

Metro Master Gardener™ News October 2011



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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HOURS DUE—I am sending out one last reminder for MGs to send in volunteer hours. This process takes a bit of time to orchestrate, so I really appreciate getting the reports from you right away.

I have received a few questions asking if we use the statewide online reporting system and the answer is no. This system is intended for smaller programs that can promise 100% participation. Since we still have many valuable MGs that don't have computer systems and we don't have enough staff to do all the entering...we will continue to use our log sheets for reporting. Anyone that used the online reporting system will need to send a report of hours to our office to get credit for volunteering.

RECERTIFICATION—On November 5, we are having our first of two recertification trainings to prepare MGs for volunteer service in the 2012 season. The second will be in April (no date yet). This will fulfill the 12 hours of recertification training required to stay certified for activities in 2012 for many MGs.

2011 TRAINEES—We are planning to celebrate your completion of hours and introduce you as 'official' MGs while wearing your new permanent orange badges. Please plan on attending the recertification day on Saturday, November 5 at Clackamas Community College, Gregory Forum Building and we can celebrate together.

Come for the day, starting at 8:30 am *or* come at noon to pick up your badges and stay to be congratulated by the general assembly of MGs. So that I have time to order the badges, I need to have your volunteer hours log sheet into my office NO LATER than **October 8**. Remember that the required number that we need is 66 hours to qualify for a badge. Any hours reported after that will go toward the 2012 season.

VETERANS— I need your hours reported by October 8th in order to have certificates ready on November 5 at recertification training. If you indicated that you would like to get a certificate, I will have them ready to be picked up during lunch break.

It is especially important for MGs working within their chapter to report hours to the program office because it is the only way that we can track who is active. Having all the hours in one place makes it possible to create the required report to OSU in December. We are proud of our numbers!

FALL and WINTER—Now that you are putting your own garden to rest and thinking about what you are going to do during the fall and winter season, remember the phone offices still need MGs. This season can be a really good time to come in and browse the libraries and discover what home gardeners are up to. Give Joby (Clackamas) 503-632-2165, Gloria (Multnomah) 503-775-4005, or Heidi (Washington) 503-774-6888 a call and schedule a shift.

REMINDER: The Washington County Extension office has moved! The new address is:

Charles D. Cameron Public Services Bldg.
155 N. First Avenue, Suite #200
Hillsboro, OR 97124
503-821-1150 (same)





Fall 2011
OSU Master Gardener™
Recertification Training
Saturday, November 5th

- When:** 8:30 am to 3:30 pm (No pre-registration necessary)
Where: **Clackamas Community College**, Gregory Forum Bldg. (see map)
Who: All OSU Extension Master Gardeners™ in the Portland Metro Program
Bring: Your lunch and finger-foods for the 'goodies' table. Coffee and tea provided by CCMG.

☞ Agenda ☞

Doors open at 7:30 am Registration and gathering

8:30 Welcome and Introductions

8:45 - 10:30 am Back to Basics with Landscape Design

Lupin Hill Hipp, OSU Master Gardener, Hipp Urban Landscape Design LLC

Lupin will provide an overview of the first things to consider and do when starting a landscape design project. She will help MGs look at how to maximize a site with practical, sustainable design from site survey to master plan.

10:45 Sustainable lawns - Practical Tips for Maintaining Nice Lawns with Minimal Inputs

Tom Cook, OSU Associate Professor and Turf Grass Specialist, retired.

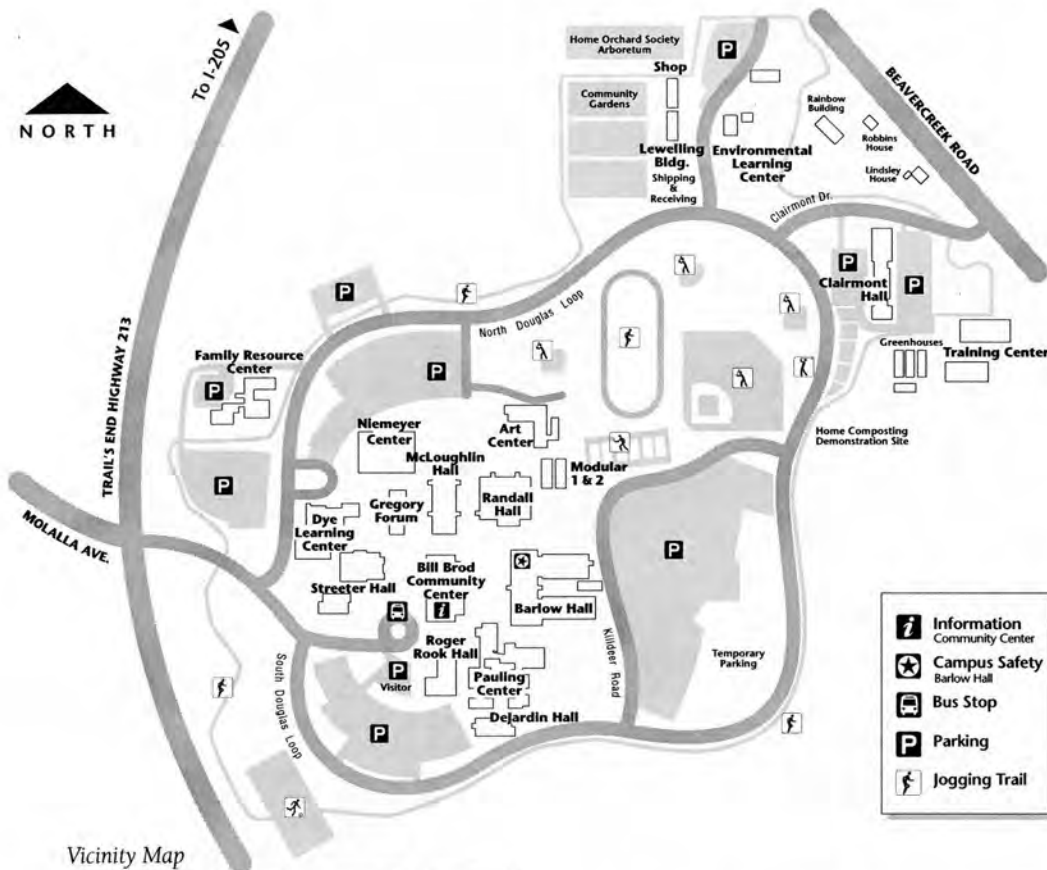
Contrary to popular opinion, it is possible to have an attractive lawn without applying excess fertilizer, water, and chemicals. This presentation will explore the ecology of lawns in Western Oregon, how maintenance practices influence appearance and longevity of lawns, how landscape design influences lawn maintenance, and how we can maximize the environmental benefits of lawns. It will also explore alternatives to conventional lawns and look at how marketing of lawn care services has shaped lawn owners' expectations. Finally, it will challenge the value of calendars and recipes for guiding lawn care practices. By design or by default most people have lawns, so come prepared to ask about problems you may be having with your lawns

Noon - Lunch break - Time to catch up with other MGs, pick up 2011 trainee badges and veteran certificates, look at books (etc) for sale. **Introduce 2011 Trainees.**

1:00 - 3:30 pm - The Hows and Whys of IPM in Modern Times

Gail Langellotto, OSU Faculty and Statewide MG Program Leader

The four components of IPM are relatively simple: monitor your garden for pests, identify the pests that you find, manage them according to your tolerance for damage and use all available strategies at your disposal. However, advances in pesticide chemistries and better knowledge of ecological interactions in the garden challenge gardeners to apply an integrated pest management program. In this talk, we will review the basic components of IPM, discuss different pesticide chemistries (including systemic pesticides) and how to best integrate cultural, physical, biological and chemical controls to sustainably manage pests and protect natural resources.



Vicinity Map



Clackamas Community College Campus Map

Clackamas Community College
19600 South Molalla Avenue
Oregon City, OR 97045-7998

CCC Harmony Campus
7616 S.E. Harmony Road
Milwaukie, OR 97222

CCC Wilsonville Campus
29353 Town Center Loop E
Wilsonville, OR 97070

To reach any college office, call 503-657-6958 and dial the extension you want. (Hearing-impaired TTY/TDD 503-650-6649)

Natter's Notes

Hydrangeas; Cole crop pests; & Drought stress

Jean R. Natter

Several cole crop pests

You're probably familiar with the imported cabbage-worms (*Pieris rapae*). The mostly white adults (butterflies) are flitting in a garden near you, ready to lay solitary eggs on the leaves of broccoli, cabbage, kale, kohlrabi and more.



Fig 2: Diamondback moth: A caterpillar at each side of my fingertip plus a pupal case secured to the leaf with netted webbing.

(Fig 2), and can be extremely numerous, ultimately converting leaves into a skeletal remains enrobed with webbing dotted with multitudes of speckle-sized frass. The adults are smaller yet, about a quarter inch long and an eighth inch wide.

And of course, aphids; more specifically, cabbage aphids. They're quite small as aphids go, but large numbers of them will eventually cluster together, every individual covered with short bluish-white waxy filaments and producing small droplets of honeydew which are also covered with the same waxy filaments, perhaps fragments shed by the aphids. (Fig 3) When cabbage aphid numbers are high, their feeding typically distorts the leaves and mimics fungal disease.

Their velvety green caterpillars are challenging to locate because they blend in with the leaf color. (Fig 1) They've feasted at my place this season, creating so many holes in my kohlrabi that they're now laceleaf veggies.



Fig 1: Imported cabbageworm (*Artogeia rapae*, formerly *Pieris rapae*). One day's "harvest" from my eight kohlrabi plants.

Well, those ravenous caterpillars have smaller green relatives – the diamondback moth – which dine just as voraciously on the same plants. These caterpillars are just one-third of an inch long, green



Fig 3: Cabbage aphids near the top with a cast skin just below; diamondback moth larva at the right with characteristic holes.

Hydrangea Tidbits (From a talk by Scott Christy, at the September 2011 meeting of the Washington County MGs.)

Q: Why didn't my hydrangeas bloom?

A: This year, and perhaps the year before that:

Frozen, possibly to the ground and blooms only on 2-year old wood.

During any year – pruned too hard (too low on the stem)

Q: I bought a hydrangea with pink flowers but the color is becoming more blue each year; why?

A: After a hydrangea is planted, it requires 3 to 4 years to stabilize floret color. Our soil is naturally acidic enough to grow rich blue hydrangeas, if the hydrangea is so inclined due to its genetics.

Q: What fertilizer is best for hydrangeas?

A: Few woody shrubs need fertilizer. Fertilizer encourages growth, the shrubs grow too big for the space, and you have to cut them back which, far too often, becomes a hack job.

Don't fertilize hydrangeas; instead, use compost, especially if you want blue florets. The phosphorus in the fertilizer limits the amount of aluminum that can be absorbed; as a result floret color will range from pink through various muddy blues and purples rather than the desired blues.

If you yearn for pink to red hydrangeas, choose a kind that tends toward red, then fertilize.

Whites will always be white, sometimes with a tinge of blue.

Aluminum sulfate is often suggested for blue floret color; don't use it because it can damage plants. Any hydrangea capable of developing blue florets will do so on its own accord when it's well established, about 3 or 4 years after it was planted.

Q: Is it true that hydrangeas are water hogs?

A: No. Here's where our clay-based soil comes in handy. If the hydrangea is well established after the first 3 or so years, it will do well with periodic deep soaks.

Q: Why did the color of my hydrangea change?

A: The roots were disturbed, maybe it was transplanted, something was planted within its root-zone; or a nearby plant was removed or divided. [Natter's note: I've noticed a color change in my hydrangeas when they froze to the ground. The following year growth sprouted late and flower color had reverted to a muddy color.]

Drought stress

Well established grape vines and fig trees are said to do well without supplemental summer water in our region. But that's not necessarily so because much depends upon the soil. In the case of several inquiries MGs received this summer, problems showed up only a number of years after the vine or tree was planted.

With a recent question about an established grape, the vine has a good crop but recently had considerable leaf browning. The damage is result of a sudden heat wave, the sort of damage that can occur for several reasons. The obvious reason is that the soil was too dry. Even if the soil is adequately moist, the ambient temperatures can be so high that water was lost from the plant faster than it could be absorbed by the roots. Wind would exacerbate the effect. Notice that the tissues closest to the veins are still a well-hydrated green those sections between the veins literally browned out. (Fig 4)



Fig 4: Grape leaf showing the damage between the veins due to acute water stress during a hot spell.

Several clients questioned why their figs weren't developing well, saying they were small and hard, something they hadn't seen previously. The answer is quite straight forward: the fig tree needed supplemental water this summer, and that was true in spite of the fact that the owners hadn't done so during previous years.

Then, too, all summer people have been concerned with what they consider to be diseased trees when they notice the condition of many trees in our region, whether in gardens, landscapes, parks, or wild areas. Leaves of deciduous trees have been yellowing and dropping for at least a month. Further, the normal interior browning and needle loss of conifers is becoming extremely obvious.

Again, the underlying cause is a water shortage for the same reasons as given above for grape vine. And more.

The "more" includes recently planted trees with small root systems that haven't had time to extend into the surrounding soil; established trees planted too deep and which now, 10 or more years later, have been girdled either by dead bark or a girdling root; and shallow root depths because of limiting soil conditions including layered soil or amended planting holes.

Resources:

PNW Insect Management Handbook <http://uspest.org/pnw/insects>

Imported cabbage worm: 1. <http://uspest.org/pdf/reb38.pdf>

2. http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/veg/leaf/imported_cabbageworm.htm

Cabbage Aphid: <http://uspest.org/pdf/reb25.pdf>

Diamondback moth: <http://uspest.org/pdf/reb39.pdf>

Veggie Pests: <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/GARDEN/veggies.html>

Selecting, Planting, and Caring for a New Tree <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/19522/ec1438.pdf>

Abiotic Injury to Forest Trees in Oregon <http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/19241/ec1501.pdf>

Plant salad greens now for fall and winter harvest

CORVALLIS, Ore.— The end of summer is a perfect time to sow salad greens for harvest throughout the fall and winter months.

“If you live in the warmer, wetter regions of the state, you can plant lettuce and Other greens now” said Oregon State University vegetable breeder Jim Myers. “In the colder areas of the state, a cold frame or cloche can help lengthen the harvest season into winter.”

If you harvest through the winter, protect your greens from late fall and winter downpours. Leafy greens tend to rot.

For salad lovers, plant a row of about five feet of salad greens per week in successive plantings. Seeds of salad greens are sold as mixtures (as “mesclun”) or separately as varieties. The mixtures may contain any combination of lettuces, chicories, dandelion greens, cresses, arugulas, chervil, endive, fennel, parsley, oriental greens, mustards, purslane, orach and mache (corn salad).

Some are tangy; others are mild or bitter. When the flavors, colors and textures are combined with a zesty dressing, salad becomes a nutritious eating adventure.

Arugula, also called rocket or roquette, is a hardy member of the mustard family. With a toasty, pungent flavor, arugula can be sown as soon as the soil can be worked in the spring and periodically thereafter. Resembling dandelion greens, arugula is rich in beta-carotene and higher in vitamin C than almost any other salad green. Some eastern Mediterranean people consider it an aphrodisiac.

Endive is in the same family as lettuce. With smooth pale elongated heads, endive has more flavor than many types of lettuce. Curly endive, sometimes called chicory, has curly edged green leaves. Escarole, a relative of chicory, has broad, wavy green leaves with a pleasant slightly bitter flavor.

Radicchio, or red chicory, adds wonderful red color and zesty, mildly bitter flavor to salads. It often grows in small heads. Mache, also called corn salad, has velvety leaves and a mild taste and is one of the most cold-hardy of the salad greens.

Watercress has pungent sprigs that resemble parsley. Cresses have a peppery flavor, while mustards “bite” the tongue.

Plant salad green seeds a quarter-inch deep in rows four to six inches apart. Harvest the greens when young, with scissors. Cut the young leaves about a half-inch above the soil line and the leaves may re-grow for a second harvest. Or the greens may be cut at ground level for a single harvest.

Author: Judy Scott

Source: Jim Myers



Arugula. (Photo courtesy of All-America Selections.)



Critters needed!



Please help collect pupa you find in the soil, caterpillars, stink bugs, and carpenter ants (winged or not) for hands-on exercises during Annual Training. The trainees will appreciate your efforts to supply the samples.



Stink bugs and carpenter ants: Store in a covered container and freeze.



Caterpillars, pupae, and ants must be heat-treated, then stored in rubbing alcohol.



- Heat 6 ounces of water (a coffee cupful) to about 185F. (Microwave on high for one minute.)

- Drop specimen into the hot water; maximum number per cup: 2 caterpillars or pupae; 12 ants

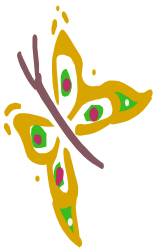
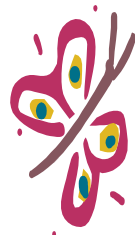


- Let stand 30 minutes or more.

- Gently lift from the water, set on paper towel, then transfer to a covered jar containing enough rubbing alcohol to cover. Everything can go into the same community jar.



When you have specimens to hand off, contact Jean Natter (503-645-7073; J.R.Natter@aol.com).



Annual Mason Bee Wash

Want to learn more about your Mason Bees?

Join us on Fri. October 21st 9-12 at
North Willamette Research and Extension Center*
15210 N Miley Rd., Aurora, OR 97002; 503-678-1264

Class Includes:

Short video on Mason Bees
Types of Mason Bee houses
Removal of bees from straws
Up close look with microscopes
Demo on cleansing cocoons

Bring:

Bees in houses
Small container for cocoon collection

Class is free

Space is limited, you must pre-register:

Jane Collier 503-266-1191 carushill@web-ster.com



*From I-5 southbound, take Exit 282B (Charbonneau District). If I-5 northbound, take Exit 282 (Canby). NWREC is 1 mile east of I-5, on the right (south side) of Miley Road. See <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/NWREC/about.php>

NEW! Gardeners' Exchange

Got junk? Garden junk, that is? Visit the new Gardener's Exchange

One gardener's junk is another gardener's treasure! A new feature in the Metro Master Gardener Referral Forum, the Gardener's Exchange, will allow you to join your Master Gardener community and recycle unwanted garden items.

To log in to the Forum:

Go to <http://www.metromastergardeners.org/forum/>

Log in using the username and password for your MG office

Washington County Username: wcphones Password: wcphones

Clackamas County Username: ccphones Password: ccphones

Multnomah County Username: mcphones Password: mcphones

Wait briefly for the Main Page to open

To browse the Gardener's Exchange:

- Scroll down to "Gardening Discussion" section. Click on "Gardener's Exchange"
- Interested in something? Contact the posting Master Gardener

To post your giveaways to the Gardener's Exchange

- Click "**NEWTOPIC***"
- Describe your item in "Subject" box
- Provide details in the body. Must include:
 - Your contact information
 - Your county and general area
 - Pictures are great if available (use "Upload Attachments" tab at bottom of the screen)

Success – Item is claimed

- Open your original posting and click the **EDIT** button
- Add "Gone" to the subject line.

Questions?

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HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR IN THE METRO AREA

- Oct 1** Villa Garden Club Fall Plant Sale; 10AM—3 PM; Tabor Heights Methodist Church, 6161 S.E. Stark St., Portland
- Oct 4** Washington County Chapter, *“Plant Propagation”* by Lynn Cox, Master Gardener
- Oct 8** Clackamas County Chapter—Fall into Gardening; 10-Minute University™ Classes, a gardening “clinic” and soil pH testing; Milwaukie Center
- Oct 10** Clackamas County Chapter, 7pm, *“From Ampelopsis to Zauschneria—Finding Meaning in Botanical Names”*, Diana Reeck of Collector’s Nursery
- Oct 11** Multnomah County Chapter, 7pm, Speaker Kathy Shearin, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District *“Incorporating Natives into our Urban Landscapes”*
- Oct 11** Hardy Plant Society Gen(i)us Program with **Sean Hogan** speaking about the plants in the family “Araliaceae” 7pm Multnomah Arts Center, Portland, admission is \$5. See www.hardyplantsociety.org for more information.
- Oct 15-16** All About Fruit Show-Home Orchard Society; 11am-5pm; Clackamas County Fairgrounds; Main Pavilion
- October 14, 15, 16 &** Portland Nursery Apple Tasting Event
October 21, 22, 23 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 5050 SE Stark
- Nov 1** Washington County Chapter, 7pm, *“Reed College Grounds”* Zach Perry, Grounds Specialist
- Nov 5** **MG Recertification Training**—See info on page 3
- Nov 8** Multnomah County Chapter, 7pm, Speaker Roger Gossler, Gossler Farms *“A Guide to the Best Hardy Shrubs for Your Garden”*
- Nov 14** Clackamas County Chapter, 7pm, Speaker Mike Stewart, owner Dover Farms, *“New Rhododendrons You Should Get to Know”*



MULTNOMAH CHAPTER GRAPEVINE

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

**Chapter Meeting 11 Oct. 2011
Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church,
5441 SE Belmont St.**

**6:50 Announcements
7:00 Chapter Meeting**

Speaker: Kathy Shearin, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

How can we successfully incorporate native plants into our urban landscapes and what is the value in doing so? Gardening with native plants can save us time, money and resources. Native plants promote biodiversity and stewardship of our natural heritage and provide shelter and food for wildlife. What more could a gardener and steward of the land ask for? Kathy Shearin will offer tips, guidance and, best of all, visual inspiration for gardening with a native pallet in our home landscapes.

Kathy has been with the EMSWCD since 2002. She is the program supervisor for the Sustainable Urban Landscapes Program, best known for Naturescaping and Rain garden workshops. Kathy has degrees in Sociology and Plant, Soil and Insect Ecology. Prior to coming to Oregon, she worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA/NRCS) and managed a water conservation program for the Soil and Water Conservation District for Pima County in Tucson, Arizona.

To accompany the presentation, LivingScape Nursery, a local seller of native plants, will offer an array of natives for sale. LivingScape offers plants and insect-friendly products that can turn one's yard into beautiful outdoor living space that helps preserve birds and bees and turn one's kitchen into the source of great local food. They are located at 3926 N. Vancouver Avenue. You can see more at <http://www.livingscape.com/>

A brief Chapter business meeting will follow the speaker's presentation. Please join us to get the latest update on Chapter activities and business.

*****Next Board Meeting (tentative – please check before coming) – Tuesday, 4 Oct. 2011 at 5:30 pm at Claudia's – 4026 N.E. Hazelfern.**

Coming Next Month November 8, 7pm 'A Guide to the Best Hardy Shrubs for Your Garden' Speaker: Roger Gossler, Gossler Farms

Nurseryman and author Roger Gossler will highlight characteristics and growing conditions for many beautiful, versatile and hardy shrubs.

Catch a 'Chinook'!

The new Chinook Book editions are here, and they're the best ever. This year both print and mobile coupons are available for purchase as separate products. Savings from 100's of local, sustainable businesses; including groceries, dining, entertainment, garden, travel and home. Both are a terrific value. It makes a great gift that keeps on giving.

[Print book](#): cost: \$20; with 450 coupons

[Mobile Coupon Pack](#): cost: \$10; with 430 coupons

Available for purchase at chapter meetings and Fall Recertification. Or contact us at multmastergardeners@gmail.com

Fundraising Friend - We need a pool of Fundraising Friends to assist with sales of our merchandise (garden gloves, t-shirts, mugs, stickers, note cards). You do not need to take on the responsibility for all events that we sell at, and you will be paired with a fellow MG while selling. Sales take place during breaks, so you won't miss a thing. If you are willing to lend a hand at activities you are attending (chapter meetings, recertification day, training classes) and assist with selling our wares, please email multmastergardeners@gmail.com Attention: Beven Peters or talk to Beven at the October chapter meeting.

MG Demo Garden (6801 SE 60th Ave.). Work days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to about noon. Please join us when you can. Questions contact: Jean at house-jem@aol.com or Heidi at heidinichols@comcast.net.

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Washington County Chapter Chat

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Chapter Website: www.wcmga.info

UPCOMING PROGRAMS –

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

“Plant Propagation-Above & Beyond (includes tomato grafting)” by Lynn Cox, Master Gardener.

Tuesday, November 1, 2011

“Reed College Grounds” by Zach Perry, Grounds Specialist

NEW MEETING LOCATION & DAY FOR 2011

First Baptist Church 5755 SW Erickson Ave.,
Beaverton, OR 97005, located between Farmington Rd.
& Allen Rd.

AWARDS AT STATE AND LOCAL LEVEL

Tam Martin was awarded statewide Master Gardener of 2011 in recognition of her contributions to OMGA on both the local and state level. **Jean Natter** was given the statewide Behind the Scenes Award in recognition of her efforts to ensure that the information master gardeners deliver is accurate and up to date. **Barbara Knopp** was awarded Washington County Master Gardener of 2011 and **Lynn Wagner** received the Washington County Behind the Scenes award. In July **Daisy Parquet** was presented the Golden Trowel because of her contribution to the demonstration garden at the Fairplex.

DIG UP AND DONATE

Now is a good time to divide your hardy perennials for the Spring Plant Sale. This is the major fund raiser for the year. Spring and Summer bloomers are the best sellers. The plant sale crew is holding a potting event on Tuesday Oct. 11 and again on Oct. 18, 9 to noon at the Master Gardener Demo Garden at the Fairplex. Bring clumps of perennials. We provide the soil, pots and labor. Your hands-on help is always welcome, Donations will also be accepted at the Chapter meetings in Oct, Nov and Dec. Questions? Call Jane Miller (503)590-3598 or Cindy Muir (503)245-3922.

TOMATO TASTING

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

WHERE: Washington County Fairgrounds Master Gardeners Demonstration Garden

TIME: 11 a.m.

PROGRAM: Live Jazz with Wade Kirtley/Rick Homer duo” during the tasting. Bring a few of your own special varieties to share as well.

Come anytime after 9 a.m. And see what your fellow Master Gardeners are doing in the Demonstration Garden.

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

We will begin developing the 2011 WCMGA budget during the week of October 10-14, 2011. Any chapter members interested in serving on this committee contact Lynn Cox at lynncox@zsquared.net. One group meeting with all budget committee members will be scheduled during the October 10-14 timeframe. All other meetings will be handled via e-mail. We want and need your input! Be involved in helping the chapter run smoothly.

EXTENSION OFFICE MOVING

The Extension Office will be closed September 15-16 and open in it’s new location September 19. The new address is Public Safety Building, 155 N 1st Ave. Suite 200, Hillsboro, OR 97124. The phone number is the same.

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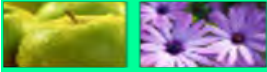
Phone **503-531-3884** or e-mail: jkivkeil4@gmail.com

For address/email changes, contact Alan Strong, e-mail coordinator, info@wcmga.info

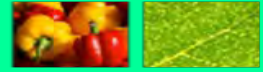
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Clackamas County Chatter

OCTOBER 2011



Oregon Master Gardener Association in Cooperation with
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October Meeting

Monday, October 10, 2011, 7 p.m.
Milwaukie Center

5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie
**From Ampelopsis to Zauschneria
– Finding Meaning in Botanical
Names**

**Diana Reeck, Co-Owner, Collector's
Nursery**

Did you know *Aster* comes from the Latin word for "star" and *Campanula* means "little bell," each name describing the flower's shape? "Botanical names are not just there to confuse us," says **Diana Reeck** of Collector's Nursery. "Knowing their meanings not only helps us remember but also makes the names come alive."

Diana Reeck, co-owner of Collector's Nursery in Battleground, Washington, is an amateur plant breeder whose passions include *Erythronium*, small-flowered *Clematis* and *Epimedium*. She is also an avid plant explorer, and her adventures have taken her throughout the Pacific Northwest and as far as China.

November Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2011, 7 p.m.
**New Rhododendrons You Should
Get to Know**

Mike Stewart, Owner, Dover Farms
Mike will talk about his favorite shrub – *Rhododendron* – with an emphasis on high-quality varieties. He grows over 1,000 varieties and will share his favorites.

Planning for the Future

Your Executive Board began to work on recruiting new MG trainees for 2012 and engaging more current members. If you would like to help in these areas, contact **Frank Wille** at franklyna@comcast.net or call 503-342-6699.

2011 Open Gardens

We had a very successful Open Garden season. Thanks to coordinators **Kathleen Chroninger** and **Sharon Wiley** and to all those who opened their gardens. Photos from these gardens will be on display at the meeting this month. See which gardens you can identify.

10-Minute University™ on Cable Access

This summer, Clackamas Cable Access recorded eight presentations at the Oregon City Farmers' Market. These presentations are featured on Comcast's cable access channel. In addition, you can see them on your computer. View the following presentations at <http://vimeo.com/channels/ccgc>: *Edible, Beautiful Plants* by **Sherry Holley**; *Growing Edibles in Containers* by **Darlene Reimer**; *Growing Blueberries* by **Jane Collier**; *Starting a Vegetable Garden* by **Sherry Sheng**; *Growing Tomatoes* by **Sherry Holley**; and *Year-Round Vegetable Gardening* by **Jane Collier**. Two more talks are in production and will be added in the coming month.

Nominees for OMGA Awards

Let's acknowledge our hardworking nominees for OMGA awards:
State MG of the Year: **Sherry Sheng**
State Behind-the-Scenes: **Will Hughes**
County MG of the Year: **Joby Duggan**

Fall into Gardening

Saturday, October 8,
9:30 a.m. to noon
Milwaukie Center

5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive,
Milwaukie

This event offers soil pH testing, a Gardening Clinic, and 10-Minute University™ classes. Topics include:
9:30 Making New Beds with Autumn Leaves
10:00 Fall Vegetable Gardening
10:30 Putting Your Garden to Bed
11:00 Container Planting for Fall and Winter

See event details at the Chapter Web site, www.cmastergardeners.org.

Green Glove Award

Kathy Johnson is a professional graphic designer and artist. For the past two years, she has lent her expertise to the Chapter as editor of our newsletter and designer of public program flyers. Kathy's knowledge and skills brought a new look to all she produced and helped improve communications with both members and the public. Thank you, Kathy, for making us look so good!

Call for Annual Used Book Sale Donations

Our annual used garden book sale will be held at the December meeting. **Janet Weber** will accept donations at the October and November meetings. If you have any questions, contact her at weberjanet@hotmail.com. Proceeds go to the Chapter.

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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.

Recommendations in this calendar are not necessarily applicable to all areas of Oregon. For more information, contact your local Extension office at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/locations.php>.

Planning

- If needed, improve soil drainage needs of lawns before rain begins.
- Register to become an OSU Master Gardener volunteer with your local Extension office. For more information, check: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/catalog/pdf/em/em8723.pdf>

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.

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Maintenance and Clean Up

- Drain or blow out your irrigation system, insulate valve mechanisms, in preparation of winter.
- Recycle disease-free plant material and kitchen vegetable and fruit scraps into compost. Don't compost diseased plants unless you are using the "hot compost" method (120° to 150°F).
- Use newspaper or cardboard covered by mulch to discourage winter and spring annual weeds or remove a lawn area for conversion to garden beds. For conversion, work in the paper and mulch as organic matter once the lawn grass has died.
- Clean and paint greenhouses and cold frames for plant storage and winter growth.
- Harvest sunflower heads; use seed for birdseed or roast for personal use.
- Dig and store potatoes; keep in darkness, moderate humidity, temperature about 40°F. Discard unused potatoes if they sprout. Don't use as seed potatoes for next year.
- Harvest and immediately dry filberts and walnuts; dry at 95° to 100°F.
- Ripen green tomatoes indoors. Check often and discard rotting fruit.
- Harvest and store apples; keep at about 40°F, moderate humidity.
- Place mulch over roots of roses, azaleas, rhododendrons and berries for winter protection.
- Trim or stake bushy herbaceous perennials to prevent wind damage.

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