



Newsletter of the Central Oregon Chapter of OSU Master Gardeners™





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Tresident's message



My garden makes me happy. No big surprise there - I'm sure 100% of my fellow Master Gardeners would say the same thing. Like many of us this past summer, I needed the solace of gardening to help me stay centered and upbeat.

But what makes you happy when you *aren't* in the garden? What happens in February when the mental picture of the summer garden is dim and slightly out of focus – how do you recapture that bliss?

In August, I watch the bees visit every tiny blossom on my thyme plants, looking for the last remnants of pollen before the cold autumn frosts the plants. Honey bees, native bees, syrphid flies and bumble bees as big as my thumb make a riotous din in the flower bed as I work beside them.



A Syrphid Fly

We've learned how the bees communicate their happy discoveries to the other bees in the hive: they dance! With turns, flutters and fanny waggles, they tell other bees how to find the Glick family treasures of thyme, lavender, echinacea, monarda, aster.

And that is my February happiness moment — I picture the summer bees in their hives, telling their tale of warm, fragrant flowers as far as their multiple eyes can see, persuading their fellow hive-dwellers to visit. The mental video plays in my house-bound winter mind of a half-inch long fuzzy little creature sharing what seems like a joyful moment with the insect equivalent of a 'fish tale' of endless fields of pollen, dancing to the music of Rimsky-Korsakov (https://www.youtube.com/watch?ve=aYAJopwEYv8).

That song on loop is my cue to get out the gardening books, my journals and the seed catalogs and plan for all the bright, sweet-scented, wonderful flowers I'll be providing my little ballerinas in the upcoming summer.



How about you? What makes you happy when the garden is beyond reach in winter? When there aren't any small children or silly dogs or good friends around to lift your heart on a grey winter afternoon? What makes you happy? If you

want to share, email me: nglick@bendcable.com. I'd love to hear what makes *you* happy!

If you haven't watched some great dance moves lately, here is a video you might like: https://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/weirdest-bees-dance.

Nancy Glick

FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM DONATES TO COMGA

COMGA enrolled in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program during the last quarter of 2018. In just three months, and with only 6 reward cards linked to the program, COMGA earned \$15.94.

COMGA encourages you to link your Fred Meyer reward card to COMGA. It's easy to do and it does not subtract from the quarterly rebate you will receive from Fred Meyer for your grocery purchases.

Follow the link below to learn more and to enroll. Search for Central Oregon Master Gardener Association or ID695.

https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4

IT'S KPOV TIME GARDENING: GET GOOD AT IT

Tune in to The Point on KPOV 88.9 FM, every Tuesday between 9:00 and 9:30 AM.

Here is our lineup of upcoming Gardening: Get Good At It segments.

February 5 Ornamental Grasses

February 12 Starting Seeds

February 19 Maintain Spring Bulbs

February 26 Garden Design to Reduce Stress



If you've loved Liz Douville's twicemonthly column in the <u>Bend Bulletin</u> for the past 26 years as much as I have, you're going to LOVE her exclusive Master Gardener blog every 2nd and 4th Saturdays. You'll find her posts at <u>www.gocomga.com</u>, on the black left sidebar. If you click on Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon, you can scroll through the two posts

already there for you to enjoy. Your thoughts are invited,

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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COMGA Calendar

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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 Stress

<u>March</u>

1 MG training, Insects, 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

<u> April</u>

2 OSU Demo Garden workday, Extension Office, 9am

2 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Gardening on the Cheap

3 Community Class: Hands-On Pruning & Maintenance Water Wise Plants, 1-3pm

4 Spring Seminar meeting, 11am

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

4 Plant Sale meeting, 3pm

5 OSU MG training, Pruning, 9-12

5 OSU MG training, Common Damage to Landscape Plants,

5 Hollinshead Vegetable Garden Lottery closes, 5pm

9 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Spring Seminar

11 Waterwise Education Garden workday, 9am

13 Hollinshead Vegetable Garden Plot Selection, 2pm

13 Spring Seminar Registration Deadline, 5pm

15 NW Crossing Community Garden Lottery ends, 12-1am

16 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9am

16 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Perennial Weeds

17 NW Crossing Community Garden Bed Assignment & GA meeting, 9am

18 Class: Seed Starting, Plant Sale, OSU Extension Office,

20 Spring Gardening Seminar, 9am—4pm, Deschutes County **Fairgrounds**

23 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Annual Weeds

25 Waterwise Education Garden workday, 9am

25 Hollinshead Community Garden workday, 10:30am

27 Hollinshead Community Garden opening, 9am

27 NW Crossing Community Garden opening, 9am

30 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Vertical Vegetable Gardening

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

Hello Everyone, let me introduce or reintroduce you to Kathy Geary. Kathy loves to learn, she believes that life should be an open book, because it helps facilitate learning. Kathy has been gardening since she was a little girl, her mother had an herb garden below the clothes line. At four years old, Kathý's mothér trusted her with the responsibility



of harvesting the parsley and oregano. Kathy relocated here from a fértile California valley 6 years ago and gardening in the Central Oregon climate was a great challenge. Kathy saw an ad for the Master Gardener program and knowing it could likely kill 2 birds with one stone, she joined. The MG program has improvéd her knowledge of how to garden here and helped her make friends in her new home town. Kathy has enjoyed using her attention to detail and organizational skills, to help make several MG projects successful.

Kathy loves to go on movie dates, which satiates her popcorn addiction and gives her time with her husband Pat. She loves to cook and enjoys classic cocktails. Kathy loves a good party and good company. Fifteen years ago, she made a sour dough starter out of wine grapes. She will share if you ask. Kathy's other hobbies include kayaking, hiking, long distance running, and fly fishing. Kathy is an avid reader, she enjoys reading history, literature, spy novels, just to list a few subjects.

The best advice Kathy has been given is, slow down and enjoy the ride. This is reinforced by her husband Pat, who has a serendipitous attitude towards life. Kathy says Pat is her guiding light during her perpetual coming-of-age.

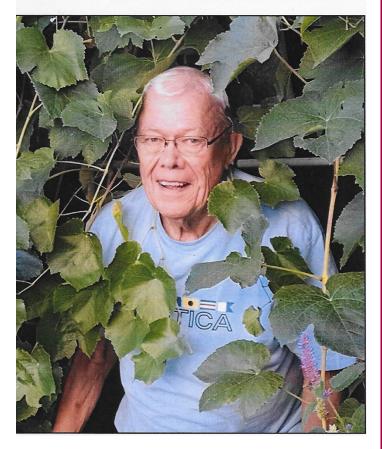
If Kathy could have a dinner party with anyone (dead or alive) she would invite: Julia Child, Graham Greene, Madeline Albright, Barbara Bush, Guy de Maupassant, Sarah Edmonds, and John le Carré. Kathy anticipates it would be a lively and enlightening event.

Favorite quote: "The most important thing is not to stop questioning" A. Einstein.

Celebrating the life of

Maurice "Maury" LeRoy Westberg

December 16, 1931 to December 31, 2018



Maury was born in Warren, Minnesota. He spent 4 years in the United States Navy before continuing his education and graduated with his bachelors degree from Oregon State University. Maury worked for Kraft Foods in Washington, Idaho and California before becoming the plant manager at the Tree Top Apple Juice plant in Cashmere, Washington from 1971 until his retirement in 1996. Maury was a long time Master Gardener here in Central Oregon who loved watercolor painting, gardening, especially his grapes, and spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Maury you will be missed.

Welcome Barbara Craig



Barbara graduated from the University of Massachusetts. She relocated from Portland to Bend last fall. Barbara lived in Portland for 9 years after she moved from Ohio where she was an editor for American Greetings and owned a coffee shop called Coffee Station.

Last year she completed her Master Gardener certification in Portland and did her volunteer hours at the OSU Extension Office and at Pittock Mansion. This year she is working on her recertification requirements here in Central Oregon.

She loves perennials and is looking forward to planting her garden this spring.



LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD

February 7, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Glick (President), JoAnne Abbott (VP-Community Education), Vickie Minor (Secretary), Tim Schindele (Treasurer), Rocky Bessette (Communications Liaison), Jolene Dodge (Membership Coordinator), Kirsten Hinton, Pat Kolling, Liz Douville, Toni Stephan, Amy Jo Detweiler, Ruth Mulligan, Mimi Thomas and Janet Dart.

The meeting started at 1:00 PM and adjourned at 2:50 PM. The board discussed the following items:

Approval of minutes of previous meeting (Nancy Glick)

Diana Hardin moved to approve the January 2019 minutes, JoAnne Abbott seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. Toni and Nancy noted that two trainees were at the meeting: Kirsten Hinton and Janet Dart introduced themselves.

OSU Report (Amy Jo Detweiler/Toni Stephan)

Amy Jo reported that we are four weeks into Master Gardener training. This Friday, February 8, is the first break and classes will resume next week. She reported that the groundbreaking ceremony for the new building is Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 3:00 PM. Toni volunteered COMGA members to bring goodies. Amy Jo has met with the designer about the garden area it would likely be designed for demonstration plants. Installation will not occur until the fall, closer to the end of construction. She had originally thought the front of the building would be the focal point; however, because of the layout, the back is what most visitors will see first. She will keep us updated.

Amy Jo reported that OSU has had some budget cuts at the department level because tuition is down. She does not expect this to affect Extension very much. She also reported that there were scholarship recipients for the master gardener class. Tim will get COMGA funds transferred to her.

Amy Jo is also working on a new electronic database for the plant clinic. She has hired a web designer who is familiar with the OSU requirements and she is asking all counties to help cover the cost of the buildout. She is also asking the associations to consider whether funding is available for them to help as well. Diana suggested that Amy Jo also approach OMGA for funds, since the database is expected to serve the entire state, not just Central Oregon. Discussion followed on various payment options Amy Jo could explore with the web designer. Based on the progress so far, Amy Jo is planning to have the database in place in time to use this year in plant clinic. Data from the old ECCO system will not be available so the system will be starting with a clean slate.

Pat Kolling reported that she is the Master Gardener representative to the advisory committee for the building extension. She brought plans of the building to the meeting and reported that the new addition will be 5200 square feet. The public will access the new space through the existing building. The plant clinic and existing conference room will remain where they are. Several upgrades are being made to the rooms in the existing building as part of the expansion, including new

carpet, fresh paint and a new phone system, JIVE, which is internet-based. The new space will include a large classroom, capable of seating up to 80 people. It will have a movable wall so smaller rooms can be created, as needed. Amy Jo plans to move the Master Gardener training to the new site, which eliminates the need to pay for space, allows for better scheduling and provides better parking. The technology available in the classroom is expected to be similar to the technology in Tykeson Hall. The classroom would also be available for community education classes and potentially, could be rented to organizations needing space for meetings. The new addition will also include a small soil lab, which will provide a soil-testing site in our area.

BOARD REPORTS:Membership Report and Trainee Welcome Lunch (Jolene Dodge)

Jolene reported that as of today, 77 Master Gardeners are recertifying, there are 37 trainees, 3 associate members and she has received 59 dues forms. She will send the mailing list to Rocky, for the HoeDown. The welcome luncheon is February 22, 2019, from 12:00 – 12:50 PM. Jolene will draft a notice to be sent to veterans, asking them to attend. The luncheon committee is Jolene, Kathy Geary and Kat Kendall. During the meeting, Mimi Thomas volunteered to help.

Treasurer's Report and Audit Committee (Tim Schindele)

Tim sent the January 2019 report to all board members and Project Coordinators. Amy Jo asked to be added to the mailing list. Tim reviewed some of the income categories and reported that we have received funds from Renee's Garden and we have received our first check from the Fred Meyer rewards program. There will be an article in the HoeDown about the rewards program and Nancy will add this to the website to get the word out. He also reviewed some of the expenses to-date, including a setup fee at OPT Embroidery for logo hats and vests, expenses for supplies for the master gardener class, shipping charges for the materials received in 2018 for upgrades to the irrigation system in the greenhouse, expenses for the plant sale and postage expenses for Spring Seminar.

Nancy reported that it is time for the annual audit of the books. Vickie and Diana volunteered to help Nancy with this.

Quarterly Meeting/Advanced Training (JoAnne Abbott/Kathy Geary)

JoAnne reported on this in Kathy's absence. The first quarterly meeting is confirmed for February 16, 2019 from 11:00 - 1:00 at Kathy's house. The announcement was sent to the membership via email through Rocky. Members are asked to RSVP so Kathy knows how many people to expect. If the weather is poor and unsafe for travel, the meeting will be postponed. Kathy asked that the Board provide an update about the proposed year for both COMGA and OMGA. Kathy is also offering a training session on how to use the Webinar Series for advanced education. Kathy reported that Washington County is also hosting viewing parties for their membership and she will be getting their feedback on this. She has reserved the classroom at the extension office on Friday, March 15, 2019 from 11:00 - 1:00, for a LIVE viewing session on Tomato Grafting. Tomato based snacks will be served.

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LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD continued

ACTION ITEMS:

NW Crossing Community Garden (Gary Weber)

Nancy reported in Gary's absence. Gary has agreed to be the NWXCG coordinator for the year. The discussion at the meeting centered on the rodent problem, what could be done to fortify the beds and whether we should continue supporting this project. Last year, Gary fortified his bed and consequently, he had a rodent free harvest. He documented what he did and the cost associated with upgrading the beds. JoAnne and Amy Jo noted that Bend Parks and Rec now owns the garden and while they are willing to continue paying for general maintenance and irrigation, they are not willing to fund any mitigation efforts in the beds. Gary's cost report included estimates to wrap the cloche structures, to add wire and flashing to the perimeter fence and the cost to build a cloche from scratch.

Amy Jo reported the current location is going to be developed and utilities are being installed soon. As the area is developed, the problem may diminish because of the increased building. Gary would like to see the project go for another year, to allow time to educate the gardeners on what they need to do to get a successful harvest. After a full discussion on various options and challenges, Nancy Glick moved that COMGA purchase the materials in advance, up to a maximum cost of \$1350, to teach the gardeners how to manage their beds. This cost would be for materials to wrap the cloche structures to exclude the rodents. Rocky seconded the motion and the measure passed. We agreed that we should schedule a community education class for NWXCG, which Gary could lead, to educate the gardeners on what they need to do. Gardeners attending would have already been awarded their garden beds through the lottery. We discussed charging a materials fee for the class, to recoup the funds. We also discussed the possibility of giving the gardeners a rebate if they stayed for the entire season, as an incentive to continue.

COMGA Blog (Liz Douville)

Nancy circulated a sample of the blog with the current posting "Spring Fever Hits Early." The link for the blog is available on each of the COMGA pages and is available to the public and Master Gardeners. Liz will do entries on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. She reported that the posts will be short, may have pictures and links, and will include observations, education and some humor. She will coordinate her posts with the KPOV podcasts. Every post that goes on the site stays, so people can look at previous posts at their convenience. Liz also reported that the Bend Bulletin is going to move her feature page from Tuesdays to Sundays, so she will be getting broader exposure. Nancy reported that the KPOV podcast in January was listened to by 10 people – a great development.

Plant Sale (Vicky Kemp)

Vicky was not at the meeting so this item was skipped.

Open Forum

Liz reported that the Whistle Stop has an employment opportunity and anyone interested can apply through the Facebook page or by sending Holly a resumé.

Vickie reported that the Project Fair sign-up/interest sheets

would be preprinted this year with the trainee names. Each project will have a copy and each Project Coordinator will receive a report with the trainees' emails and phone numbers. Vickie also reported that the slide presentation will be shorter and will not include the awards that Amy Jo gives out at recognition night. Finally, Vickie will do a project summary sheet with key information for the trainees, based on the summaries the Project Coordinators supplied. We are not going to photocopy the full summaries because there are too many trainees and we need to streamline. The Project Coordinators can have their full summaries available at their tables and if trainees want more information, the coordinators can supply it.

Toni shared the new book she purchased, *Garden Insects, Second Edition*. We have the first edition in plant clinic but this new edition is a major improvement because of the photos.

Nancy noted that the July meeting is currently scheduled for July 4, 2019. We will discuss moving it at the next meeting.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS: Community Education (JoAnne Abbott)

JoAnne reported that she is working on moving the community education classes to March, before Spring Seminar, to drum up interest in that event. She does not think there will be a growing vegetables class in Sunriver this year, but there will still be a mobile plant clinic. Preregistration will be required for Bend and Redmond classes, because of the number of people attending. The Redmond venue will likely be COCC Tech, the same as last year. The other venues have not been finalized yet. Pat Kolling has updated the growing veggies slide presentation; she has met with Amy Jo to review it and will be finalizing it soon. The content is similar to the previous presentation but includes questions that are frequently asked. Amy Jo will send the link to everyone teaching this subject, once the presentation is finalized. Everyone will use the same presentation so all classes/ communities get the same information.

JoAnne reported that the community gardens will continue to have education sessions during the season but nothing has been confirmed yet. Diana reported that the plant sale committee is planning two classes - seed starting and transplanting.

Hollinshead Community Garden (Nancy Glick)

Nancy reported that we still do not have a coordinator so she is stepping in as the interim coordinator for now. She is working on creating a document that details how to set up and manage a community garden. JoAnne Abbott, Chris Miao, and Pat Kolling are helping with this project. The goal is to have something to give any new garden coordinator, that is a template for how to run the project. Nancy is also including Gary Weber so both types of community gardens will be included. Discussion followed on the types of resources being used, e.g., the National Community Garden Association. JoAnne reported that a mentor handbook is in the final stages. She has done extensive research and has incorporated several of the ideas into the handbook, which will provide a uniform resource so all garden coordinators are on the same page. Continued on page 7

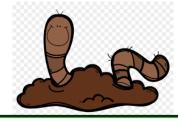
Spring Seminar (Rocky Bessette)

Rocky reported that this is the 30th annual seminar, scheduled for April 20, 2019. All speakers are in place, the committee is in the process of getting vendors, collecting silent auction items and taking care of other details. Rocky asked the group to visit their favorite places and ask for silent auction donations. We currently have approximately 50 items for the auction but we need more. People can contact Karen Conway or Liz Anderson, who are in charge of the silent auction. Rocky is in the process of setting up the classes but she needs to confirm the time slots with the speakers. Rocky will send the class information to Nancy, to post on the COMGA website after LOAFA is finished. This year, Rocky's phone number will be on the poster and notices, not the Extension Office number, which will allow her to handle the calls directly.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

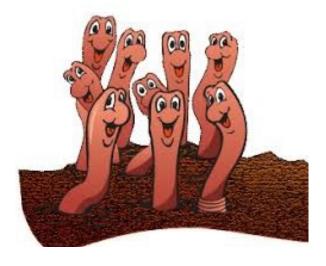
Vickie Minor Secretary



The Extension Office was contacted by Jeff Tryens who has too many worms in his beds. He is willing to share with people.

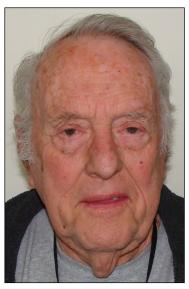
He can be contacted at this email address: jeff.tryens@gmail.com if you are interested.

Please note that this individual contacted the Extension Office by email and none of them know him personally.



Meet the Trainees

Carroll Minium is a retired banker who specialized in commercial lending to small businesses. He has had an interest in gardening for 30 years. Regardless of where he lived, he has maintained nicely landscaped yards. Carroll is relatively new to the area and wants to improve his understanding of gardening in Central Oregon. He is looking forward to volunteering in the community, utilizing his new knowledge to help others successfully garden here. Carroll is enjoying



getting to know the Master Gardener crowd.

His other hobbies include watching most sports; he is eager to return to playing golf. Carroll also enjoys barbecuing with his wife.

Favorite Quote: "OH MY GOSH!!!"

LAST ISSUE UNLESS YOU SEND IN YOUR DUES BY FEBRUARY 30



Spring
Gardening
Seminar

Saturday, April 20, 2019

Deschutes Co. Fairgrounds

Master Gardener Training Class 2019



Andy Dunning



Angelena Wentzel



Becky McKee



Carroll Minium



Cliff Nelson



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Janet Dart



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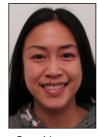
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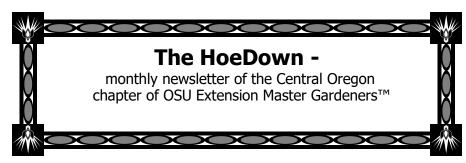
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