

Board members 2018

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President's message





I attended the OSU Master Gardener training in 2006. At the Recognition Night dinner in 2008, I realized that I may have become certified for what I could learn but I stayed in the program because of the people I met. And my feelings haven't changed in the past ten years – what a group of volunteers you are!

When I was elected President this year, I became responsible for asking a number of Master Gardeners to step outside their regular volunteer roles and open their homes to us. We hold our Summer Board Meetings in the evening and Peggy Ashford and Jan Even were kind enough to let us make their homes our potluck dinner sites. We came, we saw (their gardens), we ate dinner and we were charmed by their generous hearts and beautiful homes.



Toni Stephan had a great and very original idea of an advanced training to be held in the gardens of three of our Master Gardeners – and our first, very successful, traveling

"Grow a Little Fruit Tree" Quarterly Meeting was born at the homes of Vicky Kemp, Dan Tippy and Toni Stephan (and Rocky Bessette). They not only offered their own fruit trees (and grape vines) for our education but offered delightful nibbles at each location. It was more than just really good advanced training, it was also great fun!

Our annual BBQ is a Quarterly Meeting that everyone enjoys attending and this year, we were hosted by the amazing Jennifer Gold and her kind husband, Andy. They didn't just show us how a professional caterer treats their guests, they also made us feel welcome in their lovely home. We arrived early and stayed late – sorry, Jennifer!

But our wonderful volunteers don't just open their homes (and gardens) to us. We have an amazing and wide variety of talented people in COMGA. When I learned that Eileen Obermiller (Dappled Earth) is a Landscape Architect, I was eager to use her talents for an advanced training. As a result, in October Eileen presented a TEDx talk video about conservation agriculture and how we might apply it to Central Oregon. It was a stimulating and informative Quarterly Meeting and I appreciated her professional perspective.

It's easy to see why the Master Gardeners are my favorite people – they don't just volunteer to make the world a better place, they do it with a smile, a kind word,

a helping hand and, sometimes, a seedling from their own garden. And all I can give back is my everlasting thanks (and maybe a cookie or two).



Agent's Corner



Hi All,

Congratulations to our newest certified Master Gardener volunteers. We had 13 trainees complete certification this year including Liz Anderson, Jan Barron, Debbie Earle, Kathryn Kendall, Deborah Medlar, Scott Morphew, Dennis Ralls, Rebecca Rudolph, Carolyn Tate, Michelle Thomas, Mimi Thomas, Leslie Walker and Elizabeth Weide. We had 71 veteran master gardeners recertify this year!

Recognition night was a fun celebration of all of the wonderful projects that you were involved with throughout the year. Congrats on your successes! Thank you to COMGA for the generous gift you gave me on Rec Night and for helping to fund recognition night. All of you are worthy of recognition but I did want to note that we have two volunteers that reached a TWENTY years of continuous service milestone year this year, Betty Faller and Rocky Bessette. Kudos to both of you!

If you have not completed reporting your volunteer hours, please do so asap. I will need to send in my program report very soon.

Applications for the class of 2019 are now available. Training will be held in Bend at the OSU Cascades Campus on FRIDAYS next year. Please encourage those that are interested to sign up soon!

Wishing you a safe and restful winter season!

Amy Jo



COMGA Calendar for contact persons go to gocomga.com

November

1 Board meeting, OSU Extension Office, Redmond, 1pm 6 KPOV, 88/9 FM, 9-9:30am, MG training class 13 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Storing Tools for Winter 20 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Early Bloomers 27 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Garden Journals

December

4 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Selecting a Christmas Tree 11 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, History of the Extension Service

18 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Holiday Plants

25 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, What DO Gardeners do in Winter?

COMGA 2019 BOARD MEMBERS

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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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Annual Holiday Luncheor



Friday, December 7th at 12:00pm Riverbend Community Room, Bend Parks & Rec. 799 SW Columbia St., Bend

Our menu provided by Bleu Bite Catering

Wild Rice Chicken Casserole with Mushrooms

Savory Quinoa Salad with Kale and Mushrooms

Mixed Greens with Mandarins, Avocado, Pumpkin Seeds

Dessert Assortment

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Coffee, Tea & Apple Cider

For \$15/ person you can expect wonderful food, slide show and,

of course, great company! Sorry, NO Holiday Stress Invited!

Please RSVP to tinaburnside@bendcable.com and mail your

Check by Monday, November 26th made out to:

Tina Burnside

61752 Tam McArthur Loop

Bend, OR 97702

Looking forward to celebrating the Season with you!

Giving Tree

recipients this year are:

1818 The Humane Society & MountainStar Family **Relief Nursery**

REE Monetary and Food donations will be accepted 10 and are greatly appreciated! R N.S.S.



Project updates

Hollinshead Community Vegetable Garden By Nancy Crossan

Hollinshead Vegetable Garden had its closing day on October 13, 2018. It was a beautiful sunny day as our Gardeners arrived for their tasks led by our Master Gardener volunteers. Groups fully cleaned the plots, cleaned and sharpened all the tools, cleaned, sorted and took inventory of everything in the shed. Somehow, we had more room after everything was put back into the shed.... Imagine that. The food donation area was cleaned and the veggies washed and stored for the last pickup from NeighborImpact.

Total food Donated for the 2018 season was 1,217 pounds

We are preparing for our Potluck, Season Wrap-up meeting on November 6th 11:30 till 2:00. Traditionally this is our time to share ideas of what worked well and what we would like to see in the Garden next year. Already there are ideas flowing from not only the Master Gardener volunteers, but from the gardeners. It should be a fun positive day of planning.

I want to specifically thank the following MG Volunteers who worked as Mentors, Teachers, Support, and kept an eve out at the Garden. We have a community village at Hollinshead, and every one of you helped to make that happen.

Joanne, Jeff, Denise, Pat, Chris, Shelby, Shelia, Richard, Anne, Kathi, Mary Ann, Patsy, Cathy, Susanna, Jennifer, Kat, Kris, Patty, Kate, Evie, Penny, Marilyn, Bob, Lynn, Donna, Michelle, Mimi, Leslie, Debbie and Karen.

It was your positive and helpful attitude that kept me going as a Coordinator the last two years.

It is Bitter Sweet for me as I transition from one of the Hollinshead Garden Coordinators to a Mentor/Gang Member for 2019. Time to rest and enjoy my family. Oh and DREAM about what to plant next year in the garden.

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones.



Meet the Trainees

Dennis Ralls

I had a short discussion with Dennis, who was kind enough to talk with me while on a break from work. He is a native of Prineville who has been gardening there with his parents, since he was 5 years



old. Dennis is passionate about growing and caring for plants. He is engrossed in learning from the Master Gardener program, because it helps him to be a more competent gardener. Dennis is looking forward to sharing his new knowledge and the skills acquired over a lifetime with fellow gardeners. Along with gardening, Dennis likes to hike in the

beautiful Central Oregon environment.





NorthWest Crossing Community Garden By Tina Burnside





OMGA QUARTERLY UPDATE 4th Quarter Vickie Minor, State Representative

By the time you are reading this, the OMGA 4th quarter leadership forum and board meeting will have occurred in Portland. Gary Weber, who will be the State Representative in 2019, attended in lieu of Vickie Minor. He will give a full report in January 2019. The Leadership Forum, headed by Eric Bosler, President-Elect of OMGA, focused on how the chapters use newsletters, webpages, Facebook, media outreach, printed materials, and other methods to reach the gardening public and chapter members. Sue Nesbitt, current President, circulated the OMGA Purposes, Mission and Vision, for discussion. For those of you who have not seen these statements, they are:

Oregon Master Gardener Association Purposes, Mission and Vision

<u>The purposes</u> of the Oregon Master Gardener Association as stated in our Bylaws are:

1. To enhance and supplement the Oregon State University Home Horticulture Program (Master Gardener Program).

2. To assume responsibility for performing special tasks and engaging in continuous activities related to the Program.

3. To work with other garden organizations to enhance gardening when appropriate.

4. To award scholarships for post-secondary education in the fields of horticulture and plant sciences on the basis of scholastic merit and need.

Mission

We are committed to sustainable gardening through:

Partnering with the OSU Master Gardener Program to promote sustainable gardening practices.

Advocating for funding to deliver the Master Gardener Program across Oregon; and

Fostering quality continuing education of all Master Gardeners.

<u>Vision</u>

Enable OSU Extension Service Master Gardeners as the premier source of information on sustainable gardening.

Gail Langellotto also shared an email that covered best management practices for MG plant sales and an update to the MG code of conduct that now includes a provision prohibiting workplace violence. Every Master Gardener signs a "Conditions of Volunteer Service" form each year when recertifying. The new provision will be included in the form for 2019. The specific details can be found at the following link:

http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/

mgcoordinators/2018/10/22/updated-volunteer
-code-of-conduct/

And if you are interested in following the Garden Ecology Lab project that involves the pollinator studies Gail is doing, you can get more detailed information and follow the progress at the following links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch? time_continue=724&v=J7MKZZIipvg

https://www.youtube.com/watch? time_continue=3592&v=UHjQZA67isQ

http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/gardenecologylab/



Central Oregon Master Gardener Association board meeting, November 1, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Nancy Glick at 1:00pm

A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Jan Even and seconded by JoAnne Abbott. The motion passed.

OSU Report-Amy Jo Detweiler reported the applications are now available for the 2019 Master Gardener Training. The training will be at OSU again with the same price--on Fridays with 3 breaks during the 10 week sessions. Training starts on Jan 11, 2019. Bend Parks and Recreation future park Alpine Glow is being planned with demonstration garden beds at the entrance area. This is a project we can participate in if we decide to do this. Considering the location of the park and the beds within the park there would be a lot of walk by traffic to give a presence to the Master Gardener Association. Amy Jo shared a large map of the new park with us.

Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report-Tim Schindele presented the Oct. 2018 treasure's report.

Total Income for Oct. 2018 \$614.12 Total Expenses for October 2018 \$848.81 Checking Account Balance October 31, 2018 \$30,686.73 Uncleared checks written (606.09) PayPal Balance: \$ 0.00 Savings Account Balance: NW Community CU: \$ 25.83 60 Month CD Matures 1-5-23 Estimated 1.736% \$

7,046.58

24 Month CD Matures 6-19-20 Estimated 0.995% \$ 5,461.00

37 Month CD Matures 8-31-21 2.400% \$5000. Committed Funds as of 10-31-18

Checking account Cash Flow: \$ 5,000. Opportunity Fund Balance: \$ 5,000. Reserves: \$ 5,000. Total Assets: \$ 47,614.05

On Oct. 13th at the Quarterly meeting the COMGA 2019 proposed budget was voted on. A motion was made by Beckie Moran and seconded by Jolene Dodge to accept it. Voted yes to accept it. Fred Mayer rewards are now set up for COMGA

2019 Calendar-Nancy Glick is putting together the 2019 calendar of events and classes now. If anyone has information for her to include she requested it be e-mailed to her.

OMGA Report-Vickie Minor reported Gary Weber will attend the next Quarterly meeting of OMGA in Portland. OMGA board is evaluating how all the chapters in Oregon communicate (advertise) for events and classes. The board is also updating the violence code of conduct. It states that work place violence is prohibited and if you experience it report it the Master Gardener coordinator. Holiday Luncheon-Tina Burnside—Luncheon will be Friday, December 7th at 12:pm at the Riverbend Community Room, Bend Parks & Rec. 799 SW Columbia St Bend. \$15. Per person. Please RSVP to <u>tinaburnside@bendcable.com</u> Please mail checks by Monday, November 26th made out to Tina Burnside--61752 Tam McArthur Loop Bend, OR 97702. A flyer will be e-mailed out soon with more details.

Summer meetings-Nancy Glick opened a discussion about continuing to have summer board meetings in the evenings at someone's home. This was originally started to accommodate working people. After discussing it was decided to continue with evening meetings. Three people volunteered their homes for the 2019 meetings.

N W Crossing Report-JoAnne Abbott—It was decided to wait for Amy Jo to read the full report. We will discuss this at the Jan. 2019 meeting after input from her.

Open Forum—Jan Even can not attend the Holiday Luncheon and requested others to take pictures for her. Three thank-you cards were read from Toni Stephan, Amy Jo Detweiler, and Vickie Minor. Nancy Glick nominated Rocky Bessette for the 2018 AARP Oregon Andrus Award for Community Service. In a letter from AARP it was noted that another candidate was selected however the letter said her nomination is a clear recognition of her remarkable service. Toni Stephan gave us handouts for preparedness kits from Oregon State University. Jolene Dodge asked to change Who Am I to an interview each month with a veteran and a trainee. It was decided that was a good idea.

10 Minute University-Liz Douville gave a class on journaling. On her handouts she asked how past memories and emotion can plan into what you put in a journal. She covered why it is important to keep records and several ways to organize a journal.

Hollinshead Garden-JoAnne Abbott reported they had their closing day, cleaned out the beds and are looking for a new coordinator for 2019.

N W Crossing Garden-Tina Burnside reported closing day has been accomplished and she received reviews from some of the gardeners.

OSU Demonstration Garden-Liz Douville reported cover crops have been planted and labeled. There are several varieties being tested.

Spring Seminar-Rocky Bessette reported the Spring Seminar date is April 20th. About one half of instructors for the seminar have confirmed so far. There will be some do it yourself classes.

The meeting was adjourned by President Nancy Glick at 3:00pm.

Thank you,

Respectfully submitted, Shirley Jaynes, 2018 COMGA Secretary



2018 Award Winners



Vickie Minor Master Gardener of the Year



Jeanine Johnson In the Shade Award

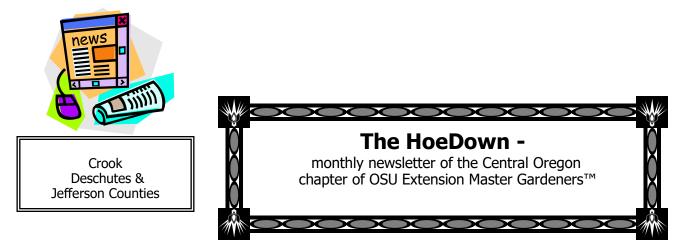


Tim Schindele Busy as a Bee Award



Congratulations to new Master Gardeners:

From left, Elizabeth Weide, Leslie Walker, Carolyn Tate, Debbie Earle, Liz Anderson, Kat Kendall, Dennis Ralls. Not pictured: Jan Barron, Deborah Medlar, Scott Morphew, Rebecca Rudolph, Michele Thomas, Mimi Thomas. Central Oregon Chapter of OSU Extension Master Gardeners^{۲۳} 3893 SW Airport Way Redmond, OR 97756



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