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## President's message



I had a great Dad. My parents were from the 'Greatest Generation', newlyweds during the 10+ year Great Depression and draft age during World War Two.



The depression may not have been as traumatic for him as it was for many young men in their twenties since he came from a large family in a very

poor area of New York City. He knew what it meant to go hungry and to postpone happiness until you saved enough to afford it.

But – and here's why I say he was a great person – he believed in Silver Linings and often said (in his heavy Queens accent) "It Coulda Been Woyse". He didn't think that life was unfair. He didn't grouse when there seemed to be only bad luck on his plate. He looked for the bright light in any dark pit.

I thought of my Dad this summer when it seemed that nature itself had turned against me.

We sprayed the young Honeycrisp tree per the Happy Apple bulletins, we hung the branches with lights, wrapped tarps on the cold spring nights and watched the tiny apples grow: 180 of them! I started 200 seedlings in my bathroom shower, moved them into the glass greenhouse and potted them up when the weather warmed. This was the year I would grow a perennial garden from seed.

The peas were planted in late April, the lettuce was transplanted in May and the potatoes were buried by June. The new deer fencing guaranteed a beautiful garden this year: corn, tomatoes, peppers, peas, potatoes, basil, melon and cucumber. Some of the corn was even "knee-high by the 4th of July" for the first time!

And then it hailed. And hailed. And hailed. The storm was so sudden, so long, so loud, it frightened all the creatures in our home and left our yard looking like a war zone. The beautiful apples were drilled with holes, the peas looked like they'd been hit with birdshot. The melons and cucumbers instantly froze and melted into soil once the sun returned. The corn stalks must have felt winter had arrived.

And my glass greenhouse no longer had a roof – the hail had been able to break the glass right through the shade cloth. My plants were bent and broken under the trauma of flying glass.

So...where's the bright side? Where's the silver lining?

The cat, the cars and the people were undercover, so no damage there. The potatoes stopped growing but, hey, it's August, how many potatoes do we need anyway? The carrots didn't seem to even notice the storm and the butterfly bushes, up against the house, are still in fully scented bloom.

And, my father would point out, I might have been inside the greenhouse when the glass started flying. Could have been a LOT "woyse".

Nancy Glick

## TIME TO NOMINATE a NEW MASTER GARDENER™ of the YEAR!

Nominations are now being accepted for our next Master Gardener of the YEAR!

Every year we choose an exceptional COMGA volunteer to be the "Master Gardener of the Year".

You, our volunteers, have been working on various COMGA projects all year, and know best who among you might be deserving of this special recognition. We're asking you to consider your fellow volunteers, to see if any should be nominated for Master Gardener of the Year, based on the qualifications described on the "Master Gardener of the Year Criteria" form. A copy of the form is included in this edition of the HoeDown, and can also be found on our website [www.gocomga.com](http://www.gocomga.com) in the members section under forms.

Once you have completed and submitted the nomination form as explained within the form, Amy Jo will review all submission and the COMGA Awards Committee (Master Gardeners who have been recognized in the past) will choose a finalist. The deadline for returning this form is September 20, 2019.

The 2019 Master Gardener of the Year will be announced at the Recognition Night dinner held in late October.

Thank you for helping us recognize the best of the best of our volunteers!

See page 9 for the form.



**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.

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Karen Roth passed away at home in Sisters on Tuesday, August 6, surrounded by friends and her partner of 21 years, Chris Rubio. Karen had been in treatment for cancer until early July when she went into home hospice care.

Karen and Chris moved to Sisters in 2006 from Davis, CA, continuing their work in education. While at UC Davis, Karen directed the Diversity Education Program — work she continued at Central Oregon Community College where she served as the director of diversity and inclusion before retiring in 2018.

She devoted much of her career to engaging people in ongoing learning around diversity and social justice. In addition, Karen taught a class on multicultural issues in education for future teachers at both COCC in the early childhood education program and at OSU Cascades in the master of teaching program. A Master Gardener, she worked with OSU Extension helping local gardeners find success in their efforts. A reiki master, she also taught reiki classes for community learning, introducing dozens of students to this healing therapy.

Born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin in March of 1956, Karen is survived by her spouse, Chris Rubio of Sisters; her daughter, Jennie Konsella-Norene of Woodland, California; her three grandchildren; her mother, Sally Roth, of Viroqua, Wisconsin; a sister, Janet Vesbach; and a brother, Gary Roth, both of Ohio.

Karen requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Charles Cancer Center, specifically integrative therapies: [https://www.stcharleshealthcare.org/Our-Services/Cancer-Care/Integrative-Therapies?.](https://www.stcharleshealthcare.org/Our-Services/Cancer-Care/Integrative-Therapies?) Alternately, donations may be made to St. Charles hospice care.

A Celebration of Life has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Bend. (61980 Skyline Ranch Road) Any and all are welcome to attend.

She will be tremendously missed by all who knew her.

## ***COMGA Calendar*** ***for contact persons go to [gocomga.com](http://gocomga.com)***

### **September**

- 3 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9:00am
- 3 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Get Ready for Fall (divide, prune, mulch, irrigate)
- 5 Board meeting, OSU Extension Office, 1:00pm.
- 7 OMGA board meeting
- 7 NWX community garden class, Get Ready For Fall, 9:30am
- 10 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Collecting & Storing Seeds
- 12 Waterwise Education Garden workday, 9:00am
- 14 Hollinshead class, Get Ready For Fall, 10:00am
- 17 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9:00am
- 17 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Bulb Lasagna: What's Not For Dinner
- 24 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Propagating By Stem Cuttings
- 26 Waterwise Education Garden workday, 9:00am
- 26 Hollinshead Community garden meeting, 10:30am

### **October**

- 1 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9:00am
- 1 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Overwintering Plants (dahlias, geraniums, etc.)
- 3 Board meeting, OSU Extension Office, 1pm
- 5 NW Crossing Community garden closing, 9:30am
- 8 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Fertilizing Your Lawn
- 10 Waterwise Education Garden workday, 9am
- 12 Hollinshead Community Garden closing, 9am
- 15 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Next Spring's Soil Starts Now
- 22 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Over-wintering Rodents & Other Pests
- 24 Waterwise Education Garden workday, 9am
- 24 Hollinshead Community Garden meeting, 10:30am
- 29 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Cutting Back (clematis, roses, lilies)

### **November**

- 2 OMGA board meeting, Tillamook
- 5 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am,
- 7 COMGA board meeting, 1pm, OSU Extension Office
- 12 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am,
- 14 Water-wise Education Garden workday, 10:30am
- 19 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am,
- 26 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Winter Tree Care

**"Read all about the excitement of a new bug for Toni's collection on the Blog. Check it out on the GoComga Blog site."**

## Project updates

### Hollinshead Community Gardens By JoAnne Abbott

After several months of challenging weather, August was full of sun, warmth and plenty of irrigation water. Gardeners were busy harvesting their vegetables, sharing with others and donating to NeighborImpact. Abundant Flowers provided for our pollinators, and a splash of color throughout the garden plots. The weeds flourished also.

It was a Perfect Day again this year for our "Open Garden" on Saturday August 17th. With the leadership of Evie Cox, the crew of MG Mentors and Volunteers greeted the visitors to the garden, handing out the self-guided garden tour maps. Gardening books and brochures were available, along with the OSU Master Food Preservers display and information. Toni and Rocky provided insect display, including a Huge Hornets Nest. Sagebrush Artists set up around the garden and began to paint beautiful garden specimens. Sheila set up a table of tools and demonstrated different methods to sharpen them.

The Hollinshead Homestead and Barn was open and welcomed visitors. Our favorite costumed pollinators Cathy, Susanna hosted the Kids area and provided a scavenger hunt looking for pollinators. Patricia taught a class on Pollinators.

Thanks to our crew of gardeners, MG's Mentors and Gang volunteers our event was FUN, informal and not too HOT.



Congratulations goes to our gardener Erin Allen in plot #26 for being selected as "August's Garden of the Month". With the encouragement and teaching of her Mentor Mary Ann Hart and other members of the HH gang, her garden is well tended and full of bounty.

The produce donations from our gardens to NeighborImpact have totaled 708.25 as of this writing. Mary Ann, Evie and Marilyn have been busy bringing jugs of ice over to the coolers daily to keep the produce fresh until pick up on Monday and Thursday mornings. Thanks to you all for coordinating and managing this Important and rewarding part of our Garden Responsibilities.



Enjoy the photos of the garden I have been taking. It's hard to believe there are only 5 weeks until October 12th when we harvest our last plants, empty the plots and put the garden to bed until we open again in April next year.

### Northwest Crossing Community Garden

by Gary Weber

The Garden has been favored by an amazing run of beautiful summer conditions. Warm days and moderate night temperatures and even a few rainy days have supported good growth of garden vegetables. Garden activity has focused on harvest and care of spring planted veggies. Yields have been good in spite of our delayed start due to a cool June. Gardeners were busy during mid-August planting for a fall garden and those seeds have germinated and are well along in development. Pests have mostly been restricted to the occasional grasshopper and spotty aphid outbreaks. Rodent populations and damage continue very low.



Looking ahead we see a couple more days of summer temps and then a cooling off with daytime temps in the lower 70's and lows in the 40's. September marks a transition to rapidly shrinking daylight hours, lower sun angles, and cooler days all conspiring to slow vegetable growth. But with any luck against excessive frosts or freezes, harvest will continue for quite some time. We also are beginning to think about wrapping up the season with our garden's closing day activities falling on Saturday October 5. There will be plenty to do to get beds and cloches tidied and the garden cleaned up and battened down. Wishing all gardeners a bountiful and happy harvest! -- Gary

### Water-wise Education Garden

Submitted by Pat Kolling and Chris Miao

Hollinshead Water-wise Garden (HWG) continues to look spectacular. The garden was planted in July of 2017 so the plants are well established, growing well and flowering beautifully. Plants and volunteers were proud to show off at the Hollinshead Open Garden in August!

The garden continues to work on developing educational tools to be helpful for both MG volunteers who work at the HWG and the public who visit seeking information about water-wise planting. The latest is a Plant Care Record. The goal is to keep track of each plant's performance in the HWG, what maintenance is provided and how any problems are managed. Volunteers will record any action that is taken on a monthly basis, at the end of the year assess the overall status of the plant and make a recommendation for the next year. Volunteers are currently starting to use the form to test how well it works and identify any changes needed in preparation for using the process at the beginning of the 2020 season.

# Project updates

## 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.

September 3 Get Ready For Fall

September 10 Collecting and Storing Seeds

September 17 Bulb Lasagna: What's Not For Dinner?

September 24 Propagating By Stem Cuttings

Check out the publications from the City of Bend:

Streetscape Guide

Landscape Guide

Irrigation Guide

**Go to [WaterWiseTips.org](http://WaterWiseTips.org)**

## OSU Extension Demo Garden

Tuesday September 2 was another great day at the Redmond Demo Garden with 22 volunteers deadheading spent blossoms and pulling the ever present spurge.



The highlight of the morning was the "teaching moment" of wrapping the Asian Pear with 7' wide bird netting--not an easy task. Jan Evan documented the process--view it on [flickr.com/photos/osu\\_comga/](http://flickr.com/photos/osu_comga/)

A reminder to tomato growers, monitor your plants (outdoors) and pinch out any new blossoms at the top of the plant. It is too late for them to develop into a fruit.



Our workdays are winding down, only 3 scheduled workdays left for the season. See you on Sept. 17th .

Liz Douville & Vicky Kemp

## 4 STEPS TO EFFICIENT LAWN IRRIGATION

Follow these four steps to increase your lawn water efficiency using an irrigation gauge.

- 1 Place irrigation gauge in an irrigated area making sure that it is at least 24" away from the closest sprinkler.
- 2 Run sprinklers for exactly 10 minutes (1/6 hour). Measure water accumulation in gauge.
- 3 Calculate precipitation rate (PR) in inches per hour using this formula:  
  
Accumulation \_\_\_\_ in x 6 = \_\_\_\_ in / hr
- 4 Calculate weekly runtime minutes using this formula:



### Weekly Water Needs

<b>APRIL</b>	0.75" / week
<b>MAY</b>	1.00" / week
<b>JUNE</b>	1.25" / week
<b>JULY</b>	1.50" / week
<b>AUG</b>	1.25" / week
<b>SEPT</b>	1.00" / week

[ Weekly Water Needs \_\_\_\_ in / PR ] x 60 = \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes per week

## LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD

September 5, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nancy Glick (President), JoAnne Abbott (VP-Community Education), Kathy Geary (VP-MG Education), Vickie Minor (Secretary), Tim Schindele (Treasurer), Jan Even (Historian), Gary Weber (OMGA State Representative), Diana Hardin (Alternate State Representative), Rocky Bessette (Communications Liaison), Jolene Dodge (Membership Coordinator), Nathalie Smith, Liz Douville, Liz Anderson, Vicky Kemp, Chris Miao, Victoria Butler, and Mimi Thomas.

Before the meeting started, Nancy presented gifts to Rocky/Toni for hosting the August board meeting and Diana thanked Kathy for her work on the election and door prizes. The meeting started at 1:00 PM and adjourned at 3:17 PM. The board discussed the following items:

### Approval of minutes of previous meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by JoAnne, seconded by Jolene and approved by the board.

### OSU Report (Amy Jo Detweiler/Toni Stephan)

Amy Jo and Toni were unavailable this month. The new building is completed and staff are moving into it. Amy Jo and Toni will remain in the old building but will move into different offices. The plant clinic office is also staying in its current location.

### BOARD REPORTS:

#### Treasurer's Report (Tim Schindele)

Tim circulated the budget report prior to the meeting. Our income was higher than planned; however, expenses exceeded the budget. Unplanned expenditures included funds to reprint the Vegetable Gardening guide and a \$5000 donation toward the expenses for the new conference room. Tim received a thank you card from 4-H acknowledging our contribution toward the conference room. He reported that we had adequate funds to cover the costs without dipping into cash reserves and we currently have \$46,000 in checking and CDs. Tim also reminded everyone about linking COMGA to a Fred Meyer rewards card. It works in the same manner as the Amazon Smile program and Renee's Garden. There is a note on the COMGA website on how to sign up for the Fred Meyer program. A question was asked about tax forms and Nancy explained that we report to OMGA and OMGA files tax forms on behalf of the chapters. Tim reviewed his work on creating a graphic illustration of where the COMGA funds are spent. Discussion followed on what should be included, and when/how the graph should be distributed. The consensus was to circulate the information annually so the membership can see where we are spending our money. No decisions were made on timing so this will be on the agenda again next month.

#### Annual Election Report and Rainshadow Organics Tour (Kathy Geary)

The following people were elected to the board at the August 16, 2019 election: President: Nancy Glick; Vice-President of Master Gardener Education: Liz Anderson; Vice President of Community Education: Elizabeth Weide; Secretary: Vickie Minor; Treasurer: Tim Schindele;

Historian: Mimi Thomas; OMGA State Representative: Janet Dart; Alternate OMGA State Representative: Diana Hardin. Two appointed positions were filled at the board meeting: Membership: Jolene Dodge; and Communications Liaison: Rocky Bessette. Kathy reported that the BBQ had the highest RSVP rate and attendance in recent memory. 52 people RSVP'd, including 11 trainees. 31 MGs attended with 15 guests. There were five raffle prizes, three of which were won by trainees. Kathy's full report and welcome remarks are appended to the paper copy of the minutes.

On other training, there are 12 people signed up to attend the Rainshadow Organics tour September 19. Kathy plans to do webinars in September and October. The date and location of the October quarterly meeting will be set once the proposed budget is ready. Kathy also talked about reading "The Trouble with Goats and Sheep," a book on the New York Times best seller list. It could be a good discussion topic as it talks about community and has a small section on being in the garden. After a brief discussion, Kathy will send out information via HoeDown.

#### OMGA Rep Report (Gary Weber)

Before the meeting, Gary circulated an email from Sue Nesbitt (Past President, OMGA) about a proposed silent auction by OMGA that would be held at the November quarterly OMGA meeting. This is a funding source for OMGA and with mini-college canceled this year, there was no silent auction. Discussion included several concerns about the format and the propriety of asking the State Representative to bid on and pay for items for other members. The consensus was that we want to support the OMGA's efforts but we are not comfortable with the proposed format. Diana moved to give the equivalent of three \$25 gifts, \$75, to the 2019 OMGA mini-college silent auction. Rocky seconded the motion, which was approved by the board. The money will come from the funds budgeted for mini-college. Gary will let Sue Nesbitt know about our concerns and that we will donate money toward the auction.

#### Membership (Jolene Dodge)

As of this week, there are 74 paid members, including one transfer (Elizabeth Price). Jolene has continued to work on a membership letter, which she circulated during the meeting. The letter would be sent to the most recent graduates, to explain how things work with COMGA. After discussion, Jolene will make a few more changes and will send an update to the board. This will be on the agenda next month.

#### "Current" MG (Nancy Glick)

Gail Langellotto sent an email asking us to move away from using the term "veteran" because it can be confusing if someone is a military veteran. She has asked that we use some other term such as "perennial master gardener" or "current master gardener." After discussion, we agreed to refer to people as "certified" master gardeners and we will discourage the use of "veteran" to describe people who are recertifying.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

**LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD** continued**Emailed Bylaw and Policies and Procedures Changes** (Jan Even/JoAnne Abbott)

The board discussed a proposed change to the by-laws on voting by proxy to elect officers. To assure there is a record and clear process, we agreed that if person will not be able to attend the election meeting, their vote would be sent to the VP for MG Education. Rocky moved to accept the change as revised to Section 1.: "Officers shall be elected by a simple majority. Active members may cast their ballots in person at a special session or by sending their vote in email to the VP for Master Gardener Education." The motion was seconded by Gary, and approved by the board. Nancy reminded the Board that changes to our Bylaws must be voted on by the general Membership before becoming effective, which we expect to occur at the October Quarterly Meeting.

JoAnne circulated a draft of proposed changes to the awards process for identifying the Master Gardener of the Year (MGOTY). She reviewed the current process and the areas that need clarification. After discussion, we agreed that since the previous year MGOTY runs the awards committee meeting, that individual should get the applications, not the current MGOTY. We will replace the term "faculty" with "agent" so it consistently reads "horticulture agent" throughout the document. Several other modifications will be made regarding who may participate in the awards discussion and how the award will be communicated to the statewide program coordinator. JoAnne will make the suggested changes and will circulate a final draft to the board.

**Asset Inventory** (Vickie Minor)

Vickie reported that the committee met August 19, a form has been developed and Nathalie Smith is finalizing a spreadsheet to use. The shed at the demo garden will be done first, to make sure we have a solid process. We will have one or two people from the committee assist with the initial inventories in other locations, to provide guidance and to assure consistency in how the inventories are done. Vickie will provide an update at a future meeting.

**MG of the Year** (JoAnne Abbott)

JoAnne reported that the awards committee will meet October 3, 2019 after the board meeting.

**Plant Sale project review**

Victoria Butler reported that the review committee has met once and is meeting again next week. The review has ranged from moving the direction of the sale to having just tomato plants, to focusing more on the education component and less on the plant sale aspects. Several ideas have been considered and will be finalized once the review meetings are completed. Liz Douville reported that the work should be done soon, but not in time for Vicky to use the results to help her with her budget request for 2020.

**Open forum** (anyone)

Tim reminded everyone that budget requests for the projects are due September 9. Tim also reported on the meeting he had with treasurers from two other chapters, which he said went well. Vickie read a card into the minutes from Dana Martin, thanking us for her retirement gifts.

**PROJECT STATUS REPORTS:****Community Education** (JoAnne Abbott)

There are a few more classes scheduled in September and October, on end-of-season topics. JoAnne will have a final report in October.

**Hollinshead Vegetable Garden** (Nancy Glick)

Nancy reported that the garden is doing well and the issue with the tainted soil in one of the beds will be resolved after the garden closes. She will have an update at the next meeting.

**NW Crossing Garden** (Gary Weber)

Gary reported that the garden is doing well, the rodent population is low and several people are harvesting. There was only one abandoned plot this year, a major improvement over previous years. The garden needs more MG volunteers, so this will have to be addressed going forward.

**OSU Demo Garden** (Vicky Kemp/Liz Douville)

Vicky and Liz reported that there are three work days left, which does not leave much time for people to get in their required hours. If people wait too long, they will need to go through Amy Jo. Vicky and Liz also reported that if people had physical restrictions or limitations, accommodations were made to adjust the type of work assigned.

**Spring Gardening Seminar** (Rocky Bessette)

Rocky reported that the first planning meeting for 2020 was today. The seminar will be April 18, 2020. We have developed a slate of topics and speakers; Rocky will talk with Amy Jo to get the list approved.

**Water-wise Garden** (Chris Miao)

Chris Miao reported that the spelling adopted by OSU is "Water-wise," which we should use when referring to the garden. The garden is gorgeous right now and has been divided into areas of responsibility for the work teams. As plants experience problems, the teams diagnose the problems, come up with a plan of action and record it on a form designated as a "record of care." This is the first year for the form, which is intended to help the volunteers in future years. Chris reported that the experienced MGs are doing a great job and she is really impressed with the caliber and number of trainees working on the project. She also reported that she attended a meeting on the Alpenglow demo garden, there are preliminary plans but it is a work in progress.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Minor, Secretary

## Getting to Know You!

By Carolyn Tate

### Bob Faber and the Power of Process

Remember tape recorders? They seem simple, right? You put the tape in the machine, push the button to record, sing your heart out, push stop, and voilà! Your fabulous voice is now immortalized.

Well, in interviewing Bob Faber, a retired electrical engineer, I learned that several scientific disciplines are involved in the complex process of creating a tape recorder. Physicists design the head-tape interface. They figure out how the head flies over the tape. The head creates a magnetic field that polarizes the particles on the tape in a way that can be sensed by the magnetic head. Chemical engineers figure out how the magnetic properties cause the tape to store information. Mechanical engineers get the wheels to turn at a very precise rate. Electrical engineers design the electronics. Early in his electrical engineering career, Bob worked on data recorders, designing digital circuits that received data from a source and formatted it so that it could be put onto tape.

But life was not all work for Bob. He was able to take a 14-week leave from his Magnetic Recording job to travel in Europe. He explored, enjoyed the food he discovered, and began to wonder about the processes of cooking those delicious meals. So when he returned to California, he enrolled in some French cooking classes at the Lucie Stern Community Center in Palo Alto. There he met graphic designer Lynn Adamo, who became his wife. A period of travel and exploration led them to return to Bob's home town, Hillsboro, Oregon.

A friend there suggested he apply for a position at Intel. His experience with magnetic data recorders, and later with designing tools for electrical engineers, provided the experience that he needed to qualify. "Times were pretty good then, but I had a lot of luck," says Bob about beginning his 23-year career at Intel in Hillsboro. At the end of his career he worked on the first solid-state disks that the company produced.

In Hillsboro, he grew berries. In the summer, he spent an hour or two each morning picking raspberries. His method for storing them was to put them on cookie sheets, freeze on the cookie sheet, then transfer them into gallon ziplocks to freeze. "That way the berries retain their individual shapes," he reports. And he found that blackberries are best for pies, often made by Lynn, who learned from her grandmother. Bob's lessons from his grandfather were more subliminal.

When he was a child, Bob was always drawn to math and science. Somehow he never knew until after he finished his degree in EE from OSU Corvallis that his grandfather, who had six acres of peaches near Hillsboro, also had been an electrical engineer. He had worked for Westinghouse in Pennsylvania and came west to work in rural electrification.

Now that he is retired, Bob's fascination for process (engineering, French cooking, freezing berries) has turned toward the visual arts.

Looking at a community college course catalogue, Bob

chose to take a class in printmaking, another process-intensive art form. He studied etching, using copper plates, a strategy Rembrandt employed to make art that people could afford. One covers a metal plate (Bob uses copper) with a waxy ground that resists acid. Then one uses a special needle to draw into the ground and reveal the copper. At that point one dips the plate into an acid bath. The acid "bites" the metal, removing a fine layer of copper. Then the printmaker wipes the remaining ground off the plate and inks the plate. The ink goes into the lines that the acid etched. Then one puts the plate, and a piece of paper, through a high-pressure press. The paper picks up the ink that was in the deep lines and voila! An etching. Simple, right?

The challenge he now enjoys is bringing content to the process of making art. As a member of the now-defunct Bend Art Center, Bob was able to exhibit a suite of prints he created around the theme of political polarization.

But when he's not in the studio, or studying Spanish, you can find him at a Master Gardener venue. Bob finds that the Master Gardener program is a great opportunity for someone with an interest in growing things to forge a new relationship to his alma mater (OSU) and to develop connections to the community in his new home, Bend. From being around skilled gardeners, Bob realizes how much gardening is about just trying. You can see what's wrong with a plant and figure out what it is. Either there is something you can do to fix the problem or not. And if there are remedies, one is likely to work and the plant will survive. Bob's bottom line: "Attention and observation are really powerful activities."



### September Calendar of Social Events & Learning Opportunities

Look for details in your inbox. Be there!

#### September 17 Webinar

"Are Viruses Lurking in Your Backyard Fruit Trees?"

#### September 19

Rainshadow Organics Lunch 'n Tour



**Master Gardener™ of the Year Criteria**

The recipient of the award for Master Gardener of the Year works tirelessly on behalf of the Oregon State University Master Gardener program. Their exceptional efforts and ideas support the philosophy and educational goals of the local extension office.

This award requires a Master Gardener to exhibit an outstanding willingness to help coordinate numerous projects, and attend both Board and Quarterly Meetings. Maintaining a high number of volunteer hours validates exceptional participation, many of these without being asked. Continuing education through recertification is a priority for this special Master Gardener and he or she is knowledgeable on a variety of topics.

Important personal traits include a friendly personality, understanding nature and the ability to work well with others. Outstanding organizational skills and the unique ability to encourage others to teach in the community are part of the recipient’s nature.

This is a distinct award that should be fully enjoyed and celebrated by one individual. The decision-making criteria should be based upon the fact that our main mission is to educate our “neighbors” and assist them in their landscaping and gardening problems. Therefore, in the case of a tie, and all things being equal between candidates, the final decision rests upon what the person has done to positively impact the public instead of efforts within the COMGA organization. In order to acknowledge an outstanding Master Gardener for continually serving the program, it is possible for someone to hold this distinction multiple times, but not two years consecutively.

Please return this form **by September 20, 2019** to: **OSU Extension Office, Amy Jo Detweiler, 3800 S.W. Airport Way, Bldg. 4 Redmond, OR 97756** or email amyjo.detweiler@oregonstate.edu

My nomination for Master Gardener of the Year is: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the mission of Central Oregon Master Gardener Association, please identify what the candidate has contributed:

To Teach sustainable gardening practices which have their foundation in research-based information. (such as, which classes or talks were given by the nominee?)

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To Support the OSU Extension Service horticulture program in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties (such as, what projects or other volunteer commitments contributed to the CO Horticulture program?)

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To Promote the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener program in Central Oregon. (such as, what contributions has the nominee done that have lead to better recognition of the CO & Statewide MG programs?)

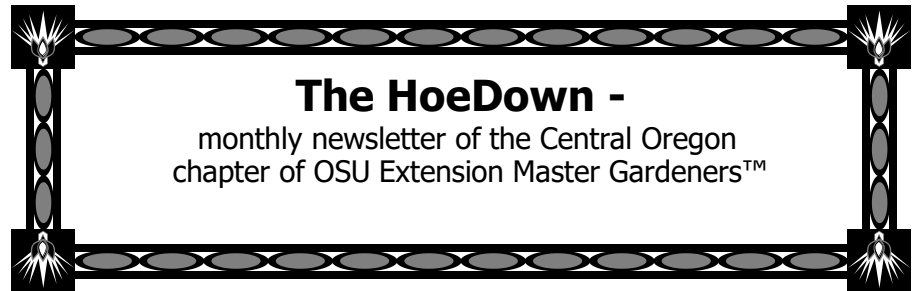
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