Harvest event at The DIG is Saturday, September 6th, when members bring their harvest for show, tell (why I grew this and how it did) and share their local garden learning and harvest with community.

The Workshop is an additional outreach venue under consideration for 2026

Fire Safety & Recovery after the Rowena fire...we are looking at tools and a talk for oriented around fire prevention and recovery from a gardening perspective

Plant seeds are needed for future events; we'll approach local seed-selling businesses to see if they are willing to donate.

PROJECTS

The DIG Educational Garden

The garden is both beautiful and abundant, and the harvesting continues



on evenings to maintain the garden.

Food bank donations are ongoing; annual stats are not yet available.

Work parties are planned to both set the garden up for fall and to address our decayed mosaic walls for November. The Dalles Disposal Center's agreed to accept our cement panels at no charge as a community contribution. We're still working on how to dismantle the walls and what to replace them with and will solicit community assistance for the project. Throughout the growing season WMGA met weekly

Veteran Memorial Rose Gardens at Sorosis Park Thrive

Status The "Best we've ever seen it look!" compliments continue for the Sorosis Veteran's Memorial Rose Garden and its 396 roses—satisfying reward for a couple of years of hard work. After a couple rounds of 16-16-16 fertilizer this summer, regular pruning and deadheading we're taking a break and letting the rose hips form. Convincing early morning and evening visitors to not "deadhead" for us is an ongoing challenge, particularly as we notice the flowers they favor pruning seem to be more appropriate for bouquets than candidates for deadheading. Credit goes to weekly morning work parties and a monthly evening work party-social.

Memorial rose requests community requests are resuming to make requests for memorial roses to be planted. Exactly how that will work is still being defined.

Presentation August 23rd a public rose care presentation was given in the garden

Identification Visiting rose-lovers will soon be able to identify more of their favorites with fifty-five new label markers on stakes are on order.

Future garden improvements This fall we're picking our next quadrant to decide which suckered, dead and missing roses will be removed for replacement this spring. As an experiment, we're planning on putting in an evergreen companion plant ground cover in the rose garden center section (one of the five rose garden sections) this fall or spring.



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Washington County Master Gardeners - Q3 Report 2025

Summer started with a bang for our Chapter! Just as we finished our successful plant sale, it was time for our educational and public programs to start. We have two demonstration gardens and both were open to the public in June.

Education Garden – The garden is located on the campus of Portland Community College, Rock Creek Campus. The theme was Invertebrates *and* Vertebrates!

This was a family event, with 205 visitors, wandering through the different themed gardens and getting gardening questions answered at the Let's Talk Plants / Master Gardener booth. There were hands-on opportunities, and 6 community partners such as Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom, Xerces Society and Bird Alliance of Oregon.

Learning Garden - This garden is embedded in the grounds at the Jenkins Estate in Beaverton. This was also a family event. Attendees could learn about pollinators and hummingbirds, see carnivorous plants, practice composting and learn how to be water-wise.



LEFT: Artichokes growing at the Learning Garden!

RIGHT: The Companion Garden at the Learning Garden on our Open Garden day!

Both gardens had the opportunity to welcome several visitors from local garden clubs and residents of Senior Housing to our gardens, as well as school children and teachers. The Learning Garden gave tours to 9th graders from the International School

of Beaverton. The Ed Garden also had high school students from Catlin Gabel and instructors visit twice, learning sustainability practices with a focus on pollinators.

Second graders from Springville Elementary came to the Ed Garden to learn about Mason bees, and Mindful Montessori brought 31 pre-schoolers and also spent time learning about pollinators.

We donate the vegetables from our gardens to local food banks. This year it was more of a challenge as some of the food banks that distributed our produce were no longer operating and it was a scramble at the last minute to locate new facilities. This meant our Learning Garden total last year, (1160 lbs) dropped down to somewhere between 600-700 lbs.

Both gardens spent time on maintenance, with lots of sprinkler projects! The Ed Garden adjusted the drip irrigation to better cover root zones and the Learning Garden took on the task of mapping out the current sprinkler layout, some well hidden! The Education Garden also updated plant identification with metal engraved signs from a grant through the American Conifer Society.

We are finishing the summer with a few more classes, some for our interns and some open to the public. We have had a positive response to our new class, Nature Journaling, so we have it on repeat! We have Growing Native Plants and Putting the Garden to Bed still on the fall schedule.

Deb Hansen

Washington County

Yamhill County Master Gardeners - Q3 Report 2025

Yamhill County MG's have been busy with a number of activities this summer. Many of those activities have centered around clinic tables at Farmer's markets in McMinnville, Newberg and Sheridan. They also helped out at the Yamhill County Fair, processing intakes of fair entries the end of July.

Master Gardeners also hosted a table at the Harvest Fest held at the Heritage Museum in McMinnville in August. They introduced "Garden Future" outreach kit items at the clinic table, using the spinner wheel with questions about the climate. Lots of people tried it, including a number of children who just wanted to spin the wheel. They also used the brief questionnaire about whether or not people are noticing the effects of climate change.

The McMinnville Community garden has produced much this year. Onions were grown from seed and went on to provide 400 pounds of onions to YCAP (Yamhill County Action Partnership). The Community garden propagation team has been growing broccoli, cauliflower, kale, cabbage, asparagus and more for our cooler weather crops. Cucumbers, squash, peppers, more onions, and finally tomatoes are being harvested for the Thursday Produce Table at the Garden and for YCAP. Our year to date donations to YCAP reached 2,500 pounds the end of August.

Repairs were made at Wiser Pavilion, which is a space used by the Master Gardeners at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds. MG volunteers replaced a number of rotted bench tops, stabilized wobbly benches and power washed the interior surfaces of the structure. They also took down and cleaned all the lights. Potential future projects will be determined now that the fair is complete. Potential projects include: Fixing some damaged roof panels, repainting the concrete planters in the demonstration garden, replacing all wooden benches with metal ones (in conjunction with McMinnville HS) and painting. Finally, they hope to replace one of the electrical circuits so lights and power are no longer controlled by a single switch.

Members took a field trip to Leach Botanic Gardens in Portland on July 28th. They also toured Al's Nursery Growing Operation in Hubbard on August 28th.

Coming up YCMGA is offering two in-person opportunities to fulfill the Growing and Belonging' education credit. On Sept 27th, a Latino Harvest celebration will celebrate the foods of Latin America, focusing on garden vegetables. A second event will be hosted by Jeremy Ojua at the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Native Plant Nursery on October 7th. This event will focus on the harvest of the native plants and first foods.

Cindy Kinnaman, Yamhill Co OMGA Rep