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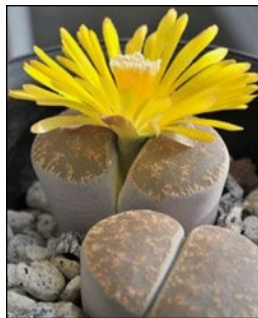
President's message



I have an unusual, quirky family. Anyone who knows me has no doubt that I would. But the surprises and adventures (and, to be honest, the eccentricities) offers a chance for a deep love for people, places and things that might be thought of as not "on the

beaten path". The unconventionally beautiful. The heart-felt sentiments that can startle you at first hearing.

Like those of us who are marching to our own drummer, nature doesn't have a shortage of the off-beat. We've all heard of the World's Ugliest Dog contest and we've seen any number of truly hideous plants appear in Plant Clinic. But, in honor of Valentine's Day, I'd like to spotlight some oddballs we may overlook because we don't always recognize how appealing the unusual can be. After all, someone loves that ugly dog.



Do you know *Lithops*, popularly known as "Flowering Stones" or "Living Stones"? They're a bit frightening (stones that bloom??) but I really appreciate how they, like many people, have evolved to survive in this sometimes harsh world.



The Ocotillo is another desert dweller that is well suited to its environment but nature took the time to make uniquely beautiful, too. Since it loves the arid desert of Arizona, it blooms pretty consistently every year and – here's the best part – hummingbirds love it! Spiny, gaunt, outrageously bold but cherished. Not a bad life caption.

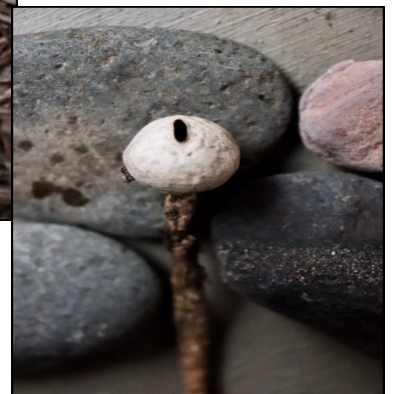
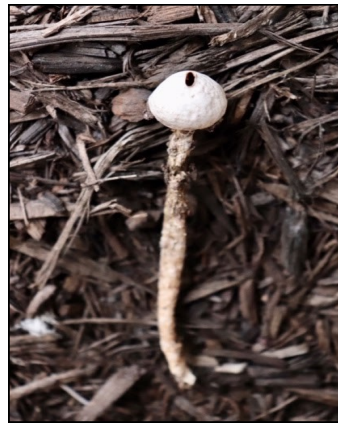
We spend Valentine's Day recognizing the joys in our life. For me, it's more than the dear hubby at home and the sweet children I was lucky enough to raise. It's the "family" I wasn't born into. The siblings who adopted me and the Aunts and Uncles who took time to nurture me. And the friends that volunteer alongside me. You, my dear friends, remain patient with me, advising me when I need it and volunteering every time I ask for help, while indulging my silly sense of humor.

This last photo is a real plant (!!), called *Palicourea elata* or "hot lips", the flowering bract on an endangered tree native to the South and Central American rain forests. I think it perfectly expresses my Valentine wishes for all my friends - especially the most wildly unconventional ones! **MWAHH!**



A Strange and Fascinating Fungus on a Stalk

The high desert environment yields some very unusual organisms. One of these is a stalked puffball, unusual because most puffballs lack stalks and are found in moist forested environments. The one pictured here was found in the fall in a juniper-sagebrush scrub shrub habitat close to my home in Bend. Diminutive in size measuring at most 3 inches tall with a spore sac just over .5 of an inch wide, it could have been easily overlooked. It is a member of the genus *Tulostoma* which has a worldwide distribution with more than 30 species occurring in the Pacific Northwest. Adapted to fruit with minimal moisture, these small stalked puffballs emerge after spring and fall rains. To conserve moisture the spores in the fruiting body mature underground and are elevated above the soil surface as the stalk elongates. The spores are primarily wind dispersed through a small pore as seen in the picture below or in some by erosion of the spore sac. If the spore sac is touched a "puff" of spores are released hence the common name. *Tulostoma* species are almost impossible to identify without the aid of a compound microscope because external morphology varies with the growing conditions and spores must be used. High magnification is required to observe the spore surfaces which definitively can be used to separate species. Some puffballs are excellent edibles when young but not the stalked puffballs because they are tough and almost woody in texture. Appreciate them for their unique desert adaptations.



Photographs by Samantha Shearer

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COMGA Calendar
for contact persons go to gocomga.com

February

- 4 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Central Oregon Climate
- 5 MG training, Soils & Water-wise Gardening
- 6 Monthly board meeting, 1pm, OSU Extension Office, Bldg. #3
- 6 Spring Seminar Committee meeting, 11am, OSU Extension Office, Bldg. #4
- 18 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Growing Veggies in Central Oregon
- 19 MG training, *Vegetable Gardening, Weeds, Project Fair
- 26 MG training, *Insects & IPM Online

March

- 3 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Companion Plant Combos
- 4 MG training, *Plant ID & *Common Damage to Landscape Plants
- 5 Monthly board meeting, 1pm, OSU Extension Office, Bldg. #3
- 5 Spring Seminar Committee meeting, 11am, OSU Extension Office, Bldg. #4
- 5 Growing Vegetables class, OSU Extension, 5-7pm
- 7 Growing Vegetables class, OSU Ag station, Madras, 10:00am-noon
- 14 Growing Vegetables class, OSU Cascades, 10:00am-noon
- 17 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Summer Bulbs to Plant Now
- 18 MG training, *Pruning & *Pruning lab
- 21 Growing Vegetables class, COCC, Prineville, 10:00am-noon
- 28 Growing Vegetables class, Coffield Community center, Sisters, 10:00am-noon
- 31 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30 am, The Best Irrigation for Your Plants

April

- 2 Monthly board meeting, 1pm, OSU Extension Office, Bldg. #3
- 2 Spring Seminar committee meeting, 11:00am
- 7 OSU Demo Garden workday, OSU Extension Office, 9am
- 7 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Spring Gardening Seminar
- 9 Hollinshead Water-wise garden workday, 9am
- 18 Spring Gardening Seminar, 8:00am—4:30pm
- 21 OSU Demo Garden workday, OSU Extension Office, 9am
- 21 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30, Home & Garden Show
- 23 Hollinshead Water-wise garden workday, 9am
- 23 Hollinshead Volunteer meeting, 10:00am

Getting to Know You!

By Laurie Floyd

Meet Kate Applegate, a 4th generation Oregonian with an interesting pioneering history in her family.

In 1843 Kate's Great Great Grandpa and Uncles traveled to Oregon, carving out and establishing the Applegate Trail. The three brothers traveled along the Columbia River bringing the first covered wagons carrying women, children, cattle, and cows to Oregon. If you travel around the Columbia Gorge area, there are signs marking the trail. You can look up the Applegate Trail or Jessie /Lindsey Applegate on the computer.

Kate is a pioneer in her own right. She moved back to Central Oregon 12 years ago into a neighborhood that should have had CCRs but no board was ever formed to enforce them. So, being tired of wasting water on a grass strip by her driveway, Kate decided to rip the grass out. She then planted some lovely red Maples with some water-wise plants below them. When her neighbors saw what she had done with no repercussions, they followed her lead and now the neighborhood has color and variety.

Kate has been a Master Gardener since 2008. Her background is in Biology and Zoology, which deals with animals and humans. She was curious about plants so she took Botany and then entered into the MG program. Kate became a Master Gardener because she, like most of us, was tired of making mistakes in the garden and wanted information.

Kate has xeriscaped her front yard. Wanting to be sure she planted the right plants, she bought one of the first xeriscaping book by Amy Jo Detweiler. Through a stroke of luck she discovered that she had planted all the right plants.

Kate loves shade, so she planted trees in her backyard. Going from a "What Will Grow Here", list, she planted two beautiful White Bark Himalayan Birch, and a Jaquesmonte Birch. They were gorgeous while they lasted. Kate learned, unfortunately, like others, that those lists can change year to year and can sometimes be inaccurate for our region. Kate decided to let her backyard be natural and has let the Japanese Maples that have planted themselves to stay. She also lets various plants that are beneficial to wildlife that have moved in stay as well. Kate plans to irrigate her backyard so she can plant dwarf conifers, bushes and flowers that attract bees, butterflies and others. She hopes her yard will become a Backyard Wildlife Habitat.

Some quick facts about Kate.....

Kate used to race Dragon Boats.

Due to her Dad's job, Kate has attended 25 schools K - 12, and has lived all over the world.

Kate has a daughter, Kristin, who is a Hospice Nurse in Portland, and a son, Fritz who is an Emergency Response Planner.

Kate loves roses. Last year she planted a few Rugosa roses, that to her delight have survived. She is looking into planting and growing, "Own Root Roses".

Kate has a 12 yr. old cat named, Penelope.

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Project updates

Kate Applegate continued.

Kate's first experience with falling in love with a plant was when she attended second grade in Sidney, Nebraska.

One day during school a big gusty wind blew a huge pile of tumbleweeds onto the playground. At recess, Kate found a big, beautiful, gigantic tumbleweed and instantly fell in love. She had to have that tumbleweed. Her 7 year old brain thought of every way to take it home with her. It wouldn't fit in the car; they couldn't tie it on top of the car; and it was too big for her to carry home. Frustrated, defeated and disheartened Kate let her tumbleweed go. Tumbleweed love, short, but memorable.



OSU Extension Demo Garden

The first work day for the Redmond Demo Garden will be on April 7, 2020 9:00am.



Hope to see you there.

Vicky Kemp & Liz Douville



Please join us on **Tuesday February 11th** to view Gail Langellotto's Webinar titled **"The Latest Research on Bees In The Garden"**.

We will gather in the new Extension Office Classroom at 9:30 for coffee, tea, snacks and a gardening magazine swap (Bring those magazines that you would like to pass on!) The webinar will be viewed from 10-11, and **qualifies for 1 hour of Advanced Training**. Toni Stephan will be joining us for the webinar, and will remain afterwards for any questions/discussion.

IT'S KPOV TIME GARDENING: GET GOOD AT IT

Tune in to The Point on KPOV 88.9 FM, every Tuesday between 9:00 and 9:30 AM.

Here is our lineup of upcoming Gardening: Get Good At It segments.

February 4 Central Oregon Climate

February 18 Growing Veggies in Central Oregon

First General Meeting of COMGA for 2020!

The meeting will be held on **Saturday March 14th** at the home of Liz Anderson in Powell Butte.

Please arrive anytime after 10:00. Coffee, tea and treats will be provided. General Meeting will begin at 10:30, followed by a hands on pruning class led by Toni Stephan and Rocky Bessette. (This will qualify as one hour of Advanced Training). A potluck lunch will follow. Please bring a dish to share and your pruning tools!

To get to Liz Anderson's house:

From Redmond: Take Hwy 126 East toward Prineville. Turn right onto Powell Butte Hwy. Continue 4 1/2 miles south. 12500 S. Powell Butte Hwy will be on your left.

From Bend: Take Hwy 20 East. Turn left onto Powel Butte Hwy. Continue for approx.. 11 miles. 12500 S. Powell Butte Hwy will be on your right.

Questions??????? Contact Liz at (541)968-1626 or at ragingangel61@yahoo.com

Newsletter Notes: Deadline for submission of material to the HoeDown is 1st Friday after the board meeting. All articles, notices and other journalistic efforts are welcome and appreciated. All information provided by the "HoeDown" is believed to be accurate but readers must assume all responsibility for their own actions based on this information. Occasionally a product or company may be named in an article but this does not necessarily constitute an endorsement of said product.
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Discovery Park Community Garden

by Gary Weber

Discovery Park Community Garden (formerly NorthWest Crossing Community Garden)

Planning activities for the garden are well underway. Volunteers got together in January and brainstormed ideas for the 2020 garden. Master Gardeners who volunteered at the garden last year and who will continue in 2020 are Becca McKee, Johanna Talus, Diane Cook, Debbie Earle and Gary Weber. This spring Johanna is handling lottery applications that are already flowing in for raised beds available for this coming season. Application deadline is April 15. Apply at gocomga@gmail.com. Some improvements that we are hoping to make happen this year include a shade structure, bulletin board, storage shed and starting up a food donation program utilizing the excess production formerly being eaten by the chipmunks. The Project Fair is coming up and we hope to interest some of our trainees to sign up to volunteer. There are plenty of activities to get involved with like assisting Master Gardener Mentors, getting involved with the pollinator demo, irrigation system, weed identification and control, all around garden maintenance, and interacting with and providing assistance to our gardeners who are a pleasure to spend time with. And for the mechanically inclined, we want to continue our cloche design improvement efforts. There will be plenty of support for trainees who get involved, so we hope if you're a trainee you'll consider signing up! — Gary (gweber25@gmail.com)

Gary Weber

DPCG Project Manager

Meet our

New Master Gardeners

Meet Jim Salber

Jim graduated from San Jose State and spent the next 30 years raising children and working as a corporate sales executive. In his early 50s, he became a yoga teacher and taught yoga at universities, hospitals, senior centers and health clubs for the next 25 years. He became a certified Master Gardener in 2016 in Butte County, California. Jim moved to Bend in 2019 after a fire destroyed his house in Paradise, CA.



Meet Elizabeth Price

Elizabeth Price is a transfer into the Central Oregon Master Gardener program from Washington County outside of Portland, where she has been a MG since 2008. Horticulturally, her interests are in conifers, vegetable gardening, native plants and moss. From 2003 until this past summer, she was curator of the Metro MG Study Group. Members met twice monthly to further their knowledge on all things about plants. Highlights she wrote from the diagnostic sessions appeared in the monthly Metro Master Gardener newsletter.



Meet Alyssa Womack

We moved to CO in August of last year ('19) after finishing the MG training in Jackson County. My husband took a position with RHS and my parents live in Redmond part of the year. We have a kindergartner and a preschooler. Both my husband and I hail from the Midwest. I'm from Oklahoma in the strip known as "No Man's Land" (more commonly known to outsiders as where the Dust Bowl took place). I was raised close with both sets of grandparents of which both my grandmothers were very active in garden clubs of various specialties. This foundation created a love of gardening for me.



LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD

February 6, 2020
(transcribed from audio)

Deschutes County Extension Office

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Glick (President), Elizabeth Hughes Weide (VP Community Education), Liz Anderson (VP-MG Education), Mimi Thomas (Historian), Janet Dart (OMGA State Representative), Diana Hardin (Alternate State Representative), Rocky Bessette (Communications Liaison), Jolene Dodge (Membership Coordinator), Judy Shearer, Carroll Minium, Kathy Ketchum, Leslie Walker, Chris Miao, Nathalie Smith, Gary Weber, Liz Douville, Vicky Kemp, JoAnne Abbott, Shawn McFadden (trainee), Kirsten Hinton, Pat Kolling, Gina Evans (trainee) Toni Stephan, Marilyn Clark, and Phil Paterno.

The meeting started at 1:00 PM and adjourned at 2:57 PM. The meeting was taped and the minutes were transcribed and summarized from the recording. The board discussed the following items:

Approval of minutes of previous meeting (Nancy Glick)

Motion to accept the minutes made by Diana Hardin, seconded by Janet Dart and approved.

OSU Report (Amy Jo Detweiler/Toni Stephan)

Toni reported that she intends to have trainees start procedures training the week of March 23. Training is expected to take about 3 weeks. She wants to do the plant clinic process training by the 2nd week of April. There are 39 students in the class and 92 MGs recertifying. Toni stressed that it is imperative that when people sign up, they must take their shift and complete it or cancel early enough so someone else can take the slot.

BOARD REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report (Tim Schindele)

Tim sent report by email ahead of meeting. He was absent so there was no discussion.

Membership Report (Jolene Dodge)

66 people have paid dues to-date and it appears that the membership letter has had a good impact. Jolene amended the letter before it went out, to include recertifying MGs in addition to trainees. The welcome luncheon will be February 26, during the noon lunch break. There will be a soup kitchen theme and COMGA will provide an assortment of locally sourced breads. The morning class is approved for advanced training so any recertifying MGs are encouraged to stay for lunch, and to bring a dish to share.

Quarterly Meeting (Liz Anderson)

On February 11, 2020, beginning at 10:00 in the large classroom, the previously taped "Bees in the Garden" webinar will be played. There will be an update from the OSU ecology lab. Liz encouraged people to bring gardening magazines to share, and Toni will be available for pollinator questions. The first general meeting is at 10:30 AM on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Liz Anderson's house. Note the date change from March 20. The topic is pruning, which is approved for 1 hour of advanced training. People are encouraged to bring a potluck dish to share for lunch. Liz has also scheduled a hanging basket event at Desert Dreams Gardens, on Highway 20, on April 11, 2020, at 10:30. Ten people can sign up for a

90-minute session. If more than 10 people are interested, Liz will schedule a second block of 90 minutes. This is not advanced training but for \$10, gardeners will receive plant plugs, potting soil, and plant baskets, which will be placed in the Desert Dreams Gardens greenhouse until it is time to take the planters home. The annual BBQ is scheduled for August 20. Liz will send an email to see if anyone will volunteer to host before she explores paying for a location.

Historian Report

At the March meeting, Mimi will be taking pictures of the current board members, starting at 12:30. She will be contacting the project coordinators to get names of people who may be able to take pictures at the various events. If there are events scheduled that are not on the current calendar, please let Mimi know.

Project Review (Nancy Glick)

Nancy reported that she has not gotten any volunteers yet to do a project review on our product sales. Nancy talked about the process and encouraged new people to think about it. Diana and Rocky are defacto members since their sales are the subject of the review. Discussion followed and Nancy stressed that the review committee would set its own schedule on when to meet, for how long, etc. If anyone wants more information, contact Nancy.

ACTION ITEMS:

Name Change (Gary Weber)

Northwest Crossing Community Garden has been renamed Discovery Park Community Garden. JoAnne Abbott explained some of the history of the access to Northwest Crossing Community Garden and how it was originally limited just to the community residents. Since the park and the existing garden are city resources, the garden is now open to anyone and the name change tracks the transfer of ownership of the property to Bend Parks and Rec. Since BP&R is responsible for the signage and is paying for the irrigation in the garden, the name change makes sense. Gary has notified Amy Jo.

Tech Committee (Nathalie Smith)

Nathalie Smith, Janet Dart and Kathy Ketchum have proposed a new project to form a Technical Committee and Bureau. Nathalie explained the proposal to provide technology support for COMGA. The full proposal is attached to the paper copy of the minutes. The bureau portion of the proposal is intended to be similar to a speaker bureau, where people with specific skill sets could be called upon to help with certain projects. Discussion followed. The committee is not yet running but when it is activated, it would include social media support. Vickie sent comments by email, which Nancy relayed to the board and discussion followed. Nancy noted that we have three permanent standing committees: budget, audit and bylaws and this new committee would be added as a permanent standing committee, not an ad hoc committee. Rocky moved to approve the proposal, Diana Hardin seconded and the motion was approved.

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LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD continued**Virtual Water-wise Garden** (Pat Kolling)

Pat reported that initially, a spreadsheet was created when the garden was started. As the garden evolved, it became apparent that more efficient documentation was needed, that would help the master gardeners and be a resource for the general public. A proposal was presented to Amy Jo, which she has endorsed. The plan now is to create a database that includes all the critical information on the plants in the garden, which would be available to the public and MGs. There are more than 100 plants in the garden so this effort is a pilot project that eventually could be expanded to the OSU demo garden and the Alpenglow demo garden. Currently, the information is available only in paper and only if an MG can access the shed. If anyone is working in the plant clinic, there is no access. By moving the information to the internet and a website, the information would be available any time, which would be extremely helpful to the volunteers working in the garden. The database will include the care record for the plants, if the plants succeeded or failed, etc. It is expected that this will also improve the consistency of care of the plants. Discussion followed on how this developed and why. A slide presentation was made to Amy Jo and repeated at the meeting; the presentation is attached to the paper copy of the minutes. One important element is to use QR Codes so people can get information on plants as they tour the garden. A demonstration was done on the current state of the database and how it works. The initial goal is to automate as much as possible this year and move away from paper records. A future goal is to have a virtual garden database similar to the one used by the Missouri Botanical Garden. A demo was done at the meeting, showing the living collection system, a plant finder, and the what's in bloom web app. The current database started with the Waterwise Gardening booklet, which is linked in the database, and now the group is reviewing the data to see what other information is needed to be useful to the public and volunteers. The test database is currently housed on personal computers and we would need to identify a permanent location for the future (e.g., COMGA website?).

Open forum (anyone)

There were no open forum discussions.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS:**Community Education** (Elizabeth Weide)

Elizabeth reported that the dates and instructors are set for the community classes on growing vegetables, but she still needs TAs. Six informal classes have been scheduled at the various gardens and the Waterwise Garden classes have been added to avoid scheduling conflicts. Elizabeth is still looking at planning some classes at the OSU office, but these will likely be done in the fall, after the season is over. She is working on a list of certified MGs who could be instructors and/or TA's and hopes to put together co-teaching opportunities where experienced instructors would help train new instructors. The group discussed having a donation box at the classes and how this would be handled. No decisions were made and before anything

is done, Amy Jo needs to be consulted. The evaluation forms are being revised so they are more helpful, but they are not ready yet. Discussion followed on how classes are publicized, who is responsible for certain advertising, whether and how we could use social media more effectively, and how much lead time is required to publicize events.

Home and Garden Show (Vickie Minor)

Nancy reported in Vickie's absence that classes have been scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the event.

June Garden Fair (Vicky Kemp)

A layout has been created showing where things will be set up. The drawing is attached to the paper version of the minutes. Amy Jo and Toni will staff the plant clinic booth and the Master Food Preservers will have a space. Soil thermometers and row cover will be available. Vicky needs someone to do a demo on growing tomatoes, using the tomato/tomatillo publication as a guide. Vicky reviewed some of the other demos that will be done during the event, how things are moving along with the labels, and what is happening with seed sowing.

OSU Demo Garden (Vicky Kemp/Liz Douville)

The first work day is April 7 at 9:00. If anyone has physical limitations or restrictions, please let Vicky, Liz or Amy Jo know as soon as possible so arrangements can be made to assign appropriate work. Vicky and Liz are working on a list of things that can be done by people who may have disabilities or physical limitations. Email addresses are on the front page of the HoeDown or on the COMGA website under projects and volunteers needed. All recertifying MGs and trainees will have to work 3 hours.

Spring Seminar (Rocky Bessette)

Rocky reported that planning is coming along well. This year, the handouts will be put online and a link will be given to attendees at spring seminar and emailed to the COMGA membership. There will be a two-week window where handouts will be available. Before this year, we have been making more than 5000 copies for the event. Putting the handouts online will minimize the number of copies we need to make and reduce the amount of paper used. As of today, we have \$1450 in sponsorships, including two \$300 sponsors. All moderators have been identified and silent auction items are coming in. Contact Liz Anderson or Karen Conway if you have anything to donate. Rocky has identified the class slots but she hasn't released it yet because she is waiting to get approval on the classes that will be considered advanced training. She is hoping to get the registration packet online by March 1 since there is no LOAFA this year.

Gocomga.com (Nancy Glick)

Nancy noted that the public page has a version of the calendar which does not include all the internal meetings and events that are on the members calendar. The members' version of the calendar includes all public events as well as events not open to the general public. To get to the member page, click on the member link, enter the password and access the calendar.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Minor, Secretary

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING CLASS 2020



Alice Spencer



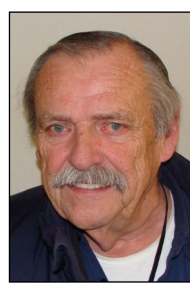
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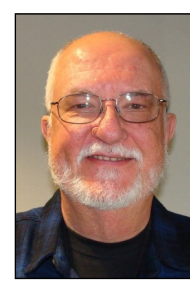
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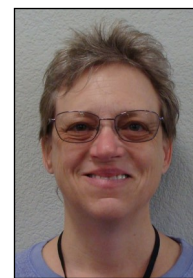
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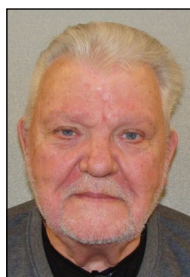
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2020 OSU Master Gardener Trainee Class

The 2020 Central Oregon OSU Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program class is 39 people strong (as of the writing of this article). A wonderfully BIG class! To accommodate our trainees, Amy Jo has divided the trainees into four groups, each overseen by two mentors. The mentor pairs are Group 1: Rocky Bessette and Kirsten Hinton; Group 2: Vicky Kemp and Tim Schindele; Group 3: Vickie Minor and Steve O'Malley; and Group 4: Diana Hardin and Liz Anderson.

Thank you mentor's for helping guide our newest trainee class!

Now, let's get started with "Meet the 2020 Master Gardener Trainees":

Lisa Nakadate is a member of the Kirsten/Rocky group. She originally hails from San Jose, CA where she graduated from California State University, Long Beach. She moved to Bend in 2008, as she and her husband wanted to raise their 2 boys in a slower paced environment. Her boys are now 19 and 16 years old!



Her work background has been in the healthcare field for the past 25 years. Currently she is the executive director of two non-profit podiatric surgeon organizations. In her spare time she loves backpacking, cross country skiing, kayaking, hiking, and traveling! She also enjoys reading, sewing, and baking.

When Lisa moved to Bend she says she was a "bit surprised" how difficult gardening was here. She chose to participate in the master gardener program because she "loves plants and gardening", and wanted to learn to "do it right"! Following her training she then hopes to share her new found knowledge within our community. WELCOME LISA!

Master Gardener Trainees,

You are invited to the Annual Trainee Welcome Luncheon. Lunch will be provided for you on February 26 at noon. The theme is Soup Kitchen.

The Central Oregon Master Gardener Association will provide an assortment of locally sourced breads to share and our returning Master Gardeners will provide the rest.

The OSU Extension office
3800 SW Airport Way, Building #3
Redmond, OR 97756

We look forward to meeting you!

Jennifer Komiskey is 1/10th of the Vickie/Steve mentor group. Jenn's Dad said that she "grew up somewhere between the corn row and the cabbage patch" but, she actually grew up in Galena, IL. She first met Bend Or. in 2004, and it became her "hub" for years, while she embarked on several jobs (and travels) in various places in the world. On one occasion she caught the bug of rock climbing, and explains that one of the most favorite moments and the 2nd most beautiful things she has seen, was in Zion National Park. She was "sleeping 1200 ft. off the ground and was wakened by the full moon that had risen over the rock to illuminate the valley".



With her spouse and their son, Craig, they now call Bend "home". In her spare time, when not working at IBEX, she is with Craig, hiking or going to the lakes during the summer, or backcountry skiing or sledding during the winter.

Jenn has several goals with the master gardener program. "Community service...", "practical knowledge that I will be able to apply to my own gardens..." and, "the educational aspect of the program".

Her favorite quote is: "Make it your best day ever".

So happy to have you on board Jenn!



Certified Master Gardeners,

You are invited to the Annual Trainee Welcome Luncheon/potluck on February 26, at noon. This year the theme is Soup Kitchen. COMGA will provide an assortment of locally sourced breads to share

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Certified Master Gardeners who have agreed to bring soups: Kathy Geary, Kirsten Hinton, Angelina Wentzel, and Patsy Kestner. If you have a favorite soup or dish you would like to share please bring it.

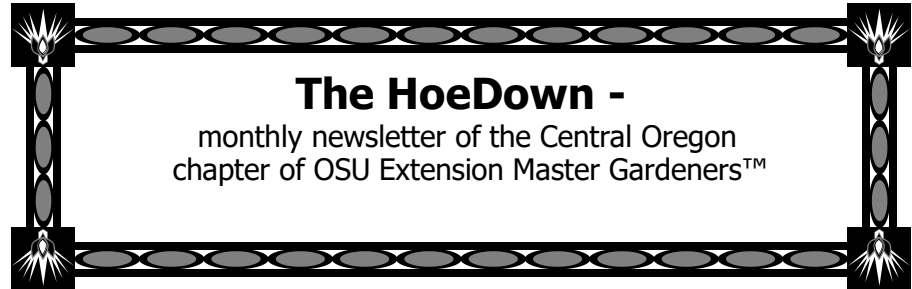
Please come in the morning to enjoy a continuing education class with Toni about insects and bring a dish to share with our new friends during the lunch break. If you are wearing an orange badge please make it a point to talk with someone wearing a white badge.

Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you all!

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