

# H O E D O W N

November 2021



## Board members 2021

**President:** Nancy Glick, 541-330-6260, [nglick@bendcable.com](mailto:nglick@bendcable.com)

**Vice Pres:** Liz Anderson, 541-968-1626, [ragingangel61@yahoo.com](mailto:ragingangel61@yahoo.com)  
Elizabeth Hughes-Weide, 916-803-2309, [hecbend@aol.com](mailto:hecbend@aol.com)

**Secretary:** Vickie Minor, 541-213-2329, [geovick92@yahoo.com](mailto:geovick92@yahoo.com)

**Treasurer:** Tim Schindele, 541-526-1490, [TJSFishes@bendbroadband.com](mailto:TJSFishes@bendbroadband.com)

**State Rep:** Janet Dart, 818-486-1583, [janetdart@gmail.com](mailto:janetdart@gmail.com)

**Alt. State Rep:** Evie Cox, 949-677-0767, [eviecox1@icloud.com](mailto:eviecox1@icloud.com)

**Historian:** Mimi Thomas, 503-320-4178, [mormormimit@gmail.com](mailto:mormormimit@gmail.com)

**Membership Coordinator:** Jolene Dodge, 541-771-7882, [ajdodge@yahoo.com](mailto:ajdodge@yahoo.com)

**Communication Liaison:** Rocky Bessette, 541-548-0789, [rockyb820@gmail.com](mailto:rockyb820@gmail.com)

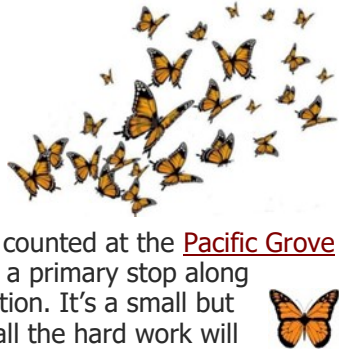
## Table of Contents

President's Message	2
Agent's Corner	2
Calendar	2
Judy's Gems	3
Discovery Park	3
Master Gardener of the Year	4
Project Updates	5
Lowdown from the board	6
Plant of the Month	8
Hollinshead garden collage	9

## President's message



Recently I read that in 2019 fewer than 30,000 Monarch butterflies were counted across hundreds of west coast sites, a 99% decline from the 1980s. In 2020, a migratory total of 1,914 western monarchs were counted. But this year, on October 21<sup>st</sup>, there were more than 2,500 monarchs counted at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History, a primary stop along the monarch's winter migration. It's a small but encouraging indicator that all the hard work will have a happy reward.



Here in Central Oregon, volunteers have spent two years quietly working for OSU horticulture – holding remote and in-office Plant Clinic, managing community gardens, maintaining demo gardens, teaching virtual classes & holding a drive-by plant sale. Like stars, they shone without fanfare, brightening a place darkened by the pandemic.



Not everyone was able to volunteer with the limited opportunities but we have a reason to be optimistic in 2022. Our volunteers are as resilient and as strong as the Monarchs, giving us great hope for the future.

Please join us in congratulating the **Gardener of the Year** **Smith**. Those who have worked how much she has given to our how lucky we are to have her.

2021 **Master Nathalie** with her know Chapter and

Thank you, Nathalie!

"As the sun begins to warm up...suddenly the butterflies [all] go into the skies at the same time," a Pacific Grove sanctuary representative said. "That sight hasn't been seen since 2019, and it was awe-inspiring and it gave us hope."

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2021/10/22/monarch-butterfly-pacific-grove-sanctuary/>



Heartfelt  
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

## Agent's Corner



Hi All,

For those of you that were unable to join us in our drive by recognition of this year's COMGA award recipient....I wanted to send out a sincere Congratulations for MG of the Year in Central Oregon 2021. **Please join me in congratulating Nathalie Smith!** We sincerely appreciate all that she does for our local chapter and local volunteer program!

Well-deserved Nathalie! Also, congrats to additional nominees, Pat Kolling, Vicky Kemp and Janet Dart! Congrats to all!

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

#### **November**

2 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Five Easy House Plants  
4 Board meeting, via zoom, 10:00am  
13 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon  
16 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, The Winter Landscape Garden  
27 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon

#### **December**

7 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am,  
11 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon  
21 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am,  
25 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon

Hi all of you super fantastic volunteers! All of you that completed volunteer hours for this reporting year (November 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021) should have your hours entered into the Volunteer reporting system at this time. We are counting up hours and will be certifying any trainee volunteers that hit the requirements. As a reminder you were not required to complete your hours due to COVID-19 and will have time to complete them next year. Same goes for all recertifying volunteers. Applications for the upcoming class are now available and we will be offering training using a hybrid model. Please encourage those you think may be interested to check out our program and apply soon. We are still without a permanent support staff member (Carrie left in June) in our office which is SLOWING down all of my email correspondence, etc. so I appreciate your patience. Toni and I are doing the best we can and hopefully this position will be filled soon to get us back on track. Thanks to Lisa (our temp employee) who has been holding down the fort and learning quickly to help me out. Be on the lookout for my emails that will include important state updates and upcoming events.

Thanks for another amazing year of volunteer work! Hope you have a great fall. Amy Jo



## Discovery Park Community Garden

by Gary Weber

The Garden officially closed its gates for the winter on October 17. Gardeners finished up getting their raised beds prepared by removing vegetation and removing plastic coverings from their cloche frames. Several gardeners have taken us up on the offer to be able to leave plastic covers in-place so long as they are very well secured against wind and provided that the plastic that was installed was of the UV resistant variety used in commercial nursery settings, or the heavy gauge PVC type. It is an experiment and one we hope is successful. On another note, interest is holding steady for fall planted garlic, and several gardeners are experimenting with overwintering frost tolerant veggies like kale.

The 2021 season by any number of measures was a successful one at Discovery. Gardener engagement seems to be at an all time high. Out of 50 beds, 49 were actively gardened the entire season. Several gardeners opted to add transparent polycarbonate panels to provide almost permanent protection to their beds. We like this trend. Bend Parks donated and installed a municipal park grade bulletin board structure which will help us communicate with gardeners. Social events continued to be limited by COVID, but we did have a good turnout of gardeners to spread out a big pile of new wood chips. We're seeing a greater diversity of garden vegetables being planted. Something that stood out were the highly pigmented, dark purple to almost black versions of standards like lettuces, coles, our new Midnight Roma, and other examples. They're really striking. June's exceptional heat stressed some veggies and delayed growth, but this summer also brought a higher frequency of warmer than average night time temperatures which is a real benefit. Discovery is a tough place to garden, but we've noticed that when gardeners get 2 to 3 seasons behind them, they will have developed their own methods to be successful.

The season finalé was a meeting of our Master Gardener volunteers Saturday morning following closing. We were joined by a handful of hardy gardeners who had a chance to visit and trade war stories. We were also joined by Nick Maithonis, master's degree candidate at OSU, who will be observing gardening activities in 2022 as a part of thesis project.

This really was a fun gardening season, and we're already looking forward to revving things back up for 2022 in March.



Midnight roma tomato

## Lichens

by Judy Shearer

Not many flowers are in bloom right now so I am taking a different angle on my article this month. Hope you take a "lichen" to it. Lichens are highly successful ancient composite organisms consisting of at least two, sometimes three, biological kingdoms. A lichen consists of a fungus and a photosynthetic organism (a green alga, cyanobacteria or both) that live together in a symbiotic relationship. The photosynthetic organism provides the food and the fungal partner forms the physical structure or "home" Because they are a composite organism, they can survive in habitats where neither partner could survive alone. They are important indicator organisms. They change with plant succession so forest managers can use them to indicate forest continuity, specialized microhabitats and microclimates, and assessment of water and air quality. They provide food, shelter and nesting material for wildlife. For example at least 45 species of birds use lichens as nesting material. Other mammals use them as a food source especially when other food is in short supply. Finally they are economically important for use in medicine, perfumes and wool dyes. Those of you that are familiar with Harris tweed, the red and rusty colors come from a lichen.

Lichens are divided into three growth forms: crustose (crust) Figure A, foliose (leafy) Figure B, and fruticose (shrubby or hairlike) Figure C. The lichen body is called a thallus. Most macrolichens are "stratified" and have outer fungal layers with the photobiont sandwiched in between. They are attached to their surfaces with root-like structures called rhizines. Features used in identification are the shape, size and color of the thallus, the angle of branching, degree of adhesion to the substrate, habit of the primary thallus (spreading, erect or pendant), and the presence of reproductive bodies and spores. Color is also an important component and can change with the amount of light. For example those in strong sunlight tend to be deeper colored in brown or blackish tones.

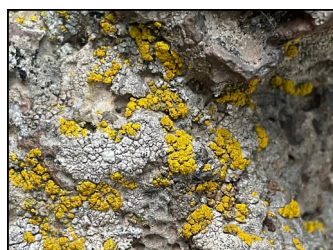
Lichens are rarely given common names therefore one is relegated to learning scientific names. One common name I like and is appropriate is "British soldiers" where the fruiting body at the tip of the erect thallus is bright red symbolizing the uniforms worn by the British in the Revolutionary War. One other nice thing about lichens is you can hunt them any time of year and they will be there in their preferred habitat whether it be the badlands, the forests, or the coastal plains.

### References

McCune, B., and L. Geiser. 2009. *Macrolichens of the Pacific Northwest* 2nd Ed. Oregon State University Press, Corvallis OR

<https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/beauty/lichens/biology.shtml>

Photography by  
Samantha Shearer



## Master Gardener of the Year

by Vickie Minor

Last year, the COVID-19 pandemic hit the world and our master gardener activities were severely curtailed, which included pausing awards and recognition for outstanding master gardener volunteers. Because of the pandemic, volunteer hour requirements were suspended but the needs of our gardening community did not take a break. When we resumed our activities this year, we learned that we could successfully pivot and still support our community and the work of OSU Extension, but in new and different ways. Today, we are happy to be honoring an outstanding member of our ranks, as our Master Gardener of the Year, for her willingness and commitment to help our gardening public and advance our main mission, which is to educate our neighbors and assist them with their landscaping and gardening experiences.

This year, we received nominations for four different individuals, Pat Kolling, Vicky Kemp, Janet Dart and Nathalie Smith, all of whom exhibited the dedication and traits that are the hallmark of a Master Gardener of the Year. It made the work of the awards committee difficult because we could only select one person for this award. The nominations were discussed in detail and in the end, we all agreed that one person stood out as the obvious choice. It is now my pleasure and privilege to introduce our next Master Gardener of the Year, Nathalie Smith.

Nathalie has been heavily involved in the program at a time when it was not required due to the pandemic. She has contributed valuable insights, service, and hundreds of volunteer hours to support the program and OSU. She has helped at the OSU demo garden and is actively involved at the Hollinshead gardens. She has helped to educate and train other master gardeners to navigate remote plant clinic and has made critical contributions to the development and roll-out of the new ECCO database. Early in the spring, she was a key force in helping us move from in-person to remote learning – her work was on full display when we were successful in hosting multiple vegetable webinars, as well as our first virtual spring seminar. I sometimes wonder if she has magical powers and has figured out how to be in more than one place at a time because she also helped with the creation of the plant database for the Hollinshead Waterwise Garden, she was a key contributor to moving to a virtual plant sale format, she does educational spots for KPOV, and she has assisted with the property inventory for the association. I shake my head in wonder because she has so much energy.

I suspect she will not like being in the spotlight for this award as she prefers to work behind the scenes where most people would only see the result of her efforts, without knowing about all the hard work and hours involved. She is a scientist at heart, with the inquisitive mind and nature that goes along with seeing a problem and not just wanting to help solve it but taking action to make sure a solution is found. In addition to being an avid gardener, she enjoys exploring the world – if you were a friend of hers on FB, you would have seen the amazing

Alaska trip this summer - and she also volunteers with the Humane Society, to take care of four-legged companions that need a little love. All these activities play a part in her approach to solving all kinds of life and gardening problems.

When the awards committee evaluated the nominations, our focus was on what the nominees did in the last 12 months that made a difference above and beyond the normal certification requirements. It was clear to us that Nathalie has made a difference on many levels, quietly helping wherever help was needed, not-so-quietly jumping in to educate people on all things technical as well as gardening, and bringing a level of professionalism and competence to the process that makes us all very proud. She is dedicated to excellence and we are lucky she decided to land here. So, without further ado, please join me in congratulating our friend, Nathalie Smith, as our next Master Gardener of the Year.





## Hollinshead Community Garden

by JoAnne Abbott

We all know that Hollinshead Community Garden (HHCG) is closed for the 2021 season. YET, behind the scenes, the work continues at the garden!

What most of you don't know is that our fearless coordinator, Kirsten Hinton and a few of the gang, including Lisa Nakadate, Kelli Comsigt and Evie Cox set out on a venture to help delineate where each plot corner is (and should be), and attempt to straighten the ever crooked garden, and equalize the plot sizes.

Historically, each plot corner had been marked with pvc pipes with neon yellow painted tips. These markers are important as a few gardeners have unintentionally "spread" their plot into paths, making them bigger than originally intended. Kirsten and team started a new process 'planting' paver type bricks on the corner of some plots. But after a few hours of diligent effort, the team wisely questioned the wisdom of the plan. Even after completion, the garden would remain cattywampus with various plot sizes and narrow pathways. The benefit to cost ratio was not great enough to warrant the effort expended installing corner blocks. So, back to the drawing board we go. This has been an ongoing issue since "almost" day one, so not curable overnight, nor without major renovations. Thank you's go out to the team for attempting a new possibility...but it's back to the drawing board for us.

The picture collage you see on page 9 is of a few of the mentors and mentor assistants that I was able to catch a picture of on our closing weekend. The watermelon you see a few of us eating, was the lone melon that actually had time to ripen at HHCG. I'm sorry we didn't get a full picture of all who were involved with us at HHCG! It is a great crew, and I'm sure Kirsten agrees that we hope to see you all (and more) in the spring of 2022, when we begin planning for the HHCG Opening weekend!

## Hollinshead Water-wise Garden

by Pat Kolling

The gardening season is drawing to a close. The fall color in the garden was striking this year. The Goldflame spirea and Roseglow barberry were particularly beautiful. The compact American Cranberry Bush was a golden yellow.

The water-wise garden is open to the public all year, and consequently, there is really no "closing day". Volunteers have been busy in October trimming back perennials, transplanting plants in early autumn and planting spring bulbs. Raking, raking, raking pine needles has been a constant task. The native beds were mulched with pine needles and we are planning on adding additional bark mulch to the main part of the garden in mid-November. We will continue to monitor the garden this winter, and if needed, call on volunteers to do clean-up. Over the winter months we will fine

## OSU Extension Demo Garden

by Karen Simonet

Wow! What a turnout! Our last workday for the season with 13 volunteers. The enthusiasm and cheer were contagious! Thank you to Vicky Kemp, Wanda Kuklis, Marilyn Clark, Beckie Moran, Rocky Bessette, Mimi Thomas, Lizzy Anderson, Alice Spencer, Stewart Taylor, Toni Stephan, Phil Paterno, Victoria Butler and myself. If you looked at the garden, the amount of work appeared overwhelming. How were we going to get all this done in 3 hours? Well, it only took 2 ½ to transform! We removed the annual crops, trimmed perennials, raked leaves, etc. We cleaned out the AAS beds except for the Rudbeckia and Dianthus. Trimmed some of the suckers on the Crabapple. And deep watered those plants near the NE corner of the Office Bldg. Toni and Rocky brought their dump truck and we filled it to the brim! Such satisfaction (relief) and a good feeling being able to leave the garden that way. My thoughts start to wander to next year, what new seeds will we plant?.....

I wanted to thank the OSU Extension and those Master Gardeners involved in the webinar on October 6, "Putting your Garden to Bed." I learned so much and it furthered my research and enthusiasm for end of the season projects. I think it was Pat Kolling who said, "only cover perennials to the shoulders". Thanks for so many tips!

tune the plant profiles and the workday report and the plant care plan. We learned a lot about using the apps this season, and will make changes as needed and be ready for the new gardening season. Have a great winter!



## LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD

### BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2021

In-Person at OSU Extension, Redmond and  
Via Zoom Online

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** In-person: Nancy Glick (President), Jan Even (Past-President), Rocky Bessette (Communications Liaison), Marilyn Clark, Jan Barron, Toni Stephan, and Amy Jo Detweiler; via Zoom online: Liz Anderson (VP-MG Education), Vickie Minor (Secretary), Janet Dart (OMGA State Representative), Evie Cox (Alternate State Representative), Liz Douville, Carroll Minium, Vicky Kemp, Pat Kolling, JoAnne Abbott, Karen Simonet, Kirsten Hinton, Nathalie Smith, Phil Paterno, and Gary Weber.

The meeting started at 10:00 AM and adjourned at 12:02 PM. The board discussed the following items:

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by Jan Even, seconded by Rocky Bessette, and approved by the board with no objections.

### OSU Report

Toni congratulated Nathalie Smith on receiving the Master Gardener of the Year award, and Pat Kolling, Vicky Kemp, and Janet Dart for being nominated. Liz Anderson was thanked for her efforts in putting together the outdoor celebration last month. So far, there have been seven applications for the 2022 master gardener training; the deadline for applications is January 10, 2022. There will be hybrid training and the cost to apply is \$275. Amy Jo reminded everyone that they need to record any volunteer hours worked this year into the volunteer hours database. Trainees who have completed enough hours to be certified will receive their badges and certificates later this month. Amy Jo thanked the project coordinators for their efforts this year in the gardens. Janet Dart reported that Amy Jo received the Educator of the Year award from OMGA.

### BOARD REPORTS:

#### Treasurer's Report

Tim sent the treasurer's report via email as he was unable to attend the meeting. The total estimated interest paid on our two credit union CDs are indicated in red, including entries for the total monthly income and the total cash assets. Tim expects the amount will increase by approximately 25 cents, when he gets the actual amounts. Income for the month included sales of six bags of row cover sold at the Extension Office in October (\$60) and one soil thermometer (\$5). Expenses for the month included \$72 paid to the Redmond Round-Up for advertising of the June plant sale. There was also a \$75 gift card purchased for Nathalie Smith as the 2021 Master Gardener of the Year, which came out of the Recognition Night account. As there was no money budgeted for that account for this year, a special vote of a quorum of the board who attended the board retreat on October 21 approved the expense. Another \$145.43 was spent on snacks and decorations for the award ceremony. That money came from the quarterly meeting account and since that cost exceeded the amount budgeted for quarterly meetings for the year, it was also approved by a special vote at the board retreat. Tim reports that there

will be some bills to pay before the end of the year, but it looks like we will still come out having earned more than we will have spent, for a net gain of perhaps \$1,000. The full year numbers will be reported in the November-December Treasurer's Report prior to the January 2022 board meeting. Voting on the proposed 2022 Budget was held from October 21 through October 28 via Survey Monkey. The vote was unanimous and the 2022 budget was approved.

### Membership Report

Jolene received approval from Amy Jo to send the January issue of the HoeDown to all MGs, not just COMGA members. This is a one-time distribution to all MGs and is a follow-up to the discussion at the October meeting on how we can get information to people about the chapter and to encourage all MGs to join. Discussion followed on how to achieve this. The consensus was to include the dues form in the January HoeDown, and then send it by email to each certified MG on Amy Jo's list. Since dues can now be paid electronically, Nathalie will work with Jolene to create an online dues form, which can also be completed and returned electronically and tied to the individual completing the form. This will help Jolene keep track of the forms.

### 2022 Community Education

Jan Even, as the incoming VP of Community Education in 2022, has been doing preliminary planning in this area. Even though we will not know what the COVID situation and regulations will be in the spring, we can still plan for a hybrid approach. This year, we found that many of our audience liked the zoom format and we can reach more people than doing in-person classes. We would like to continue the webinars; however, when we can do some in-person sessions, outdoors at the gardens or other outdoor venues, or indoors depending on the COVID requirements, we should plan accordingly. Jan suggested that we follow a similar approach for the vegetable sessions next year as we used this year – having people view the video, then do several live Q&A sessions. She hopes to augment these with more traditional vegetable classes but it will depend on the requirements in place at the time. Because public spaces can be difficult to get, Jan will pursue making reservations and if it turns out we cannot do in-person classes, she will cancel the reservations. A brief discussion followed about the data collected from the various webinars. Overall, 437 people signed into the various zoom webinars, many more than normal from outlying areas. Based on these results, we will keep doing webinars and work on having a blend of formats for classes.

### Google Workspace

Jan Even noted that the current document retention policy assumes all documents are paper or are some kind of physical entity. While this was true in the past, much of what we do now is digital and we need to take advantage of technology to make it easier to retain and share documents and files. The new policy goes into greater detail and its purpose is to assure that regardless of paper or digital format, things are protected and maintained. We are shifting to digital platforms because they provide continuous backup and we do not need physical file storage space. She

**LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD** continued

Continued from page 6

explained the proposed policy change in detail and clarified that the mechanics of using the technology, specifically Google Workspace, will be addressed at the January 2022 meeting. All board members and project coordinators will have their own sections within Google Workspace, providing a location for them to store items. All volunteers should store documents electronically whenever possible. Discussion followed on some of the mechanics of using Google Workspace. Janet Dart is creating user manuals – one for members at large to access the library, one for project coordinators and board members on how to use their role-specific folders and one for the administrator. Jan Even stressed that this will be implemented in 2022 and everyone will get training on how to navigate the software. The plan is to use this going forward and people will not be expected to scan records from previous years. Janet Dart noted that because there is a learning curve, the “how to” details could be fluid through the first year of use. She assured everyone that there will be training on best practices and what should and should not be retained. A general rule of thumb will be if the volunteer is doing work on behalf of COMGA, use Google Workspace as the storage site for emails and documents. A vote on the proposed policy revision will be done at the January 2022 board meeting, once all board members have had an opportunity to review the text.

**Awards and Recognition**

Nancy reviewed the Master Gardener Of The Year award to Nathalie Smith and all the things she has done to contribute to the program. Nancy discussed the trowel awards and noted the following people received awards this year: first period – Alice Spencer (Demo Garden), Nathalie Smith and Janet Dart (Spring Seminar), Kathy Ketchum (Water-wise Garden); second period – Wanda Kuklis (Demo Garden), Lisa Kieraldo (DPCG), and JoAnne Abbott (HHCg). [Secretary's note: a full list of previous recipients of these awards can be found at <https://www.gocomga.com/membership> at the bottom of the page.]

**ACTION ITEMS:****Inventory**

Karen Simonet reported on the status of the inventory. There was no inventory last year due to the shutdown, so the starting point is the inventory from 2019. The OSU Demo Garden and DPCG have been completed, Hollinshead will be done the afternoon of 11/4/2021. After all areas are completed, the spreadsheet will be updated. Karen and Nathalie raised the issue of how to report discrepancies in the inventory. Specifically, there are instances where items have been purchased but not noted in the inventory, tools have been left behind by gardeners or just appear in a garden and there are other instances where items on the previous inventory are no longer at a garden. Questions were also raised about how to account for row cover and soil thermometers. Extensive discussion followed, after which it was decided that the project coordinators should send a global email to their gardeners letting them know items were left behind and asking if they were intended to be donated or were they just forgotten. Until there are responses, these items will be noted as being in a “lost and found” category. Discussion will have to follow next year on how long these

items would remain categorized this way, before becoming assets of COMGA. We also agreed that COMGA owned assets should be marked in some permanent way. Several methods are used now, including permanent markers and pink paint, or orange tape to denote the items were purchased by OSU. If purchases are made that impact the inventory (e.g., soil thermometers), there will need to be an easy way to get that information to the inventory committee during the year, so the inventory records can be updated. Extensive discussion was held on how to report the row cover because it is initially in a roll and cut into smaller pieces. The consensus was for this year, to keep the unit of measure as the number of pieces of row cover that are available for sale.

Further discussion followed because there is no locking shed at DPCG. Gary reported that he thinks it would have to be run by Bend P&R but he does not recall that they have ever objected to a shed being installed. Since COMGA paid for the shed at Hollinshead, it would be reasonable to ask them to pay for a locking shed at DPCG, which could resolve concerns about garden tools disappearing.

**PROJECT STATUS REPORTS:****Hollinshead Garden**

Kirsten reported that garden closed 10/16 and 10/17, renters were asked to clear their plots and weed the pathways that border the plots. One plot appears to have been abandoned. Kirsten is also working on a way to delineate the plots more clearly, as many are no longer 10'x10'. She also reported that Jim Salber is leaving and moving back to California.

**KPOV**

Nancy reported that there are recordings through the end of the year. She is already planning for next year, she would love to add to the existing group of speakers and if anyone is interested in helping, broadcasts are twice a month.

**Discovery Park Community Garden**

Gary reported closing on 10/17 was uneventful as there was no official closing event. He is experimenting this winter with allowing renters to keep the plastic attached to their clothes, if the plastic has a rating that would allow it to survive the winter; several people are participating. Gary shared that this year, there was a higher gardener engagement overall and it seems that most people are tending to their gardens all year. He did have one plot abandoned but had the unusual experience of having a gardener observe someone looking for a place to put unwanted potted vegetables, who then planted them in the abandoned bed.



**LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD** continued**OSU Demo Garden**

Karen Simonet reported that the last workday was 10/19 and 13 volunteers came out to help. Lots of produce was raised during the season and Vicky Kemp reminded everyone that the fallen leaves are deep so if anyone wants compost material, come and get it – just bring your own rake and bags.

**Water-wise Garden**

Pat reported that the garden does not close as it remains open through the winter. Pat has a full report in the HoeDown.

**Open Forum**

The question of opening our meetings to all members was discussed. Everyone agreed that hybrid meetings should continue and discussion centered on how to control the in-person attendance since COVID restrictions are still in place. After talking through the challenges, the consensus was that there should be a pre-meeting signup sheet, like the one used for the demo garden, which would manage the number of people allowed to attend in person. The zoom invitation should be sent out with the agenda so anyone who would like to attend via zoom, would not have to ask for the link.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Minor, Secretary

**PLANT OF THE MONTH**

by Lisa Nakadate and Julie Hill

**Featured Plant - Blue Shag Eastern White Pine**  
*Pinus strobus* 'Blue Shag'

Height: 2 - 4'  
Spread: 2 - 4'

**Why Should I Plant Blue Shag Eastern White Pine in My Garden?**

This evergreen tree has short, blue-green needles in bundles of five that are soft to the touch.

Low maintenance and tolerates deer and rabbits. Rapid-growing and long-lived.

**Fun facts**

It is the state tree of Maine and Michigan and is native to the northeastern United States and Canada. Blue Shag is an important timber tree (perhaps more so in the 18th and 19th centuries than now) which was and is valued for its lightweight, straight-grained wood (orange heartwood and white sapwood).

**Information Sources**

Oregon State University Landscape Plants: <https://landscapeplants.oregonstate.edu>  
Missouri Botanical Garden: <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=u960>





# Hollinshead Community Garden

by JoAnne Abbott



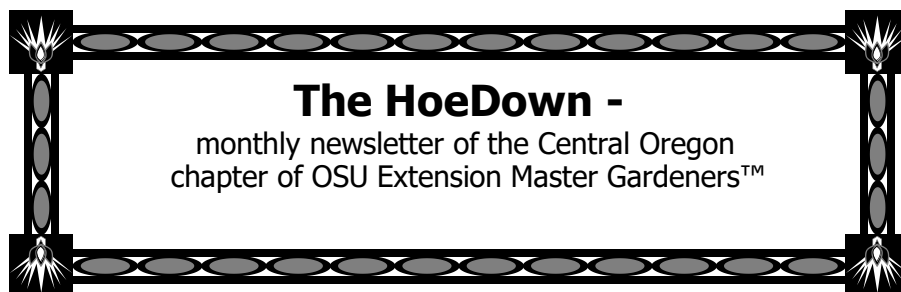
There will be no newsletter in December.



Central Oregon Chapter of OSU Extension Master Gardeners™  
3800 SW Airport Way Bldg.#4  
Redmond, OR 97756



Crook  
Deschutes &  
Jefferson Counties



"Oregon State University Extension Service offers educational programs, activities, and materials without discrimination based on age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran's status. Oregon State University Extension Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer."

