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President's message



Beer, trees, marionberries and whales – what more could an Oregonian love on Valentine's Day? Well, OSU, of course.

The backstory: In 1862, Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Act, establishing land grant colleges. Six years later, Corvallis College became Oregon's designee, with the first graduating class in 1870. In 1887, the Hatch Act created the Agriculture Experiment Stations.

In 1965 Governor Mark Hatfield used federal funds to create the OSU marine science lab in Newport, now affiliated with NOAA. The OSU Forestry and Marine programs are #2 and #3 in the world. Today, OSU is a land, sea, space and sun grant institution, one of only two in the country.

OSU tidbits: The beer most of the US enjoys is brewed from Cascadia hops developed at OSU. Marionberries were developed by OSU in 1948. The first Civil War football game (OSU v UO) was in 1894. OSU basketball was started in 1893 by the women on campus! (The men's team started 3 years later.) The Fosbury Flop went to the Olympics by way of the Corvallis PE program. Two-time Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry Linus Pauling is an alumnus. OSU was only the third school in the country to offer a degree in robotics. The computer mouse had its start at OSU and the founder of E-Trade, the financial services company, is a graduate. Every Oregon middle school student who has gone to Outdoor School has OSU to thank. In the 1880s, professors went into the community to teach seminars on agriculture, preceding the 1914 federal establishment of the Extension Service.



Practical education and research have been OSU's focus since the Depression: science, pharmacy, agriculture and forestry. Sustainability has been part of the school's program for 30 years.

Not bad for our 'little' school, right? As Oregon Public Broadcasting puts it: "Over the years, the college has had many different names and programs, but the mission has remained the same: education, outreach and research." Sound familiar?

Last tidbit: Oregon Public Broadcasting started in 1923 at the Oregon Agricultural College with KOAC radio. For an honest, intense look at 170 years of OSU's history look on the OPB website ("Oregon Experience") for the documentary: <https://www.opb.org/television/programs/oregon-experience/article/oregon-state-university-history-land-grant-lincoln/>. (Watch for the Bend campus mention.)



COMGA Calendar ***for contact persons go to gocomga.com***

February

- 1 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am
- 3 Monthly board meeting, 10:00am
- 12 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon
- 16 Discovery CG mentor meeting, 4:00pm
- 17 Hollinshead Volunteer meeting
- 26 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon

March

- 1 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am
- Discovery Park CG Lottery opens
- Hollinshead Garden Lottery opens
- 3 Monthly board meeting, 10:00am
- 12 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon
- 17 Hollinshead Volunteer meeting
- 24 Discovery Park CG mentor meeting
- 26 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon
- 27 Discovery CG registration due, 9:00am-12:00pm
- 31 Hollinshead CG Lottery closes, 12:00pm

April

- 1 Discovery Park Community Garden Lottery closes
- 2 Spring Gardening Seminar webinars 10am & 1pm
- 4 Discovery Community Garden Lottery winners
- 5 OSU Demo Garden workday 9:00am
- 5 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am
- 7 Board meeting 10:00am
- 9 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon
- 9 Spring Gardening Seminar webinars 10am & 1pm
- 12 HH Waterwise Mentor meeting & workday, 9:00am
- 14 Discovery Community Garden mentor meeting 6:00pm
- 16 Discovery Community Garden opening 9:00am
- 16 Spring Gardening Seminar webinars 10am & 1pm
- 19 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9:00am
- 20 Hollinshead plot registration due
- 21 Hollinshead volunteer meeting
- 21 Discovery CG mentor meeting, 6:00pm
- 23 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon
- 23 Hollinshead Community garden opens, 9:00am
- 23 Spring Gardening Seminar webinars, 10am & 1pm
- 24 Hollinshead Community garden opens, 9:00am
- 26 HH Waterwise mentor meeting & workday, 9:00am

COMGA membership renewal is due again, if you haven't already done it. The good news is our own Nathalie Smith has helped make it super easy to do online. Feel free to explore that on gocomga.com.

Login, go to Membership, then 2022 online membership renewal.

Or feel free to print the form at the end of this newsletter and go from there.

Thanks for all you do! Sincerely, Jolene Dodge – Membership Coordinator.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

by Lisa Nakadate and Julie Hill

Featured Plant - Dwarf Sitka Spruce

Picea sitchensis
'Papoose'

Height: 4 - 6'

Spread: 4 - 6'



Why Should I Plant Dwarf Sitka Spruce in My Garden?

- It is a nice dwarf spruce with blue-green needles highlighted with silver.
- Needles are yellowish-green to bluish-green, stiff, very sharp, 1 to 1½ inches long, with white lines of stomata on the upper surface.
- Browsed by birds in spring and habitat for mammals, reptiles and amphibians.

Fun Facts

- Discovered as a seedling growing in forests of Vancouver Island, British Columbia and given to Victoria Parks Department which shared it with William Goddard of Floravista Gardens in Victoria, British Columbia, in about 1964.

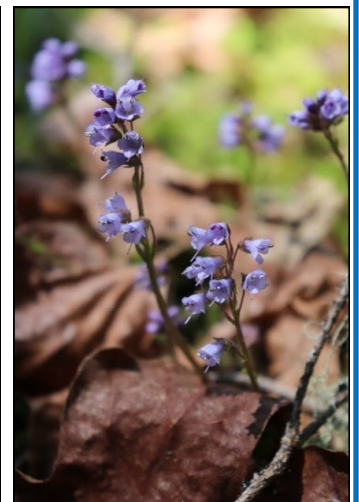
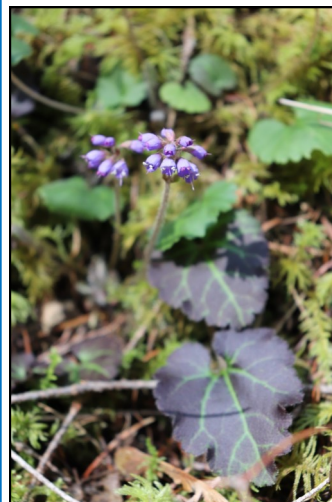
Information Sources

Oregon State University Landscape Plants:
<https://landscapeplants.oregonstate.edu>
Washington State University Clark County
Extension: <http://pnwplants.wsu.edu/PlantDisplay.aspx?PlantID=374>

A Queen in Oregon?

by Judy Shearer

Well there is and it is a lovely little flower that sometimes blooms right up through the snow hence the common name Snow Queen or in some references kittentoes. *Synthyris reniformis* is a diminutive plant in the figwort family (Scrophulariaceae). In fact it can be easily missed, but if you look closely in woodland settings in late winter/early spring you will be rewarded with the inflorescence of blue to blue violet flowers (see pictures below). It only grows to about 6 inches tall from a basal rosette of kidney shaped blades. The somewhat leathery leaves with crenate margins often persist for two years before withering as new leaves emerge. The flowers are borne in a raceme with each flower just under half an inch long. The corollas are bell-shaped with two protruding stamens tipped with large anthers. The fruit is a hairy capsule. Because it flowers so early, it provides a source of nectar for emerging pollinators. Found only in western Oregon mountains, its native range extends from Puget Sound to San Francisco Bay. There is some confusion about its discovery. Some citing David Douglas and others Lewis and Clark where it was first observed near what is now Cascade Locks in the Columbia River Valley.



Photographs by Samantha Shearer

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Turner, M., and P. Gustafson. 2006. Wildflowers of the Pacific Northwest. Timber Press Field Guide. Portland, OR.

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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HELP
WANTED!

Can you help us manage our soil thermometer inventory?

The COMGA board is looking for someone who can monitor the stock of \$5 soil

thermometers we sell to the public during the gardening season.

If you're curious, email Nancy at nglick@bendcable.com for more information.

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

OSU Extension is again offering a series of Level Up Webinar Classes on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12 noon (Pacific). The series runs from February through November. All classes are eligible for continuing education credit. If you can't attend live, the classes will be recorded and available at:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series-2022>

Upcoming classes are:

February 8th: The Science and Practice of Seed Starting: Secrets to Success When Growing by Seed.

Register at: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series-2022#seeds>

March 8th: Local Beauties: Native Plants for Ecologically Enhanced Gardens and Landscapes.

Register at: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series-2022#Native>

Are You Thinking About Buying a Greenhouse? by Betty Faller

There are many questions to ask yourself if you are thinking about purchasing a greenhouse. Let's start with four of the most important:

How are you going to use your greenhouse? Seasonal or all year. If you decide to only use your greenhouse during our Central Oregon growing season and not all year (which is what I do) you will have limited heating costs; little or no insulation costs; and a lower water use and cost. All Season Use requires more money and time.

Secondly, are you thinking about a new hobby or starting a business? A greenhouse that is used for you and your family's enjoyment will probably grow flowers and vegetables for eating and canning. Starting a business will be on a much larger scale with higher costs.

The third question is: Are you going to use individual pots or plant in beds within the greenhouse? You will have to carefully consider the type of construction and glazing and the size. If you're drying your harvest in your greenhouse you need to consider darkness and how to accomplish it as well as a good ventilation system.

According to my husband, the 4th question is the most important! How much time are you prepared **to invest** in a greenhouse? Maintaining a successful greenhouse, even a hobby one requires work and the plants depend on you for survival.

Although there are lots of timesaving devices such as automated watering and ventilation, there's no point in owning a greenhouse if you don't have time to spend there.

ANYBODY GOT ZOOM?

Update from the Techies

It looks like another year of Zoom Webinars. We'd love to train you to be a moderator or backup moderator for community gardening classes and Spring Seminar classes. All you need is a computer! Some of the projects we have going on are (1) online plant sale, (2) Zoom community classes, (3) rolling out Google Workspace, (4) setting up online forms to sign up for demo garden workdays, (5) online registration forms for Hollinshead and Discovery Park Gardens, (6) inventory, and (7) plant database for our demo gardens. Watch this space next month for our Wish List! If interested, contact Janet Dart (janetdart@gmail.com) or Nathalie Smith (Nathalie_smith@hotmail.com).

Think about your time and energy before you buy or build.

Earlier I mentioned 'Glazing'. This refers to the type of material used in your greenhouse. Choice should be determined by your requirements, personal preferences, our Central Oregon climate and budget. I've included a chart on our website, to help you choose which glazing is right for you: glass, polycarbonate or plastic film.

Most people select greenhouse kits because it offers a proven design and it is relatively complete. This doesn't mean that you don't need to have any do-it yourself experience. Some companies offer good technical advice or a hotline for the more difficult part of the process.

Make certain when buying a kit that the company is reputable. The manufacturer should provide you with clear, comprehensive instructions and a customer service number that is available even on weekends because that's when most of us start our projects.

Is the greenhouse kit suitable to our area and our snow loads? If you order a kit, consider the shipping costs versus finding one sold locally. So much to think about!

Let's talk location! Maximum sunlight is critical.

Your first choice is the south or southeast side of a building or shade trees.

Sunlight all day is best, but morning sunlight is most desirable because it allows the plant's food production process to begin early; thus growth is maximized

Consider surrounding trees, an area with good drainage as well as shelter from the wind. You will need a source of electricity for heat as well as a water source. And by all means, don't construct the greenhouse so far away that it becomes a chore to use it.

I think you're beginning to understand that there is a lot of studying and preparation when considering the purchase of a greenhouse. I love working in my greenhouse and I bet you will too.

LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 3, 2022
In Person and via Zoom Online

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Glick (President), Janet Dart (VP MG Education), Jan Even (VP Community Education), Marilyn Clark (Secretary), Tim Schindele (Treasurer), Jan Barron (OMGA State Rep.), Evelyn Cox (Alternate OMGA State Rep.), Mimi Thomas (Historian), Rocky Bessette (Communications Liaison), Jolene Dodge (Membership Coordinator), Amy Jo Detweiler, Toni Stephan, Kirsten Hinton, Liz Douville, Kathy Geary, Carroll Minium, Nancy Crossan, Patricia Kolling, Vicky Kemp, and Karen Simonet.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. and was adjourned at 11:54 a.m. The board discussed the following:

Approval of Minutes from January 6, 2022, meeting. Upon motion by Janet Dart and second by Rocky Bessette, the minutes were approved as amended (with Mini College dates correction to July 29-30, 2022.)

OSU Report. Toni reported that Master Gardener training is going well, but we have experienced a few periodic glitches with students logging in. If it happens, restart your computer and try again. The first open Zoom mentor session was held February 2nd for anyone who had questions or needed to discuss topics. These sessions will be loaded on Canvas. Look for it under Recorded Open Mentor Sessions. Vicky can't find CO Master Gardener courses online. Toni will Zoom with Vickie to figure it out. Tim asked if next week's MG session will be live or recorded? Amy Jo replied that the Plant Identification session will be live on Zoom, and the Integrated Pest Management course will be self-study. There will also be a soils class taught by OSU soils scientist James Cassidy, as a Monday night Zoom session 6:00 p.m. Amy Jo will send out the links.

BOARD REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report as presented by Tim Schindele:

The monthly report was displayed on the monitor for everyone to view, and was previously sent to the board, along with a recap of revenue and expenses. Income for January was \$749 (mostly membership dues and Spring Seminar donation), and expenses were \$354, generating a net profit of \$395. Tim discussed the changes made to the report, in part based on the recent Financial Review as well as his experience:

He tried using the Quick Books (QB) reporting but was unable to condense it and display budget at this time. He decided to reformat the report to include columns for Jan. – Dec. and YTD totals: Only the current month and YTD totals will be displayed, while prior and future months will be hidden columns. This will save time since he only has to enter the revenues and expenses once.

An expense line item for PayPal fees was added, rather than deducting the expense from revenues as previously done. He will also provide a PayPal activity report monthly, showing the total PayPal revenues by category, with total PayPal fees and net receipts transferred to checking.

Lastly, the line for 'Committed funds' was removed from the financial statement because it was informational only. Although our policy and procedure requires we maintain a six-month reserve, he didn't see a need to display it on the statement. And we do meet that requirement.

Toni thought the change in PP fee reporting was a good change. Our thanks to Vickie Minor for the \$250 Spring seminar donation.

Marilyn Clark and Janet Dart recently completed the annual financial review of the 2021 financials with Tim. The review was sent to board members earlier this week. Findings were that Tim does an excellent job and all is well. Tim has already implemented one of the recommendations (PayPal fee reporting.)

Membership Report from Jolene Dodge:

So far this year we have 46 paid members, four of which are associate members. Nine were certified from last year. Nathalie Smith set up the DigiSigner and PayPal app for the membership renewal paperwork, (dues form & payment, questionnaire, etc.) and 21 people used it. Jolene reminded all board members to pay their dues if they haven't already. She will put another reminder in February HoeDown. Nancy reported that she has been working with a database program "Access" to create a member database, and it is almost complete. Jolene also talked with four members to ask why they are leaving. Reasons included: family, not as much fun as it used to be, and other interests. Nancy appreciates the fact that she took the initiative to talk to some of the members.

Jolene is looking around for a successor for next year. If anyone is interested, let her know. She's done it for a few years now and doesn't want to hog the experience. It's an awesome role for new members to learn how it all works. Will discuss next week at special board meeting. Marilyn asked how often member info on COMGA member site is updated. Answer: Twice per month. Nancy updates website same day she receives the info. from Jolene. Amy Jo is still working on updating their list of new trainees and returning volunteer commitments, and usually sends it COMGA by the end of February or first of March.

Quarterly Meeting from Janet Dart.

We want to have more fun events. Once it warms up, perhaps we can have our first meeting at the new Alpenglow Bend Park & Rec location outside, at the end of March or April, depending on weather. It will give people an opportunity to see the new demo garden.

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Master Gardener Education from Janet Dart.

Although we are all zoomed out, she wants to make it easy for everyone to sign up for the Level Up classes being offered monthly by OSU. She plans to provide the links and dates to Rocky for inclusion in the HoeDown. The Level Up classes are the second Tuesdays at noon. If you want to attend the zoom live, you need to register. Otherwise, they are recordings. The February class is The Science and Practice of Starting Seeds, March is Native Plants for Ecologically Enhanced Gardens. See link in Hoedown for attending, plus Amy Jo will also send out a Level Up series link. Amy Jo encouraged everyone to take advantage of these classes because not only is it great material, it's popularity will help ensure its' continuance. It is a great opportunity statewide.

OMGA Report from Jan Barron.

Mini college dates are July 29 – 30th. Keynote speakers are Gail Langelletto and Dr. Samantha Chrisholm Hatfield. Kickoff activity will be a Corvallis Knights baseball game on Thursday July 28th. The Awards banquet will be Saturday evening July 29th and will include entertainment by the Ancient Ways Marimba Ensemble. Classes will be Friday and Saturday, with multiple time slots. There will be 16 – 20 classes. Lodging options include the OSU College alumni center dorms and the Hilton Garden Inn. Tours will be nailed down soon and may include a Saturday Market visit and a local garden center tour with discount. The silent auction will be discussed next meeting – Evie Cox is on that committee. If anyone wishes to teach a class, let Jan know.

The Gardener's Pen author has invited us to submit information to her. Specifically, articles about unusual events or special areas of expertise that our county may have which may be helpful to others across the state. Stories are due by February 10th. Send them to Jan and she'll forward. Patricia Kolling asked if we know yet what vaccination requirements will be for mini college. Jan will ask. Amy Jo said that COVID protocol is a moving target. Discussion followed. Amy Jo will keep us posted on requirements in time for future events.

Community Education Report from Jan Even.

Last month we talked about taking a hybrid approach to spring vegetable gardening classes. We determined we couldn't, due to COVID requirements in OSU classrooms, so they will be totally online. Jan would like to re-use the vegetable gardening video class that Amy Jo recorded last year, and we would add live Q&A sessions in Zoom, offering an evening option. We are now planning for the last week of March to be wrapped up before Spring Seminar classes begin. We need to send out press releases and advertise to the public. Jan would like to express her thanks to those who volunteered for these classes. We are hoping to hold an outdoor class once it warms up. Per Janet Dart, she thinks we can host up to 500 people on Zoom due to a temporary upgrade, and she will check to be sure. Our previous level was 100. Toni Stephan reminded us that we could use an OSU Master Gardener Zoom link which allows up to 300 participants. Janet will check into it.

Historian Report from Mimi Thomas.

Mimi received a request from LeeAnn Locker, Statewide

Outreach Coordinator, asking for pictures from our MG events in order to produce a visual report of the Master Gardener impact for 2021. LeeAnn was pleased with all that Mimi sent her. Also, our FlickR account needs to be renewed in March. Mimi was excited to receive a lot of photos from Patsy, dating to 2017, when the water-wise garden at Hollinshead was being established and will load them into FlickR. Amy Jo asked Mimi to send her the FlickR password. Several project coordinators have identified photographers for their workdays or events, but she hasn't heard from other project coordinators. It's hard for her to get to every venue, so she appreciates the help, and can better plan if she needs to attend.

ACTION ITEMS:

Technology Committee:

Janet Dart reported that they rolled out Workspace and sent out links to log in. It will take a while to get everyone comfortable with it. The committee is working on a 'how to' video and hopes to release it this week. Call them if questions about Workspace. She also prepared a listing of all the projects in process (sent to the board this week) and discussed them. We all agreed the Tech committee has a lot going on.

Soil Thermometers.

Nancy reported that Diana will no longer be managing this project and asked for a volunteer to take her place. Karen Simonet asked if there any information about the requirements. Rocky sent her Diana's email address. Carroll suggested Karen might look at the project review they completed on soil thermometers and roll cover. It's in the plant clinic office in the file cabinet.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS

Waterwise Garden Report from Pat Kolling.

Pat reported that she and Chris met and are progressing on planning for dates and methods to update the database. They met with the Tech support to refine the plant care plan recordkeeping.

They are planning an online webinar pruning class for the general public, a live online Q&A at a later date, and a follow up 'hands on' workshop to prune in the garden. Dates to be determined. They need advice from Amy Jo for pruning the compact viburnum. The first workday hasn't been scheduled yet but looking at April. Also working on putting on the project fair with Park & Rec again this year. Also hoping to put on more onsite classes in the garden this year. Rocky asked to be updated when dates are available for inclusion in the HoeDown.

Karen Simonet asked about the Hollinshead plant care program and if it would be available to use in the OSU demo garden. Pat indicated they are still piloting it, working out the kinks, and the plan was to roll it out for the other gardens when they get it further along. Janet Dart suggested they could start with preparing a plant list by area. The team could start a simplified version of it this year. Janet will meet with Karen.

It was suggested that the Hollinshead plant profile project may be a good article for the Gardner's Pen.

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Spring Seminar: Rocky Bessette.

Eight classes have been confirmed. Twice daily on April 2, 9, 16 and 23rd. Janet is working on getting the registration program set up. Rocky still needs two speaker forms back. Hoping to get the registration information online by the first week of March. Julie Hill is working on a poster for it and Liz Anderson is working on the silent auction. We need auction donations. Items do not have to be gardening related. Items in the \$20 - \$40 range are most popular. Phil Paterno will be sending out sponsor letters within a week. Janet said the tech. group figured out how to group sign-ups. Yeah! With OSU's zoom license, we can now handle up to 300 perhaps 500 zoom attendees per class.

Plant Sale/Garden Fair reported by Vicki Kemp.

Vicky would like a green light from Amy Jo that we can work in the greenhouse and garden under the same COVID protocols we used last year. Amy Jo gave the go ahead for three in the greenhouse, but she doesn't think we have mask requirements outside. March 23rd is the first workday in greenhouse. Seeds to be sown in April. We are still planning for an online plant sale. And are hoping for vendors and educational booths in the parking lot. We'll need to finalize vendor requirements soon. We have 16 types of plants for the sale. Munro's Orange Globe mallow, and penstemon, 2 zinnias and the rest veggies. About 1600 plants in total.

Amy Jo would like to meet with Vicky to talk about greenhouse maintenance. The greenhouse is getting some age on it. Specifically glazing, and some other matters.

OSU Demo Garden.

Karen Simonet reported that the first planned workday is April 5th. Continuing to work on 1st and 3rd Tuesday. Excel signup still like last year. Karen will send the actual workday dates to Amy Jo so Lisa can update the signup spreadsheets for 2022. Amy Jo may need to switch out the first work date since it's a conflict with the MG training, but thinks that since it's outside work, suspects the same COVID restrictions as last year. Vickie would like to do a walk-thru with Amy Jo a week before to make a cleanup plan. Karen will send the workday details to Rocky for the HoeDown.

Amy Jo may need to set up a MG project volunteer calendar for people to sign up for her time on a calendar, as she's extremely busy. She hopes to have a plan established by next week.

KPOV reported by Nancy Glick.

We are now down to one broadcast per month. Down to four people writing scripts, it's slow going now. Janet's husband can read/record them if someone wants to write a script but doesn't relish recording it. Need volunteers for writing them up.

Home & Garden Show

Per Vickie's email. No changes since last month. Still waiting on COBA for COVID protocols. They stated they will follow state and local guidelines, but they haven't clarified how they will enforce the rules. First weekend in May.

Hollinshead Garden.

Kirsten Hinton reported we have two vacant plots so far. She has sent out letters to last year's plot renters. Kirsten has worked with Amy Jo to get a short guidelines video recorded for new plot renters. They plan to use DigiSign again for renters. Monthly workdays will be the 3rd Thursday. We need two more mentors. Janet suggested Kirsten write up what Mentor duties involve, and to give to Rocky for HoeDown blurb. Rocky said she can send out a separate email or include in the HoeDown.

Discovery Garden. No word from Gary yet.**OPEN FORUM:**

Nancy welcomed Carroll Minium back, since he missed a few meetings.

Kathy Geary had also joined the meeting via Zoom, but had signed off before the open forum. Nancy gave an update on her husband Pat's condition and suggested we could send her cards, texts, or emails of well wishes of support.

Nancy Crossman asked for the COMGA member password. Answer is: Pollin8ors.

Karen Simonet reported on the upcoming inventory project. She, Julie Hill, and Nathalie Smith will be contacting the garden project coordinators to conduct an inventory before opening day. Full report next month.

Marilyn Clark read the thank you cards received in the mailbox. One from Nathalie Smith for being selected as Master Gardener of the Year last fall, and one from Toni Stephan for the kind gift.

Respectfully submitted:

Marilyn Clark

If you live in the Prineville or Madras area, you might be interested to know that the Pamplin Media group newspapers there will begin carrying a monthly gardening column with local gardening news. It started with the Madras Pioneer, for whom I had previously sent articles on the Madras Garden Club activities. When I inquired last month and asked why they didn't carry more stories on gardening, other than periodic stories from OSU Corvallis, the reply was resources.

Taking a chapter from Liz Douville's story, I suggested I could write a monthly story if they were interested, and sent him a first draft last week. He was eager to print it in the second weekly paper of each month. The Madras Pioneer is weekly, distributed on Wednesday. Next week will be the first Gardening Journey.

My desire is to provide general gardening stories, and include local COMGA and OSU Extension events, much as Liz does for the Bend Bulletin. Marilyn Clark

2022 ANNUAL DUES NOTICE AND QUESTIONNAIRE

Please print & fill out this form, enclose your check payable to COMGA and mail to: COMGA Membership
c/o Jolene Dodge
62510 Stenkamp Rd
Bend, OR 97701

Dues \$15.00 for all COMGA members

Your dues help fund our many projects and include eleven issues of the HoeDown plus the OMGA Newsletter.

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Original year you were certified _____

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the HoeDown will be sent by e-mail

I would like to be notified of upcoming events by e-mail _____ phone call _____

I am joining as an Associate Member only _____

Associate Members must also complete the "Statement of Understanding for Associate Members"

Please check the events you would most enjoy helping with (COVID mandates dependent):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Tour | <input type="checkbox"/> Home & Garden Show | <input type="checkbox"/> KPOV Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hollinshead Community Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> OSU Extension Demo Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> HoeDown Articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hollinshead Water-wise Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> June Garden Fair (plant sale) | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Seminar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discovery Park Community Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Education Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> County Fairs |

What topics would you like to learn more about?

Central Oregon Master Gardener Association - 2022

A chapter of Oregon Master Gardener Association
Covering Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties

To help us learn more about each other and the knowledge and skills each of us has to offer COMGA, please complete this form as it relates to you & mail to: COMGA Membership c/o Jolene Dodge 62510 Stenkamp Rd – Bend, OR 97701

Name: _____

Phone# _____ Cell phone # _____

Email: _____

	Interested In	Have Skill	Willing to Learn
Accountant/Bookkeeper	_____	_____	_____
Artist	_____	_____	_____
Computer	_____	_____	_____
List whether PC or Mac and specific software you use. I.e.: Excel, WORD, Publisher, Access, Power Point, Quicken etc.			

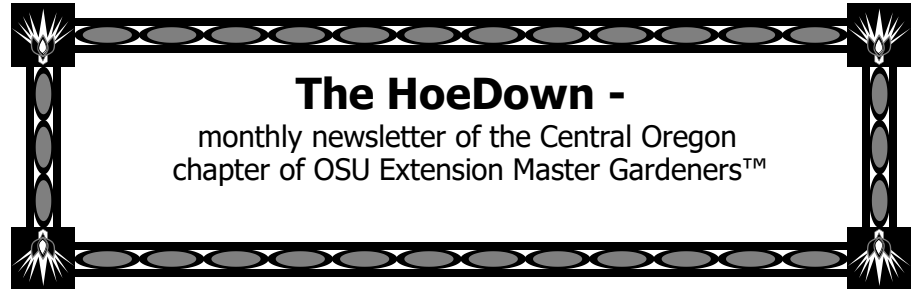
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Event Planning	_____	_____	_____
Speak and/or write Spanish	_____	_____	_____
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Garden/Landscape Design	_____	_____	_____
Gardening with Children	_____	_____	_____
Grant Writing	_____	_____	_____
Graphic Design	_____	_____	_____
Greenhouse Operation	_____	_____	_____
Irrigation	_____	_____	_____
Landscape Maintenance	_____	_____	_____
Legal	_____	_____	_____
Organizing Volunteers	_____	_____	_____
Photography	_____	_____	_____
Plant Propagation	_____	_____	_____
Project Manager	_____	_____	_____
Public Relations	_____	_____	_____
Public Speaking	_____	_____	_____
Teaching	_____	_____	_____
Vegetable Gardening	_____	_____	_____
Woodworking/Carpentry	_____	_____	_____
Writer/Technical Writer	_____	_____	_____

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