



Metro Master Gardener™ Newsletter

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Metro Master Gardener™ Program

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[Washington](#) Counties in the metro area since 1976.

Mission Statement

We provide relevant, research-based education and outreach to the public of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties about horticulture and household pests. This information promotes sustainable practices that minimize risks to human health and the environment.

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Greetings Master Gardeners,



It is already February and the 2013 Master Gardener (MG) program is in full swing. We are happy to announce that 205 new trainees are registered for the training this year, and we have an additional nine trainees that are taking the online Master Gardener training through OSU's eCampus who will participate in the volunteer program in the Portland metro region.

We would like to extend a warm welcome and a huge THANK YOU to all of the new Master Gardener trainees. We are excited to share the content of the MG training with you and to also provide an exceptional volunteer experience as part of OSU Extension Service's educational and outreach mission.

The Metro area Master Gardener newsletter is **the** place to receive updates about the MG program and find more information about MG chapter activities and other worthwhile horticulture events in the metro area. We also have regular content-rich contributions from both OSU staff and area Master Gardeners, like Jean Natter, which make the newsletter and educational resource as well. ENJOY!

For veteran Master Gardeners, we hope that you are able to make it to intern training classes. **Reminder:** *all* classes now count towards recertification credit for veteran Master Gardeners.

We also are making the content of the classes (e.g. handouts, Power Points, etc.) available through Moodle, our online repository of course documents. To get signed up for this resource and for instructions for use, please contact Jay Ewing (jaybewing@yahoo.com).

After contacting Jay and receiving your password, the main entry link to 'Moodle' can be found on our MG website: www.metromastergardeners.org on the left hand side toward the bottom. We hope that new trainees and veteran MGs alike find this resource useful and educational.



Be well,

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OPPORTUNITIES FROM JORDIS

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WELCOME 2013 TRAINEES

We want to welcome the 205 new OSU Master Gardener trainees that have started their training and are the class of 2013. You will be joining over 800 active MGs in the Metro area and together you make up one of the strongest programs in the country. We are proud to have all of you in our numbers and expect that you will bring many new talents to a wonderful group of dedicated gardeners!

You will not be asked to be educators as part of your volunteer practicum until you are finished with your training and we can pair you up with an MG that has at least one year experience. But there are times when we offer some hands-on, support activities that you can participate in before you finish training.



Portland Class

Be sure to read the newsletter for information about your program, gardening tips, chapter news and use it as a resource for what's being offered. We look forward to getting to know you and all your talents.

FEBRUARY OPPORTUNITIES

The Yard, Garden, and Patio Show (YGP) - on Feb 8 – 10 at the **Convention Center** (glass towers) <http://www.ygpshow.com/> is one of the first opportunities of the year for MGs to volunteer. We have several things to sign up for so look over your date calendars and let us know if you are interested. We offer free admission for MGs that are scheduled to work, but we don't have any discounts on parking.

(YGP) Speaker introduction – This opportunity can be for new trainees or veterans. MGs introduce the many speakers that give presentations at the show. We need you to have a brief training on how to work the lights in the room and for you to make yourself available for one hour time slots. There are just a handful of spots available...Call or email Jordis for questions or to get on the schedule. 503-650-3118 jordis.yost@oregonstate.edu

(YGP) Cashiering in the Green Market Plant Sale – New 2013 trainees and veterans alike are invited to sell plants in this fabulous plant sale area. Vendors display the material and MGs staff the sales table. We still have a few spots available. Check with Marie Blacklidge (see contact info below).

(YGP) MG Clinic –We have a few vacancies for MG veterans at a lively clinic table right next to the plant sale area. Show attendees are thrilled to have someone to talk gardening with. Email Marie Blacklidge to find out how you can help. marieblacklidge@yahoo.com I also want to publically send out a huge thank you to Marie for scheduling these activities for MGs. Marie...you're the best!



Master Gardeners are also staffing a clinic table (veterans) at the **Spring Home and Garden Show** (Feb 20 – 24) at the **Expo Center**.

<http://www.otshows.com/phs/>

For a number of years, the two shows were on the same weekend and we are thrilled that we now have an opportunity to attend both shows...they are just what the gardening –doctor ordered!

Contact Marie marieblacklidge@yahoo.com

RESOURCE FAIRS



We have **two** resource fairs coming up for new trainees (and veterans!). Come and hear about all the exciting activities coming up in 2013. On February 5, 7 and 8, we will feature OSU primary volunteer opportunities. This means phones, clinics and speakers bureau.

During week 9 (March 5, 7 and 8) we finish up with support activities. These activities are usually in partnership with other entities (Pittock, Crystal Springs, Oregon Food Bank, OMGA Chapters, for example). See the January 2013 Newsletter for class locations and days.

Dividing this information into two sessions has helped the new trainees understand where they can focus their time and energy in order to fulfill their 66 hours (26 primary and 40 support). And for veterans, it means that the sign-ups will be in one place and you can meet with the many coordinators to make sure that you get your favorite activity scheduled and onto your calendar.

TOUR THE THREE CREEKS NATURAL AREA

The North Clackamas Urban Watersheds Council is supporting a tour for Master Gardeners of the Three Creeks Natural Area. This tour will be conducted by county officials and a NCUWC restoration specialist. The Three Creeks Natural Area is a confluence wetland that serves as a storm water retention facility for Clackamas County Water Environment Services. This critical wetland reduces downstream flooding in the City of Milwaukie and provides a key nesting habitat for endangered birds. The tour will take place on **March 2nd** and will **start at 10:00 am until noon**. We will convene at the Aquatic Center Parking Lot. Don't forget to bring your boots. RSVP soon, as there is only enough for 20-30 people. Contact Master Gardener Rob Kappa at 503-653-9575 or e-mail falkor01@comcast.net to reserve a place.



Master Gardeners Make a Difference

Master Gardeners have been involved with the End of the Oregon Trail Pioneer Garden project since 2004. The site includes a demonstration kitchen garden with plants representing varieties grown in the 1860's. There are apple trees, grapes, hops, flowers, and an heirloom rose garden.

Public interest in backyard vegetable growing has been increasing and the gardens offer an opportunity to showcase sustainable gardening practices.

The demonstration kitchen garden serves as an educational tool for the public. Master Gardeners make presentations on sustainable gardening and related topics to student groups and other visitors to the site.



Food crops from the demonstration kitchen garden were donated to Milwaukie Center seniors this year.



MGs also harvest and package seeds for sale in the Visitor Center. This "seed money" is used to purchase supplies for the educational activities.

Fifteen Master Gardeners participated in the project this year. MGs tallied over 80 hours of primary service in preparing for and giving presentations to student groups and to adults (Speakers' Bureau).

Volunteers provided 223 support hours which involved pruning, planting, garden maintenance, watering, harvesting, seed collection and had 640 public contacts in 2012.

Master Gardeners plan on adding an additional raised bed to the kitchen garden. The bed would be developed using a no-till, sheet mulching method and could be completed as an educational demonstration project for the public. They also hope to improve signage and provide related horticultural information at the MG link on the Center's website.

The Administrative Director is very supportive of Master Gardeners and there is now a link to MGs on the Historic Oregon City website: www.historicoregoncity.org

A Visitor Center at this location provides information about points of interest and events in Clackamas County and throughout Oregon.

All Information and photos provided by Margueritte Kosovich and Karen King of the Clackamas County Master Gardener Chapter.



Master Gardeners make a difference in the community.

Margaret Bayne

Natter's Notes

Trees – Start them out right

Jean R. Natter

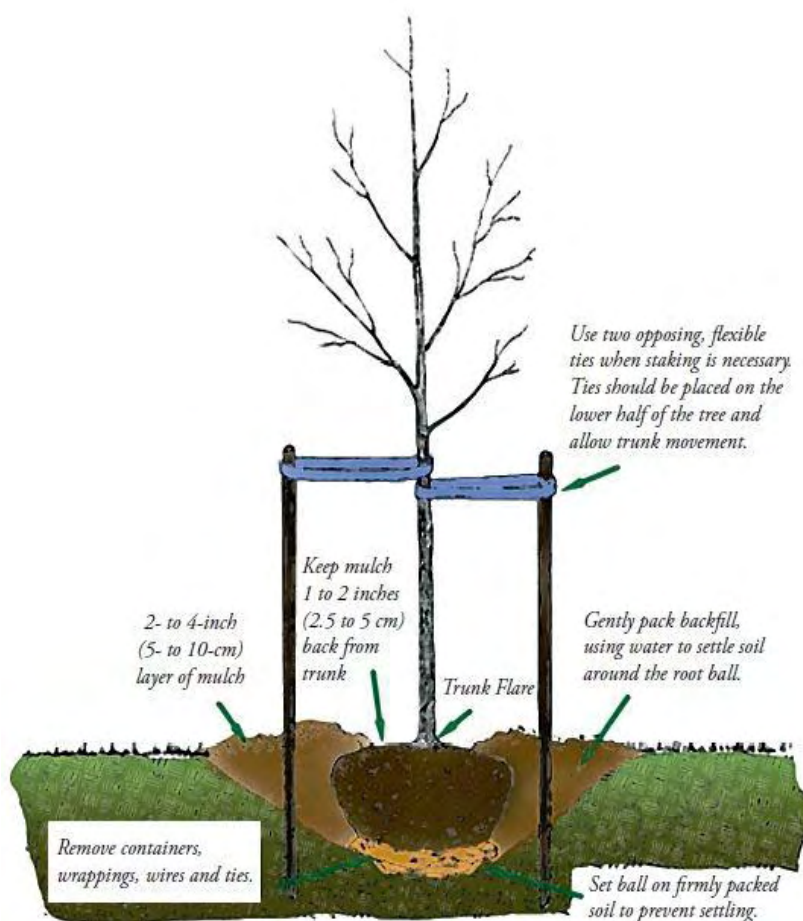
Trees are among the best long-term investments people can make in their landscapes. Whether or not they'll fulfill their owner's expectations starts with how they were planted.

Whatever tree you choose, make certain its ultimate size will fit the available space. More often than not, an overly large landscape specimen is just a normal-sized tree in a skimpy space. Too often, attempts to downsize such trees create something akin to a giant hat rack.

When selecting a tree, realize that younger is better than older and bigger. (An end-of-the season sale specimen with cramped and circling roots isn't a bargain.) Research has shown that a tree in a 5-gallon container will catch up to, or surpass, a 15-gallon tree of the same kind in about three years.

The best home for your new tree is a rough-sided hole with the depth matching the rootball height. And although the oft-suggested width is twice the rootball diameter, extend that to five times if it's possible. This is especially helpful for our clay soils because the simple process of loosening the soil allows the roots to easily extend outward.

A key to success is to plant a moist rootball into moist soil. So, if needed, pre-soak the hole by filling it with water and allowing it to drain before you set the tree in place. (If it doesn't drain, plant elsewhere.) This pre-soak helps to thoroughly moisten the native soil which will surround the rootball, something that's challenging to accomplish after the tree is in the ground. And soak the rootball, too, by submerging it for a maximum of 20 minutes, or until bubbling stops.



From: New Tree Planting

http://www.treesaregood.com/treecare/resources/New_TreePlanting.pdf

Trees continued on next page...

To refill the planting hole, use only the native soil you removed from the ground. Please don't "fix" that backfill soil, even if it's clay, because doing so will thwart the tree's efforts to develop a sturdy root system. Reserve your organic matter to use as a several-inch deep mulch on the surface of the soil surrounding, but not touching the trunk, and extending outward to at least 20 inches.

Next, to facilitate irrigating your tree, create two soil dikes around the trunk. Make one dike at the outer edge of the rootball, another a foot or more beyond that. The inner basin will need to be irrigated more often than the outer one because that's where the roots are. No one can tell you how often you will need to irrigate. You must determine that based on your soil, the tree's growth rate, and the prevailing weather. Here's where you get down and dirty! Feel the soil. Is it dry, moist, or wet? If dry, add water. If moist or wet, don't. (It's easy, right?)

Stake the tree only if it won't stand alone, or if the site is particularly windy. If the tree arrived with a flimsy stake, discard it. Obtain two 2-inch diameter stakes, then follow this plan:

- Place the stakes at opposite sides of the rootball such that the wind will rock the tree back and forth between the stakes. (A bit of movement helps strengthen the trunk and will create a slightly flared base.)
- Drive each stake about 18 inches into the ground, just beyond the rootball.
- Loosely secure the tree with two broad soft ties, one from each stake at a height just enough to hold the tree upright. (No wires, not even if in a hose.)

Stakes are generally removed at the end of a full year. To determine if the tree is ready for freedom, grasp the trunk at chest height, then rock it back and forth. If the soil moves the least little bit, it's not yet rooted in. Loosely replace the ties for another year.

Trees require supplemental irrigation for the first two years to become well-established. (The larger the tree at planting time, the more time will be needed.) A very general scheme goes like this: once or twice a week for the first several months; every 10 to 14 days for the next six to 12 months; and then once or twice a month.

Resources

- *Selecting, Planting and Caring for a New Tree:* <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/19522/ec1438.pdf>
- *New Tree Planting:* http://www.treesaregood.com/treecare/resources/New_TreePlanting.pdf
- *The Science of Planting Trees:* <http://cmg.colostate.edu/gardennotes/633.pdf> Specifications for the planting hole with additional details for wet or compacted soils, also planting on a slope.
- *Landscape Plants: Planting details:* <http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody//planting2.shtml>
- *Pruning & Training Your Home Orchard:* <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/pnw/pnw400.pdf>

SOME UPCOMING RECERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Master Gardener Interest Group – (2 hours recertification credit each class)

The MG Interest Group is an informal group that meets the first and third Mondays of each month to discuss horticultural topics of interest to the members.

Mission Statement: To provide a forum for Master Gardeners to expand their horticultural knowledge as a means of assisting the public more effectively.



The first Monday is a show-and-tell session, where MGs bring in plants or insects for identification or diagnosis by the group. The third Monday is a Study Guide session. MGs take turns preparing Study Guides on topics of interest and running the sessions. The Study Guide is emailed a week before the meeting. Each member researches the topic in advance and then we discuss it as a group.

They meet the first and third Mondays of each month (except for some holidays) from 1-3 pm at the Portland Clinic just off of I-5 at the Carmen exit.

Please contact Elizabeth Price before attending your first time for more details and to be put on the email distribution list: llgmicroeap@mindspring.com (classes subject to change)

- February 4: Show and tell
- February 18: Study Guide topic: dormant sprays (Ginny Link)
- March 4: Show and Tell
- March 18: Study Guide topic: fertilizers (Judy Hale and Jacki Dougan)

Garden Discovery Day 10-Minute University Presentations-

March 2, 2013, Milwaukie Center, 5540 SE Kellogg Creek Drive in Milwaukie

See list of classes in this newsletter (½ hour recertification credit per class)

<http://www.clackamascountymastergardeners.org/free%20events/2013GardenDiscoveryDay.htm>

Clackamas County Master Gardener Association Chapter Meeting Presentation-

(Recertification credit hours for duration of lecture only)

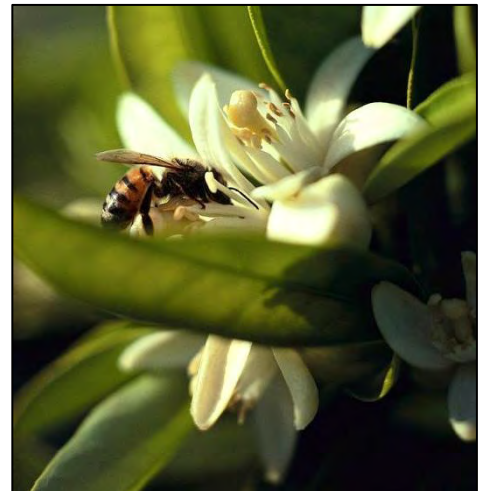
March 11, **Pollinators in the Garden**, Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback, OSU, Ph.D Professor of Horticulture and statewide coordinator of the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program.

<http://www.cmastergardeners.org/free%20events/monthlyLectures.htm>

Multnomah County Master Gardener Association Chapter Meeting Presentation-

(Recertification credit hours for duration of lecture only)

March 12, **Increase your Insecticide IQ**, Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback, OSU, Ph.D Professor of Horticulture and statewide coordinator of the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program. (See Multnomah County Grapevine page in this newsletter for more information.)



Gardening Clinic!



Soil Testing!

Garden Discovery Day

Saturday, March 2, 9:00 am - noon

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie

This event suits beginners and seasoned gardeners equally. Whether you grow ornamental or edible plants, 10-Minute University™ classes offer essential, reliable information in a concise format. Participants take home a handout on each topic. For more information, visit www.cmastergardeners.org/10-Minute%20University/10minUhandouts.html

Soil Testing (9 – 11:30 am): We will test your soil pH and give advice on amendments. Don't wait! Cold, wet soil does not affect the accuracy of our test and amendments take time to work. We encourage customized analyses for your lawn, vegetable garden, rose garden, and perennial bed. Each client may submit up to six soil samples, each taken from different parts of the garden. For step-by-step instructions, get your "Testing Soil pH" handout at www.cmastergardeners.org under the 10-Minute University™ tab.

Gardening Clinic (9 am – noon): Seasoned Master Gardeners provide personalized advice to your gardening questions.

10-Minute University™ Classes are 25-minutes each. Event Schedule is as follows:

9:00 Early-Season Vegetables

9:30 Raised Bed Gardening

10:00 An Introduction to Berries

10:30 Pruning Fruit Trees

11:00 Mason Bees

11:30 Managing Slugs and Snails

9:00 Lawn Care

9:30 Pruning Trees and Shrubs

10:00 Spring Garden Maintenance

10:30 Staring Your Vegetable Garden

11:00 Edible Landscaping

11:30 Gardening with Compost and Mulch



Jump-start your gardening season!



HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR FOR THE METRO AREA

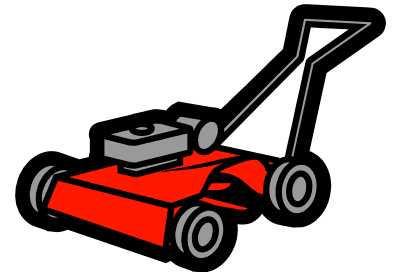
- Feb 4 Washington County, MG Interest Group meeting, “Show and Tell”
- Feb 5 Washington County Speaker Series, Beaverton, 6:30 pm, Penny Durant – “Growing Olive Trees in Oregon”
- Feb 11 Clackamas County Chapter, Milwaukie Center, 7 pm, Chris and Gary Pellett – “The Rose, Queen of the Garden in the 21st Century”
- Feb 12 Multnomah County, Speaker Series, Portland, 7 pm, Sean Hogan – “Best and New Natives for Design”
- Feb 16 Washington County, Pruning Demonstration & Workshop
- Feb 20 Multnomah County, Northwest Flower & Garden Show Bus Trip to Seattle
- Feb 20 Washington County, Rose Pruning Seminar
- Feb 23 Clackamas County Chapter, Pruning Workshop
- March 2 Garden Discovery Day, Milwaukie Center, 9:00 am
- March 2 Three Creeks Natural Area Tour, Milwaukie, 10 am
- March 5 Washington County program, Beaverton, 6:30 pm, Marak Vossbrink – “Bonsai”
- March 11 Clackamas County Chapter, Milwaukie Center, 7:00 pm, Gail Langellotto – “Pollinators in the Garden”
- March 12 Multnomah County, Speaker Series, Portland, 7 pm, Gail Langellotto – “Increase Your Insecticide IQ”
- April 6 Spring Master Gardener Recertification Training – PCC Rock Creek
- April 6 Clackamas County Chapter, Secrets of the Tomato Masters
- April 8 Clackamas County Chapter, David Palmer – “Vines: Creepers and Crawlers, Twiners and Viners”
- April 27 Washington County Master Gardener Association Plant Sale
- May 4 Multnomah County, Incredible Edibles Plant Sale
- May 4 & 5 Clackamas County Chapter, Spring Garden Fair
- May 13 Clackamas County Chapter, Sarah Patterson – “Sowing Seeds”
- June 10 Clackamas County Chapter, Laura King and Kathleen McMullen – “Pioneer Roses of Old Clackamas County”
- August 12 Clackamas County Chapter picnic
- October 12 Clackamas County Chapter, Fall into Gardening



Reminders of key garden chores, such as fertilizing, pest control, planting, and maintenance for this month. Recommendations are not necessarily applicable to all areas of Oregon. For more info, contact [your local OSU Extension Service office](#).

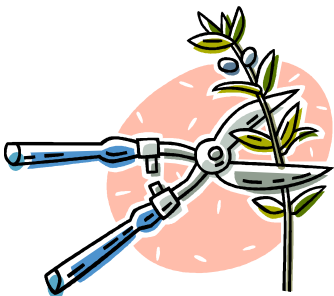
Planning

- Tune up lawn mower and garden equipment before the busy season begins.
- Have soil test performed on garden plot to determine nutrient needs. Contact your local Extension office for a list of testing laboratories or view [EM 8677](#) online.
- Select and store healthy scion wood for grafting fruit and nut trees. Wrap in damp cloth or peat moss and place in plastic bag. Store in cool place.
- Plan an herb bed, for cooking and for interest in the landscape. Among the choices are parsley, sage, chives, and lavender. Choose a sunny spot for the herb bed, and plant seeds or transplants after danger of frost has passed (late April-early May in the Willamette Valley and Central Coast; June-July in Eastern and Central Oregon).
- Plan to add herbaceous perennial flowers to your flowering landscape this spring. Examples include candytuft, peony, penstemon, and coneflower.



Maintenance and Clean Up

- Repair winter damage to trees and shrubs.
- Make a cold frame or hotbed to start early vegetables or flowers.
- Fertilize rhubarb with manure or a complete fertilizer.
- Incorporate cover crops or other organic matter into soil.
- Prune and train grapes; make cuttings.
- Prune fruit trees and blueberries.
- **Eastern Oregon:** Prune and train summer-bearing and fall-bearing raspberries.
 - **Western Oregon:** Prune deciduous summer-blooming shrubs and trees; wait until April in high elevations of eastern and central Oregon.
 - **Western Oregon:** Prune and train trailing blackberries (if not done prior late August); prune black raspberries.
 - **Western Oregon:** Prune fall-bearing raspberries (late in Feb or early March).
 - **Western Oregon:** Prune clematis, Virginia creeper, and other vining ornamentals.



Planting/Propagation

- Plant windowsill container gardens of carrots, lettuce, or parsley.
- Plan to add herbaceous perennial flowers to your flowering landscape this spring: astilbe, candytuft, peony, and anemone.
- Good time to plant fruit trees and deciduous shrubs. Replace varieties of ornamental plants that are susceptible to disease with [resistant cultivars](#).
- Plant asparagus if the ground is warm enough.
- Plant seed flats of cold crops (cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts), indoors or in greenhouse.
- **Western Oregon:** Where soil is dry enough and workable, plant garden peas and sweet peas. Suggested varieties of garden peas include: Corvallis, Dark Green Perfection, Green Arrow, Oregon Sugar Pod, Snappy, Knight, Sugar Snap, Oregon Trail, and Oregon Sugar Pod II.
- **Western Oregon:** Good time to plant new roses.



Pest Monitoring and Management

- Monitor landscape plants for problems. Don't treat unless a problem is identified.
- Use delayed-dormant sprays of lime sulfur for fruit and deciduous trees and shrubs.
- Remove cankered limbs from fruit and nut trees for control of diseases such as apple anthracnose, bacterial canker of stone fruit and eastern filbert blight. Sterilize tools before each new cut.
- Control moles and gophers with traps.
- **Western Oregon:** Elm leaf beetles and box-elder bugs are emerging from hibernation and may be seen indoors. They are not harmful, but can be a nuisance. Remove them with a vacuum or broom and dustpan.
- **Western Oregon:** Monitor for European crane fly and treat lawns if damage has been verified.
- Identify problems before acting, and opt for the least toxic approach. Cultural, physical and biological controls are the cornerstones of a sustainable pest management program. Use chemical controls only after you identify a pest problem and carefully read the pesticide label. Least-toxic choices are insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides and organic and synthetic pesticides. These recommendations might not apply to all areas of Oregon. For more information, contact [your local OSU Extension Service office](#).



Houseplants and Indoor Gardening

- Pasteurize soil for starting seedlings in pots or flats, or use clean, sterile commercial mixes.
- **Central Oregon:** Gather branches of quince, forsythia, and flowering cherries; bring indoors to force early bloom.



Clackamas County Chatter



FEBRUARY

The Oregon Master Gardener Association in Cooperation with
OSU Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program

2013

February Chapter Meeting

Monday, February 11, 2013, 7 p.m.

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie

The Rose, Queen of the Garden, in the 21st Century

Gardeners have long admired the beauty of the rose and its versatility in the garden. The extreme hybridization of the rose and the development of fungicides in the 20th century led to the creation of roses that were beautiful but not always easy to maintain and enjoy in home gardens. Twenty-five years ago, the German company, Kordes, stopped spraying fungicides in the trial fields and started breeding roses for disease resistance as much as beauty. The result is roses that are as easy to grow and enjoy as they are beautiful.

Chris and Gary Pellett are the owners of Newflora, a company specializing in the introduction and marketing of new plants. Newflora is the exclusive agent of W. Kordes Rosen, and they have worked for nearly ten years on the introduction of Kordes roses in North America.

March Program

Monday, March 11, 2013

Pollinators in the Garden - Gail Langellotto



Gail will introduce you to the pollinators found in sustainable gardens and the practices that encourage diverse pollinator communities. A review of key flowering plants that pollinators favor will provide ideas on which to add to our own gardens.

This meeting will be our annual potluck welcoming the 2013 Interns to the Chapter. Veteran members, please bring your favorite dish to pass.

**This program will also qualify as credit towards recertification, along with the 10-Minute University™ classes during Garden Discovery Day in March.*

Upcoming Programs

- **April 8** - Vines: Creepers and Crawlers, Twiners and Viners by David Palmer
- **May 13** - Sowing Seeds by Sarah Patterson
- **June 10** - Pioneer Roses of Old Clackamas County by Laura King and Kathleen McMullen

Chapter Events in 2013

- **February 23** - Pruning workshop
- **March 2** - Garden Discovery Day
- **April 6** - Secrets of the Tomato Masters
- **May 4 & 5** - Spring Garden Fair
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- **October 12** - Fall into Gardening

Garden Discovery Day

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10:00 Introduction to Berries	10:00 Spring Garden Maint.
10:30 Pruning Fruit Trees	10:30 Starting Your Vegetable Garden
11:00 Mason Bees	
11:30 Gardening with Compost and Mulch	11:00 Edible Landscaping
	11:30 Managing Slugs & Snails



This Community Outreach program features several 10-Minute University™ presentations, pH testing, Master Gardener clinic, and static displays. Be sure to tell your friends about this opportunity to receive many gardening tips from the experts. Contact Sherry Sheng if you are able to assist; we need help.

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February 2013

Speaker Series

**Tuesday, February 12,
7:00pm**

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian
Church

5441 SE Belmont Street,
Portland

Speaker: Sean Hogan,
owner of **Cistus Design
Nursery**

**Topic: "Best and New Na-
tives for Design"**

Multnomah County Grapevine

In cooperation with the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener Program



Best and New Natives for Design

SAVE THE DATE ... FOR INCREDIBLE EDIBLES !

Back by popular demand the
second annual **Incredible
Edibles Plant Sale** will be
held on **Saturday, May 4th.**

Your chance to stock up on
a fabulous array of lush,
organic, locally-grown
veggies for your summer
veggie garden. One-stop
shopping for all your edible
garden needs! Mark your
calendar. **Details to come!**

Coming next month... Tuesday, March 12, 7:00pm "Increase Your Insecticide IQ"

Join Statewide Master
Gardener Coordinator, **Gail
Langellotto**, as she discusses
the emerging data of new
Insecticides and whether these
products are persistent in our
gardens and the impacts to
target and non-target insects,
including bees.

Native plantings don't have to look
like we're-punishing ourselves. More and
more great plants native to our part of the
world are available, whether for wildlife,
bio-swales, or pure ambience and design.
Join **Sean Hogan**, owner of **Cistus
Design Nursery**, as he discusses native
plants from the best to new favorites.

Sean Hogan started in the nursery
industry at the age of three, rooting box-
wood cuttings and succulents in his
Portland, boyhood home. Sean served as

curator of the California Native Cultivar
Gardens of the University of California,
Berkeley, Botanic Garden. He returned to
Portland in the 90's and founded, along
with Parker Sanderson, **Cistus Design
Nursery**. The nursery is known for its
wide-array of plants from many corners of
the world. Sean lectures in North America
and Europe, often about his plant explora-
tions. His publications include editing
Flora and authoring *Trees for All Seasons*
(both Timber Press).

Northwest Flower & Garden Show Bus Trip

Sponsored by Multnomah County Chapter, Oregon Master Gardeners Association

*Join us for our annual kickoff to spring! Ride to Seattle in comfort, draw inspiration from
gorgeous designer gardens, take in a seminar or two, enjoy lunch in a cafe, shop for plants
and more. Your purchases can be stowed on the bus for the trip home.*

- What:** Northwest Flower & Garden Show in downtown Seattle
- When:** February 20, 2013, Wednesday (opening day)
- Pick-up:** Fred Meyers, Hollywood Store, 3030 NE Weidler Street, Portland, OR 97232
- Schedule:** Our bus leaves Portland at 7:00 a.m. and arrives in Seattle about 10:00 a.m.
Return trip leaves Seattle at 5:00 p.m. and arrives in Portland about 9:00 p.m.
- Cost:** \$70 per person, includes round trip on a comfortable, restroom-equipped bus,
show ticket, and show program
- Sign-up Online:** Register at <http://metromastergardeners.org/multnomah/flower/>
- Or by mail:** Send a check for ~~\$70.00~~ made out to Multnomah County Master Gardeners, your
phone number, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to June Davidek, 1336 SE
Martins St., Portland, OR 97202. You will receive a confirmation sheet with
parking and bus information.
- Questions?** Contact June Davidek at 503-477-8698 or davidekjune@comcast.net

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Washington County Chapter Chat

Oregon Master Gardener™ Association in cooperation with
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February, 2013

February Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, February 5 6:30 pm social time, 6:45 pm meeting, 7:15 pm program. First Baptist Church, 5755 SW Erickson Ave., Beaverton. Public is always welcome.

TOPIC: Growing Olive Trees in Oregon

SPEAKER: Penny Durant, co-owner of Red Ridge Farms, Durant Vineyards, and Oregon Olive Mill in Dayton.

Penny is an OSU science graduate and a 20-year master gardener. Since 1973, her family has grown wine grapes on their Dundee Hills property. Penny managed the vineyard for many years and realized her dream of starting a herb nursery. That led to planting one of Oregon's first olive orchards in 2005. Today, 13,000 olive trees fill 17 acres, with a mix of cold-hardy Spanish, Greek, and Italian varieties. In 2008, the Durants added an olive pressing facility, leading the way to olive oil becoming a new agricultural trend in Oregon.

Come learn about the challenges and rewards of growing olive trees in Oregon and pressing olives for oil.

MARCH 5 PROGRAM: Bonsai

Mark Vossbrink, Rainy Day Flowers

2013 WCMGA Priorities

Welcome to an active, new year of master gardening! Our chapter priorities, selected during a recent board planning retreat, are:

1. **Intern Retention** – engage and involve new members.
 2. **Continuing Education** – enhance members' research skills and gardening knowledge.
 3. **Demo Garden** – explore creating a second demo garden in east Washington County to build on our successful Hillsboro public learning site.
 4. **Speakers Bureau** – focus research and presentations on high priority audiences.
 5. **Collaboration with OSU Extension** – programs like 4-H, food preservation and community gardens.
- We also look forward to partnering with the other tri-county chapters.

Please join me as we learn, teach, and grow new possibilities for serving our gardening community.

Glad to have you on board!
Sandy Japely, president

Scholarships, Community Grants

Deadlines are nearing for the 2013 chapter-sponsored grants and scholarships. See our website for eligibility criteria and application forms.

Community Grants (February 15 deadline)

<http://www.washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/MembersPage.html>

College Scholarships (April 1 deadline)

<http://www.washingtoncountymastergardeners.org/index.html>

Questions? Contact Scholarships Chair Tim Lanfri, tim.lanfri@gmail.com.

Dormant? ... We're Not!

Stay Indoors...

- **Earn re-certification credits at the Tuesday MG Training classes (9 am-noon, 1-4pm). Schedule is in the January Metro Master Gardener News.**
- **Check out "show and tell" at the MG Interest Group meeting - February 4, 1-3 pm. Contact Elizabeth Price, llamicroeap@mindspring.com.**
- **Act on that gardening partnership you've hoped to create: apply for a MG community grant.**
- **Volunteer at one of the local, February garden shows. Contact Jordis, jordis.yost@oregonstate.edu**
- **Curl up with your garden catalogs!**

Go Outdoors...

- **Sharpen your skills in correctly pruning fruit trees, grapes, blueberries, rhododendrons, and other ornamentals. Pruning Demonstration & Workshop – Saturday, February 16, 9 am-noon. 3850 Minter Bridge Rd., Hillsboro. Sponsored by Tualatin Valley Garden Club and WCMGA.**
- **Bring your pruning tools and gloves for a Rose Pruning Seminar at the Hillsboro Demo Garden. Wednesday, February 20, 9:30 am, Hillsboro Fairgrounds. "Rain or shine!" instructor Bill Klug said.**
- **Survey your landscape for spring gardening "musts". Note emerging perennials to dig and donate for the WCMGA Plant Sale on April 27.**

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