

Metro Master Gardener™ News

July-August 2010



OSU Extension Service Metro Master Gardener™ Program

Serving [Clackamas](#), [Multnomah](#), and [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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Our Intrepid Starlight Paraders!

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Master Gardener Program Update from Weston

It is hard to believe that we are creating our summer issue of the Metro Master Gardener newsletter already because we only have six short months until the 2011 Master Gardener Training and because as of the summer solstice, the seemingly endless wet and cold spring has now officially become the wet and cold summer. It is not just my plants that are ready for sunshine, if you know what I mean.



This issue of the newsletter is for both July and August as we only publish one newsletter for these months. Your next newsletter will arrive by September 1, 2010. Jordis, Beret, and I will all be taking vacation at various points this summer and we hope that you too will get some time away from your garden and the MG world.

Here are some common weather-related problems to look out for at the plant clinics:

- Slugs! The size of small cats and they are on the prowl and voracious.
- Weeds! Just keep sprouting and growing and sprouting and growing.
- Soil temperatures are still low! I checked yesterday (6/21) and the temperature is still only about 60° in my well-amended and well-drained garden soil.
- Tomatoes and other summer vegetables that are already in the ground are looking stunted and languishing along. You might trim off any foliage that looks diseased or otherwise sickly and wait to see what happens in the next several weeks before trying to replant or moving on to another crop to make best use of your space. If you have not yet planted tomatoes, you might consider the trench method: dig a trench 6 inches deep and lay the tomatoes on their side in the trench with just the top of the plant curved up and sticking out of the ground. This method helps to keep the roots closer to the surface of the soil and thereby warmer than a standard deep planting hole. This also might be a good year to plant the space you have reserved for summer annuals in carrots, beets, spinach, and broccoli family fall crops.
- Apple scab is really bad on an old, unknown apple variety at my place to the point of some fairly dramatic defoliation. My brand-new scab-resistant 'Liberty' is looking great though.
- Powdery mildew, which usually takes hold later in the season, is already showing up on cucurbits.
- Root rots are present in a wide variety of trees, particularly in heavy soils.
- Black spot on roses is particularly severe the year.
- Leaf spot is causing severe defoliating on a number of photinias in my neighborhood.
- Here are some additional problems to watch out for this summer from the OSU Plant Clinic

[July Highlights](#)

[August Highlights](#)

In terms of educational opportunities this summer, please don't forget Mini-College:

Amateur and professional gardeners, as well as trained Master Gardener volunteers, are invited to sign up for the 27th annual Gardeners Mini College July 28–31 at Oregon State University. Early registration for this popular conference is due June 14 and can be done online.

The theme is "Beyond Backyard Basics: The Science of Sustainability."

More than 30 classes, tours and workshops on a wide variety of gardening topics will be presented at the CH2M-Hill Alumni Center on campus. Topics include composting, sustainable lawn care, plant problem diagnosis, breeding non-invasive ornamentals, rain gardens and sustainable landscape design and maintenance,

Discussion also will be on protecting natural areas from invasive species, the truth about organic gardening, WaterWise plants in the Willamette Valley, what sustainability means to Oregon and helping protect Oregon's berry industry from the spotted wing drosophila fly.

Registration is \$267 and includes all classes, three nights lodging and all meals. Rates also are available for single-day classes and single meals. Register online at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/minicollege> or contact Betty Faller at 541-389-8088 or minicollege2010@gmail.com. Registration closes on July 5th.

Other events are a silent auction, seed exchange, garden tours, barbecue, awards banquet, onsite OSU Bookstore and OSU Master Gardener chapter sales and displays.

The Gardeners Mini College is presented by the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener program and the Oregon Master Gardener Association, in cooperation with the OSU Extension Service.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Interfaith Food and Farms Partnership is having a Community Gardens Workshop for Faith Communities on July 24, 1 to 3 p.m. at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1220 NE 68th St., Vancouver, Wash. Gardens can be great community outreach and a resource for healthy living. Learn how to create community gardens on a budget. Hear what other congregations are doing and get new ideas. Resources and practical help will be provided. To register please call (503) 221-1054, ext. 201, or email emo@emoregon.org. A suggested donation of \$5-\$10 supports low-income food access projects.

Metro's free gardening workshops focused on chemical-free gardening.

Advance registration is required for some events, as noted, and encouraged for all others. Complimentary

coupons and publications will be available for all participants at these events hosted by Metro, OSU Extension Service Community and Urban Horticulture and the site location.

Get started on your chemical-free garden by registering today. 503-234-3000 or [Metro Natural Gardening](#)

July

10 Native plants

11 a.m. to noon Saturday
Echo Valley Natives, Oregon City

11 Sustainable gardening essentials

1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday
Home garden: Marcia and Dennis Peck, Beaverton

17 Organic soils and compost

9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday
Cooper Mountain Nature Park, Beaverton

Terrific turf without toxics

10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday
Natural Techniques Demonstration Garden, SE Portland

18 Composting basics

1 to 2 p.m. Sunday
Pistils Nursery, North Portland

24 Planting vegetables for winter harvest

10 to 11 a.m. Saturday
Flat Creek Garden Center, Gresham

Native plants

10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday
Clackamas Community College, Oregon City

25 Growing fruit in any yard

1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday Home garden: Glen Andresen, NE Portland

August

11 Grow your own organic veggies

6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Oregon Tilth Organic Education Center, Lake Oswego

14 Water-wise gardening

10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday
Washington County Fair Complex, Hillsboro

15 Edible landscaping, naturally

1 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday
Home garden: Monica Mumper, Oregon City

21 Petals without poisons

10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday
Natural Techniques Demonstration Garden, SE Portland

28 Gardens for kids and pets

10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday
Clackamas Community College, Oregon City

OPPORTUNITIES FROM JORDIS
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SUMMER ACTIVITIES

This edition of the newsletter covers activities for July and August. You should have a good idea how many activities you need to participate in to get all your hours in by October. Remember...you are the driving force behind your own volunteer schedule.

Here are some activities to check out:

FAIRS

Clackamas County Fair is August 17 – 22 (Tuesday – Sunday). The MG booth is located near an entertainment stage and a lovely garden display and plant sale. Call coordinator Gerry Emerson at 503-656-9726 . There are morning, afternoon, and evening shifts available. You are going to want to be part of this really great rural fair!

Washington County Fair is July 21 – 25 (Thursday – Sunday). Master Gardeners are located next to the demonstration gardens and really have a lot to brag about. This area of the fairgrounds owes its planning and attractive appearance to the Washington County Master Gardeners and is a popular stop for fairgoers. Call David Rullman to schedule a shift 503-292-1603

Oregon State Fair is August 27 –September 6. We typically have the Labor Day week-end shifts (Sept 3-5), the other days will be staffed by MGs from around the state. This fair is in Salem. Call or email Jordis and ask for a morning, afternoon, or evening shift.

Passes to get into all the fairs are provided. Get these dates on your calendar before the summer gets away from you.

ON-GOING

Don't forget about some of the on-going activities for volunteer hours. See April 2010 Newsletter, page 4, for a more complete list of coordinators and activities.

Crystal Springs Rhododendron Gardens

Linda O'Toole 503-659-5309

Pittock Mansion

Heather Kibbey 503-620-7239

Washington Park Rose Garden

Ellen Hanley 503-266-4486
ellenpoppy@aol.com

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Heidi Nichols heidinichols@comcast.net
503-774-6888 (Washington Co)

1860's Heritage Kitchen Garden-Champoeg

Marie VanPatten 503-678-1251 x223

Oregon Trail Interpretive Center – Oregon City.

Nikki Mantei 503-630-4346 ndparks@att.net

Oregon Zoo

Rob Kappa 503-653-9575 falcor01@comcast.net

Oregon Food Bank – Lisa Waugh

503-439-6510 x314

Natter's Notes

Hail!

Jean R. Natter

Was your garden hammered by hail? Well, plenty were, and we're seeing the result in the questions to phone clinics and at farmer's markets.

Sometimes mechanical damage such as that will be severe enough that the tissues die, then turn brown. But other symptoms occur as well. Thick-leaved plants such as blueberry may have reddened or "rusty" areas rather than the holes or tears other thinner leaves might. Such reddening can occur on thin leaves too, such as when individual hail is small-sized or the storm event brief.

A good clue to diagnose hail damage is to know that the damage shows up in same-age leaves. In other words, earliest leaves might be okay, middle age affected, newest are fine. (That shows up particularly well in the image of the purplish sedum.) To determine if the timing was right to say it was hail, you would have to recall when the hail occurred, also when the spots were first visible.



Green beans; thin leaves which show tears, slits, and holes, with brown edges which are tell-tale evidence of old damage. (6/11/2007: Image from client)



Hydrangea (scarring 6 days after hail; 4/27/2007; Image J. R. Natter)



Red sedum; lower leaves damaged by hail, upper leaves clear because they developed later. (6/18/2009; at NWREC; Image J. R. Natter)



Japanese maple: scars & slits (6/18/2009 ; at NWREC; Image J. R. Natter)



Blueberry: thick leaves reddened by sub-lethal damage (6/13/2010; Image via e-eXtension client)



Hosta: Moderately-thick leaves with scars (6/18/2009 at NWREC; Image J. R. Natter)

In case you're wondering about what other things to watch for this spring, figure on lots of leaf disease, mostly fungal but also some bacterial. Then, too, realize that plants which weren't fatally damaged by December's cold, were likely damaged by the continuing wet. So, just as soon as the first real heat arrives, many a plant may fail suddenly.

And the way things are going, this will likely be a "Year of the Green Tomato."



Cornus: thin leaves w/reddened blotches 6/18/2009 at NWREC; Image J. R. Natter)

QUIZ CORNER

QUESTION: 1. What is the orange stuff?

Hint: Occasional problem for rose but widespread this spring.

Image: B. Falconer (Washington County; 2009)



SUBMISSION DATES

Responses accepted only from noon July 5 through July 20.

Respond to Jean R. Natter (irnatter@aol.com with "Quiz" in the subject line; or call 503-645-7073.)

Please include your name, county & year of training.

THE PRIZE? The first five correct responders will be listed in the next newsletter!

ANSWER FOR JUNE'S IMAGE :

The life stage is the pupa; other acceptable responses were pupal case or resting stage.

The bonus answer: It will become a moth. (No need to determine which one; that's for experts)

THE WINNERS FOR JUNE QUIZ!

Jesica Jabar (Clackamas; 2009)

Robert Acker (Clackamas; 2006) First one in with both IDs!

Susan Campbell (Multnomah; 2005) 2nd in w/both IDs

4th & 5th MGs were no-shows

FREE SEMINAR

Invasive Plant Identification Workshop

Tuesday, July 13 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Zig Zag Inn Restaurant banquet room, 70162 E. Highway 26

Learn how to recognize new invasive plants that are of local concern. Join with others in efforts to report sightings and stop the spread of these plants. Get tips on how to control these and other invasive plants. Once you learn to identify them you'll be able save yourself a lot of time and hard work by spotting an invasive and nipping the problem in the bud. Workshop is designed for gardeners, hikers, anglers and others who enjoy our local forests and rivers.

This free workshop is co-sponsored by the Sandy River Basin Watershed Council and the Mt. Hood National Forest. Free plant ID booklets will be provided to participants. In addition to photos, some live specimens will be available for viewing.

Please pre-register so that we can plan the quantity of materials needed;

call 503-668-1646 or coordinator@sandyriver.org

Russ Plaeger, Watershed Coordinator
Sandy River Basin Watershed Council
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Website -- www.sandyriver.org

What can the new Metro Master Gardener website do for you?

Jay Ewing

At this month's Multnomah County chapter meeting one of the speakers asked the group to raise their hands if they had visited the new Metro Master Gardener website (www.metromastergardeners.org). To my surprise only a few people out of the many present at the meeting raised their hands. I realized that I've been wrapped up with putting the website together and hadn't spent nearly enough time spreading the word about what it's for and how it can be used.

I hope that by the time you finish reading this article the Metro Master Gardener website will be one of your new favorite places to go online. I use it all the time and, just the other day, I found out that Gail Langellotto, head of the state Master Gardener (MG) program, also uses it frequently.

What is the Metro MG website?

The Metro Master Gardener website was created as a part of our growing marketing effort to reach out to the public in as many ways as possible. Officially, it's the Metro Master Gardener website, representing the OSU Extension Service Master Gardeners of the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area including Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties. The website URL, www.metromastergardeners.org, is used on all of our promotional materials including the new tomato magnets.

We hope to position the Metro MG Program as the go-to place for gardening information in the Portland Metro area. The website serves a pivotal role in that effort because it is the center of our online presence. Having a useful, easy-to-navigate website that has the information the public wants will encourage people with questions or seeking gardening information to come to us first.

What is on the Metro MG website?

When you visit the website, look for these features:

- Phone clinic phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and locations for each county
- Up-to-date Chapter pages
- List of all the Metro area Farmer's market clinics with locations and hours
- Information on the upcoming Master Gardener Trainings
- Metro Master Gardener Newsletter
- Links to key websites and information
 - Online resources for gardening information
 - The Office Information binder that's in each MG office
 - Metro Master Gardener Ning site
 - MG-Dx Referral Forum

You'll find much more, including a Twitter feed and our recently adopted big red tomato logo used in the banner on each page!

How can you use the Metro MG website?

Think of it as a Rolodex or information binder of all the most important Master Gardener related websites and news. It's one-stop shopping for gardeners!

The website is set up to provide simple, rapid access to the online information important to MGs and the gardening public. The URL (web address) is straightforward – www.metromastergardeners.org – and eases access for both MGs and the public when looking for online gardening information. Just start your online research on the Metro MG website and go from there.

The easy-to-remember URL means that sharing the web address over the phone or at Farmer's Markets is much simpler too. When you talk with clients, suggest they check out our website and then give them the URL. We hope that the next time they're online they'll remember and check it out.

What can you do to help make the Metro MG website better?

Our web page is only as good as the information it contains. If there is information you think ought to be on the webpage then I urge you to email and tell me about it. If you find errors or omissions I'd love to hear about those as well. If you find certain things difficult to navigate or confusing then let me know. Fortunately it's easy for you to contact me. At the bottom of every page on the Metro MG website is a link with an e-mail address that you can use to e-mail me: webmaster@metromastergardeners.org. I'd love to hear from you!

What's next?

We want to provide you with tools you can use as Master Gardeners in your outreach to the gardening public. We've got lots of ideas of our own about what the next steps are, but we'd love to hear your ideas and suggestions too.



WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

JULY 29,30,31, AUGUST 1

AT THE WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX
(CLOVERLEAF ENTRANCE)

Washington County Master Gardeners Association will host garden tours and answer garden questions during all four days of the fair. The demonstration garden features a series of new vignette gardens that demonstrate a variety of gardening styles and methods. Theme gardens include edible, Asian, deer resistant, native, and garden beds to attract beneficial insects. The garden contains a new greenhouse, classroom area, composting center, adaptive and children's garden adns howcases raised beds and espalier fruit trees. Www.WCMGA.info OSU Extension office—503-821-1150



To: The Master Gardeners who donated time to the 2010 Tree Sale Fundraiser of the East Portland & Damascus/Boring Kiwanis Clubs:

Thank you all so much for your time and sharing your knowledge. Like you, we were glad this year's weather was more shopping-friendly for our customers than last year.

While the final tally is not yet known, it is estimated to be \$14,000.00 .

Thank you so much for partnering with us and making our Tree Sale the success that it was.

*Sincerely,
Jan Lund
East Portland Kiwanis.*

Internet Essentials for Master Gardeners

Learn how to locate, and use, research-based information on key websites commonly used in the MG offices.

Date	Site	9 to noon	1 to 4 PM
October 2	PCC, SE Center ***	Intermediate	The Next Step
October 27	Clackamas Community College*	Intermediate	The Next Step

*** PCC, SE Center: 2305 SE 82nd and Division, Portland, OR 97216

* Clackamas Community College: 19600 Molalla Avenue, Oregon City 97045

Everyone has a computer! (We use PCs, just as in the MG offices)

- **Intermediate:** OSU Garden Encyclopedia links; demo of MG Referral Forum
- **The Next Step:** More websites & search techniques; demo of MG Referral Forum

All 3-hour sessions are still open!

We welcome do-overs to refresh personal data banks!

Pre-register with Jean Natter; jrnatter@aol.com or 503-645-7073

Please provide the following:

1. Your name, plus phone number or email address
2. Date and time of session(s) you will attend

You'll receive a confirmation, also a reminder about a week prior to the requested session(s)



\$2 requested for handouts. Larger donations welcomed

(Computer training sponsored by the Metro Master Gardener Program)

HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR IN THE METRO AREA

- Jul 10** Washington County Chapter Open Gardens Day—see chapter page for details
- Jul 13** Hardy Plant Society—Hardy Arisaemas and Other Aroids with Norm Kalbfleisch of Woodland Way, Portland. Info at www.hardyplantsociety.org
- Jul 12** Clackamas County Chapter tour of Zenger Farm
- Jul 12** Oregon Burn Center Therapeutic Garden open to the public
- Jul 14** Clackamas County Chapter—Garden Circulation, A Maze or Amazing? Vanessa Nagel, Timber Press
- Jul 17** Multnomah Chapter Summer Saturdays at MG Demo Garden
- Jul 17** Washington County Chapter potluck picnic
- Jul 28-31** Gardener's Mini-College, Corvallis <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/mini-college>
- Aug 9** Clackamas Chapter picnic
- Aug 9** Oregon Burn Center Therapeutic Garden open to the public
- Aug 10** Hardy Plant Society—A Fanfare of Trumpets: Non-Stop Performers for the Summer Garden w/Maurice Horn of Joy Creek Nursery, Scappoose. Info at www.hardyplantsociety.org
- Aug 21** Multnomah Chapter Summer Saturdays at MG Demo Garden
- Sept 2** Washington County Chapter—NW Cactus and Succulents—James Elfburg
- Sept 14** Multnomah County Chapter—Uncovering Compost Mysteries—Carl Grimm, Metro
- Sept 18-19** Hardy Plant Society Fall Plant Sale 10 AM—3 PM see HPSO Website for more information.
- Sept 18-19** Portland Rose Society Fall Rose Show-see website for details
- Sept 25** Multnomah Chapter Summer Saturdays at MG Demo Garden and Harvest Plant Sale
- Sept 25** Villa Garden Club Fall Plant Sale—10 AM—3 PM—Tabor Heights Methodist Church, 6161 S.E. Stark, Portland



The 2010 Starlight Parade was another great time. 250,000 people attended. I want to thank all that had a part of it.

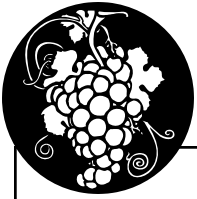
Multnomah Chapter—Nancy Swanson, Marianna Smith, Tricia Knoll, Phil Almgren, Julie Poduch, June Davidek, George Clymer, Deanna St. Martin, Julia Haykin, Erika Fey, Stacia Torborg, John Jordan, Kristen Playford, Jo Fraser

Clackamas Chapter—Jared Kelly, Chris Pendleton, Frank Wille, Katie Miller, Bob Blaedel

Washington Chapter—Cici Polson, Terrie Cliff, Stephaine Scott, Jack Shorr

Another BIG THANKS to Jordis & Marci (Multnomah) for bringing the gooey sweets and taking pictures. I can't wait to see them.

Kele Kaai-Roberts
2009 Clackamas



MULTNOMAH CHAPTER GRAPEVINE

Oregon Master Gardener™ Association in cooperation with OSU Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program

14 Sept. 2010 Chapter Meeting

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church 5441 SE Belmont

6:50 Announcements

After the lazy, hazy days of summer...

7pm Speaker: Carl Grimm, Metro.

'Uncovering Compost Mysteries', get the dirt on basic and worm composting.

Carl Grimm, Metro, natural gardening & toxics reduction specialist

Get the dirt on basic and worm composting. Gather great tips on bin selection and set-up, maintenance, troubleshooting, harvesting and use. Learn how to prevent rodents, how to speed composting, and low-maintenance composting alternatives.

***Garden Delights Note-cards Available for Purchase A

stunning array of garden delights have been captured in photographs by Metro Master Gardeners and are featured in 4 different sets of note-cards. Each set contains 4 beautiful garden images (2 cards of each image). Available for purchase now! 8 cards for \$10. See images at <http://metromastergardeners.org/multnomah/>

To purchase contact Marilyn Kongslie, (503)289-8889 or email multmastergardeners@gmail.com

*** **COMMUNITY DEMONSTRATION GARDEN.** The harvesting has begun this season at our Community Demo Garden with the produce being donated to area food banks. There is much more tending, nurturing, and harvesting of our crops to come! Demo garden work days are Mondays and Thursdays, 9am to 12noon. Saturdays will be added soon. Questions contact Jean Edmison, (503) 771-2486, housejem@aol.com or Sharon Baker, 284-5189, gazebo@teleport.com.

*****Summer Saturdays at the Demo Garden.** This is our outreach with activities for children, families, and the community....the next dates are July 17 (trees and worms) 11-1:00, August 21 (pizza party) 11-1:00, and September 25 (plant sale, fall harvest, recipe swap, and tomato tasting) 9-2:00.

*****The 2010 award winners for the Multnomah Chapter: Master Gardeners of the Year: Heidi Nichols and Marcia McIntyre Behind the Scenes:** John Jordan, Gloria Bennett, and Marilyn Kongslie **Special Awards for Future Thinking:** Jay Ewing (especially for his work with web-based tools of the internet for Metro Master Gardeners) and Le Ann Locher (especially for her work on the outreach campaign for Metro Master Gardeners)

*****Phones in Multnomah County!** –The office is in Montgomery Park @ NW 27th and Vaughn. Gloria Bennett (503) 775-4005 dcleopatra@comcast.net is managing the calendar. The phone hours are 10am-2pm Monday to Friday. 2 or

*****Next Board Meeting – Tuesday 7 September 2010 -** 6:30 pm at Jean Edmison's – 7606 S.E. Ellis

*** Summer Harvest Celebration! Save the Date!

Mark your calendars and save the date, Tuesday, August 24th 4:30pm to dusk. The Multnomah County Chapter will gather at our Community Demonstration Garden and enjoy a summer harvest celebration. We will serve up our veggies fresh from the garden, spin them into salads, and toss them on the grill along with other sizzling, savory treats. Plus, we will churn up some ice cream to top it all off. Amidst the feasting we can savor a summer evening with our fellow Mg's, their family and friends. Just bring a plate, utensils and your appetite. More details to come.

***Multnomah County MGs will be sharing their gardens summer splendor with fellow chapter members.

Mark your calendars for the 'Share Your Garden' series of open gardens...Rene Brier is kicking off the season opening her garden on July 1st from 11am to 4pm and Carrie McIntyre's garden will be open on July 31st from 11am to 4pm. More open garden dates are in the works for July and August. An email will be coming soon; it will list those hosting open gardens, locations (including Rene and Carrie's) and garden descriptions.

It is not too late to host an open garden. It is a chance to share and celebrate our passion for gardening and learning. This is a 'real' garden tour. Manicured lawns not required. We want to see it all, your triumphs and your challenges, your works in progress! Show us your ornamental, edible, native, xeriscape, permaculture, and/or container gardens. Show us your hostas with no slug damage (triumph!) and your roses with black spot (challenge!). Yes, we want to see it all! Join in the fun...just pick a date and time period that works in your schedule and contact Gloria Bennett: dcleopatra@comcast.net or (503) 775-4005.

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Washington County Chapter Chat

Oregon Master Gardener™ Association in cooperation with
OSU Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program
Chapter Website: www.wcmga.info

UPCOMING PROGRAMS –

September 2, 2010 “*NW Cactus and Succulents*”

James Elfburg

Monthly Chapter Meeting is at 6:45 p.m.

Presentations are from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

CAPITAL Center, 18640 NW Walker Rd (185th & Walker Rd) Entrance D-1, Room 1411. The public is welcome.

SOCIAL GATHERING at 6:30 p.m. – come early!

WCMGA OPEN GARDENS DAY 2010

“*Sustainable Practices for Edibles & Ornamentals*”

Saturday, July 10th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Enjoy this **free** educational outreach event when Washington Co. master gardeners open their private gardens to the public with nine home gardens and a school garden. With emphasis on home food growing, you will see four-season vegetable gardening, mixed edible and ornamental planting, garden designs that incorporate native plants into the landscape, water-wise gardening, lawn-free gardens, rain barrels, and more. Gardens will feature talks and/or guided tours throughout the day. Our brochure, with garden descriptions and driving directions, can be found at area nurseries and on our website @ <http://www.wcmga.info>; click on the “events” link. For more info call 503-725-2300.

WC CHAPTER POTLUCK PICNIC

“*Beer Brats ‘n Bluegrass*”

Where: The Millers – 17745 SW Cooper Mountain Lane

When: Saturday, July 17th, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Eating ware and brats are provided. Bring food to share, enough to serve approximately 10 to 12 people. Spouses and significant others are welcome!

OREGON BURN CENTER THERAPEUTIC GARDEN

This Legacy Emanuel Hospital garden in Portland is only open for public viewing twice a year. Come take a look July 12th or August 9th, 11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m. For more information, go to legacy-health.org.

INTEL FOUNDATION GRANT

The Intel Foundation will give the WCMGA \$10/hr for every hour of time that is volunteered by their active employees or retirees. This includes training time, travel time, time spent preparing material for demonstrations or classes, and time actually spent in active volunteer work. Last year we received \$1000 for a non-MG Intel retiree for volunteer work at the Demo Garden. We want to make sure that all WCMGs and other volunteers with an Intel connection apply for grant money for their volunteer hours. Hours need to be submitted to Intel by January 15, 2011. For questions or more information contact Tim Lanfri @ tim.lanfri@gmail.com or 503-590-4354.

MINI COLLEGE DESIGN TEAM

Volunteers still needed to use their imagination, personal vision, and originality skills to help create a Mini College display. Each year at Mini College our chapter sets up a WCMGA display table to showcase what we accomplish throughout the year. This year’s theme is *Beyond Backyard Basics: the Science of Sustainability*. To help create a fun and ingenious design or more info contact: **Lynn Wagner** MLwags00@gmail.com.

MINI COLLEGE RAFFLE

Donations are still needed for the OMGA fundraiser. Contact Ken Keudell @ 503-292-6519.

CAPITAL CENTER GARDEN

Volunteers needed to help care for the roses in the garden. Contact Donna Yount at 503-746-6198.

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JULY & AUGUST

Clackamas County Chatter

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



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A Tour of Zenger Farm

Monday, July 12, 5-7:30 p.m.
11741 SE Foster Road, Portland 97266
Chapter members and guests will observe sustainable farming practices on this 16-acre property in the heart of Portland.

The century-old farmhouse was renovated in 2007 into a "net-zero energy use" facility. During our tour, staff will demonstrate how Zenger Farm models and promotes sustainable food systems, environmental stewardship, and access to healthy food. Tours begin at 5:10, 5:25, 5:40, 6:00, and 6:20 p.m., each lasting one hour.

Farm fresh eggs, seasonal vegetables, Zenger Farm T-shirts and gardening aprons will be available for purchase. Proceeds help support the Farm which is a nonprofit organization.

The setting is ideal for an old fashioned picnic. Members are invited to bring a blanket and picnic before or after a tour. Cookies and beverages will be provided by the Chapter. Go to www.zengerfarm.org for more information about the farm. For information about the event, contact Carol Zinsli, 503-694-6181 or zinsli31550@comcast.net or Laura Eyer, 503-982-3522 or eyerfamily@wbcable.net

Kudos

Joan Young, Milwaukie Center Director, requested help from a MG experienced with composting. The assignment? Teach Center staff how to begin a food composting program. Laura Eyer stepped up to the plate. Thank you, Laura!

Annual Picnic

Monday, August 9, 6 p.m.
Milwaukie Center Picnic Shelter,
5440 Kellogg Creek Road, Milwaukie
The Annual Picnic is a celebration of our achievements and an event to thank everyone who helps make the Chapter a fantastic and fun organization.

It is easy to join in. Bring your plate, silverware and a salad or dessert to share. We furnish everything else: burgers, brats, corn on the cob.

Don't miss the event to catch up with friends, to relish in all we've done this year, and to watch Herb Davis working the grill.

Questions? Contact Mary Butler, Co-Chair, at 503-632-1532 or mabutler45@gmail.com, or Nancy Hopkins, Chair, at 503-635-7465 or nhop101@aol.com

Community Project Grant Committee Makes More Awards

Nancy Hopkins, Chair of the Community Project Grant Committee reports two more awards.

Barbara Workman, Portland, sponsored the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church shed project to help seniors with their gardening. We awarded the project \$500 toward building a shed to store tools and gardening supplies.

Nancy Dunis, Lake Oswego, sponsored the Oswego Heritage House project. We awarded the project \$350 for soil amendments to restore an historic rose garden. This project also includes gardening education for children.

To date, the committee has awarded three grants to member-sponsored projects. All three projects go beyond the organizations, extending benefits into their communities.

For more information about how to apply for a community project grant, contact Nancy Hopkins, Chair, at 503-635-7465 or nhop101@aol.com

Green Glove Awards

Bill Bradley served the chapter as President, Vice-President, Chair of the Spring Garden Fair Sign Committee, and Chair of the 10-Minute University™ committee. Bill has a strong commitment to education and frequently works the phone clinic. He is a MG Guide and a MG Diagnostician, has developed 10-Minute University™ handouts and is a regular instructor. He initiated tours at the International Rose Test Garden and gave many tours there.

Pam Garten became chair of the Grow An Extra Row committee this year. She has focused much of her energy into expanding the scope of this program with a goal of contributing more fresh produce to area food banks. Today, 2,700 square feet at the Clackamas Community College Community Garden is under the care of this committee. In addition to recruiting volunteers, initiating a new plan, and organizing work parties, Pam puts in countless hours doing hands-on work at the garden to ensure its success.

Rodger Sanman has served the Chapter in many roles, most recently as Co-Chair of the 2009 and 2010 Spring Garden Fair. Rodger also serves the Chapter as web master, endeavoring to keep information complete and current. Rodger enthusiastically volunteered for many Chapter events, among them the Mason Bee Workshop, Tomato Workshop, Garden Discovery Day, and the Annual Picnic. In addition, Rodger volunteered for the Oregon Master Gardener Association in various capacities.

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Garden hints from your OSU Extension Agent

Oregon State University Extension Service encourages sustainable gardening practices. Preventative pest management is emphasized over reactive pest control. Identify and monitor problems before acting, and opt for the least toxic approach that will remedy the problem.

First consider cultural, and then physical controls. The conservation of biological control agents (predators, parasitoids) should be favored over the purchase and release of biological controls. Use chemical controls only when necessary, only after identifying a pest problem, and only after thoroughly reading the pesticide label. Least-toxic choices include insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, organic and synthetic pesticides — when used judiciously.

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Maintenance and Clean Up

- Mound soil up around base of potatoes. Gather and eat a few "new" potatoes from each hill, when plants begin to flower.
- Early morning is the best time to water vegetable and flower gardens to reduce evaporation. Water the soil rather than leaves, to reduce disease. Water deeply and infrequently to encourage root growth.
- Hanging baskets of flowers or vegetable plantings need careful attention to watering and feeding during extended periods of hot weather.
- Weed and fertilize rhubarb and asparagus beds. A mulch of compost or rotted cow manure works well as fertilizer. Water deeply to develop crowns for next year.
- Mulch to conserve soil moisture with paper, plastic, sawdust, etc.
- Stake tall-growing flowering plants such as delphinium, hollyhocks, and lupine. Stake tomatoes, as necessary.
- If a green lawn is desired, make sure lawn areas are receiving adequate water (approximately 0.5 to 1.5 inches per week from June through August). Deep watering less often is more effective than frequent shallow watering. Measure your water use by placing an empty tuna can where your irrigation water lands.
- Make compost of lawn clippings and garden plants that are ready to be recycled. Do not use clippings if lawn has been treated with herbicide, including "weed-and-feed" products. Do not compost diseased plants unless you are using the "hot compost" method (120° to 150°F).

Planting/Propagation

- Midsummer plantings of beets, bush beans, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, kale, and peas will provide fall and winter crops.
- Dig spring bulbs when tops have died down; divide and store or replant.

- **Oregon Coast:** First planting of Chinese cabbage, kohlrabi, and rutabagas.
- **Pest Monitoring and Management**
- Control hollyhock rust by sanitation, picking affected leaves, or spraying with a registered fungicide. Read and follow label directions.
- Watch for cutworm damage in garden. (In July, climbing cutworms become a problem and large portions of foliage will begin to disappear on established plants.) Use barriers, remove by hand, use beneficial nematodes when soil temperature is above 55°F, or spray with *Bt-k* according to label directions.
- Late this month, begin to monitor for early and late blight on tomatoes.
- Place traps to catch adult apple maggot flies. You can use pheromone traps to monitor presence of pests.
- July 10: spray fibertrees for filbertworm, as necessary.
- July 10-15: spray peach and prune trees for root borers, as necessary.
- July 17-23: third spray for codling moth in apple and pear trees, as necessary.
- Cover blueberry bushes with netting to keep birds from eating all the crop.
- Watch for early and late blight on tomatoes. Connect by pruning for air circulation, picking off affected leaves, and/or treat with approved fungicide.
- Monitor camellias, holly, maple trees for scale insects. Treat if necessary.
- Monitor rhododendrons for adult root weevils. Look for fresh evidence of feeding (notching). Try sticky trap products on plant trunks to trap adult weevils. Manage root weevils with beneficial nematodes (if soil temperature is above 55°F). If root weevils are a consistent problem, consider removing plants and choosing resistant varieties (see <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/eb0970e/eb0970e.pdf> for list of rhododendrons exhibiting resistance to adult root weevil feeding).
- Check leafy vegetables for caterpillars. Pick off caterpillars as they appear. Use *Bt-k*, if necessary.
- Spider mites can become a problem on ornamental plants, vegetables, and fruit plants during hot, dry weather. Watch for dusty-looking foliage, loss of color, presence of tiny mites. Wash infested areas with water or spray with appropriate pesticides.
- Remove cankered limbs from fruit and nut trees for control of diseases such as apple anthracnose and bacterial canker of stone fruit. Sterilize tools before each new cut.
- **East of the Cascades:** if necessary, spray for corn earworm as silking begins. Protect bees from spray.

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