



# Metro Master Gardener™ Newsletter

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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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## Dear Master Gardeners-

Below are important details about the Master Gardener (MG) program for March for **1) 2014 MG trainees and 2) Veteran MG volunteers.**



### 1) 2014 MG trainees

As the classroom component of the MG program winds down, it is time to plan your volunteer experience. There are many *hands-on* opportunities for you to both share your gardening knowledge with the community and also get your hands dirty.

At the resource fairs that are part of the MG training, you have received two separate handouts that detail the breadth of activities available to you:

1. Primary Service Volunteer Opportunities (Part I)
2. Support Service Volunteer Opportunities (Part II).

For new trainees, we ask that you complete 66 total hours of volunteer service and document your time (we will provide a form) by October 1, 2014. Of these hours, we recommend that you spend at least 26 hours in “Primary” activities, which are volunteer activities that directly support the outreach mission of OSU by answering client questions at our phone clinics, farmers’ markets, and other events in the community.

**Many of the Primary volunteer activities require a specialized training** in order for you to volunteer. If you plan to participate in any of these activities, please sign up for the trainings on CERVIS (secure online event management system) or at the resource fairs (we will enter you into CERVIS).

- Clackamas County Phone Clinic
- Multnomah County Phone Clinic
- Washington County Phone Clinic
- International Rose Test Garden Clinic/Tour
- Oregon Zoo Backyard Makeover Clinic
- Pittock Mansion Clinic/Tour

Please note: you can count your time for the required trainings.

Many Primary volunteer opportunities including our three phone clinics, farmers’ markets, and numerous one-time events will be posted on CERVIS and we will **open registration to these events for new trainees on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.** Thus, all new trainees will have seen our brief training for CERVIS at the resource fairs and equal opportunity to register for volunteer slots.

Please be respectful of other volunteers and only sign up for three shifts of any particular event. Later in the season, you can fill in open slots for activities that you really like. We encourage you to try out a wide range of Primary volunteer activities and keep in mind that you will learn a lot through this type of volunteer opportunity.

For Support Activities, you will be able to register for shifts directly at the resource fairs. You can also contact event coordinators directly (see Support Service Volunteer Opportunities (Part II) handout from the resource fair) to sign up for Support activities.

## 2) Veteran MG volunteers

### Primary volunteer activities on CERVIS

Thank you, Vets, for your ongoing volunteerism with the Master Gardener (MG) program! We, the OSU Extension Service MG program team (Weston, Pukhraj, Jordis, and Margaret), look forward to your participation in 2014 and strive to serve your needs as a volunteer.

New for the 2014 Master Gardener outreach season, we are using a secure online registration system (CERVIS) to coordinate “Primary” volunteer activities organized by the MG program office. Primary events include the phones, farmers’ market clinics, and other activities where MG volunteers provide gardening information to the public. These events are currently set up on CERVIS and open for you to register. We are keeping track of Vet and 2014 trainees shifts separately to ensure that trainees on each clinic shift are supported with a veteran MGs’ gardening knowledge, understanding of MG program procedures and kind disposition!

After logging in you will see all the events (no event code needed to access Farmers markets etc.). In case you don’t know or forgot your CERVIS password you can click on “**Don’t Know Password/Reset Password**” option on the login page (see below the “**Login to CERVIS**” button). An email will be sent to you immediately with a temporary password. When you use that temporary password to login, you will be prompted to set your own new password. Remember this password for future logins.

Also, if you want to branch out and try some new primary activities, **many of the Primary volunteer activities require a specialized training** in order for you to volunteer. If you plan to participate in any of these activities, please sign up for the trainings on CERVIS or at the resource fairs. These primary activities are listed in the Primary volunteer activities on the previous page. You can count your time for the required trainings.

Please note, OSU paperwork was needed by 2/18/2014 to volunteer in 2014. If you have not met this deadline, we have disabled your CERVIS profile such that you cannot volunteer for Primary activities. Support activity coordinators will be provided a list of the volunteers who have turned in paperwork and can volunteer at their activity/event. For questions please contact Margaret Bayne at [margaret.bayne@oregonstate.edu](mailto:margaret.bayne@oregonstate.edu); 503-650-3126. Master Gardener Program, 200 Warner-Milne Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045.

### Spring recertification for veteran MGs

Unfortunately, we were unable to book PCC Rock Creek this spring for MG recertification. Thus, we are not going to provide two recertification events in 2014. We plan to hold one event on November 15 at PCC Rock Creek. Based on this situation, here are the opportunities to accrue the 12 hours of recertification this year:

- Attend any remaining MG training classes (3 hours credit per morning or afternoon session).
- Attend chapter meetings and other trainings that are approved for recertification credit (see below) (upcoming recertification trainings for each month are listed in our MG newsletter, [www.metromastergardeners.org/newsletter](http://www.metromastergardeners.org/newsletter) ).
- Attend the fall recertification training and any combination of the above.
- We will make a recertification test available in April and you can complete that and send it back to the MG program office. Stay tuned for details.

- If you are six hours short on recertification credit for 2014 due to just one event being available, please submit the recertification details that you have completed and we will waive the requirement for six of the hours, since we are not offering both spring and fall recertification.

Thank you for your patience with this change in how we have traditionally offered recertification training. Our efforts to secure facilities for 250+ people can be challenging!

## Recertification Opportunities

- March 1 "Fruit Tree Pruning", Fruit Growing Series, OSU, Monica Maggio, <http://bit.ly/1bGLuXb>
- March 8 Garden Discovery Day 10-Minute University lectures
- March 10 "Companion Planting and Rotation for the Vegetable Garden", Clackamas County Chapter Speaker
- March 11 "Plotting the Edible Gardening Year", Multnomah County Chapter Speaker
- March 12 Scion Grafting Fruit Trees, Monica Maggio, <http://www.corefruitinstitute.com>
- March 13 "Garden Allies: Pollinators, Predators and Parasitoids", Washington County Chapter Speaker
- March 19 "Bees in Your Backyard", Hillsboro Fair-Plex MG Demo Garden (9:30 am)
- March 22 "Fruit Tree Grafting: Bench Grafting and Top Working" Fruit Growing Series, OSU, Monica Maggio, <http://bit.ly/1bGLuXb>
- March 22 OSU Clackamas Extension Tree School (Certain classes) <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/clackamas/forestry>

Sincerely, the MG program team

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Jordis Yost  
Margaret Bayne



**Soil School**  
Saturday, April 5 8 am - 2 pm  
Lewis & Clark College  
For gardeners and small farm owners!

**Featuring:**  
Dr. Doug Tallamy, University of Delaware, author of *Bringing Nature Home*  
Dr. Scott Burns, PSU Chair of Geology  
James "Dr. Soil" Cassidy, OSU Soil Instructor

Register by clicking "Events" at [www.wmswcd.org](http://www.wmswcd.org)  
Cost: \$30 single/\$50 double

Learn about soil structure and composition, analyze and interpret your own soil sample, and get your hands dirty taking soil tests and learning about native plant habitats.





## OPPORTUNITIES FROM JORDIS

503-650-3118 or [Jordis.Yost@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Jordis.Yost@oregonstate.edu)

### 2014 TRAINEES COMPLETE TRAINING

March starts with training still in session, but March 21 is the last class for the year. This prospect brings excitement and some anxiety as the new trainees transition into intern teaching roles and support activities.

The best advice for new trainees is to jump in and relish the experience. You will soon find out how much you can learn and grow during your year as an intern MG. You will gain both knowledge and confidence as you progress and, remember....you have a large program to support you and make sure that you are having a positive experience.

#### **We have several ways for you to get involved:**

- Volunteer Opportunities listed on *Cervis* (via our website <http://www.metromastergardeners.org> )
- Contact the event coordinator directly. Contact information for event coordinators can be found in your resource fair handouts and we email a list in April.

The best way to complete your hours is to be **proactive**. Call about events that interest you...get on multiple lists...sign up with a new friend from class and have some fun! There are a lot of exciting and educational events coming up for new trainees and veterans. Watch the newsletter and emails for volunteer opportunities that are in your neighborhood or area of interest. We have something for *every* gardener.

Phone shifts available on *Cervis*. <http://www.metromastergardeners.org/CERVISreg.php>

### CLASS COORDINATORS

Thank you! We have a great group of dedicated MGs that keep things going at our three class sites. They are really indispensable and we just couldn't keep everything running without their many talents. Special thanks to:

#### Beaverton class-Trina Studebaker, lead coordinator

Diana Evans-Baxter - Co-coordinator	Cheryle Douglas
Bill Greer- Greeter	Beverlee Ryan- AV
Charles Neiman- Greeter	Judy Dietzman-p.m. hospitality
Bruce Gardiner- Set-up	Judy Froemke- p.m. hospitality
James Galbreath- Set-up	Patty Newth- a.m. hospitality
Kathy Nokes- a.m. hospitality	

#### Multnomah class-Beven Peters, lead coordinator

Rich Becker- AV	Jonathan Block
Evie Hausman- Sign-in table	Lili Block
Lee Garfield- Sign-in table	Linda Richardson
Megan Jamieson	Debbie Kaufman
Carolyn Dixon	Jo Ann Bones
Linda Carr	Marcia McIntyre

#### Oregon City class-Cindy Manselle, lead coordinator

Buzz Oerding - Coffee	Terry Crandell - Room Arrangement
Linda O'Toole - Food	Kathleen Chroninger - Co-coordinator
Linda Nash - Introductions	Lynn Dickinson
Ellen Hanley - Noon time chats	Barbara Epidendio
Will Hughes - Sound System	Irwin Rogers

# HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR FOR THE METRO AREA

- March 8 Clackamas Co. – Garden Discovery Day  
March 10 Clackamas Co. – “Companion Planting and Rotation for the Vegetable Garden” and Annual Potluck  
March 11 Multnomah Co. – “Plotting the Edible Gardening Year”  
March 11 Washington Co. – “Pizza Lunch for Interns Beaverton Training  
March 12 Washington Co. – Seed Starting with Daisey Parquet  
March 13 Washington Co. – “Garden Allies: Pollinators, Predators, and Parasitoids”  
March 15 and 22 Washington Co. – Seed to Supper Class Series  
March 22 OSU Clackamas Extension Tree School (Recertification on certain classes)  
March 29 Multnomah Co. – Early Spring Edibles Plant Pick-up and Sale  
April 5 Clackamas Co. – Members Tomato & Cage Making Workshop  
April 5 Soil School  
April 8 Multnomah Co. – Welcome Potluck for 2014 MG Trainees  
April 12 Clackamas Co. – “Secrets of the Tomato Masters”  
April 14 Clackamas Co. – “How to Build a Living Wreath” and Plant & Seed Swap  
April 26 Washington Co. – 3 Buck Bonanza Plant Sale  
May 3 Multnomah Co. – Incredible Edibles Plant Sale  
May 3 & 4 30<sup>th</sup> Spring Garden Fair  
May 12 Clackamas Co. – “Making the Most of Small Gardens”  
June 9 Clackamas Co. – “Impact of Urban Trees”  
July 14 Clackamas Co. – Tour of Vern Nelson’s garden  
Aug 11 Clackamas Co. – Annual Chapter picnic  
Sept 8 Clackamas Co. – Wildlife Viewing Opportunities on the National Wildlife Refuges along the Oregon Coast  
Oct 13 Clackamas Co. – “The Art of Bonsai”  
Nov 10 Clackamas Co. – “Weather and Gardening”  
Dec 8 Clackamas Co. – “Designing & Equipping the Home Greenhouse”™



# OSU 2014 Fruit Growing Series

Offered by OSU Professional and Continuing Education and OSU Extension Service.  
Price: \$50 per class with \$20 off for the whole series. [To register and for more information](#)

## Fruit Tree Grafting: Bench Grafting and Top Working

Grafting fruit trees lets us mix-and-match genetics to create a custom fruit tree that can best meet our needs. Most every fruit tree is grafted, meaning it is made up of two different sets of genetics (one for the type of fruit, another for the tree's root-size). Come explore the theory and potential behind grafting, and learn how to do it yourself! In both the lecture and hands-on portions of the class, we will cover grafting small new trees, as well as how to graft new varieties onto older existing trees. Each participant will have the chance to custom graft and take home a dwarf apple tree!

**Date and Time: March 22, 2014 from 10:00am - 2:30 pm**

**Instructor: Monica Maggio, [Core Fruit Institute](#)**

**Location: Home Orchard Society Arboretum in Oregon City**



## Seasonal Maintenance for Fruit Trees

Fruit trees in your home landscape are a rewarding source of fresh, local, delicious produce. But they require timely and appropriate maintenance to avoid pest and disease infestation in our wet Pacific Northwest climate. In the lecture, we will cover site prep and planting, sheet mulching, pollination support, as well as some simple and effective methods for preventing diseases and pests. Then we will move outside and practice seasonally specific techniques to help keep your fruit trees beautiful, healthy, and abundant.

**Date and Time: April 5, 2014 from 10:00am - 2:30 pm**

**Instructor: Monica Maggio, [Core Fruit Institute](#)**

**Location: Home Orchard Society Arboretum in Oregon City**



## Growing Small Fruits and Berries

Production of high quality blueberries, raspberries, kiwi, strawberries, grapes, huckleberries, gooseberries, currants, and other delicious berries requires specialized knowledge and skills. Learn critical horticulture tips and techniques to ensure success in this one-day course. This course includes interactive lectures and a tour of berry plantings at OSU's North Willamette Research and Extension Center (NWREC) near Wilsonville.

**Date and Time: May 3, 2014 from 10:00am - 2:30 pm**

**Instructor: Weston Miller, OSU Extension Service**

**Location: North Willamette Research and Extension Center**



## [Register now for the 2014 Fruit Growing Series](#)

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In reference to publications, events, or activities: Publications will be made available in accessible formats upon request. Please call 503-655-8631 for information. If you have a physical disability that requires special considerations in order for you to attend the event/activity, please notify the metro Master Gardener program at 503-655-8631 or [jean.bremer@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jean.bremer@oregonstate.edu)

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# March Garden Calendar

Produced by OSU Extension, each month provides reminders of key garden chores, such as fertilizing, pest control, planting, and maintenance.

Recommendations in this calendar are not necessarily applicable to all areas of Oregon. For more information, [contact your local Extension office](#).

## Sustainable gardening

The 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. The conservation of biological control agents (predators, parasitoids) should be favored over chemical controls.

Use chemical controls only when necessary and only after thoroughly reading the pesticide label. First consider cultural, then physical and biological controls. Choose the least-toxic options (insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, and organic and synthetic pesticides — when used judiciously).

## Planning

- Plan your vegetable garden carefully for spring, summer, and fall vegetables that can be eaten fresh or preserved. If you lack in-ground gardening space, plan an outdoor container garden.
- Use a soil thermometer to help you know when to plant vegetables. Some cool season crops (onions, kale, lettuce, and spinach) can be planted when the soil is consistently at or above 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Maintenance and Clean Up

- Lawn mowing: Set blade at 0.75 to 1 inch for bentgrass lawns; 1.5 to 2.5 inches for bluegrasses, fine fescues, and ryegrasses.
- Compost grass clippings and yard waste, except for clippings from lawns where weed-and-feed products or herbicides (weed killers) have been used.
- Spread compost over garden and landscape areas.
- Prune gooseberries and currants; fertilize with manure or a complete fertilizer.
- Fertilize evergreen shrubs and trees, only if needed. If established and healthy, their nutrient needs should be minimal.
- If needed, fertilize rhododendrons, camellias, and azaleas with acid-type fertilizer. If established and healthy, their nutrient needs should be minimal.
- **Western Oregon:** Prune spring-flowering shrubs after blossoms fade.
- **Western Oregon:** Fertilize caneberries using band fertilizer, broadcast fertilizer or a complete fertilizer or manure.





## Planting/Propagation

- Divide hosta, daylilies, and mums.
- Use stored scion wood to graft fruit and ornamental trees.
- Plant insectary plants (e.g. Alyssum, Phacelia, coriander, candytuft, sunflower, yarrow, and dill) to attract beneficial insects to the garden. For more information, see [Encouraging Beneficial Insects in Your Garden](#) (PNW550).
- **Central Oregon:** Sow chard seeds outdoors. Plant seed flats of cole crops (cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, and Brussels sprouts) indoors or in a greenhouse.
- **Western Oregon:** If soil is dry enough, prepare vegetable garden and plant early cool-season crops (carrots, beets, broccoli, leeks, parsley, chives, rhubarb, peas, and radishes). Plant onions outdoors as soon as the soil is dry enough to work.
- **Western Oregon:** Plant berry crops (strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, currants, gooseberries, and other berry-producing crop plants). See [OSU Extension publications](#) for berry varieties.



## Pest Monitoring and Management

- **Western Oregon:** Monitor for European crane fly and treat lawns if damage has been verified.
- Spray trees and shrubs for webworms and leafrollers, if present.
- Protect new plant growth from slugs. Least toxic management options include barriers and traps. Baits are also available for slug control; use with caution around pets. Read and follow all label directions prior to using baits or any other chemical control.
- Learn to identify the predatory insects that can help keep aphids and other pests under control.
- Spray to control leaf and twig fungus diseases in dogwood, sycamore, hawthorn, and willow trees.
- Prune ornamentals for air circulation and to help prevent fungus diseases.
- **Western Oregon:** Start rose blackspot control tactics at budbreak. Control rose diseases such as black spot. Remove infected leaves. Spray as necessary with registered fungicide.
- Monitor landscape plants for problems. Don't treat unless a problem is identified.

## Houseplants and Indoor Gardening

- Trim or shear heather when bloom period is finished.
- Start tuberous begonias indoors.
- **Western Oregon:** Take geraniums, begonias, and fuchsias from storage. Water and fertilize. Cut back if necessary. Move outdoors next month.

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# CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHATTER

## Chapter Meeting

**Monday, March 10, 2014, 7 p.m.**

*Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie*

### Companion Planting & Rotation for the Vegetable Garden

*Darren Morgan of Shonnard's Nursery*



Improve yields with less work. Inter-planting and companion planting use the natural aspects of some plants to repel insects and diseases, balance nutrient use, and otherwise encourage other plants to grow. Crop rotation differs from companion planting in some respects,

but uses many of the same principles to produce higher crop yields with few pests and disease problems and nutrient inputs.

Darren grew up gardening and farming in the northern Willamette Valley. He has worked at Shonnard's, in both landscape and nursery divisions, for 24 years. He enjoys drawing, writing and backpacking, as well as gardening.

**Annual Potluck:** This meeting will be our annual potluck welcoming the 2013 Interns to the Chapter. \* Veteran members, please bring your favorite dish to pass, and your plate and silverware. The potluck will begin at 6:00 followed by the program.

**Resource Fair:** The Chapter Resource Fair will be held before & after the meeting as well as during the break. Please bring your calendars to plan your volunteer hours for 2014.

## April Program

**Monday, April 14, 2014**

### How to Build a Living Wreath (and/or Vertical Panel)

*Becky Sell of Sedum Chicks*

Becky will do a live demonstration on the creation of living wreaths while chatting to us about sedums and sempervivums. It is no longer just the "Hens and Chicks" that are available to the gardener. Sedums have grown leaps and bounds with wonderful colors and varieties. She will bring plants and tools that she uses for us to buy.

## Green Glove

Our Green Glove recipient for February is Nancy Muir. Quiet & dependable, Nancy volunteers with Grow an Extra Row, the Oregon City Farmers Market, and various other chapter events. Thank you Nancy for all your hard work!

## Thank you

A special Thank You goes to Ken Lister for an entertaining program at the February meeting.

## Upcoming Programs

- **May 12** - Making the Most of Small Gardens. *Jolly Butler*
- **June 9** - Impact of Urban Trees. *Geoffrey Donovan of US Forest Service*

## Chapter Events

- **March 8** - Garden Discovery Day
- **March 10** - Annual Chapter Potluck, Resource Fair
- **April 5** - Members Tomato & Cage Making Workshop
- **April 12** - Secrets of the Tomato Masters
- **April 14** - Plant & Seed Swap at Chapter Meeting
- **May 3 & 4** - 30th Spring Garden Fair
- **July 14** - Annual Chapter Outing: A tour of Vern Nelson's garden
- **August 11** - Annual Chapter Picnic

## Garden Discovery Day

**Saturday, March 8, 2013, 9 a.m. to noon**

*Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie*

Don't miss our 5th annual Garden Discovery Day. In one morning, you will gain essential gardening tips to start the 2014 growing season! Be sure to tell your friends about this opportunity to receive many gardening tips from the experts!

[click here for a .pdf of the event to share.](#)

## MG Tomato & Tomato Cage Workshop

**Saturday, April 5, 2014, 9:00 a.m. until Noon**

Clackamas Community College, Clairmont Hall, rooms 117 & 133

**Pre-Registration & Advanced Payment is Required.**

Master Gardeners will learn tips from our own Master Tomato Growers: Bob Woods, Holly Pederson, and Sherry Holley. Class includes: making a tomato cage, learning early tomato plant culture (tips for strong root development and transplanting) and methods for keeping tomato plants healthy throughout the growing season.

The workshop costs \$5.00 and includes a 5' tomato cage to take home. One additional cage may be purchased during registration for \$5.00. Additional cages may be available at the workshop. We will also have 10'x 4' pieces of red tomato mulch for \$3 each. Space is limited, so register early!

To register contact Seamus Ramirez. Phone: (503) 819-5852.  
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## March 2014

### Speaker Series

Tuesday, March 11,  
7:00pm

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church  
5441 SE Belmont Street,  
Portland

**Speaker: Lorene Edwards  
Forkner**, author, garden design-  
er

**Topic: “Plotting the Edible  
Gardening Year”**

**SAVE THE DATE ...**

**INCREDIBLE EDIBLES!**



Back by popular demand, the third annual **Incredible Edibles Plant Sale** will be held on **Saturday, May 3rd, @ NE Hancock between 16th and 17th Ave.** Embrace home-grown goodness with one-stop shopping for all your edible summer veggie garden needs!

**Coming next month...**

**Tuesday, April 8, 6:00pm**  
**“Welcome Potluck for  
2014 MG Trainees”**

An evening to celebrate and welcome the new 2014 class of Master Gardeners.

**Keynote Speaker: Ramesh  
Sagili, OSU, ‘Bees on the  
Brink’** Learn what is threaten-  
ing our bees and what we can  
do as home gardeners.

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# Multnomah County Grapevine

In cooperation with the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program



Photo: Dale Robinson

## Plotting the Edible Gardening Year

There is nothing more regionally-specific than vegetable gardening. Cool-season crops (like cabbages, carrots, and kale) yield generously, while demanding little from us aside from the care of the soil. But if you want your harvest also to include tomatoes, eggplants, cucumbers, and peppers, it pays to approach the growing season with a definite plan and a few simple tricks to maximize summer heat. Join us as Lorene Edwards Forkner, author of *The Timber Press Guide to Vegetable Gardening in the Pacific Northwest* shows us essentials to produce delicious, healthy food through-out the year.

Lorene is an award-winning garden designer who lives, gardens, and writes in the Pacific Northwest. Other books she has authored are *Handmade Garden Projects* and *Growing Your Own Vegetables, Canning and Preserving Your Own Harvest*. Her writing has appeared in *Organic Gardening*, *Northwest Garden News* and *Edible Seattle*. At home in West Seattle, Lorene tends her city garden abundantly filled with favorite plants, a small but productive vegetable garden, and plenty of room for relaxation. You can follow her adventures at [PlantedAtHome.com](http://PlantedAtHome.com).

## Early Spring Edibles Plant Pick-up and SALE!



Get set for the spring gardening season at the **Early Spring Edibles Plant Pick-up and SALE**. For those who took advantage of our *Pre-order Sale*, your orders will be waiting for you. Didn't place an order? Don't despair! Come on by and load up on luscious, organic, locally-grown spring veggie starts: Asian greens, beets, broccoli, cabbage, collards, kale, leeks, lettuce, onions, peas, and more! All veggies perfect for planting in April (or the very last days of March!).

**When:** Saturday, March 29th, 9am to 3pm (pre-orders picked-up by 2pm)

**Where:** SMILE Station, 8210 SE 13th Avenue, Portland, Sellwood neighborhood

**Questions?** Contact [multmastergardeners@gmail.com](mailto:multmastergardeners@gmail.com), Subject: Early Spring Edibles





# Washington County Chapter Chat

Good Dirt for the Master Gardeners of Washington County, Oregon

March 2014

## CHAPTER MEETING & PROGRAM:

### Thursday, March 13

6:30 p.m. Social time 6:45 p.m. Chapter meeting  
7:15 p.m. Speaker Series Program

**Location:** First Baptist Church, 5755 SW Erickson Ave., Beaverton.

**TOPIC: Garden Allies: Pollinators, Predators, and Parasitoids**

**SPEAKER: Gail Gredler, Chemeketa Community College Horticulture Instructor**

It was a relatively dry winter—until snow and ice storms arrived. Spring will be here soon enough and it's a good time to discover who's who in the garden. Gail teaches horticulture at Chemeketa Community College. Among other things, she served as Executive Director of Oregon Community Trees, Education Director at the Oregon Garden, and OSU Community Horticulture extension Agent in Yamhill County. She is passionate about vegetable gardening and volunteers for Lettuce Grow, an organization that encourages and teaches gardening in the Oregon prison system.

**REMINDER:** Chapter meeting night is moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month for March. **In April, it will revert to the 1st Tuesday of the month.**

**PLEASE RENEW WC MG membership if you have not done so yet. Renewal form is on website**

### 3 BUCK BONANZA PLANT SALE

Many hardy perennials available at \$3.00/gal.

Also bedding plants, small shrubs, ferns, native plants, dollar-a-pot table, and great raffle items.

Several garden art craftsmen will be selling their creations. Check/Cash NO cards.

5 miles W of Washington Square at Kinton Grange, 19015 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Beaverton SAT. APR 26, 8.30-2.30

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## COMING UP:

### Master Gardener TRAINING

March 4 Sustainable landscapes and native plants  
Plant propagation and volunteer resource fair.

**Fair-Plex Demo Garden** Wed. From 9 a.m. to noon. April back to Tuesdays.

**Irrigation installation** for south side of garden. Jail crew to do heavy work and MGs and Interns skilled work. Come work and learn about irrigation!

March 31, April 1 and April 2 from 8-12 Bill Klug  
503 681-0143 [billklug@frontier.com](mailto:billklug@frontier.com)

**Jenkins Estate Learning Garden** Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come on out if you are interested.

Bring gloves and shovel. Wheelbarrows and buckets welcome! Follow progress at

<http://jenkinslearninggarden.blogspot.com/>

### March 11 Pizza Lunch for Interns Beaverton Training

**March 12** Seed Starting with Daisey Parquet. Hands on experience planting seeds in flats.

**Saturday 15 and 22 1-4** Seed to Supper Class Series. Registration required through Hillsboro Parks and Rec District Course #37931 Lynn Cox

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Gail Gredler

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