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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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Master Gardener Program Updates

Happy summer!

Greetings Master Gardeners. Thank you for reading the newsletter. Here you will find valuable and seasonal horticulture information and program updates. We appreciate your help to provide research-based information to the general public to promote sustainable gardening practices. Thank you for being part of the Master Gardener program!



Please report your volunteer hours by October 1!

Thank you for volunteering with the Master Gardener program in 2013. We would love to include your volunteer efforts in our report to OSU and the community. Please submit your hours by October 1, 2013. Even if you have not completed the minimum hours (66 for new trainees and 25 for veteran MGs), we want to count your contribution. Here are the ways that you can submit your hours:

- Download and print a log sheet (available in PDF or Excel) <http://www.metromastergardeners.org/downloads>.
- Fill out the Excel form and email it to: margaret.bayne@oregonstate.edu.
- Fill in the details and mail it to us: Master Gardener Program 200 Warner-Milne Rd., Oregon City, OR, 97045.
- Call the MG Program office 503-655-8631 to report your hours over the phone.
- **NOTE:** only use the 2013 metro area log sheets to report your hours. We are not using the statewide MG online reporting system (ORS).

Recognition of local MGs for statewide awards

In early August at OSU Master Gardener Mini College, the Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) recognized three of our very own volunteers with statewide awards including:

- Claudia Groth- Statewide Master Gardener of the Year
- Sherry Sheng- Statewide Master Gardener of the Year
- Herb Davis- Statewide Behind the Scenes Award

Congratulations to each of you and THANK YOU for your service as a Master Gardener volunteer in the tri-county program. We appreciate your generous contribution to OSU's educational mission!



*Claudia Groth
(Photos by Sharon Andrews)*



Sherry Sheng



Herb Davis

Seasonal vegetable gardening tips

Give your tomatoes a haircut (cut vines above any developing fruit sets) and cut the water (if you have not already) to encourage the last wave of tomatoes to ripen. Watch out for late blight! There is very high disease pressure from the rainy and humid conditions during the last several weeks of August. [Learn more about tomato late blight.](#)

Early September is a great time to start the end-of-season cleanup of your veggie garden. Remove summer vegetables such as zucchini, cucumber, beans, etc. when the yield declines and prepare the soil for winter cover crops or mulching. Choose cover crops like crimson clover and radish/mustard for the easiest incorporation come spring. Don't let them go to seed! Plant cover crops by the end of September or earlier to take advantage of these uncharacteristic summer rains. Or add compost and then mulch your soil with coffee sacks, leaves, black plastic, etc. Fall is also a great time to lime the soil for next year's veggie garden, particularly where you plan to grow tomatoes.

Labor Day Weekend is the time to sow any last winter greens like spinach, arugula, mustard, cutting lettuce, mache, etc. Crops sown this late in the season will appreciate row cover or cold frame protection. Keep the soil evenly moist until seeds germinate and provide water as needed (1" per week minimum). Don't harvest too much of the greens this fall and then early in 2014 you will have a bountiful harvest of tasty and nutritious greens.

New OSU forms and procedures for 2014

We have been updating our database to comply with new OSU policies that require the Master Gardener program office to get signed forms from volunteers each year to maintain an 'active' status with the program. For 2013, we collected paper work from about 800 volunteers (200 new trainees and 600 veteran MGs). Thank you for being up-to-date in your educational requirements and forms! We appreciate your help in the monumental feat of data crunching. Thank you to MG program staff Margaret Bayne for her attention to detail for this new requirement from OSU!

PLEASE READ HERE IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH OSU IN 2014

If you are a 2013 trainee or veteran MG and you are interested in volunteering with the Master Gardener program in 2014, we are glad that you will be joining us and look forward to providing you with a fun and educational experience.

To maintain your 'active' status as an MG volunteer in 2014, OSU requires that you take the following steps (detailed instructions provided below):

1. **Submit signed forms (REQUIRED YEARLY) to the MG program office.**
2. **Complete 12 hours of recertification** to keep current with emerging pests/diseases and programmatic details. See details below. Recertification is not required for 2013 trainees.
3. **Volunteer at least 25 hours of volunteer service** on activities of your choice (we suggest 12.5 hours in direct service (clinic-type activities) and 12.5 hours support activities).
4. **Submit your volunteer hours by October 1, 2013.**

Here are detailed instructions for maintaining your 'active' status with the MG program.

1. Submit signed forms (REQUIRED YEARLY) to the MG program office by 10/1/2013.

Go to please go to <http://www.metromastergardeners.org/downloads/> and download and print the following forms (see website for details about each form):

Condition of Service Form for 2014: All volunteers must complete this form to be a registered Oregon State University volunteer. Doing so not only recognizes the volunteer as an official agent, it allows the university to extend coverage for tort liability (civil liability for injuries or damages to person or property of others) subject to the following general conditions:

- You are working on an OSU task assigned by an authorized OSU supervisor
- You limit your actions to the duties assigned (defined in the assigned duties section)
- You perform your assigned duties in good faith, and do not act in a manner that is reckless or with the intent to unlawfully inflict harm to others.

Position Description: This form describes the job of a MG Extension volunteer, as well as position requirements and supervision. If either of the two boxes under 'optional assigned duties' are checked, then a Criminal History Check and/or DMV Driving Record Check will need to be performed.

Mail these completed and signed forms to Master Gardener Program, 200 Warner-Milne Rd., Oregon City, OR 97045. We will also bring these and other forms to the November 9 recertification class to catch you in-person and collect these forms.

If you have any questions about submitting these forms, please contact Margaret Bayne at 503-650-3126 or margaret.bayne@oregonstate.edu.

2. Complete 12 hours of recertification to stay current with IPM information

Recertification can be achieved in the following ways:

- Attend our two 6-hour trainings on Saturdays in the fall and again in the spring
- Attend four 3-hour classes during our annual intern training.
- Combination from above totaling 12 hours of classes.
- Take a recertification test each year with a passing grade of 80%. (2014 tests will be available early next year)
- Designated monthly speakers at the MG Chapter meetings and 10-Minute University meet OSU criteria for recertification and you will be able to report these classes for recertification too. These events will be listed in the newsletter as they come up.
- Classes at the OMGA Mini-college. (this year all classes counted towards recertification.)
- Other MG program pre-approved trainings.

3. Volunteer at least 25 hours with at least 1/2 of the hours toward clinic-type (primary) activities phone clinics (in office and MG Dx work) and remote clinics at farmer's markets, garden shows, fairs, garden centers, Zoo, Blue lake, etc., Speaker's Bureau, 10-Minute University and Ask an expert. (see volunteer log sheet for more information.)

4. Report volunteer hours to the program office by October 1st, 2013. We understand that we have very rigorous requirements to maintain status as an 'active' Master Gardener volunteer. We hope that these policies help us to maintain the integrity of our educational program such that we can best serve the general public. Thank you for your patience and persistence with these procedures. We appreciate your attention to these overwhelming details.

<http://www.metromastergardeners.org/downloads>.

Japanese beetles

Japanese beetles have been spotted in Oregon.

<http://www.oregonlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2013/07/japanese-beetles-threaten-oreg.html>

Especially right now when early detection is so critically important to stop the invasion of this pest . . . if MG volunteers see a Japanese beetle ~ in your own garden, or in a sample brought into a MG plant clinic ~ please inform the Oregon Invasive Species Council (<http://www.oregon.gov/oisc/pages/help.aspx>) and Helmuth Rogg (<http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/Pages/contact-us-directory.aspx>).



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OPPORTUNITIES FROM JORDIS

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HOURS DUE OCT 1

Remember that your volunteer hours (intern and veteran) are due by October 1. We have a great time seeing all the volunteer hours get tallied up and ready to report to OSU.

Veterans - Be sure to indicate on your form if you would like a certificate for the year. We are happy to make them for those that would like one, but we choose not to use resources to make certificates for MGs that indicate that they don't need one this year.

2013 Trainees- We award a certificate of completion to all trainees that meet the volunteer hour requirements and make them available at the Recertification Training on November 9 (along with a permanent orange badge...yeah!). If you are unable to attend that day, we will follow up by mailing them out. There is no need to RSVP for this event....you are all welcome!

If you haven't completed all the hours that you intended, please turn in what you have so far and indicate that you are still working on them. We all understand the road blocks that can happen in the 'life-happens' category.

If you are scheduled for an event after Oct. 1, you may put the hours down on the form as 'predicted' hours if you like, or you can save them to report next October.

FALL HOME AND GARDEN SHOW

October 3 – 6 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 Primary. Thu – 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. <http://www.otshows.com/pfhs/>



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

This event goes for two weekends... October 12-13 and October 19-20. Shifts are 10 am to 1 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm. Contact Jordis 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 9** 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.

We will be presenting certificates of completion for the 2013 trainees and their new orange permanent badges starting at noon. Veterans that would like to receive a certificate and have indicated such on their log sheets may pick up theirs as well.

Natter's Notes Giant House Spider

Jean R. Natter

It's big, looks scary, runs at light speed, but is harmless. It's the giant house spider, *Tegenaria gigantea*. If you've been on the MG hotlines during the past month or two, you've probably met one first hand.

The public requests spider identifications year-round, with the peak period in the Metro counties extending from July through October. Hobo spiders are typically of concern, sometimes also the brown recluse, the latter often due to misleading news reports. It's helpful to know the brown recluse lives in the south-central US, not in the northwest.



Fig 1 - A giant house spider, lateral view. Note the very long legs, with the "knees" held high.

The public's over-riding concern about spiders is whether or not they're dangerous. Bites, on the rare occasion they do occur, are typically defensive actions when spiders are pushed, nudged or crushed. Even then, bites are typically unsuccessful or, if the skin is pierced "dry" - that is, no venom is injected, it can't be called a spider bite unless the spider is caught in the act.



Fig 2 - A male giant house spider in a jar; notice the slender enlargements on the palps.

The giant's most feared relative, the hobo spider (*Tegenaria agrestis*), was first identified in the PNW in Seattle during the 1930s, and is currently throughout the northwest. This medium-sized spider has a two year life cycle, moves rapidly, and seldom climbs more than 4 1/2 feet on slick vertical surfaces. The name "aggressive house spider" is a mistaken translation of the species epithet "agrestis" which means "of the field." For some years now, the giant spider has outnumbered the hobo, perhaps because it occupies the same ecological niche.

When one of the *Tegenaria* species is brought to one of our MG offices, it's often a giant. That's true if it is an individual specimen or one of many on a sticky trap. To identify any spider, first notice its pose while at rest, then start examining individual characteristics, among them the number of eyes and their distribution, the shape and length of the spinnerets.

Whenever a spider is brought to the office any time between late July and through October, you should consider that it may be a *Tegenaria* species. If the following features are lacking, it's obviously a different variety. (Hmm, more research needed.)

- Figure 1: First, check the pose at rest. Here, the very long legs are tucked close to the body, the "knees" held high in the air. To me, that suggests it may be a giant house spider. Even so, that's insufficient for an ID.
- Figure 2: A profile view may reveal the general shape of the palps, enough to tell you this is a male or female but, if this is a *Tegenaria* species, a more precise ID must wait until you examine the specimen with a 10x loupe or a dissecting scope.

- Figure 3: Marks on a spider's dorsum only suggest which of the three *Tegenaria* species it might be, because such marks may vary considerably within an individual species.
- Figure 4: The marks on the ventral surface and coxae (first segment of the legs) are more specific, but still inadequate for a firm ID.



Fig 3 – The marks on the dorsal surface of the abdomen aren't always as well-defined as on this giant house spider. (The diameter of the circle at the bottom of the jar is 2 5/8 inches.)

The clincher to identifying any of the three *Tegenaria* species is the sexual apparatus, the specifics of either the male palps or the female epigyne.



Figure 4 - Giant house spider, image submitted by a client who knew to slow the spider down enough that she could take a picture of the ventral surface; notice the coin for size

You'll find lots of information about hobo spiders and their look-a-likes online, some of it factual, some not. The most easily accessible, accurate, peer-reviewed document is "How to identify (or misidentify) the hobo spider," available in each Metro MG office. (To obtain your own copy, see Resources, below.)

After you've learned how to identify the giant house spider and its two close relatives, the hobo spider and the domestic house spider (*Tegenaria domestica*), you can speak with confidence about the spider at hand. While you're refining your identification skills, you can always reassure clients by saying that someone will verify your tentative ID and will contact them with the result.

Resources

- 1- How to identify (or misidentify) the hobo spider (PLS 116) http://pep.wsu.edu/pdf/PLS116_1.pdf
- 2- Superb images, especially of male hobo palp <http://bugguide.net/node/view/814342/bgimage>
- 3- Brown Recluse and Recluse Spiders <http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn7468.html>
- 4- Spiders Myths, including "A spider bit me while I was asleep" <http://www.burkemuseum.org/spidermyth/>
5. Common spiders of Portland, Oregon <http://web.pdx.edu/~smasta/MastaSpiders.html>



Figure 5 – A typical funnel web of spiders in the family Agelenidae; a flat, non-sticky sheet with a tunnel at the rear where the spider waits. Webs on lawns and shrubs are most visible when covered with a light mist.

Some Veteran Recertification Opportunities...

- **September 3, 9:30 am – 11:00 am, “Planning & Planting for Year-Round Harvests.”** MG Tim Lanfri will discuss making a planting plan, timing your plantings, succession planting, fall and winter techniques, and growing without a greenhouse. (See Washington County Chapter Chat, Page 14)
- **September 10, 9:30 am – 11:30 am, “Mason Bees and Other Native Pollinators.”** Learn the life cycle, nesting habits and management of mason bees from MG Ron Spendal. (See Washington County Chapter Chat, Page 14)
- **September 21, Internet Essentials for Master Gardeners,** (Notice below)
- **September 21, “Organic Vegetable Production Training,** (Page 10)
- **September 25, Growing Farms** (Page 10)
- **October 8, 7 pm, “Attracting Native Pollinators”.** Mace Vaughn, Director, Xerces Society’s Pollinator Program and Joint Pollinator conservation Specialist with the NRCS West National Technology Support Center. (See Multnomah County Grapevine, Page 13)
- **October 12, Internet Essentials for Master Gardeners,** (Notice below)
- **October 14, 7 pm “Fruit Trees 101: 10 Things to Know When You Grow”**, Monica Maggio, former Arboretum Manager of the Home Orchard Society. (See Clackamas County Chatter, Page 12)
- **November 9th, MG Recertification, CCC** (Agenda will be in October Newsletter)

Internet Essentials for Master Gardeners

(Computer training sponsored by the Metro Master Gardener Program)

Hands-on class to learn how to use key online resources for MGs
Choose one or two 3-hour classes each day
Every student has a PC computer

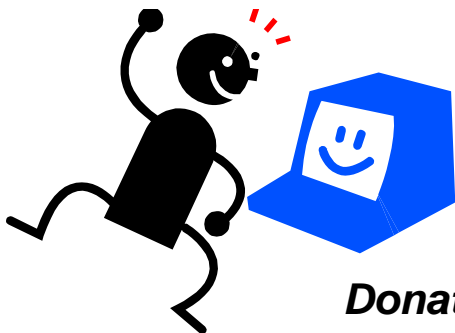
Date	Site	9 to noon	1 to 4 PM
September 21	PCC, Rock Creek**	MG Referral Forum (Upload Referrals & Images)	PNW Handbooks (Disease; Insect; Weed)
October 12	Clackamas College***	PNW Handbooks (Disease; Insect; Weed)	MG Referral Forum (Upload Referrals & Images)

**PCC, Rock Creek: 17705 NW Springville Rd. Portland, OR 97229

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

Two different classes each day; choose one or both

- The online PNW Handbooks
- MG Referral Forum: How to Upload Referrals & Images



Spaces available in all classes

Pre-register with Jean Natter; J.R.Natter@aol.com

Please provide the following:

1. Your name and phone number
2. Date(s) and time of session(s) you will attend

Donation of \$2 per class to cover cost of handouts

Here are some upcoming educational events from OSU Extension. Please help spread the word!

Full-day Organic Vegetable Production Training

New to vegetable gardening or just looking to improve your skills? Want to share your veggie production knowledge with others in the community? Learn the best practices for hand-scale vegetable production to optimize your production of fresh, tasty veggies using organic techniques. This full-day training will be filled with field demonstrations, detailed handouts, some hands-on training, and plenty of opportunities to ask questions and learn more about intensive vegetable production. Gain confidence in vegetable production with OSU educator Jen Aron.



- **When:** Saturday September 21, 2013 from 10:00am-4:00pm
- **Where:** Learning Gardens Lab 6801 SE 60th Ave. Portland, OR 97206
- **Cost:** \$50 per person/ \$90 for two registering together
- **Contact:** Jen Aron (503) 758-7386 earthjenn@gmail.com
- **To Register:** <https://secure.oregonstate.edu/osuext/register/559>



Growing Farms

**Successful Whole Farm Management
Workshop Series**

Growing Farms: Successful whole farm management seminar series

Looking to start a farm business or social enterprise focused on food and agriculture? Invest your time in Growing Farms seminar series, which provides students with a step-by-step guide to form an agricultural enterprise focused on extensive planning and risk management. Learn from experienced farmers and experts from OSU Extension Service and other agencies how to launch a farm business, without losing the farm... Complete the Growing Farms: Successful Whole Farm Management Planning Book: Think It! Write It! as part of course and get coaching on your farm business plan. This run of Growing Farms is conducted at part of Beginning Urban Farmer Apprenticeship (BUFA). Extensive networking opportunities are part of this course!

- **When:** Wednesdays September 25 – October 30, 2013 from 5:00pm-8:30 pm plus all day Saturday, October 19 for a field trip to Sauvie Island Organics, Wealth Underground Farm, and Skyline Farm.
- **Where:** Multnomah County Building 501 Hawthorne Blvd. Portland, OR 97214
- **Cost:** \$200 per person/ \$350 for two registering together
- **Contact:** Weston Miller 503-706-9193 weston.miller@oregonstate.edu
- **To register:** <https://secure.oregonstate.edu/osuext/register/643>

HORTICULTURAL CALENDAR FOR THE METRO AREA

- Sept 3 Washington Co. Chapter, On Tour in South Africa
- Sept 3 Washington Co. Demonstration Garden, Planning & Planting for Year-Round Harvests
- Sept 9 Clackamas Co. Chapter, A Year in the Garden: a Behind the Scenes Look at the Portland Rose Garden
- Sept 9 Clackamas Co., Vertical Gardens
- Sept 10 Multnomah Co. Chapter, Harvest to the Table
- Sept 10 Washington Co. Demonstration Garden, Mason Bees and Other Native Pollinators
- Sept 21 PCC, Rock Creek, Internet Essentials for Master Gardeners
- Sept 21 Organic Vegetable Production Training
- Sept 24 Washington Co. Demonstration Garden, 4th Annual Tomato Tasting
- Sept 25 Growing Farms
- Sept 28 Villa Garden Club Plant Sale, Parkrose Community Church, 12505 NE Halsey St., Portland, OR
- Oct 1 Intern and Veteran hours are DUE
- Oct 3-6 Expo Center, Fall Home and Garden Show
- Oct 8 Multnomah Co. Chapter, Attracting Native Pollinators
- Oct 12 Clackamas Co. Chapter, Fall into Gardening
- Oct 12 Clackamas College, Internet Essentials for Master Gardeners
- Oct 12-13 and Oct 19-20
Portland Apple Tasting Festival
- Oct 14 Clackamas Co. Chapter, Fruit Trees 101: 10 Things to Know When You Grow
- Nov 9 Clackamas Community College, Fall Recertification
- Nov 18 Clackamas Co. Chapter, Edible Flowers
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September Garden Calendar

The monthly gardening calendars are produced by OSU Extension. Each calendar provides reminders of key garden chores, such as fertilizing, pest control, planting, and maintenance. Recommendations in this calendar are not necessarily applicable to all areas of Oregon. For more information, [contact your local Extension office](#).

Sustainable gardening

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.

Maintenance and Clean Up

- Dampwood termites begin flying late this month. Make sure your home is free of wet wood or places where wood and soil are in contact.
- 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.
- 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-Septembe**: 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.
- 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).

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.
- Plant daffodils, tulips, and crocus for spring bloom. Work calcium and phosphorus into the soil below the bulbs at planting time. Remember when purchasing bulbs, the size of the bulb is directly correlated to the size of the flower yet to come in spring.
- **Western Oregon**: plant winter cover of annual rye or winter peas in vegetable garden.

Pest Monitoring and Management

- Apply parasitic nematodes to moist soil beneath rhododendrons and azaleas that show root weevil damage (notched leaves).
- Control slugs as necessary. Least toxic management options for slugs include barriers and traps. Baits are also available for slug control; iron phosphate baits are safe to use around pets. Read and follow all label directions prior to using baits, or any other chemical control.
- Monitor trailing berries for leaf and cane spot. Treat if necessary.
- As necessary, apply copper spray for peach and cherry trees.
- Spray for juniper twig blight, as necessary, after pruning away dead and infected twigs.
- Continue monitoring late-season soft fruits and berries for Spotted Wing Drosophila (SWD). If SWD are present, use an integrated and least toxic approach to manage the pests. Learn [how to monitor for SWD flies and larval](#) infestations in fruit.
- **Coastal and western valleys**: spray susceptible varieties of potatoes and tomatoes for early and late blight.

Houseplants and Indoor Gardening

- Clean houseplants, check for insects, and repot and fertilize if necessary; then bring them indoors.



OMGA State Master Gardeners of the Year!

Congratulations to our very own Multnomah Chapter member Claudia Groth, and Sherry Sheng, of the Clackamas Chapter for being honored as the OMGA State Master Gardeners of the Year! Claudia and Sherry, we are so grateful to you for your dedication, leadership, and generosity to the MG Program. Kudos to you both for all your accomplishments!

The Multnomah Co. Master Gardeners



September Chapter Meeting

Monday, September 9, 2013, 7 p.m.

Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., Milwaukie

A Year in the Garden: a Behind the Scenes

Look at the Portland Rose Garden

Harry Landers of the Portland Parks and Recreation Department will share insights about the Portland Rose Garden. Learn about this treasure of Portland from the man who knows it best. **this is a change in speaker from the listing in the directory*

October Program

Monday, October 14, 2013

Fruit Trees 101:10 Things To Know When You Grow

Want to join in the quickly blossoming movement of growing your own fruit? Monica Maggio, former Arboretum Manager of the Home Orchard Society, will discuss site requirements and preparation, pollination needs, general maintenance needs of various fruits, and how to select.

Summer events

Chapter members enjoyed the July outing at *Hopkins Demonstration Forest*, an educational site supported by OSU Extension. Short tours of the facility provided insight into several forestry practices. The Master Gardener native plant garden was enjoyed by all.

The chapter picnic in August was a huge success. Good food, great fellowship, and nice weather combined to make this a memorable event. Thanks to the organizing committee for another great job. *The CCMG Chapter rocks!*

We were honored to be joined by Mike, Weston, Jordis, Margaret, and Jean from the Extension Office and Gail Langellotto, State MG Coordinator, who drove up from Corvallis.

Chapter Events in 2013

- **October 12** - Fall into Gardening

Budget time

This is the time of the year for developing next year's budget. If you have a committee or program that regularly is included in the budget, please review your needs for the coming year. Committee chairs should work through their liaison to the Executive Board.

Award Winners

Every year, our Chapter selects 4 award winners. Two of them are submitted to the state OMGA committee for consideration for the statewide winner. This year, our nominees were chosen as the winners for the entire state!

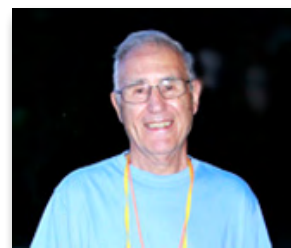
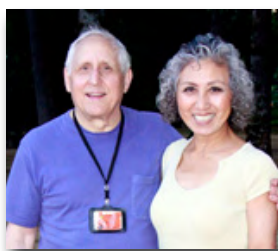
Statewide Master Gardener of the Year. Sherry Sheng was our nominee and she received this prestigious award. Sherry has been very active in our Chapter: past-president, 10-Min University™ coordinator, and she serves on several OMGA standing committees. She is a very dedicated MG volunteer. Sherry becomes the fifth Clackamas County MG to be selected for this award (she joins Paul Miken, Gray & Noreen Thompson, and Pat Smith.)

Statewide Behind the Scenes Award. Herb Davis was our Nominee and he was selected for the state award. Herb is, of course, chairman of the Spring Garden Fair committee and puts in countless hours on this project, the best fundraiser in the state. He also is our grill cook at the chapter picnic and participates in other MG events.

Chapter Master Gardener of the Year. Buzz Oerding received this award from Gail Langellotto at the chapter picnic. Buzz is currently on the Board as a member of the Advisory Committee and is ever-present at training and chapter meetings as hospitality coordinator. He is the reason that the coffee is ready before the meeting starts.

Chapter Behind the Scenes. Dee Linde is the recipient of this award. She is the "diggerdee" who sends out chapter communications and also is the set-up person for the Oregon City Farmer's Market. Dee also maintains the current membership database.

Congratulations to all of our award winners. The recognition is well deserved.



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September 2013

Speaker Series

Tuesday, September 10

7:00pm

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church

5441 SE Belmont Street

Speakers: Caprial and John Pence

Topic:

'Harvest to the Table'

Multnomah County Grapevine

In cooperation with the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener Program



Coming next month:

Tuesday, October 8, 7pm

Attracting Native Pollinators.

Learn how you can help attract and support native pollinator populations in your own backyard with

Mace Vaughn, Director, Xerces Society's Pollinator Program and Joint Pollinator Conservation Specialist.

Harvest to the Table

After carefully tending and toiling in your veggie plot all season, you are now finally reaping rewards with an abundant harvest. Now you might need inspiration to bring your harvest to the table. Join award-winning chefs and television hosts Caprial and John Pence, as they offer ideas and recipes for turning summer's bounty into dazzling dishes, including a cooking lecture and demonstration using produce from our Community Demonstration Garden, with tastings, plus recipes to take home!

Caprial and John Pence share a passion for food that has been demonstrated over the years in their Portland restaurant, several Learning Channel and Public

Television cooking series, and in numerous cookbooks. Experiences combined, they have worked in every size and style restaurant imaginable. They host classes and "Supper Club" meals and offer catering service at their SE Portland base., *'The Kitchen'*.



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Our Community Demonstration Garden

Gardening knowledge expands for those who visit the **Multnomah County Chapter's Community Demonstration Garden** located on the Learning Gardens Laboratory 12-acre site (6801 SE 60th, between Duke and Flavel St.). There you can find a square-foot garden plot, trials of conventional vs grafted tomatoes, various ways to trellis your crops, and learn about garden pests and how to organically control them. Along with a chance to practice gardening techniques, learn new skills, and keep up with the various experiments going on at the garden, our volunteers contribute to the food security of the community. So far, over 870 pounds of produce have been harvested and donated to area food banks. The garden is on track to exceed last years harvest total of over 2000 lbs. Everyone is welcome to drop by for a visit or to dig-in and lend a helping hand to this important community outreach project. Garden work days are Monday and Thursday, 9am to 12 noon. Questions email: mgdemogarden@gmail.com



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Washington County Chapter Chat

Good Dirt for the Master Gardeners of Washington County, Oregon

September 2013

Chapter Meeting & Lecture

Tuesday, September 3

6:30 pm social time, 6:45 pm chapter meeting,
7:15 public lecture
First Baptist Church, 5755 SW Erickson Ave, Beaverton.

TOPIC: On Tour in South Africa:

Botanical gardens, special plants, and animals too!

SPEAKER: Bruce Wakefield, an exotic gardens expert and executive director of the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon.

Bruce will show and discuss photos of five national botanical gardens of South Africa located in several diverse climates, plus other notable gardens there. He'll also share photos of three safaris, featuring native flora and fauna.

Congratulations, Marilyn Bertil!



**2013 Washington County
Master Gardener of the Year**

Becoming a master gardener in 2009, Marilyn dug right in, working at MG clinics and serving as WCMGA publicity director. Her tireless community outreach work has included preparing educational materials for home gardeners, promoting master gardener services and building interest in MG training.

Marilyn also coordinates chapter meetings, fills clinic requests, and co-taught a new "Seed to Supper" class piloted by WCMGA and the Oregon Food Bank this year.

Our honoree is a retired, native Oregonian who enjoys growing "just about every vegetable." (Last year, she grew a single-grafted Indigo Rose Tomato that became an enormous bush with over 300 fruit that kept ripening until December.) "Master Gardening has been a rich learning experience, Marilyn noted. "To have one's contribution acknowledged feels good. Many thanks to the chapter."

Remembering Jerry Schwarz, MD

Respected MG Jerry Schwarz, 76, died July 24 following a two-year battle with melanoma. In a tribute, his family remembered Jerry as "a master gardener who relished the opportunity to share his knowledge as a Washington Park Rose Garden tour guide."



Demo Garden: Tomato Tasting, Seminars Coming Up

Don't miss these informative and fun September events at our Demonstration Garden. For more details and directions, see <http://www.metromastergardeners.org/washington/>

- **September 3 9:30 - 11 a.m.**
Planning & Planting for Year-Round Harvests
MG Tim Lanfri will discuss making a planting plan, timing your plantings, succession planting, fall and winter techniques, and growing without a greenhouse.
- **September 10 9:30 a.m. (1-2 hrs.)**
Mason Bees and Other Native Pollinators
Learn the life cycle, nesting habits and management of mason bees from MG Ron Spendal.
- **September 24 10 a.m. - noon**
4th Annual Tomato Tasting
It's been a great summer for growing tomatoes! Come taste heirlooms, old standards and new varieties you might like to grow. Enter your best tasting or most unique tomatoes in the judging if you wish. Vote for your favorites!

To prepare entries: bring 3-4 samples of your favorite variety, washed, labeled (with variety), and ready to slice.

After the tasting, stay for corn on the cob and snacks and enjoy seeing the Demo Garden's many interesting displays and plantings.

Fair Draws 3811 Visitors to Demo Garden

Good weather and a successful group effort created an enjoyable learning experience for the 3811 visitors to the Demo Garden during the July County Fair. That's 800 more people than in 2012! Led by **Bill Klug, Sally Skinner, and Jeannine Rychlik**, 77 MG's put in 550 hours touring visitors, giving presentations, and welcoming 1385 youngsters to the Kids Zone. Special kudos to the MG's who work year-round at the garden, along with their partners, the Tualatin Valley Garden Club.

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