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President's message





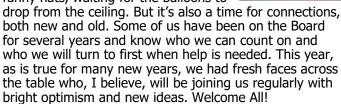
January is a wonderful time to appreciate old friends and embark on new beginnings.

Every year Amy Jo begins the first of ten weeks of Master Gardener training with the re-certifying veteran Master Gardeners happily attending classes

on the pretense of continuing education – but everyone knows we go to see our old friends

and re-establish our connections for another year.

The January COMGA Board meeting was so close to New Year's this year, I felt like we should have been wearing funny hats, waiting for the balloons to





The COMGA Chapter Projects also have some new faces that will join the experienced teams, and their input will be encouraged as innovative and original. When new ideas come face to face with the methods our veteran Master Gardeners have established, the results have been awe-inspiring

and the reason we have twice been awarded the Oregon Master Gardener Association's "Search for Excellence" for our projects.

Sometimes our new friends bring us new and inspired ideas: we have <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Flickr</u> (password: dig4plants) accounts thanks to techfriendly trainees. And because two former Chapter Presidents thought we should expand into the airwaves, we now have international internet exposure with our **Gardening**: Get



Good at It podcasts (click on the link; no password needed).

An *exciting* new idea involves a very good veteran friend of ours. Last fall, The Bend Bulletin had some major publishing changes and after writing a twice-monthly gardening column for twenty-six years, Liz Douville was laid off. In late December, when they realized the error of their ways, she was re-hired and will be, once again, in the paper every other Tuesday (did you see her column last week?). But the <u>best</u> news is that Liz has agreed to be the twice-monthly COMGA blogger. **Beginning Saturday, February 2nd** you can follow Liz every second and fourth Saturdays on the COMGA website (www.gocomga.com) - just look on any page for the black side box *OR* go directly to www.gocomga.blogspot.com. Pretty big, pretty wonderful win all around, I think!

And in the best words of Charles Schulz (and Snoopy), I wish a Very, Very/

by

Nancy Glick



Best Bets for Butterflies

Butterflies like variety. Consider a landscape design that combines trees, shrubs, flowers, and herbs that are known to attract them.

Be sure to include plants and flowers for both adult butterflies and larvae.





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

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<u>January</u>

1 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, New Year's Resolutions

3 Spring Seminar planning meeting, 11am

3 Board meeting, OSU Extension Office, Redmond, 1pm

3 Plant Sale meeting, 3pm 8 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Spiders

11 MG training, Botany, advanced training, 9-12

11 MG training, Composting, 1-4 15 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, C. O. Climate

18 MG training, C.O. Climate 9-12

18 MG training, IPM (online at home) advanced training

22 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Winter Survival

25 MG training, Diagnosing Plant Damage, Adv. Training 9-4

29 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Houseplant Leaf Drop



February

1 MG training, Plant Disease, 9-12

1 MG training, Waterwise Gardening, Adv. Training, 1-4

5 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Ornamental Grasses

7 Spring Seminar planning meeting, 11am

7 Board meeting, OSU Extension Office, Redmond, 1pm 12 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Starting Seeds

15 MG training, Plant ID, 9-4 16 General meeting, webinar, Adv. Training, 10am, Kathy Geary's home.

19 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Maintain Spring Bulbs

22 MG training, Soils, Adv. Training, 9-12

22 MG training, Lunch & Project Fair, 12-4

26 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Garden Design to Reduce Śtress



March

1 MG training, TBD, 9-1

1 MG training, Insects, 1-4

2 OMGA board meeting, Marion County

5 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Plan a Veggie Garden

7 Spring Seminar planning meeting, 11am

7 Board meeting, OSU Extension Office, Redmond, 1pm

7 Plant Sale meeting, 3pm

8 MG training, Vegetable Gardening, Adv. Training, 9-4

9 OSU Living On A Few Acres Conference

12 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Raised Beds

19 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Cloches & Season Extenders

22 MG training, Pesticide Safety, Adv. Training, 9-12

22 MG training, Weeds, Adv. Training, 1-4

26 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Community Classes

Getting to Know You! **By Jolene Dodge**

I would like to reintroduce you to Jennifer Gold. She was born and raised in Eugene, Oregon with her 3 older bothers. They enjoyed the outdoors, white water rafting, fly fishing, and Skiing. Jennifer went to the University of Oregon, where she studied the Romance Languages and Art History. When she finished at the University of Oregon, she moved to Spain where she lived for

Jennifer spent her time in Spain working in International Trade, when she moved back to the US she continued in that market. She met her Husband Andy and moved to Bend in 1985. She has operated her own catering business, and interpreted Spanish for the Deschutes County Health Department and Eastern Oregon Workers Compensation. In 1992, after her son David was born, Jennifer returned to school where she got her Masters in Education. After completing her Masters program, she taught Spanish in Bend/ LaPine schools until retiring in 2008. Jennifer started her business JenWear Fiber Arts while teaching and she continues to enjoy that venture still. For JenWear Fiber Arts, Jennifer creates wearable art.

Jennifer leads an active life, in 2017 while in Camino de Santiago in Spain, she hiked 270 miles in 3 weeks. She has 2 dogs, 1 cat, 8 chickens and a Warm Springs Mustang named Odin, who she adores. Jennifer said that she believes that joining COMGA is one of the best things she has ever done.



Oregon Master Gardener Association Quarterly Update

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4th Quarter 2018 Gary Weber for Vickie Minor COMGA State Rep to OMGA

Following are highlights from the 4th Quarter OMGA Leadership Forum and Board of Directors meetings held November 2 and 3, 2018, as addendum to Vickie's report in the November – December 2018 *HoeDown*. Both meetings were held at the Oregon Food Bank on the north side of Portland and were hosted by the Multnomah County Master Gardeners with a welcome from Corinne Thomas-Kerstin, chapter President.

At the **Leadership Forum**, Eric Bosler, incoming OMGA President, lead a discussion on tools used by chapters to communicate to the general public and membership. Dan Callahan, newsletter editor for Yamhill County, shared tips, watch outs and examples for how he puts together their monthly emailed newsletter called the Grapevine. He uses Paintshop Pro7 and MS Publisher, and keeps aware of copyrighted content, https:// extension.oregonstate.edu/newsletter/grapevine, and suggested to also check out Lincoln County's Enews newsletter https://extension.oregonstate.edu/ newsletter/lincoln-county-master-gardener-e-newsletter.
Tom Canales is the website developer also for Yamhill. He noted that OSU hosts many chapter websites but hosting your own can provide more flexibility, which is what COMGA is doing. He suggested that there are apps that can be added to the site to add functionality for event sign ups and on line payments (PayPal and Signup.com, for example). Julie Huynh from Clatsop County suggests using Facebook's relatively inexpensive publishing tools to promote content and reach more people. https://www.facebook.com/ClatsopCoMGA/. Eric mentioned that OMGA provides a "Communications Toolkit", 55 pages, published in 2014 that is currently being updated and will be available on line soon. He requested the chapters send him samples of their brochures and other communications tools that are working well for them.

The **Board of Director's meeting** began Saturday with a call for information on chapter projects that could be included in the next issue of the *Gardener's Pen* with the theme of "Gardening Technology".

The 2019 OMGA Leadership Team/BOD meeting dates will be March 2 & 3, June 7 & 8, September 7 & 8, and November 2 & 3.

Katherine Johnson, Treasurer presented the 2018 budget year to date, followed by a discussion of the 2019 budget proposal that was approved.

After much discussion, the Board approved a proposal to change the name of the Growing Gardeners educational conference back to Mini College, and holding on to the

Growing Gardeners name for the 2019 conference theme. So far a location has not been formally chosen, but Central Oregon is being discussed. Housing costs are one of the main concerns as is distance from Portland/I5 corridor where most members reside. Worry is that this will translate in to lower than normal attendance. Since this meeting, OMGA has elected to not conduct Mini College in 2019.

Dr. Gail Langellotto, state extension Master Gardener program coordinator, addressed the new violent behavior document. This is being rolled out as part of the condition of volunteering for OSU. Gail also announced that in the future her responsibilities will shift more to a research focus with less time spent with the Master Gardener program.

Sue Nesbitt, 2018 OMGA President, reviewed the OMGA Purposes, Mission and Vision statements with a focus on what the word "sustainability" actually means to people. Please share your thoughts. A newly revised OMGA State Rep handbook was distributed with a reminder that it is the Chapters that provide the job description for the State Rep rather than OMGA. Donations to OMGA can be made indirectly by using the AmazonSmiles – https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-0893329 and Fred Meyer Community Rewards – https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4 (#80755) programs for purchases.

Eric requested that any chapter interested in hosting one of the BOD or Executive Committee meetings in 2019, to please contact him.

The slate of 2019 Board nominees were presented and the ballot was unanimously approved. President Eric Bosler, President Elect Chris Rusch, 2nd Vice President Julie Huynh, Secretary Marcille Ansorge, and Treasurer Patrice Sipos. The 1st Vice President position remains unfilled and nominations are being solicited. Please call Eric if you have a person to nominate.

Next meeting March 2 & 3.

Seed heads and pods come in many shapes, sizes, colors, and textures.

The way seeds are arranged and protected offers clues as to how they are dispersed.

Seeds may be blown by the wind, pass through the digestive systems of animals, or simply fall to the ground.

LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD

January 3, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Glick (President), JoAnne Abbott (VP-Community Education), Vickie Minor (Secretary), Tim Schindele (Treasurer), Rocky Bessette (Communications Liaison), Diana Hardin (Alternate State Representative), Jolene Dodge (Membership Coordinator), Liz Douville, Toni Stephan, Evelyn Jenkins, Jeanine Johnson, Jennifer Gold, Liz Anderson, Kat Kendall, Vicky Kemp, Karen Finney, Nancy Crossan, Marilyn Clark, Ruth Mulligan and Mimi Thomas.

The meeting started at 1:00 PM and adjourned at 2:55 PM. The following items were discussed:

Approval of minutes of previous meeting:

JoAnne Abbott moved to approve the minutes, Rocky Bessette seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

OSU Report: (Amy Jo Detweiler / Toni Stephan)

Toni reported that there are 24 applicants for the class, plus three transfers. Applications close Friday 1/4/19, so the total number of trainees will not be known until next week. Mentors this year are Rocky Bessette, Liz Anderson, Vicky Kemp, and Vickie Minor. Depending on the final class size, Amy Jo may add more mentors. The first class begins January 11, 2019. The botany module will be in the morning, with composting in the afternoon. Toni reported that the botany module is part of the online master gardener short course series. The series is available to any Master Gardener and is found at https://pace.oregonstate.edu/catalog/master-gardener-short-course-series.

There will be a PNW Pollinator Summit and Conference February 14-16, 2019 at OSU in Corvallis. The conference is for extension agents, natural resource professionals, land managers, people who teach pollinator education and landscapers who deal with native plants. Toni asked us to let her know if we know anyone who would benefit from this conference. She also reported that LOAFA is scheduled for March 9, 2019.

The new building project is coming along, a bid was awarded and the tentative start date is February 2019. The new building will connect with the existing building via a breezeway and the plans include classroom space that will accommodate up to 80 people as well as a second certified kitchen. With the project nearing a start date, the existing building address has changed to 3800 SW Airport Way, Building #4.

Board Reports

Treasurer's Report (Tim Schindele)

Tim distributed the November and December budget reports. The board talked about the format of the reports and who should be on the distribution list. After a full discussion, Nancy Glick moved to include the project coordinators in the distribution list for the budget reports, Jolene Dodge seconded, and the motion was approved. This will require a minor wording change to

the treasurer's job responsibilities. Tim will continue to send out separate reports for November and December, noting that the December report also covers the year-end summary. We finished 2018 with income \$5854.04 higher than we estimated. Tim also reported that Fred Meyer distributes its loyalty program funds quarterly and we do not know yet if we will receive anything. Tim will keep us updated.

OMGA Rep Report (Gary Weber)

Nancy Glick and Jeanine Johnson provided updates in Gary's absence. Nancy received an email from Eric Bosler (OMGA President) which outlined the original plans to have mini-college in Central Oregon this year. Neither Amy Jo nor the chapter were contacted about this and as things turned out, OMGA was unable to complete the planning and contracts in time. OMGA has decided to skip having mini-college in 2019.

Jeanine reported that the November OMGA meeting was at the Oregon Food Bank in Multnomah county. She was impressed with the organization, and encouraged people to go visit the facility. The facility also has several "diversity" gardens, which showcase various cultures and their food. Gail Langellotto was also there and spent time talking about local plant sales. Official guidance was issued and one key change will be eliminating "dig and divide" events, where people grow plants in their home gardens, for sale at the chapter plant sales (e.g., irises). The issue is the transfer of invasive species so this type of activity is discouraged. Vicky Kemp reported that our plant sale is in general compliance with the guidelines. Gail also talked about the pollinator project. More information can be found on Gail's blog: http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/gardenecologylab/

Advanced Training (Kathy Geary)

Nancy Glick reported in Kathy's absence. The dates on the new calendar for quarterly training are good ones so far. The calendar is available on the gocomga.com website. The first quarterly meeting/training will be February 16, 2019, at 10:00 AM at Kathy Geary's home. Training will involve learning how to access the webinars, watching one and discussing the content. The webinars are approved for advanced training credit.

Action Items

NWX Community Garden Review (JoAnne Abbott/Gary Weber)

JoAnne reported that she attended a meeting with Amy Jo, Tina Burnside, Mike Duarte, Lee Sherwin (Bend P&R) and a representative from West Bend Properties (David). West Bend Properties is transitioning the park and surrounding area to BP&R as of March 1, 2019. The key issue is whether BP&R would be willing to help with the critter problems at the garden. BP&R does not have a line item budget for critter abatement and the cost is unknown. Amy Jo explained the steps involved in fixing the beds and physical labor is a key issue. BP&R will do a cost analysis and will get back to Amy Jo after the first of January. JoAnne also noted that the utilities for the new development around Discovery Park are being placed in the next few weeks so if trees are removed, it could impact the level of critters in the area.

LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD continued

She noted that moving the garden is not on the radar at this time. Gary Weber has agreed to be the coordinator for 2019 and he will contact people about the condition of their beds. Further discussion was held on various things that could be done to help abate the problems. Kat Kendall reported that the feedback from the gardeners was more pleasant than she expected and she did not get many negative comments. JoAnne's advice is to move forward with the recommendations in the report, but without a huge financial investment, pending action from BP&R. Nancy thanked all the members of the review committee.

Tech update (Nancy Glick)

There is a tab for upcoming projects and events on the COMGA website (gocomga.com). The calendar is now interactive so if you click on an entry, a window will come up with more information. The calendar is also available with more detail, through the members page. Let Nancy know if something needs to be added or corrected. The link https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg contains more information on gardening topics. We also have an Instagram account, administered by Kat Kendall. Let Kat know if you have events to be posted. Members can also access our Flickr account, which contains our photo albums. The account is managed by Jan Even. KPOV now has podcasts for our sessions (https://kpov.org/ gardening-get-good-at-it-podcast/). Nancy will include this information in the President's message this month. Liz Douville has been rehired by the Bulletin and will be doing a blog in addition to her gardening articles, beginning in February. Jody Turner is the person to contact at the paper, to let the Bulletin know we are happy Liz's column is back. Liz and Kat will work together to make sure the blog is linked on all our social media accounts.

Plant Sale (Vicky Kemp)

Vicky reported that our sale is June 1, 2019. Postcards are already printed and ready to go out. Vicky is going to sow seeds on a staggered schedule this year. 54 trays will be planted and will include most of the varieties from last year as well as a few new annuals (e.g., Raspberry Sherbet Zinnia). Vicky has reviewed the Best Management Practices sent from Gail and Vicky has already talked with Amy Jo about any issues we might have. We will no longer sell irises because of the restrictions on "dig and divide," and there was no resolution on what to do with the irises people were already growing. Vicky has all the seeds, labels and pots needed to get started. The planting party and transplanting dates are on the calendar. Vicky plans to set up and run the day of the sale the same way as was done in 2018. There was some discussion about the length of the sale and how it impacts the vendors.

Open forum

Rocky asked that any submissions for the HoeDown be sent to her by Friday, January 4, 2019. Rocky went to OPT to get prices on embroidered vests and hats

(website: https://optembroidery.com). The setup fee would be \$30, vests would run approximately \$35 and hats would be about \$18. The OSU Extension Master Gardener logo would be the one used. JoAnne moved to spend the \$30 setup fee, Diana Hardin seconded and the motion passed. Rocky will get in contact with the company. Rocky plans to use the same company we have used before, for the T-shirts.

Toni reported that the spinning rack with garden publications is now gone. Everything is now on the walls.

Project Status Reports

Community Education (JoAnne Abbott)

JoAnne had no new information to report. She will talk with Amy Jo about reserving rooms for training. Vegetable classes are still planned for February and March.

Spring Seminar (Rocky Bessette)

There are 16 confirmed speakers, including 4 DIY sessions. Rocky did a brief review. We do not know which sessions will be advanced training.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned.





Spring

Gardening

Seminar

Saturday, April 20, 2019

Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds

PLANNING THE SPRING GARDEN AND OTHER JANUARY GARDENING TIPS

By Dr. Leonard Perry, Extension Professor University of Vermont Extension and Lisa Halvorsen, Garden Writer

Janus, who lends his name to the month of January, was the dual-faced Roman god of gates and doors. He also was called the god of beginnings as it was commonly believed that you needed to go through a door or gate in order to enter a new place or beginning.

The god was depicted as looking forward and backwards at the same time--forward towards new beginnings and back towards the past. It's an appropriate symbol for this month as it's a time when gardeners are thinking about last year's garden in order to look ahead to the new growing season.

If you are like many gardeners, you probably keep notes on annual seed and plant purchases, past garden successes and failures, and even new things to try. It's a good idea to review these before you start planning your seed and equipment orders. Maps of past gardens will help you rotate plants and avoid overcrowding when planning spacing of plantings.

January is a good time to start a garden journal or even just a file where you can store articles clipped out of newspapers and magazines, or lists of ideas you want to try in the garden. A good place to get a few new ideas is by taking a class or joining a garden club. Most gardeners love to talk about gardening and won't mind sharing some of their tried and true methods and products with you. Or apply to the University of Vermont Extension Master Gardener program. For more information, visit http://pss.uvm.edu/mg/mg/ or send an e-mail to master.gardener@uvm.edu.

Next, check the seeds you saved and stored from last year's garden. Discard anything that is damp, diseased, moldy, or in otherwise bad condition. Look over what's left, and determine what you need to order.

You also should take a look at squash, potatoes, root crops, and other vegetables and fruits in winter storage. Although conditions may have been ideal when you harvested and stored them in the fall, the cold, wet winter may make that location too wet or damp. Toss anything that has spoiled or has soft spots. The same goes for summer flower bulbs like dahlias and gladioli that you saved to plant this year.

As many avid gardeners have discovered, it's wise to plan your seed order with other gardeners. This will allow you to save money while growing a wider variety of crops and flowers. In addition, some seed companies offer discounts or free seeds for early bird and/or large orders. Just don't fall into the trap of ordering more than you can use. That's where the notes you kept from past years will be useful.

If you need to replace a tiller or want to add a few new gardening tools to your inventory, start comparison shopping in January. Granted, some of this equipment won't be available for purchase in garden centers for a few more months. But by studying catalogs and magazines, talking to friends, and even surfing the Internet now, you will have a better idea of what you want and won't waste valuable time in the spring deciding what to buy.

The same goes for landscape plants. Although you wouldn't be able to plant them now, even if you could buy them, this "down time" in gardening is perfect for planning. Start thinking about what you need to fill in gaps in your landscape or what new plants you'd like to try. It may help to take a walk around your property to visualize where landscape improvements are needed or where you might put in a new flower bed. Think about color, scents, textures, and shapes. Then scout out companies that carry what's on your wish list.

No yard or garden is complete without statuary, gazing balls, sundials, and garden whimsies that make the space uniquely yours. Shop now for what you'll need in the spring to accessorize your lawn, garden, and flower beds. Use your imagination.

This January get creative in the workshop. Build a bat house or a birdhouse or two. Paint garden furniture. Construct artificial lighting set-ups for growing houseplants or starting transplants indoors. Or install a composting bin in your basement, adding a handful of red worms to turn your vegetable table scraps into rich compost for the garden.

Other activities for January: visit the Vermont Farm Show at the Barre Civic Center, Jan. 29-31; start an amaryllis bulb for spring bloom; re-read a favorite gardening book or start a new one that you received as a holiday gift.



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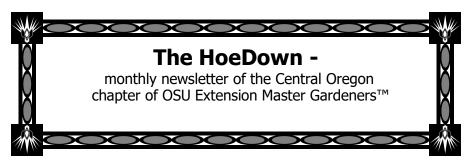
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