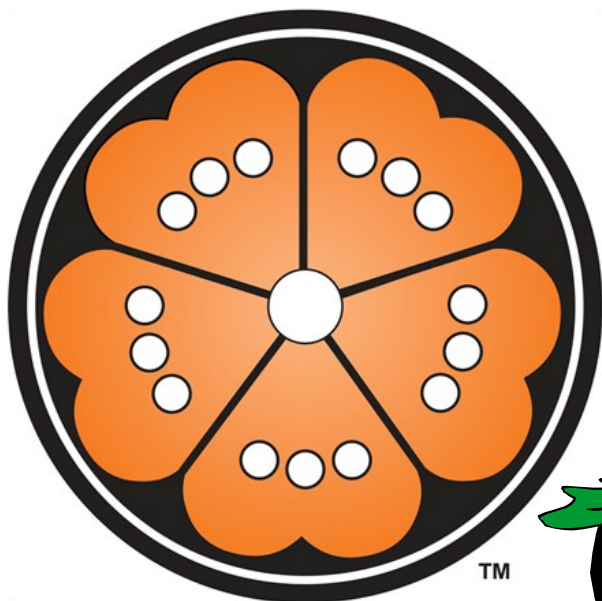


Metro Master Gardener™ News

September 2011



OSU Extension Service Metro Master Gardener™ Program

Serving [Clackamas](#), [Multnomah](#), and [Washington](#) Counties in the metro area since 1976.

Mission Statement

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

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OPPORTUNITIES FROM JORDIS

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2011 HOURS DUE

Volunteer hours are due October 1, so now is the time to record and clean up those loose ends. I have included a link to the log sheet for reporting (both Word and Excel versions). You have the choice of recording volunteer hours that are scheduled after Oct. 1 as predicted hours on this year's form, or save your calendars and report them in 2012.



<http://www.metromastergardeners.org/files/downloads/2011VolunteerLog.pdf>

<http://www.metromastergardeners.org/files/downloads/2011ExcelLog.xls>

Remember - Your 'active' status in the MG Program is based on your participation in program activities and recorded/submitted in the form of a volunteer log sheet each year. If we don't receive one, you may be dropped from the active MG list. We should remind you that a paid membership in a Chapter doesn't take the place of submitting volunteer hours. We have terrific outreach numbers and we are proud to show OSU what the metro MGs have been up to.



FALL HOME AND GARDEN SHOW September 29 – October 2 at the Expo Center.

This is one of the most popular garden shows and MG volunteer opportunities. It comes at a great time to capture some of those last remaining volunteer hours for the season. It is a clinic, so hours are Direct. Th – Fri 11 am to 2 pm, 2 to 5 pm, 5 to 8 pm. Saturday 10 am to 1:30 pm, 1:30 to 5 pm, 5 to 8 pm. Sunday 10 am to 2 pm, 2 to 6 pm.

Let Jordis know if you are interested in working a shift.

PORTLAND APPLE TASTING FESTIVAL (on 50th and SE Stark).

This event goes for two weekends... October 15-16 and October 22-23. Contact Saundra Sue Wallace at 503-968-6202 or saundrasuewallace@gmail.com to schedule. This is a clinic and is held at one of Portland's liveliest nurseries. Good food, good music, great plants! <http://www.portlandnursery.com/events/appletasting.shtml>

RECERTIFICATION

The planned date for the fall recertification training is **November 5** and will be held at Clackamas Community College. Get this date on your calendar and plan to join us for a great day of learning and re-connecting.

This will be the *first* in a series of two recertification Saturdays. We will publish the day's agenda when the date gets closer. The second recertification Saturday is in the spring (no date yet).

Reminder...To recertify, you can attend **both** Saturday recertification classes (12 hrs.) **or** attend 4 of the starred classes in the 2012 training series (12 hrs.) **or** a take home test.

You can also take a class on one of the Saturdays (6 hrs.) and two starred classes (3 hrs. ea.). The idea is to have class time add up to 12 hrs.

Natter's Notes

Root sprouts & More

Jean R. Natter

Certain trees have the ability to sprout profusely, especially when the main tree is weakened, dies or is removed. That's a useful survival mechanism for trees in the wild because they can quickly populate an area after a major disturbance. But that same characteristic is exasperating when it happens in gardens and landscapes.

When poplars, aspens, cherries and more are cut down – sometimes even while still standing – they'll produce multiple root sprouts in the lawn and garden beds.

Quite often, clients want to know how to get rid of root sprouts but unfortunately, they often ask long after they have cut down the tree. If, perchance, a client asks prior to cutting the tree, here are some useful facts.

One way to minimize root sprouts of a removed tree is to cut the tree down as soon as the leaves are fully developed in spring. At that time, a tree is at its most vulnerable because many of the reserves stored last year were used to develop the new leafy crown. The tree's minimal reserves are insufficient to deal with additional insults. Root sprouts are reduced, possibly weakened, and can be managed with appropriate herbicides within a reasonably short time, possibly a year.

But whenever a dormant tree is cut down, its full complement of reserves is available to support numerous vigorous sprouts come spring. Getting rid of the abundant new shoots could well require several years.

Prepared gardeners can avoid taking on the new hobby of killing sprouts if they adopt some of the following tactics:

1. Kill the tree prior to cutting it down by one of the following methods:
 - a. Girdle the tree by removing a wide band of bark all around the tree. This is a rather slow method which can require several years.
 - b. Use herbicide (see note below, choosing an herbicide) to kill the tree, either as a spray or as a cut-stump method, the latter sometimes called the cut-and-paint method. Here, the tree is cut down, and the surface of the stump is painted with systemic herbicide within 5 minutes. (For detailed discussion, see Resources: *Cut Stump Application of Herbicides to Manage Woody Vegetation*)
2. At the time the tree is cut down: Use the cut-stump method (as above). Read the product label thoroughly as some products are used full strength, others should be diluted.
3. If the tree has already been cut down:
 - a. If it was cut recently, remove an additional section to expose fresh tissue, then use the cut-stump method.



Fig 1: Oak leaf blister on red oak, a disease caused by *Taphrina caerulescens*. More unsightly than damaging.

b. If the tree was cut down quite a while ago, dig, grub out, or grind out the stump, then deal with the sprouts as they appear, either spraying them individually or, better yet, using the cut-stump method.

Choosing and using an herbicide:

1. Use an herbicide which kills only broad-leaved plants but not grasses. Follow the label directions according to the technique you will use, either spray or cut-stump
2. The preferred timing for systemic herbicides is late summer or early fall when the active ingredient will move downward into the roots.
3. Among the appropriate materials for woody trees and shrubs, these active ingredients are available for home use in Oregon:
 - Glyphosate: Systemic; Kills everything it touches; e.g.: Kleenup and various Roundup products
 - Triclopyr: Systemic; Kills broad-leaved plants; e.g.: Blackberry & Brush killer, Cut Vine & Stump Killer, and Brush-B-Gon
 - 2,4-D: Kills broad-leaved plants; e.g.: in products by itself or combined with other herbicides, also in Crossbow where it's combined with triclopyr

That's enough of that. Let's take on a few quickies.

For instance, consider the **red oak leaves** brought to the Clackamas office recently. (Fig 1) They have **oak leaf blister** caused by the fungus *Taphrina caerulescens*. It's a common disease of many oak species, especially the red oaks. Disease is favored by cool, wet springs and produces noticeable leaf deformity. Even though red oaks may be heavily infected, their general health isn't impaired.



Fig 2: Rose rust – Notice the pale to orange blemishes on the top surface of the leaflets, the erupting bright orange pustules on the under-

Another client brought in **a rose leaf**, the leaflets liberally decorated with orange pustules on the reverse. (Fig 2) We don't see **rose rust** very often but this year's mild, humid weather has favored the disease. The fungus overwinters on diseased leaves and stems, thus the reason for thorough sanitation. Wind-blown spores infect healthy leaves which are wet for 2 to 4 hours.



Then, too, **the white cabbage butterfly** is flitting about gardens and landscapes. Their caterpillars specialize in creating holes in leaves of all the cole crops. I don't know why no one is complaining about them. But, I'll tell you this: They're very active at my place. My kohlrabi leaves look like Swiss cheese. (Fig 3)

Fig 3: Holey kohlrabi leaves. Look for the culprits on the undersides.

This is one of those instances where search-and-destroy missions come in handy. In order to detect the tiny green, newly hatched young caterpillars, one must examine the underside of the leaves. Aha! Eggs. (Fig 4) And did you notice the recently hatched caterpillar nearby?

Given a bit of time, the caterpillars grow and seemingly become bolder because they abandon the

safety of the leaf reverse and move to the upper surface. (Fig 5) Notice how the caterpillar aligns itself with the leaf vein and how its color is perfect camouflage. This particular caterpillar is about half-grown and, thus, it's the largest size which is susceptible to *Bacillus thuringiensis*, abbreviated *Bt*.



Fig 4: Kohlrabi leaf with eggs of the white cabbage butterfly, a new hatchling, too!



Fig 5: Half-grown caterpillar of the white cabbage butterfly, a primary pest of cole crops

Resources

- *Cut Stump Application of Herbicides to Manage Woody Vegetation* <http://cals.arizona.edu/pubs/garden/az1401.pdf>
- Questions on Poplar <http://www.ext.nodak.edu/extnews/hortiscope/tree/poplar.htm>
- *PNW Disease Management Handbook*
- *PNW Insect Management Handbook*

Life's a picnic for yellow jackets

CORVALLIS, Ore—Yellow jackets buzzing around pop cans, hamburgers and fruit salad can ruin barbecues. And, because their sting can be life-threatening, it might be necessary to destroy nests found near human activity.

It's easier to deal with these aggressive wasps if you know how they live, says Ross Penhallegon horticulturist with the Oregon State University Extension Service. Yellow jackets are heavy-bodied with black and yellow or white markings and live in gray, papery nests, which are mainly located below ground. But some are suspended above, he said.



Yellow jackets are mostly meat eaters
(Photo by Flickr.randysonofrobert)

“Not to be mistaken as honeybees that gather pollen and flower nectar, yellow jackets are mostly meat eaters and are particularly fond of rotting fruit,” Penhallegon said. “Yellow jackets are more likely than bees to sting without provocation, their sting is more painful and normally no stinger remains in the skin. A single yellow jacket may sting more than once.”

“Worker” yellow jackets hunt for insects or feed on carrion or rotting fruit. They carry food back to the nest to feed their nest-mates. If you accidentally contact a nest entrance, you're likely to get stung. Workers vigorously defend the nest and queen.

A queen is the epicenter of each nest and her sole responsibility is to lay eggs. She begins a nest in the spring by laying a few eggs and raising the adults. Workers provision, expand and defend the nest.

As spring and summer pass, the nest grows and new workers assume their role. By the end of summer, nests may contain hundreds or thousands of workers. By August or September, they are at their most troublesome and dangerous.

By fall, yellow jacket nests have produced a crop of new queens and males. By the first frost, most workers and queens leave the nest to find a protected spot to spend the winter. They re-emerge in spring to begin the cycle again. Only new queens survive the winter, however, and they almost never reuse the previous year's nest.

To destroy a yellow jacket nest, treat the nest at night, when the workers are inside and relatively calm. Use an aerosol that propels a stream of insecticide up to 20 feet so that you can stand at a safe distance and treat directly into the nest opening.

“Don't pour petroleum products into ground nests,” Penhallegon said. “This is dangerous, environmentally harmful and illegal. Use products specifically made for yellow jacket control only. Be sure to read and follow the pesticide product label. Remember, the label is the law.”

Non-toxic yellow jacket traps are available in yard and garden stores. The most effective traps use a synthetic attractant to lure worker yellow jackets into a trap. Fruit juice or meat can be used as attractants as well. Traps may provide temporary relief by drawing workers away from people, but they are not effective for area-wide nest control.

Some people are allergic to the venom of yellow jackets and stings can be deadly. Persons particularly sensitive to yellow jacket venom should be extra cautious in late summer and early fall, when the insects are most numerous. Enlist the help of someone not as sensitive, if you need to spray a nest.

Other wasps are mud daubers and paper wasps. Mud daubers collect bits of wet soil to take back to their nests, usually a mud tube. Paper wasps build small, open nests that are suspended vertically from a horizontal surface, such as under an eave, bush or tree branch. Their long legs and thin “waists” distinguish paper wasps. Both mud daubers and paper wasps are less aggressive and normally will not sting or swarm when away from their nest.

Author: Judy Scott

Source: Ross Penhallegon



Memorial for Bee Smith
Smith's Solitude, 17200 S Holly Lane, Oregon City
Saturday, September 10, at 4 PM

"All of us who have been touched by her will carry that vibrancy in our souls for the rest of our lives." – A close friend of Bee Smith

The gardening world lost an inspiration Saturday, August 27th, when Bee Smith passed away. Bee was world renown for her use of reclaimed objects as garden art and the signature use of blue bottles. Her garden drew many international visitors each year and has been featured in gardening books, magazines, and newspaper articles.

Bee and husband Pat became Master Gardeners in 1990; both have been long-term contributors to the chapter and the Master Gardener Program. Pat focused on phone clinic support, insect and weeds curation, and new MG training. Bee actively participated in monthly programs, field trips, and, in recent years, the CCC Scholarship Endowment Committee. She delighted in helping select scholarship recipients and mentored them throughout the year.

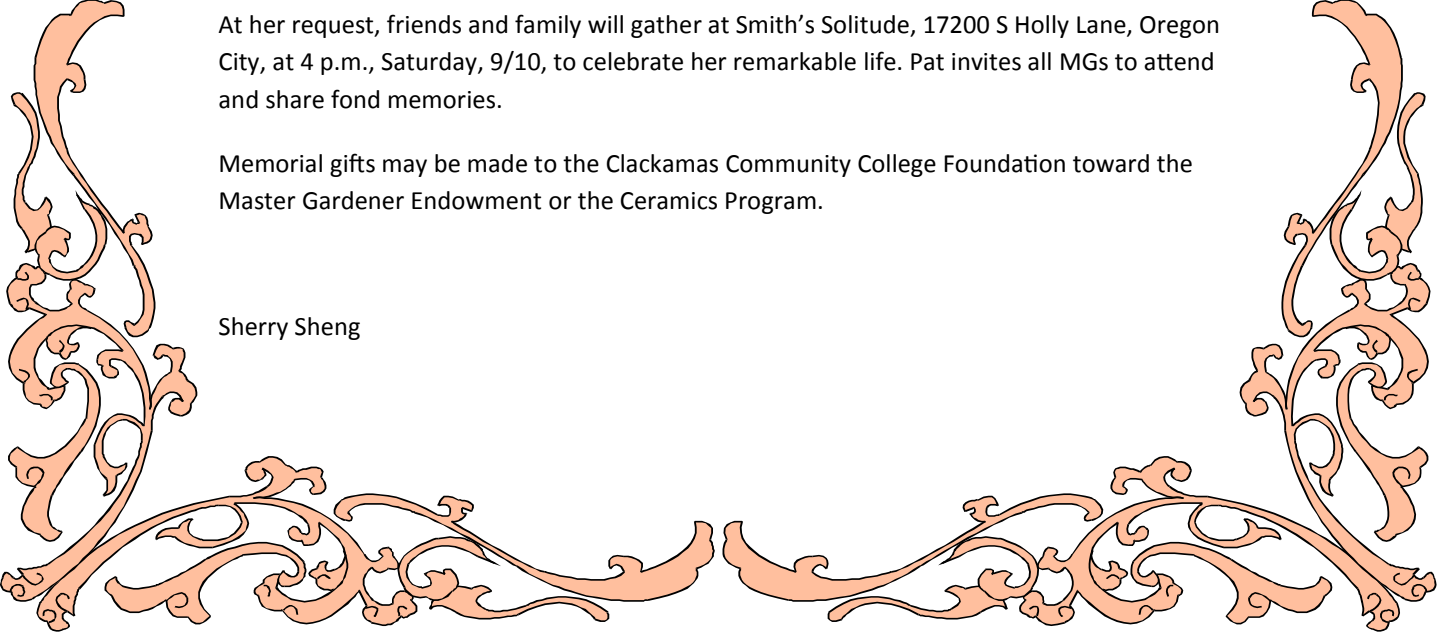
Bee was fun, generous, mischievous, inquisitive, and spontaneous. Pat said, "She enjoyed making friends and, over the years, forged close friendships with many MGs." The first time I visited her garden, she held my arm and proudly shared stories upon stories. Did you know the metal trellis for a passion vine was bed spring from the brothel where a favorite uncle frequented? I remembered how privileged I felt; Bee had a gift with people.

As Bee's garden grew in prominence, she began to showcase local artists as part of her open garden events. Such high profile exposure helped boost the career of many artists.

At her request, friends and family will gather at Smith's Solitude, 17200 S Holly Lane, Oregon City, at 4 p.m., Saturday, 9/10, to celebrate her remarkable life. Pat invites all MGs to attend and share fond memories.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Clackamas Community College Foundation toward the Master Gardener Endowment or the Ceramics Program.

Sherry Sheng





Fall Dinner at Ferguson's Fragrant Nursery

SEE. LEARN. GROW

2011 WCMG Field Trips

Where: Ferguson's Fragrant Nursery, 21763 French Prairie Road N.E., St. Paul, Oregon--just 30 minutes on I-5 from Portland (map provided on request)

When: Thursday, September 15, 2011

Schedule: 4 p.m. Guided tour highlighting the colorful borders and baskets of fragrant flowers, or stroll the garden paths and greenhouses on your own

6 p.m. Harvest dinner catered by The Red Hare—sample menu:

Warm Cannelloni Bean, Tomato and Rosemary Bruschetta

Grilled Artichokes with Tomato Basil Salsa

Late Summer Garden Salad with Seasonal Vegetables, Lemon Tarragon Dressing

Roasted Fingerling Potatoes with Zucchini, Kalamata Olives, Feta

and Grape Tomatoes tossed in Red Wine Vinaigrette

Roasted Apricot Chicken with Dried Cranberries and Sweet Onions

Bread Basket with Sweet Cream Butter

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

Selected Sweets

Special: 15 percent discount on all nursery purchases during the evening.

Details: Cost is \$30 per person. Dress is casual. You may BYOB. Please be sure to provide your email address

below so we may confirm receipt of your reservation and check.

We'd love to come! Reserve us a place:

Name _____ Number of persons _____

Email address _____ Phone Number _____

Would you like to carpool? Yes _____ No _____ Are you willing to drive? Yes _____ No _____

Mail **reservation form** with **check for \$30 per person** made out to "**WCMGA**" to:

Ardis Schroeder, 15522 S.W. Pleasant Valley Road, Beaverton 97007

for receipt by **September 1, 2011** (no refunds after this date)

Questions? Call Ardis at 503/628-2344

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHAPTER
MASTER GARDENERS

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FALL
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MASTER GARDENERS EDUCATION PROJECTS

Internet Essentials for Master Gardeners

(Computer training sponsored by the Metro Master Gardener Program)

Computer jangling your nerves?

Calm your nerves and gain confidence
as you use Firefox to research client inquiries

Each class member has a computer

Two different 3-hour classes each day

Last chance for MG-Dx and MG Guides to take one 3-hr class in 2011



Date	Site	9 to noon	1 to 4 PM
September 24	Clackamas College*	MG Referral Forum (Uploading Referrals & Images)	Navigating the PNW Handbooks

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

The featured classes

- **MG Referral Forum: Upload Referrals and Images; Educational Resource**
- **Navigating the online PNW Handbooks to locate Home Use information**

Morning session is full with 2 on Wait List.

Afternoon session has one opening; Will start a Wait List.

We typically have last minute cancellations, so please consider the Wait List.

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

Please provide the following:

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

I email a reminder with directions to the site; please let me know if your plans change.

Donation of \$2 requested for each class to cover cost of handouts



plant lust was founded by three Portland area gardeners, Megan Hansen, Loree Bohl, and Patricia Cunningham who felt that finding plants online could be much easier and more inspiring. With professional backgrounds in web design, marketing, and product catalog management, they saw an opportunity to help match up gardeners with amazing plants and nurseries.

The mission for **plant lust** is two-fold; to provide gardeners with a simple but comprehensive plant guide while providing a platform for the nursery industry to showcase their plants. **plant lust** is a destination where multiple nursery plant descriptions, as well as cultural requirements and photos, are easily accessible and fully searchable in a single spot. **plant lust** intends to introduce new and experienced gardeners alike to plants and nurseries they haven't yet discovered.

Gardeners can use the seriously simple search for just about anything: specific plant names, plant types, garden conditions, leaf and flower color, and get detailed, rich results from multiple nurseries, and multiple photos of each plant from gardeners around the world. And there will never be any annoying ads or pop-ups, the site is cleanly designed, allowing the plants to be the focus.

For Nurseries **plant lust** offers a free, interactive platform to help gardeners learn more about the plants they offer. **plant lust** connects gardeners to the nurseries that have the plants they're lusting after.

plant lust is just getting started, with over to 10,000 plants and 15,000 photos in our database today, with new additions daily. Nurseries from all over the country are signing up to contribute . In addition there are many exciting future developments in the works; including wish-lists where gardeners can track plants they are lusting after and place mail-orders with multiple nurseries from a single location.

Plantlust.com



HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR IN THE METRO AREA

- Sept 3-4** Portland Dahlia Society show, Clackamas Event Center, Canby
- Sept 6** Washington County Chapter, "*Hydrangeas*" by Scott Christie from Terranova Nursery
- Sept 10-11** HPSO Fall Plant Sale and Garden Festival. Portland Expo Center
- Sept 12** Clackamas County Chapter, 7pm, "*Ornamental Grasses in the Landscape*", Carolyn Kolb of Wind Dancer Garden
- Sept 13** Multnomah County Chapter, 7pm, Speaker: Dan Brophy, Certified Executive Chef, '*Cooking Up the Harvest*'
- Sept 15** Washington County Chapter Fall Dinner—see chapter page for details
- Sept 17-18** Portland Rose Society Fall Rose Show
- Sept 24** Internet Essentials for Master Gardeners—Clackamas Community College
- Sept 24** Multnomah County Chapter Plant Sale and Raffle—see Chapter page
- 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 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 Kym Pokorny "*From Lawns to Natives: A Parking Strip Transformed*"
- Oct 15-16** All About Fruit Show-Home Orchard Society; 11am-5pm; Clackamas County Fairgrounds; Main Pavilion



MULTNOMAH CHAPTER GRAPEVINE

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

Chapter Meeting 13 Sept. 2011
Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church,
5441 SE Belmont St.

6:50 Announcements

7:00 Chapter Meeting,

"Cooking Up the Harvest"

Dan Brophy, Certified Executive Chef and Certified Culinary Educator

It can't get any more local, seasonal or fresher than harvests from your own backyard. Come as Executive Chef and Master Gardener trained Dan Brophy offers inspiration for cooking up the harvest. Technique and diversity will be the focus of Dan's talk. Experimentation with varieties and techniques that work make the 'garden to table' experience more rewarding.

Dan Brophy is a Certified Executive Chef and Culinary Educator. He has served in the food service industry for 32 years from dishwasher through executive chef including fourteen years of teaching. Dan trained as a Master Gardener in 1992, is a member of the Oregon Mycological Society, and Oregon Tilth. Dan is a specialist in inner-tidal edibles and an avid mushroom forager.

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 – Tuesday, 6 Sept. 2011 at 5:30 pm at Claudia's – 4026 N.E. Hazelfern.**

*****Coming Next Month October 11**

"From Lawn to Natives: A Parking Strip Transformed" Speaker: Kym Pokorny, garden writer for The Oregonian - Join us as Kym shares how, after a visit from the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, she was inspired and motivated to transform her parking strip from a boring stark, strip into a native plant bed and certified Backyard Habitat. A bonus, the folks from Livingscape Nursery will be present to offer an array of native plants for sale.

***** JAVA JIVE WITH MASTER GARDENERS**

Stop by the TaborSpace Coffee House (5441 SE Belmont Street) for a cup of java, and a scrumptious treat. TaborSpace is a non-profit coffee house and grass roots community center located in the heart of Mt. Tabor. There you will find entertainment, art classes, yoga, and even an OSU Extension Master Gardener clinic table! And now TaborSpace has a lunch menu with offerings of delicious soups, salads, and sandwiches. So drop by and tell your friends and

family. And make sure to send your neighbors and friends with garden questions to TaborSpace the first and third Saturdays of the month 10am to 2pm, or the third

Wednesdays of the month from 4pm to 7pm where an MG will be at the ready to answer their garden queries. Check it out @ <http://taborspace.org/>

***** Plant Sale and Raffle - Saturday September 24th 9am-2pm - SE 60th between Duke and Flavel -** Questions about plants contact Joyce Hemmerling (503) 331-0824 w3mjahemm@aol.com (Potted donations need to be received two weeks in advance.) Questions about speakers contact Sharon Baker (503) 284-5189 gazebo@teleport.com

***** Thanks for Sharing!**

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Gaylen Beatty, Phillip Fensterer, Linda Hendrickson, Jill Hoffman, and Susan Ristau for opening and sharing their gardens with fellow chapter members this summer as part of the 'Share Your Garden' tours. Thank you for your generous spirit and inspiration! **It's not too late to open your garden.** If interested, contact Jill Hoffman @ (503)789-6316. And thanks to Jill for enthusiastically coordinating the tours.

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

*****Phones in Multnomah County** contact Gloria Bennett (503-775-4005 or dcleopatra@comcast.net)

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Washington County Chapter Chat

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

Chapter Website: www.wcmga.info

UPCOMING PROGRAMS –

Tuesday, September 6, 2011

“Hydrangeas” by Scott Christy of Terranova Nursery.

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

“Plant Propagation” by Lynn Cox, Master Gardener

NEW MEETING LOCATION & DAY FOR 2011

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

The public is welcome.

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
due” 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.

FALL DINNER AT FERGUSON'S FRAGRANT NURSERY

The Field Trip Committee invites you to tour Ferguson's Fragrant
Nursery and enjoy a dinner catered by The Red Hare,

WHERE: Ferguson's Fragrant Nursery, 21763
French Prairie Road NE., St. Paul, Oregon.

WHEN: Thursday , September 15, 2011

SCHEDULE:

4 P.M. Guided tour highlighting the colorful
borders and baskets of fragrant flowers or stroll the
garden paths and greenhouses on your own.

6 P.M. Harvest dinner catered by The Red Hare

SPECIAL: 15% discount on all nursery purchases
during the evening

DETAILS: Cost is \$30 per person. Dress is casual.
You may BYOB.

QUESTIONS: Call Ardis at 503-628-2344

SPRING INTO FALL GARDEN TOUR

September 3, 10 am until 4 pm

Visit the Demo garden and 5 other Master Gardener
home gardens in any order. No cost. Rain or shine. For
details go to www.washingtoncountymatergardeners.org.

EXTENSION OFFICE MOVING DATE

The Extension Office will be moving sometime in
September. Notification will be sent by email when the exact
date is set.

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Chapter Website: www.washingtoncountymastergardeners.org

Clackamas County Chatter

SEPTEMBER 2011



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



September Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2011, 7 p.m.

Milwaukie Center

5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive, Milwaukie

Ornamental Grasses in the Landscape

Carolyn Kolb of Wind Dancer Garden

"Sedges have edges.

Rushes are round.

*Grasses have nodes from the top
to the ground."*

Carolyn Kolb of Wind Dancer Garden will share how to grow and care for ornamental grasses in your garden—including selection, planting and pruning.

Carolyn is a landscape designer who specializes in grasses. She and her husband, Larry, owners of Wind Dancer Gardens in West Salem, have been raising ornamental grasses since 1999. They now grow over 100 varieties of grasses, Phormium, and bamboo, concentrating on plants that thrive in our climate and are not invasive. Their home, nursery and beautiful display garden are located on 1 1/2 acres overlooking Salem. It's a must-see nursery for avid gardeners, and autumn is a great time to check out grasses when their inflorescences peak.

Carolyn will sell some of her beautiful grasses both before the meeting and during break.

Planning for the Future

Your Executive Board began to work on a number of issues. How to recruit new MG trainees for 2012 and how to retain and engage current members top our list. If you have thoughts about these topics, contact Sherry at sherrysheng@clear.net or call 503-655-1822.

October Meeting

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

From Ampelopsis to Zauschneria – Finding Meaning in Botanical Names

Diana Reeck of 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."

Fall Into Gardening

October 8, 9:30 a.m. to noon

Milwaukie Center

This event offers soil pH testing, a Gardening Clinic, and 10-Minute University™ classes.

Topics include:

9:30 Making New Beds with Autumn Leaves (Sherry Holley)

10:00 Fall Vegetable Gardening (Jane Collier)

10:30 Putting Your Garden to Bed (Laura Eyer)

11:00 Container Planting for Fall and Winter (Darlene Reimer)

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

Gray Thompson

Community Projects Grant

The Gray Thompson Community Projects Grant Committee awarded Debbie Thomas of the Friends of Brookside Native Plant Restoration project \$500 toward purchasing native plants. Brookside is open-space parkland on the western edge of Iron Mountain Park in Lake Oswego. Native species will retain the stream bank and reduce bare areas where non-native plants may grow. Questions? Contact Nancy Hopkins at nhop101@aol.com.

Kudos

The Chapter Outing to Laurel Hedge was a success! Members remarked positively on garden design, diversity of plant material, and hospitality. Thank you, our awesome Program Committee, for making the opportunity possible.

Eighty-nine MGs and guests enjoyed the annual Chapter Picnic. Because the Milwaukie Center no longer provides a grill, the Picnic Committee tried a new format with great success! The succulent pulled pork, melt-in-your-mouth baked beans, superb sweet corn, and ice cream sundae were all hits. Thank you goes to **Nancy Hopkins** and **Mary Butler** for spearheading the event which celebrates our achievements. Thank you also to **Larry and Laura Huckaba** for providing their corn, raspberries, and blueberries. Yum!

Green Glove Award

Reta Suzanne has served as Spring Garden Fair (SGF) Volunteer Coordinator for two years. She took on the challenge while working full-time and assisting with a grandchild's care. As Volunteer Coordinator, Reta works to fill over 300 shifts. Reta says, "I feel happy watching people get excited over plants at the Spring Garden Fair. That makes me want to help."

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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 (<http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu/locations.php>).

Maintenance and Clean Up

- 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).
- Harvest winter squash when the "ground spot" changes from white to a cream or gold color.
- Pick and store winter squash; mulch carrot, parsnip, and beets for winter harvesting.

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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- Protect tomatoes and/or pick green tomatoes and ripen indoors if frost threatens.
- Reduce water on trees, shrubs, and vines east of Cascades to harden them off for winter.
- Stake tall flowers to keep them from blowing over in fall winds.
- Dig, clean, and store tuberous begonias if frost threatens.
- Harvest potatoes when the tops die down. Store them in a dark location.
- Optimal time for establishing a new lawn is August through Mid-September.
- Aerate lawns.
- (Early-September): Apply 1 lb. nitrogen per 1,000 sq.ft. to lawns. Reduce risks of run-off into local waterways by not fertilizing just prior to rain, and not over-irrigating so that water runs off of lawn and onto sidewalk or street.
- **Willamette Valley:** Stop irrigating your lawn after Labor Day to suppress European crane fly populations.

Planting/Propagation

- Divide peonies and iris.
- Plant or transplant woody ornamentals and mature herbaceous perennials. Fall planting of trees, shrubs and perennials can encourage healthy root growth over the winter.

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