



Metro Master Gardener™ News

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OSU Extension Service Metro Master Gardener™ Program

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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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Dear Master Gardeners,

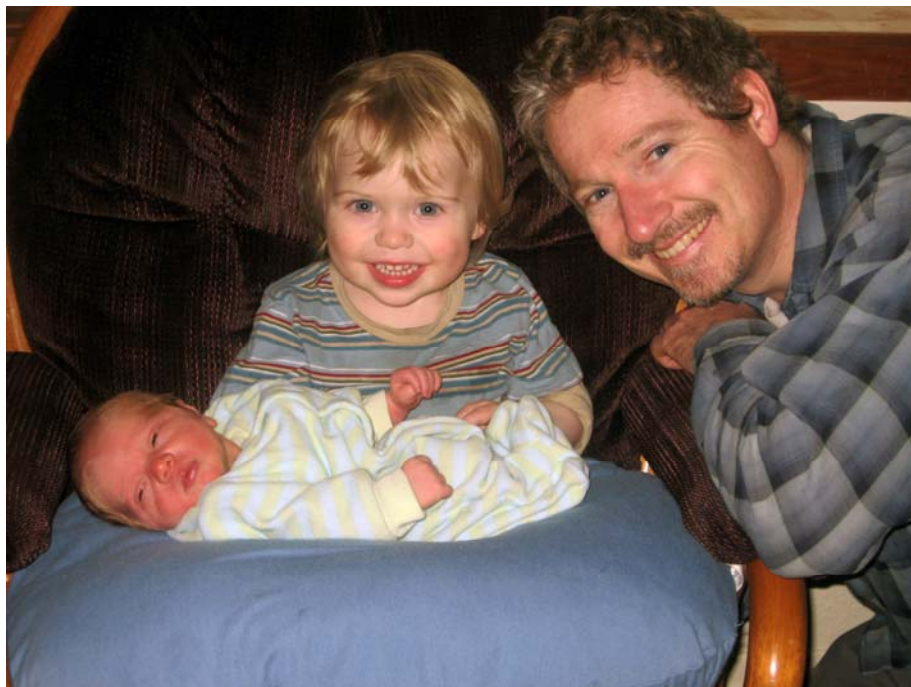
Good news! Joseph Mathews Miller was born on April 13 at 7:30 pm to Katie and Weston Miller. Baby Joe, as we call him, was 7.5 pounds and 20 inches long at birth. We've all been home for nearly a week and baby and mom are healthy and resting and Casey and dad are hiking, gardening, and exploring. I am enrolled in the Family Medical Leave Act and am taking plenty of time off to spend with the family in coming weeks and months. Thus, my newsletter entry will be very brief.

There is a great new search function at the OSU Landscape Plant website:

<http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/>. If you want to try to identify a woody ornamental plant by its various features, use the search function: http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/plant_ident/. And of course, we have an annotated list of many useful and research-based websites that can help you investigating all aspects of growing and caring for plants on our own OSU Extension Metro Master Gardener website: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/metro/online-research-tools>. Enjoy!

... More in June,

Weston Miller, Community and Urban Horticulturist



OPPORTUNITIES FROM JORDIS

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MAY ACTIVITIES

May is a wonderful month for Master Gardener activities *and* getting into our own landscapes. Just as we spend more time in our gardens, so do our clients and they have some great questions. So, whether you're working at the phone offices, in Farmers' Market clinics, or in public gardens...you will have some lively and educational exchanges with the gardening public.

WASHINGTON PARK- ROSE GARDEN

MGs are very active at the International Rose Test Garden. There are a lot of reasons why this site is so popular ...there are the roses (of course), wonderful views of the city and very interesting visitors from around the world. They all say the same thing..."You are so lucky to live where roses grow so beautifully!" We have a great clinic on site, as well as opportunities to deadhead and act as tour guides.

MGs staff a clinic at this internationally recognized garden every weekend from Memorial Day to Labor Day. MGs also conduct garden tours and deadheading. To participate in any of these activities, there is a required orientation. It is being held on three different days so you can pick which one fits your schedule best.



The dates for orientation are May 16, 27 and 30. All sessions begin at 9 AM and the meeting place is the Rose Test Garden, specifically the information kiosk. You should plan on going to one of these even if you aren't on the schedule yet. It is a very informative and a pleasant experience. The Rose Garden Clinic and Tour Guide time is educational outreach and the deadheading is support...unless you spend time answering visitors' questions!

If you are thinking about getting on the schedule, but haven't contacted the coordinator, now is the time! Veterans are especially encouraged to join the fun as we need them to usher in the 2009 interns,

Call **Pat Troyer at 503-257-8526** for clinic

Bill Bradley at 503-624-8435 for tour guides

PHONE OFFICES

We now have the Multnomah County phone office up and running and it is a great spot. If you haven't visited, it's located in Northwest Portland in the Montgomery Park building (2701 NW Vaughn St, Suite 453).

There was an article in the Oregonian's Homes and Gardens section written by MG Kym Pokorny that highlighted the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program as a resource for gardeners. Phone numbers and hours for all three offices were listed. The day that the article came out, I happened to be working in the Multnomah County office and the MGs were very busy. It is so great to start up a new avenue for MGs to distribute information and have it be busy so soon. There is certainly a need out there!

The Clackamas and Washington County offices are also hopping...with both clients and 2009 interns getting into the thick of things. We are very pleased to see the new trainee interns, but also the talented veterans that are there to guide them.

If you want to sign up for phone shifts, be sure to contact the phone coordinators;

Clackamas Co.....Joby Duggan 503-632-2165 or joby@bctonline.com

Multnomah Co.....Gloria Bennett 503-775-4005 or dcleopatra@comcast.net

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

Some of the phone calendars are full, but each coordinator assures me that if MGs sign up as substitutes, there will be openings as summer family activities interfere with everyone's plans. Remember...if something comes up that conflicts with your scheduled phone time, call MGs on the substitute list, trade shifts or call the coordinator for any additional ideas. Once you have scheduled a substitute, let the coordinator know who will be taking your place.

Some of you may have noticed the wonderful changes in the information files at the phone offices. There are now identical files in all offices with some FABULOUS information for MG staffing the phones. This project was dreamed up and implemented by MGs Margaret Bayne and Carol Ross. MANY hours went into cleaning out the old outdated information, standing at the copy machine and organizing the new files.

Please join me in thanking Margaret and Carol and also, please investigate the great resource that is now available in all the offices.

DATA ENTRY

I had a nice, thick pile of volunteer interest sheets to enter in a short period of time. These lists are the heart of being able to match MGs and activities. The coordinators use these lists to fill the shifts of the many clinics out in the community.



I also had a very generous person help me enter the information again this year. I'm sure that she spent hours at a computer, even though it was beautiful outside, and tackled this with great generosity. HUGE thanks to Heidi Nichols.

And a very special thanks to Joan Schakel for her help and guidance in the care and feeding of the data base. Every year, Joan meets with me to merge data and brainstorm what might be possible to improve the system.

COORDINATORS

There was a list of coordinators included in the April MG Newsletter. You can access it online through the newsletter site.

There are a few changes to note:

Our long-time friend and ultimate Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden coordinator, Dan Beasley passed away recently. We will miss him and his great enthusiasm for this valuable Portland garden.

Please insert Jean Aalseth as the coordinator for Crystal Springs Mother's Day sale and other events at the Rhodie Garden. Her number is 503-771-2537.

Another correction: Please note that the phone number for the Lake Oswego Farmers' Market should read

Lake Oswego - Kathy Whitman 503-684-6403 kathywhitman@juno.com

Coordinators of other activities can contact me to get lists of MGs that have indicated an interest in each event. We have new 2009 PNW books and vinyl signs this year. Also, there is an updated handout with all 3 county phone offices. I can build you a clinic box for your event to be picked up at the Oregon City office, so be sure to make an appointment to pick one up. I will need about 2 weeks lead time, so look at your calendars and contact me soon.

Thanks for your on-going help and support. Coordinators make everything possible!

Natter's Notes

Casoron and Caterpillars

Jean R. Natter

Several callers each year tell us that **when they fertilized the lawn, they mistakenly used a pre-emergent herbicide.** Most often, they used Casoron.

The plan that may instantly come to mind is "Oh my gosh; you have to remove all that stuff."

But it's wise to suppress such a reaction long enough to consider the cost and labor of removing all that soil. Then, too, another challenge will be what to do with that large volume of contaminated waste. Or is it even necessary?

Several less dramatic remedies are available. The client could wait the required nine to 12 months until the residue is gone. Or s/he could de-activate the weed killer with activated charcoal. Unfortunately, the latter technique, even though useful against dichlobenil, isn't 100%.

Then, too, I recall the words on an instructor at Portland Community College who told our class that activated charcoal is extremely messy to work with. To paraphrase his comments, activated charcoal is fluffy, fly-away stuff that will blacken you, your clothing, and everything nearby. Further, you should wear a mask to protect your lungs against inhalation hazards.

Even before you begin to investigate the client's options, take time to learn about Casoron and its active ingredient dichlobenil. Tracking down its appropriate use and the downside of its misuse will give you a strong basis for formulating recommendations to the client. The better you understand what's happened, and what will happen, the easier it will be to talk to the client.

In other words, it's time to activate the MG Crime Scene Team. You and the other MGs on your shift will move into the research mode.

Sustainable Gardening, Chapter 17, Weed Management, is a fine place to look for basic information.

After that you'll likely need to move to the internet. There, use your preferred search engine to located research-based and regionally-appropriate facts. (If you need help with using search engines, look in the MG office computer's Favorites list, the folder Search Engines. Also check the MG Office Information Binder, Tab J, Computer Use.)

If you prefer to search only educational sites, the search phrase would be something like "casoron site:edu" or "dichlobenil damage site:edu," but without the quote marks.

When I looked for information about charcoal, I used "activated charcoal site:edu" – again, no quotes. This time, one of the links was a not-to-be-missed and certainly regionally-appropriate site – the *PNW Weed Management Handbook* at http://weeds.ippc.orst.edu/pnw/weeds?05W_HNAM10.dat.

The unfortunate news about this site is that it targets commercial remedies rather than any for home use. In other words, off-limits to MGs, right? Even so, reading with a critical eye will help you gain some insights into what can be done.

Another link took me to *Internet Essentials for Master Gardeners*, an instructional page in our very own Metro MG Office Information binder. See Tab G in the binder, the page "*PNW Weed Management Handbook* – the Home Use sections." Or go to

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/metro/training-resources>, then Tab G.

Sometimes, damage from herbicides can be rectified. Well, at least in part. Key factors will be the type of weed killer used as well as how soon the remedy is applied. “The efficiency of deactivation,” states the PNW Weed Handbook, “depends on the soil’s organic matter content and physical condition, the herbicide’s activity, and the crop’s sensitivity.”

In the case of a dead lawn following a broadcast application of dichlobenil, the news is that the lawn is dead and gone. But the really bad news is that nothing will grow there for the next nine to 12 months.

So, even though the client waits a year to plant, s/he may wonder if it will be safe to do so even then.

Well, we finally have some good news for the client. A bioassay can provide answers within a few days.

A bioassay is simpler than it might sound. A clue is that its alternate name is the Radish Test.

Yep, that’s right. Radish Test.

The deal is this. Sample the affected soil, then plant radish seeds. If they sprout within the normal several days, all is well. If not, test again later, perhaps at monthly intervals.

When I spoke with Chip Bubl, he suggested **a somewhat more precise method.** Chip said to sample the soil from the top two inches because that’s where Casoron is most likely to be. But also do separate samples in two more 2-inch increments. The reason for the latter is that, depending on the dose applied and subsequently applied moisture, the chemical may have gone deeper than usual. Plant the radish seeds in the soil samples and wait for results.

To refine the bioassay still more, see *Testing and Deactivating Herbicide Residues* from the *PNW Weed Management Handbook*. It’s online at

http://weeds.ippc.orst.edu/pnw/weeds?05W_HNAM10.dat. That page also suggests places where one may obtain activated charcoal.

And yes, that information is from the commercial section of the Weed Handbook. Once again, activate your critical eye to locate useful insights.

So, the bottom lines for what you might suggest to a client who mistakenly used Casoron instead of fertilizer for the lawn are these:

1. Call the toll-free number on the product’s label to obtain advice from the product’s distributor.

2. Consider trying to deactivate the weed killer with activated charcoal

3. Leave the dead lawn as is, but mask it for the next 12 months with mulch, perhaps bark dust, gravel, or quarter-ten

3. Before replanting, do the Radish Test

4. Then either seed or sod a new lawn

You might also offer the client **some OSU publications in anticipation of installing a new lawn.** The several free blurbs that aren’t online would either have to be mailed or picked up by the client. They’re *Establishing Lawns by Seeding* (EC 1021), *Establishing Lawns by Sodding* (EC 966), and *Lawns* (Chapter 12 from *Sustainable Gardening*).

If the caller has internet access, you might suggest *Maintaining a Healthy Lawn*, EC 1521, at

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/ec/ec1521.pdf>. But it, too, could be mailed (for cost plus mailing) or picked up.

Okay, let’s move to a happier note.

Most likely you recall the caterpillars I wrote about last month, pesky fellows that arrived in Oregon just a few years ago. Their technical name is *Noctua pronuba* and they’re also known by several common names: greater yellow underwing, large yellow underwing, and climbing cutworm. If you’ve recently looked

closely at your outdoor greenery, you'll see that their kin are still wreaking havoc. They'll continue for a month or more. Each tiny scallop at the cut edge of the damage equals one sweep of the caterpillar's head as it eats the leaf. (See Figure 1)



Figure 1 - Iris leaf damaged by *Noctua pronuba*. Notice the tiny scallops at the cut edge.

When I last wrote, I was anxiously awaiting the moth's emergence. The big question was whether the pale caterpillar would emerge as the dark-colored form I've seen so often, or would it be a light-colored version?

Well, it's neither.

But that's good news.

Oh, yes! It's really, really good news!

What emerged is an adult Ichneumonid wasp, a parasitoid of caterpillars. (Figure 2 shows the caterpillar's final larval skin, now very shriveled and dry; the empty pupal case of the caterpillar; and the emerged parasitoid.)

Yippee and yahoo! Naturally existing biocontrol is alive and well in the Metro counties.



Figure 2 - Clockwise from the right: Empty pupal case; final larval skin of the caterpillar; parasitoid wasp.



2009 MG Marching Unit

For only one night each year the OSU Master Gardener Marching Unit and Drill Team (we carry shrub rakes) emerge from hibernation to strut their stuff through the streets of downtown Portland during the annual Starlight Parade. Entrants come costumed as a favorite insect, plant or in your finest gardening togs. It's worth 6 hours of hilarious payback time, practice is on-site and carpooling is arranged. Hours are about 6 to 10 pm on Saturday, May 30th, 2009. We're also looking for a few MGs to help us out with planning activities, etc. We've garnered awards in 2006 and 2008 and this year we're aiming for the first ever "Going Green" category. Do Master Gardeners know anything about **GREEN**?

For questions or to sign up please contact Stephanie Scott at (503)292-2198 (s.r.scott@comcast.net) or Bob Blaedel at (503)658-7450 (machinewayback@hotmail.com)

WE'RE ALSO LOOKING FOR A MARCHING BASS DRUM AND SNARE TO ESTABLISH A DRUM LINE FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT.

HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR IN THE METRO AREA

- May 2-3** Clackamas County **SPRING GARDEN FAIR** – Clackamas County Fairgrounds, Canby
- May 3** Metro Garden Tour – Hillsboro area. See page 9 for details
- May 7** Washington County Chapter – Heirloom Varieties, Michael Stucky, Millenium Farms
- May 8 – June 7** Schreiner's Iris Gardens open to the public, 3625 Quinaby Rd.N.E., Salem
- May 11** Clackamas County Chapter-Robin Rosetta, Assoc. Prof. OSU-Emerging Pests of Ornamental Plants
- May 12** Multnomah County Chapter, 7pm: Speaker Paul Conine, Co-owner Xera Plants, Crape Myrtles in the Pacific Northwest
- May 16** Volunteer orientation for International Rose Test Garden, Washington Park kiosk, 9am (also on May 30 and June 3)
- May 30** Hardy Plant Society Spring meeting-Dan Hinkley speaking on his newest book **Shrubs and Vines for the Explorer's Garden**
- May 30** Starlight Parade
- June 4** Washington County Chapter – New Plants for 2009, Mary Ludlum, Farmington Gardens
- June 4-5** Portland Rose Society's 120th Annual Rose Show-Lloyd Center; see PRS website for details (www.portlandrosesociety.org)
- June 5** Gardens in Senior Living Seminar – see announcement further in this issue
- June 7** Portland's Best Rose Trials – Washington Park, International Rose Test Garden
- June 8** Clackamas County Chapter-Josh Kirschenbaum, Product Development Director, Territorial Seed Company – Winter Vegetable Gardening
- June 9** Multnomah County Chapter 7pm Speaker Weston Miller, OSU Extension Community and Urban Horticulture Faculty, Year Round Intensive Gardening: Focus on Winter Veggies.
- June 13** Metro Garden Tour – Gresham area. See page 9 for details.
- June 26 & 27** Oregon Coast Gardening and Landscaping Expo. See page 10 for details
- June 28** Metro Garden Tour – Oregon City area. See page 9 for details
- July 11, 18, 25** MG Computer Classes – More information to come in June
- July 19** Metro Garden Tour – Lake Oswego area. See page 9 for details
- Aug 5-8** 26th Annual Master Gardeners Mini-College
- August 29,30,31 and September 5,6,7** 2009 Annual Dahlia Festival, Swan Island Dahlias, Canby
- Sept 3** Washington County Chapter – Rethinking Your Personal Garden Style, Charlotte Klee
- Sept 26** Multnomah Chapter Fall Plant Sale

Metro's annual garden tour launches new look – registration now open for Washington County tour

Fresh from last year's 10th anniversary, Metro's popular Gardens of Natural Delights™ tour program is debuting a new look for a new season of discovering sustainable gardening that's safer for people, pets and the planet.

The free tours showcase private and public gardens of beautiful blossoms and easy edibles grown without pesticides or synthetic fertilizers. Space is limited to Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington county residents and a guest. Tickets are first come, first served, with one mini-tour per registrant:

- Hillsboro area – noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Explore incredible edibles, a naturescape and a four-season blossom bonanza. See the Washington County Fair Complex Demonstration Garden for short seminars on composting, limited-mobility organic gardening and more. **Registration now open.**
- Gresham area – noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 13. Check out fantastic flowers, edibles, manicured lawns and naturescapes; enjoy short seminars on growing native plants and composting at the Gresham Discovery Garden. **Registration opens Monday, May 4.**
- Oregon City area – noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 28. Discover eye-popping flower beds, incredible edibles, naturescapes and live chickens; check out short seminars on rain gardens and wise watering at the Clackamas Community College Water-Wise Garden. **Registration opens Monday, May 18.**
- Lake Oswego area – noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19. Enjoy artful gardens, naturescapes and the secrets of all-organic home methods; check out short seminars on organic urban farming at Oregon Tilth's Organic Education Center on historic Luscher Farm. **Registration opens Monday, June 8.**

To register, call the Metro Recycling Information hotline at 503-234-3000

For more information about this year's tour program or the new lineup of workshops and hands-on natural-gardening activities at Metro's demonstration gardens in the Portland metropolitan area, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/garden.

Metro, the regional government that serves 1.4 million people who live in the 25 cities and three counties of the Portland metropolitan area, provides planning and other services that protect the nature and livability of our region

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Oregon Coast Gardening & Landscaping Expo

Oregon Coast Gardening & Landscaping Expo Returns to Newport June 26 & 27
"Where the Northwest's Leading Plant Sellers Come to You!"
Master Gardeners Operating Major "Help Center"

The 2009 edition of the *Oregon Coast Gardening & Landscaping Expo* returns for a two day run on Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27 in Newport at the beautiful Newport Middle School. The *Expo* will feature over forty-five vendors with emphasis on plants of all kinds plus selected garden art, tools and much more. One of the major features will be ten gardening seminars featuring noted Northwest garden experts including *"In The Garden's"* Mike Darcy and Marianne Binetti, author and Seattle P.I. garden columnist.

The Lincoln County Master Gardeners will be operating a major *"Help Center"* at the *Expo* featuring pH soil testing and offering valuable advice to the public about plants and gardening.

Other *Expo* highlights include Mike Darcy's live broadcast of his *"In The Garden"* radio program Saturday from 9:00a.m. to Noon which is heard around western Oregon on KXL radio, Portland and KNPT in Newport plus Tillamook and The Dalles. Lowell "The Cool Tool Guy" Cordas will be offering tool sharpening at his vendor booth (no power tools). You can check your purchases in the *Plant-Check Zone* while continuing to shop or attending seminars. At the *Plant-Check Zone* you can obtain a pass to bring your vehicle to the drive-up/pick-up site. Plus a new feature is the *Plant-Taxi* service. Get your own personal attendant to help you transport your purchases to the *Plant-Check Zone* or drive-up/pick-up site.

The *Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs*, an *Expo* sponsor, will again host their popular *Hospitality Lounge* with free coffee and goodies. And the *Expo Bistro* will feature Mo's Clam Chowder and Chalet pie among its offerings this year!

All the ten seminars, four on Friday and six on Saturday, are included in the low admission price. Here is the schedule and times of the 2009 *Expo* seminars:

Friday Seminar Schedule

3PM. . . Mike Bones--American Rhododendron Society

Caring For Your Rhodies Year-in and Year-Out

4 PM. . . Lowell Cordas--Lowell's Tools

Garden Tool Selection and Sharpening

5 PM. . . Jed White--Pacific Water Gardens

Water Garden Basics and Biology

6 PM. . . Mike Darcy--*In The Garden* Radio Host

Garden Art, Pots, and Plants; Getting It All Together

Saturday Seminar Schedule

9 AM. . . Darren Morgan--Shonnard's Nursery

Uncommon and Unusual Plants for the Central Climate

10 AM. . . Carol Small--Nichols Garden Nursery

Successful Seed Starting and Home Plant Propagation Simplified

11 AM. . . Steve Taylor--Blooming Nursery

Shrubs for the Coast

12 Noon. . . Marianne Binetti--Author and Garden Columnist, Seattle P.I.

Dirt Cheap Garden Remedies and Garden Projects

1 PM. . . Kristin Van Hoosen--Hydrangeas Plus

Loving Hydrangeas in Your Northwest Garden

2 PM. . . Yolanda Wilson--Vanveen Bulbs

Bulbs for Year Round Color

The *Oregon Coast Gardening & Landscaping Expo* will be open from 2:00p.m. -7:00p.m. Friday, June 26 and 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. Saturday, June 27.

For updated information on the *Oregon Coast Gardening & Landscaping Expo* go to their website at www.oregoncoastgardeningexpo.com.

On Sunday, June 28th the 6th annual *Central Coast Secret Garden Tour & Garden Party* will feature self-guide tours of seven fabulous gardens in and around Siletz, east of Newport. The focus will be on gardens located just inland from the coastal strip. See what a few miles away from the wind and salt can offer in landscaping and gardening. Tickets are \$20 and include great food, a wine tasting, fabulous glass blowing demonstration and an amazing art auction. Tickets can be obtained by calling 541-574-8898.



Proceeds from both the *Garden Expo* and *Garden Tour* benefit Samaritan House Family Homeless Shelter of Lincoln County.

Hardy Plant Society of Oregon

Spring Program with Dan Hinkley

May 30, 2009

Lucy Hardiman, contact person

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Acclaimed plant explorer, plantsman and Northwest horticultural icon Daniel J. Hinkley is the speaker for the Hardy Plant Society Spring Program, May 30, 9:00 am, at Kaul Auditorium, Reed College.

Dan is premiering a new talk titled, "Dispensing Disappointment and Appointing Indispensables." Join us as he shares insights garnered from years of experimentation with a panoply of plants. Like all of us he has succumbed to raging plant lust only to find that the objects of his affection are not really worth the effort in the long run—they may be too fussy, new introductions requiring special conditions or unsustainable in Northwest gardens. Expect commentary on the plants that we may opt not to select because they are easily grown, aren't the latest and purported greatest or might be considered too available or common.

Dan's latest books, *The Explorer's Garden: Shrubs and Vines from the Four Corners of the World* and *Making Heronswood* are scheduled for release in May. *The Explorer's Garden: Rare and Unusual Perennials* received the American Horticulture Society Book Award after its publication in 1999.

On his most recent plant-collecting trips he has visited Costa Rica, South Africa, Bhutan, Nepal, China, Vietnam, New Zealand and Europe.

With his partner, Robert Jones he established Heronswood Nursery in Kingston, Washington. They sold the nursery in 2006 moving to Windcliff where Dan is gardening in full sun overlooking Puget Sound.

Dan's honors include receipt of the prestigious Veitch Memorial Medal from England's Royal Horticultural Society in 2007.

Join us for a memorable morning with refreshments, books sales, botanical displays and fabulous door prizes including several special donations from Dan.

Ticket prices: \$20.00 HPSO member, \$35.00 Non-member

Children's Gardening Volunteer Opportunity for Master Gardeners

REGISTER IN ADVANCE, www.hardyplantsociety.org



Oregon State University Extension Service
Master Gardener™ Program

Program Name: Angie's Childcare and Preschool
Program Location: 6400 SE Thiessen Rd. Milwaukie, Oregon 97267
Program Type: Childcare and Preschool
Number of Master Gardeners needed: 1
Start Date: April, 2009
End Date: October 5th, 2009
Times: **Contact Person's Name:** Angie Hogan
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Program Description: We are a home based childcare with 14 children between the ages of 2 and 11. We have a progressive gardening project planned for spring through fall of 2009. We will explore flowers, fruits, vegetables, herbs, bugs, birds, bee's, create art, record in journals, make recipes, dry herbs and harvest produce. We have a garden area with raised beds. We have a worm bed, mulch tumbler and rain barrel. We are pesticide free focusing on organic. We will focus on using natural fertilizer from our chickens and rabbit. We need your ideas and your hands to get a little dirty. We will focus on healthy alternatives for healthy lifestyles, growing food that you can eat, and present an abundant appreciation for nature through positive activities that take place in the backyard garden and home farm.

The role that Master Gardeners will play in this program: I am looking for an individual or a team who will dedicate a few hours a week to share in the joy of gardening with children between the ages of 2 and 11 years of age. Someone who is inspired by young minds, can answer crazy questions about why and what if. Who will work with one teacher and possibly parent volunteers and up to 10 children. To encourage children to explore the wonder of planting seeds, caring for plants, harvesting food, preparing recipes and natural art. By having a Master Gardener work with young children I hope to create a strong appreciation in children for the backyard garden. I want children to understand what it takes to grow their own food. I want the children to learn what the best practices are for growing food they will put into their bodies. Having a Master Gardener will allow the children a first hands on experience at working with a community volunteer on a project that would not be as successful without the knowledge a master gardener can offer our program. Ability to answer questions about bugs. Idea's for child friendly and creative growing, such as tee pee bean poles, potato towers, upside down tomatoes etc.

The types of Master Gardener skills and interests sought after for this program: Encouragement for young children to become growers. Share own interest and knowledge of gardening. Answer questions children might have about their garden. Guidance for teacher to use best practices to grow food, flowers, harvest and compost. Ability to help with questions about what if and bugs or a reference where knowledge can be explored. Must be interested in working with children with teacher.



Oregon State University Extension Service
Master Gardener™ Program

Program Name: Community Transition Program, Portland Public Schools
Location: Roosevelt High
Program Type: Transition: Independent Living for Students with Disabilities 18-21
Number of Master Gardeners needed: 1
Start Date: As soon as possible
End Date: End of May
Times: **Contact Person's Name:** Donna Fletcher
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Program Description: We would like to create a garden space that provides greens, herbs and veggies for our class cooking activities and perhaps in the future for sale at area organic produce markets. Farmer's market selling is also part of our vision. We would like students to learn how grow vegetables through an organic process. We would like them to learn about healthy soil and how to create the conditions for a vibrant garden. We don't have a compost area yet, but would also like assistance in creating a couple of bins. We are hoping to create some raised beds in part of our space. The students already designed a sunburst pattern by laying out bed boundaries with a circle in the middle. We run a community transition program that assists students with disabilities in transitioning to adulthood. Part of that process includes health, nutrition and self preservation. Gardening meets many of those goals. We also have a vocational aspect to our program and we are seeking to create our own jobs with the health of the planet in mind.

The role that Master Gardeners will play in this program:

The Master Gardener would teach staff and students about healthy soils and how to reach that goal. Assistance in design, maximum usage of the space, and assistance in building raised beds. Perhaps some instruction in correct usage of tools, water and environment.

The types of Master Gardener skills and interests sought after for this program: .

Knowledge of organic gardening techniques, healthy soil, water saving techniques, maximizing space, and general northwest vegetable gardening techniques.



Oregon State University Extension Service
Master Gardener™ Program

Program Name: Peninsula Children's Center
Location: 4720 N. Maryland Ave, Portland Oregon 97217
Program Type: childcare and early childhood education
Number of Master Gardeners needed: 1-2
Start Date: As soon as possible
End Date: N/A
Times: Open Hours (M-F 6:30-6pm)
Contact Person's Name: Deborah Lockwood-Volunteer Coordinator
Phone Number: 503-280-0534
Email: deborahlockwood@penchild.org

Program Description: The Center has a seasonal vegetable garden which the children participate in caring for. The Center also has landscaped grounds that need refurbishment. Establish a vegetable garden that is safe and educational for preschool children. Enhance the outdoor attractiveness of the childcare center.

The role that Master Gardeners will play in this program: The Master Gardener would act as a consultant, and assist in planting specifically in the case of landscaping improvements.

The types of Master Gardener skills and interests sought after for this program: Knowledge about landscaping plants and trees.

SAVE THE DATE

MG Computer Classes – Hands On

July 11, July 18 and July 25
2 Sessions each day

More Information to Come Next Month

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Twenty-fifth anniversary of the Clackamas County Master Gardeners

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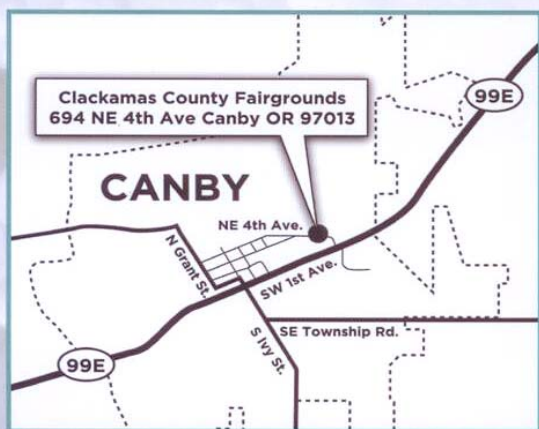
- Containers & planting by Master Gardeners
- New plant introductions

Spring Garden Fair

Annuals & Perennials Vegetables & Herbs Shrubs & Trees Garden Art & Tools

Clackamas County Fairgrounds

Saturday, May 2nd 9 to 5 pm & Sunday, May 3rd 9 to 4 pm



Fairground Admission \$3 Parking Free

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- Free seed packets
- Bring your samples for free pH soil testing
- 10-Minute University classes
- Master Gardeners to answer questions
- Hourly raffle prizes
- Refreshments for sale
- Convenient plant check
- ATM on-site

www.ClackamasCountyMasterGardeners.org

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Washington County Chapter Chat

Oregon Master Gardener™ Association in cooperation with
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Chapter Website: www.wcmga.info

UPCOMING PROGRAMS –

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 7, 2009 “Heirloom Varieties” Michael Stucky,
Millennium Farms

June 4, 2009 “New Plants for 2009”
Mary Ludlum, Farmington Gardens

Presentations are from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. at the CAPITAL
Center, 18640 NW Walker Rd (185th & Walker Rd) Rm 1411. The
public is welcome.

THANK YOU TO ALL

Wasn't that potluck fun? Thanks to all of you who
attended the April 2nd Chapter Meeting to welcome
the new class and most of all thank you for bringing
all the wonderful food to share with the 90 people in
attendance. Special thanks to Sylvia Crucchiola,
Lynn Wagner (she did the beautiful table
decorations), Cheryl Dawson, Linda Peterson, James
Galbreath and Marilyn Henderson. It was a great
team effort to get all the food set up and then
cleaned up. Thank you also to Ken Keudell and
David Rullman for setting up the room.

Barbara Knopp, Hospitality Chair

Brochures and Catalogues

Forms of entertaining fiction published by nurseries, seeds-
men and tool manufacturers

Mark your calendars!

The 2009 WCMGA Garden Tour will take place
on June 27th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's
event will showcase five private home gardens,
plus a community garden and a school garden.
The focus will be on sustainable gardening
practices for growing both ornamentals and
edibles, with a special emphasis on home food
growing. More details will be posted on the
WCMGA website in May.

Questions? Contact Verleen Fletcher,
vcrmac1@comcast.net or 503. 643.9543.

FUTURE PRESENTATION

September 3, 2009

“Rethinking Your Personal Garden Style”
Charlotte Klee

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MULTNOMAH CHAPTER GRAPEVINE

Oregon Master Gardener™ Association in cooperation with
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4742 SE 39th Ave. Portland, OR 97206

12 May, 2009 Chapter Meeting

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church
5441 SE Belmont
(Parking on the west side)

6:45pm Gather

6:50 pm - Announcements

7:00 pm - Grape Myrtles in the Pacific NW

Speaker: Paul Bonine, co-owner, Xera Plants

Do you visualize the Deep South or southern California when someone mentions Grape Myrtles? Grape Myrtles are not limited to those warmer zones. In fact many Grape Myrtles can grow and flourish in the Pacific Northwest. Learn how these stunning flowering shrubs and small trees can brighten up your Northwest landscape with their beautiful bark, gorgeous late summer flowers, followed by spectacular fall color.

Paul Bonine is co-owner of Xera Plants a wholesale grower offering a wonderful array of high quality, interesting plants to independent retail nurseries and designers. Paul will highlight the select varieties of Grape Myrtles Xera Plants offers, varieties that thrive in our region with disease resistance and reliable bloom.

***9, June 2009, Chapter Meeting

Year-round, Intensive Vegetable Gardening:

Focus on Winter Veggies

Speaker: Weston Miller, OSU Extension Community and Urban Horticulture Faculty

*****Next Board Meeting – Tuesday 5 May 2009 - 6:30 pm at Jean Edmison's home – 7606 S.E. Ellis**

*****15 May 2009 is the deadline for Scholarship Applications. Contact Barbara Beck for info.**

*****We are very much in need of historical information on the Multnomah Chapter's 2008 year, in addition to January/February/March 2009. Could you please bring to our meeting photos, clippings, etc. of any Multnomah Chapter event or related activity you, as a Master Gardener, were involved in, during 2008. There will be a box on the Hospitality Table for this purpose. Contact Velda Altig for more information. (Also, please continue to bring digital photos of Master Gardeners and gardening to the meetings.)**

*****Demo Garden** – The schedule is changed to Thursdays from 9am to about noon or the second Saturday of the month. Another way to help would be to save seeds. Questions should be directed to Jean or Sharon. The 2nd of May will also be a work party because there is also a neighborhood clean-up day.

*****If you can help with the Multnomah County Booth at the Clackamas County Spring Fair please contact Joyce Hemmerling or Sharon Baker.**

*****When you start digging this spring, please remember to save plants for the Fall Plant Sale on 26th September 2009. Call Joyce Hemmerling with any questions.**

*****Our chapter needs more used garden books to sell at the Canby Spring Fair. Please bring your unwanted ones to the meetings or contact Sharon Baker for any other arrangements. Her numbers are 503-284-5189 or gazebo@teleport.com. Please do not bring magazines.**

*****We have an office with phones in Multnomah County! –The office is in Montgomery Park @ NW 27th and Vaughn. Gloria Bennett 503-775-4005 or dcleopatra@comcast.net is managing the calendar. The phone hours are 10am-2pm Monday to Friday. Two to four hour shifts.**

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May Chapter Meeting

Monday, May 11

Milwaukie Center

5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive,
Milwaukie

7:00 p.m. Emerging Pests of Ornamental Plants

By Robin Rosetta,
Associate Professor, Oregon State
University Extension
Nature and gardens are not static and
neither are the pests that prey on
ornamental plants. Robin Rosetta is
an expert on Integrated Pest
Management (IPM) with OSU
Extension Service. She will bring us
the latest scientific findings on new
and recurring pests of ornamental
plants.

This program is a must for Master
Gardeners. It will help you in your
own garden and as an educator of
clients. Come to update your
knowledge of how to recognize
problems and responsible ways to
control pests of ornamental plants.



April Green Glove

Award went to
BOB WOODS for his
outstanding work on the Tomato
Workshops.

Thank you BOB!!

Upcoming Events

June Chapter Meeting

Winter Vegetable Gardening

June 8 6:30 p.m.

Milwaukie Center

Want to harvest fresh produce from
your garden in winter? Josh
Kirschenbaum, Product Development
Director at Territorial Seed Company
will fill us in on the secrets to
successful Winter Vegetable
Gardening.

*Yes, summer is the time to plant
vegetables for late fall and winter
harvest, and now is the time to start
planning. There are also several
“overwintering” vegetables to plant
that will give an earlier harvest in
your spring garden. You can preview
items available at TerritorialSeed.com
ed*



2009 Open Gardens

It's not too late to swing the garden
gate open! If you're interested in
letting other Master Gardeners tour
your garden, please contact Dot
Carson at 503-638-0913 to get on the
calendar.

6-14, 12-5

Madeline Forsythe

6-20, 10-4

Dot Carson

6/20 3-8

Holly Pederson

The 25th Annual Spring Garden Fair

May 2-3 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Canby Fairground

Soil pH testing

10-Minute University classes on

- Pruning
- Growing Tomatoes
- Containers
- Hanging Baskets
- Annuals and Perennials
- Planting Tips
- Herbs

Visit the Master Gardener website for
a complete list of vendors, schedule of
classes, and more!

www.clackamascountymastergardeners.org

SGF 25th Anniversary bags will be on
sale for \$5. For more information,
contact Nancy Hopkins at 503-635-
7465

Clackamas County MG Phone Clinic

The phones lines are open! Please
contact Joby Duggan at 503-632-2165
to sign up.

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Do you have gardening news to share
with fellow Master Gardeners? Please
contact newsletter editor Holly
Pederson by the 10th of each month.
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May 2009

Garden hints from your OSU Extension Agent

- Leafrolling worms will affect apples and blueberries. Prune off affected leaves and place pheromone traps or spray with approved pesticides.
- Control cabbage worms in cabbage and cauliflower, 12-spotted cucumber beetle in beans and lettuce, maggot in radishes. Control can involve hand removal, placing barrier screen over newly planted rows, or spraying or dusting with appropriate materials.
- Trap moles and gophers as new mounds appear.
- Control spittlebugs and aphids in strawberries and ornamentals, if present; wash off or use insecticidal soap as a contact spray. Follow label directions.
- Fertilize rhododendrons and azaleas; remove spent blossoms.
- Plant chrysanthemums for fall color.
- Plant dahlias, gladioli, and tuberous begonias in mid-May.
- Spray cherries, plums, peaches, and apricots for brown rot blossom blight, if necessary.
- Control aphids with insecticidal soap, a hard spray of water, or hand removal; by promoting natural predators; or by using approved insecticides labeled for the problem plant.
- Tiny holes in foliage and shiny, black beetles on tomatoes, beets, radishes, and potatoes indicate flea beetles. Treat with Neem, rotenone, Bt, or use nematodes for larvae. Follow label directions.
- Fertilize roses and control rose diseases such as mildew with a registered fungicide. When selecting new roses, choose plants labeled for resistance to diseases.
- Prevent root maggots when planting cabbage family, onions, and carrots by covering with row covers or screens, or by applying appropriate pesticides.
- Control slugs with bait or traps and by removing or mowing vegetation near garden plots.

- Place pheromone traps in apple trees to detect presence of codling moth. Plan a control program of sprays, baits, or predators when moths are found.
- Monitor broadleaf evergreens for root weevils. Look for notches chewed on new leaves. Mark plants to treat with parasitic nematodes in autumn when soil temperatures are still at least 55°F.
- Plant these vegetables (dates vary locally; check with local gardeners):

Oregon coast: snap beans, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, pickling cucumbers, dill, kale, parsnips, peppers, pumpkins, summer and winter squash, sweet corn, tomatoes.

Western Oregon: mid-May, transplant tomato and pepper seedlings.

Western valleys, Portland, Roseburg, Medford: snap and lima beans, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, cucumbers, dill, eggplant, kale, peppers, pumpkins, onions, summer/winter squash, potatoes, tomatoes, watermelon.

Lower elevations, eastern Oregon (dates vary widely): snap and lima beans, beets, celery, sweet corn, cucumbers, dill, kale, kohlrabi, onions, parsley, parsnips, peppers, potatoes, pumpkins, summer and winter squash, tomatoes.

High elevations, central and eastern Oregon: prepare garden soil for spring planting.

Central Oregon and higher elevations of eastern Oregon: early May—onions; mid-May to late May—beets, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, chives, endive, spinach; mid-May to early June—dill, kale, kohlrabi, parsley, parsnips, potatoes; late May to early June—snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers, peppers, pumpkins, summer squash, tomatoes.

Columbia and Snake River valleys, Ontario: cantaloupes, dill, eggplant, kale, okra, peppers, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, watermelon.

Oregon State University Extension Service encourages sustainable gardening practices. Always identify and monitor problems before acting. First consider cultural controls; then physical, biological, and chemical controls (which include insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, organic and synthetic pesticides). Always consider the least toxic approach first.

All recommendations in this calendar are not necessarily applicable to all areas of Oregon. For more information, contact your local office of the OSU Extension Service.

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