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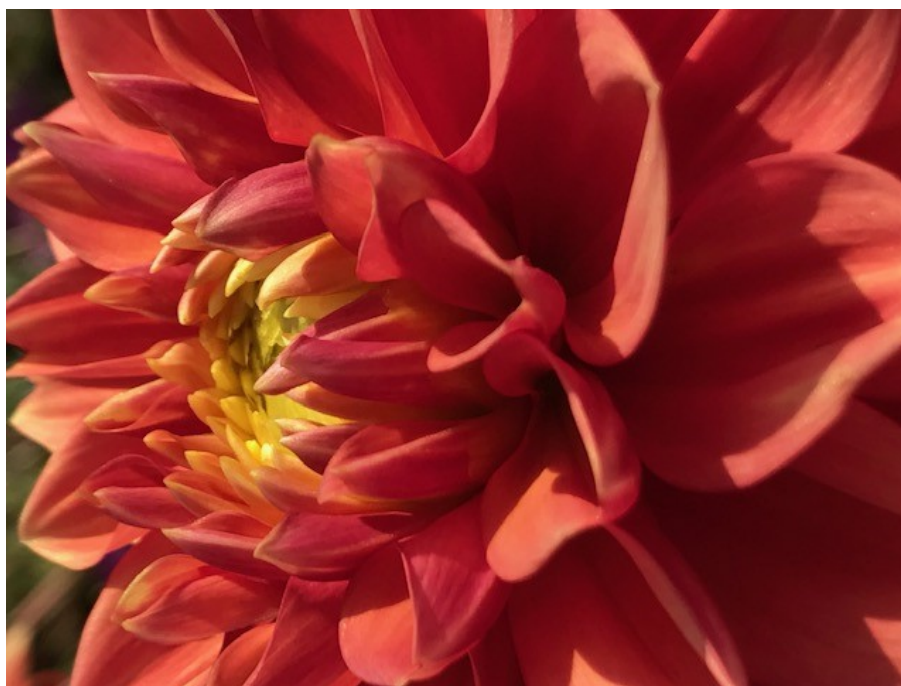


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President's message



Everything I Need to Know I Learned in My Garden



Don't dismiss the ugly or the misshapen – you may be the first one to discover the hidden treasure.

Share the bounty - next season you may need to accept someone else's bounty.

Follow the rules – but be open to the new and unexpected (and be willing

to accept the consequences).

Work hard – but know when it's more important to take a nap.

Spice up your garden and your life – try something new at least once.

Treat nature with respect – our great-grandchildren's great-grandchildren will live in the world we leave behind.

Clean up after yourself – the mess you leave will still be there when you're gone (and someone will *still* have to clean it up!).

Plan ahead – to get the August garden, you have to start the seeds in March.

Stay in balance - learn some and think some and water some and dig in the dirt as often as you can.

Make sure there is support - friends watch out for you, help you find the answers you need, alert you to pitfalls and to share your success. Nurture them and yourself.

Enjoy the wonders of the world - the roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why but we should be grateful to see it every day.



Recognize that everything has a season - Winter has to happen so we can appreciate Spring.

Everything you need to know is there. What a great world it would be if we all - the whole world - stopped every afternoon to put our feet up, play a little music and looked inward, to delight in our own peaceful garden.

Nancy Glick



Announcement Announcement Announcement

3rd Quarter General Meeting

This is an important meeting for our membership. Please plan on attending.

Our treasurer, Tim Schindele, will introduce the budget for the upcoming 2020 year

The attending members will vote to pass or not to pass the projected budget for 2020

This year the membership will also vote to make a change in the bylaws.

Our president, Nancy Glick, will introduce and explain the bylaw change

The attending members will vote for or against the bylaw change

Both the budget and the bylaw changes will be sent to you via email for your review prior to the meeting.

What: 3rd Quarter General Meeting

When: Saturday, October 26

Where: New Conference Room OSU Extension Office, Redmond

Time: 11:30am- 2:30pm

Join in after the business meeting for an Autumn Potluck. Please bring a favorite dish that you typically cook in the fall to share. No deserts, please, because...

We have a special Sage on the Stage presentation for you!

Karen George, the owner of AK's Tea Room in Redmond will teach us about the history of the English Afternoon Tea and how to prepare the perfect cup of tea.

Please come and enjoy her presentation and share in a cup of tea and a pastry!



2019 COMGA Community Education Year End Report

It was a full season of "educational" activities for COMGA in 2019. The number of classes provided to our community increased a little from last year. At the time of this article we have given over 48 community classes during our growing season. We also provide educational opportunities through OSU, which are not necessarily intended to be captured in the data below.

Growing Vegetables in Central Oregon

5 classes: Sisters, Prineville, Madras, Redmond at Bend
122 attendees

Overall rating: 4.76 out of 5.0

Other classes throughout our communities:

Hollinshead Community Garden, Hollinshead Water-wise Garden, NorthWest Crossing Community Garden, Sisters, Redmond....just to name a few:

Over 15 classes to date

Overall rating: 4.91 out of 5.0

Spring Seminar (previously reported):

16 classes

230 registered, who took 906 classes

Overall rating: 4.72

Home & Garden Show (previously reported):

6 classes

164 total attendees

779 total contacts

Disclaimer: The compilation of data is only as strong as the input I/we receive from speakers. This is why a few of these numbers are "educated" guesses. Many times classes are given, but feedback is not provided in the way of evaluation forms nor sign in sheets.

Future thoughts: Our 'Growing Veggies' community classes were very popular this season. Many classes were at capacity for the given venue. The COMGA VP Community Ed elect (Elizabeth Weide) and I are considering requiring registration for ALL 'Growing Veggies' classes, not just for the Bend and Redmond venues. If enough people are wait listed, another class in that county may be provided.

Evaluation form responses: Responses from class evaluations request thoughts for future topics. The Spring Seminar workgroup has reviewed the requested topics and I am pleased to hear that they will be offering a few class topics at their 2020 venue. Elizabeth and I will also suggest some of these topics for next years community classes. We hope to have more Master Gardener's stepping up to teach next year!

I am looking forward to Elizabeth taking on the VP of Community Ed position! She is a self-proclaimed planner and detail oriented person. I also wish to thank ALL the COMGA Master Gardeners that stepped up to teach and assist at our classes these past years.

It has been my pleasure planning, managing, analyzing, preparing, teaching AND attending classes over the past three years. Thank you for your confidence in me!

JoAnne Abbott

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

October

- 1 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9:00am
- 1 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Fertilizing Your Lawn
- 3 Board meeting, OSU Extension Office, 1pm
- 5 NW Crossing Community garden closing, 9:30am
- 8 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Fall Rose Care
- 10 Waterwise Education Garden workday, 9am
- 12 Hollinshead Community Garden closing, 9am
- 15 OSU Demo Garden workday, 900am
- 15 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Next Spring's Soil—Start Now
- 22 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Over-wintering Rodents & Other Pests
- 24 Waterwise Education Garden workday, 9am
- 24 Hollinshead Community Garden meeting, 10:30am
- 26 3rd Quarter General Meeting, 11:30am—2:30pm
- 29 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, What Worked, What Didn't, What to Plan?

November

- 2 COMGA board meeting, Tillamook
- 5 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Houseplants to Get You Through Winter
- 7 COMGA board meeting, 1pm, OSU Extension Office
- 12 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, GMO vs Hybrid—What is the difference?
- 14 Water-wise Education Garden workday, 10:30am
- 19 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Living Christmas Trees
- 26 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Winter Tree Care (Before the Snow Falls)

December

- 3 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Fun Facts About Poinsettias
- 5 Holiday Luncheon, TBA
- 10 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Design for Winter Interest
- 17 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Christmas Wish List
- 24 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas
- 31 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Garden Journals (did you get one as a gift?)

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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Project updates

Hollinshead Community Gardens By JoAnne Abbott

President F. D. Roosevelt designated Columbus Day (then celebrated October 12) a national holiday in 1934. But many of us Northwestern "old timers", think of October 12 as the Columbus Day Storm of 1962. It was the windstorm that struck the Pacific Northwest coast of the United States on October 12, 1962. I remember being in our back yard with my brother flying kites when our ornamental cherry tree split in two and fell over. That's when mom finally told us to get inside the house....NOW!

Why am I talking about October 12? Not only was the date originally designated as Columbus Day, but it is the 2019 Hollinshead Community Garden CLOSING DAY! The 90 prolific flower and vegetable plots will be emptied and cleaned right down to the bare organic soil, with no green, no colors left to visualize nor drool over. All plot numbers gathered, all wheelbarrows cleaned and repaired and all tools cleaned and sharpened. Everything will then be neatly stored in the HHCG shed for the winter, until next spring's opening day.

One item that will NOT be stored, NOR MOVED (ever), is the new table inside the HHCG gate. It is used primarily for preparing the vegetable donations for NeighborImpact. Master Gardener Evie Cox's all around handy man Tyler Peters built it for HHCG and donated it to the garden.

According to Mary Ann Hart, "Marilynn (Friley), Kirsten (Hinton), Evie (Cox) and I gave input as to what we would like. We needed something sturdy, a bit larger to accommodate the new larger coolers, insulated, a bit taller and with some shade." Mary Ann indicated that Tyler "went above and beyond their requests". He removed the old structure and with a little manipulation installed the new table with the help of a few of his buddies. Soon, Kirsten will purchase fabric and sew some new "curtains" to keep the sun out on the front side. But in the meantime, the old shade cloth is back on top of the new and improved table, weighted down with rocks and clamps.

Tyler donated his entire time (3 days building) and material cost, which may have cost up to \$3,000. Thank YOU Tyler! If any of you would like more information about Tyler, please contact Evie Cox for more information. Thank you's to Marilynn, Kirsten, Mary Ann and Evie for overseeing the new table addition too!

Now is the time to reflect on what went well in your garden's this year, what didn't and what you might plan for next year's growing season! Happy Fall!



Northwest Crossing Community Garden

by Gary Weber

Summer came to an abrupt end last Friday (9/27)! Snow on our tomatoes and morning temps falling below freezing put an end to many vegetables that were still hanging



on. Never-the-less, some of our NWX gardeners stayed calm and continued on with their frost hardy plantings in hopes that sunny Fall days would push them along. It will all eventually come to an end of course, but for now there's that stubborn gardener tenacity and optimism that refuses to let another season become history. At NWXCG gardeners have the option to Fall garden. A few warm souls will register and continue with cold hardy vegetables some of which will even improve with frosts. Or they might plant shallots, onions and garlic. This will also give our returning gardeners a chance to keep perennials over winter. For those ready to call a season a season, the NWXCG official Closing Day will happen this Saturday (10/5). Gardeners will remove the last veggies from their raised beds and remove all loose materials from their sturdy cloche frames to present less of a grip for those harsh winter winds. It's not too early to be thinking about 2020 of course and there will be plenty of planning to do during the winter to get ready for it. One area of focus will be our raised bed cloche design. Though successful this year, we know that choice of materials and design can be improved. And to implement those improvements, we are planning to offer cloche-building-hands-on training sessions for Master Gardener Mentors again in 2020. They'll pass those learnings along to our NWXCG gardeners. Please think about joining the NWXCG team in 2020!



Project updates

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.

October 1 Fertilizing Your Lawn

October 8 Fall Rose Care

October 15 Next Spring's Soil—Start Now

October 22 Overwintering Rodents & Other Pests

October 29 What Worked, What Didn't, What to Plan?

OSU Extension Demo Garden

Liz Douville & Vicky Kemp

At the last workday we saw a record number of hard working volunteers who managed to load up Rocky & Toni's dump truck **twice** with garden debris. Everyone pitched in to help get the garden ready for winter by pulling up some of the plants that were effected by the frost and especially taking down the shade cloth from the greenhouse.



Thank you to all who showed up and worked so hard.

Our final workday for the year will be on October 15.

Come join the fun.

Liz & Vicky



Sometimes these plants just amaze you!



At the September 17th Demo Garden workday, 187.2 lbs. of produce was harvested and brought to NeighborImpact. (Some of us sampled the pears)



LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD

October 3, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Glick (President), JoAnne Abbott (VP-Community Education), Kathy Geary (VP-MG Education), Vickie Minor (Secretary), Tim Schindele (Treasurer), Jan Even (Historian), Gary Weber (OMGA State Representative), Diana Hardin (Alternate State Representative), Rocky Bessette (Communications Liaison), Jolene Dodge (Membership Coordinator), Betty Faller, Nathalie Smith, Andy Dunning, Mimi Thomas, Marilyn Clark, Vicky Kemp, Liz Anderson, Ruth Mulligan, Elizabeth Weide, Victoria Butler and Toni Stephan.

The meeting started at 1:00 PM and adjourned at 2:54 PM. The board discussed the following items:

Approval of minutes of previous meeting (Nancy Glick)

A motion to approve the minutes was made by JoAnne, seconded by Jolene and approved by the board.

OSU Report (Amy Jo Detweiler/Toni Stephan)

Amy Jo reported that applications are out for the 2020 Master Gardener training. The price of the training is \$275, down from \$295 and scholarships will still be available. Starting in 2020, the program will be aligned more with the national hours/training requirements. New trainees will be required to complete 8 days of classes (down from 10), and 48 hours of other volunteer time (down from 60). Classes will be on Wednesdays, in the new conference room. With the move to Redmond, the hope is that more people from Jefferson and Crook counties will sign up. Amy Jo is also considering doing some advanced training in May and/or June, when the weather and traveling are better.

Recognition night is scheduled for October 29, 2019, at the Deschutes Brewery Mountain Room. Everyone is advised to get their hours posted as soon as possible. Carrie will be sending an invitation soon.

Amy Jo showed us the new and improved ECCO system, for recording plant clinic data. The database will be hosted on equipment based in Portland and several other counties have contributed funds to the project. Amy Jo has asked OMGA to consider awarding a grant to help get the project completed so we may be able to use it next year. There are still some kinks to be worked out but the system is ready to be tested. The new ECCO looks much easier to navigate and seems more user friendly. Major changes include logging in to one county but being able to see other county information; being able to search for questions and responses, and being able to upload images to a record. One other major change will be that completed questions will be marked "pending" by the MGs, and closed only by an administrator once the question is reviewed. Intake will still be done by hand using the current diagnostic form, with data entered afterwards.

BOARD REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report (Tim Schindele)

Tim used the new overhead projector system to display the September budget report, which made it easier for everyone to see. He noted that the \$75 under donations was the amount of money sent to OMGA in lieu of silent auction donations. The \$5000 donation to the

horticulture program was used toward audio/visual purchases in the new conference room. Tim also displayed the pie charts he is working on, showing income and expenses. They are not budget reports but they are visual demonstrations of what we support. The consensus is that the charts will be a good tool to help the membership understand where we get our money and how it is being spent. We will review this again in November.

Tim reviewed the proposed budget for 2020. Some figures are lower than 2019 because expenses were not as high as anticipated (e.g., office supplies). The budget is balanced and increased only by 4.25% over 2019. JoAnne moved to accept the budget as proposed, Diana seconded the motion and the budget was approved. The budget will be presented at the October 26, 2019 quarterly meeting, for the membership to approve.

OMGA Rep Report (Gary Weber)

Gary noted that he has sent a few reports by email and one important item is that OMGA is proceeding with planning mini-college for 2020. OSU facilities will be used instead of going to Linfield. The OMGA silent auction will be at the November meeting and our funding donation was well received. Gary gave OMGA certificates to Vickie Minor as the county Master Gardener of the Year, and to Amy Jo for the Educator Grant of \$500 which was used to help defray the costs of reprinting the vegetable gardening guide.

Quarterly Meeting (Kathy Geary)

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2019, from 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM, in the new conference room. The agenda includes review of the 2020 budget proposal and review of the bylaw changes related to proxy votes. The meeting will include a potluck luncheon and possibly some training, depending on the amount of time needed to cover COMGA business. Kathy also reported that the Rainshadow Organics Lunch 'n Tour on September 19, 2019 went well and was attended by 12 Master Gardeners. The book discussion on Joanna Cannon's "The Trouble with Goats and Sheep," is scheduled for November 20, 2019, at 12:00 PM. It will be a potluck meeting at Kris Knoernschild's house. 15 people have signed up and if anyone else is interested in attending, contact Kathy.

Membership (Jolene Dodge)

Carolyn Tate, who has been doing the member profiles in the newsletter, will do her last profile in November. Jolene is continuing to work on a member letter.

Historian (Jan Even)

Jan is completing the 2018 scrapbook and is working on the slideshow for recognition night. If anyone has pictures of events during the year, please upload them to Flickr, using the largest file size possible, or email the photos to Jan ASAP. She asked that the name of the file include the owner name, so she knows who took the photos.

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LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD continued**ACTION ITEMS:****Holiday Luncheon** (Kathy Geary)

The Annual Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2019 at the BPR Community room. Tate & Tate will cater the event. Planning meetings begin Wednesday, October 9, 2019 and anyone interested in being a "holiday luncheon elf" should contact Kathy. Kathy reported that it is increasingly difficult to get a decent buffet and cover the gratuity with a meal price of \$15. After a full discussion, we agreed an increase is appropriate, particularly since we charge more for the luncheon at spring seminar.

Policies and Procedures Change (JoAnne Abbott)

The proposed change to the awards procedure was discussed last month and JoAnne circulated the final draft to everyone ahead of the meeting. Kathy Geary moved and Diana Hardin seconded a motion to accept the policy, which was passed by the board.

Asset Inventory (Vickie Minor)

Vickie reported that Vicky Kemp did the pilot inventory of the shed, everything went well, and we are ready to complete the other two gardens. Nathalie will coordinate the inventory with the project coordinators and Vickie will work with people who have COMGA items at their homes. Once the inventory is complete, we will do a review so everyone can see the spreadsheet and how it works. This will also be incorporated into the annual financial audit and the inventory will be done at least annually. Vickie thanked Nathalie for all her work on the project.

Plant Sale Project Review (Victoria Butler)

The project review report is incorporated into the minutes by reference and a paper copy is appended to the paper version of the minutes. The review was circulated to the board October 2, 2019. Victoria Butler went through the general conclusions and recommendations. Comments from the board included that the marketing and name change should be more educational sounding. People need to know there is a sale but it is also an educational event. Vickie Minor clarified that we are prohibited from selling items at the COBA Home and Garden Show so we would not be able to sell plants or garden related items at that event. JoAnne suggested that we have a "no charge" or decreased charge for non-profit vendors, which tracks what we are charged as a non-profit when we obtain space for our community education classes. Vicky Kemp noted that since she just received the report, she could not incorporate any of the proposals into her budget request, which was due in September. Discussion followed on how to proceed. Everyone agreed that the report was just advisory in nature, and it is not realistic to think that all the recommendations could or should be adopted immediately. The committee came up with some good suggestions and Vicky and her committee should decide how and when to implement specific

recommendations. To allow people time to read and digest the report, the board tabled further action until November. In the meantime, Vicky will research costs for some of the recommendations to see which ones, if any, could be implemented in 2020.

Open forum (anyone)

Toni reported that she needs at least two more gardens for the 2020 tour. She has four gardens, and a possible fifth, all of which are on the south side of Bend. Additional gardens do not have to be in that area of Bend but they should be close together. The gardener/owner does not have to be in the Master Gardener program. Toni asked that if we refer someone to her, that we talk with the owner first so the owner is aware of how things are done on tour day.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS:**Community Education** (JoAnne Abbott)

JoAnne will have an update in the HoeDown.

Hollinshead Vegetable Garden (Nancy Glick)

Closing date is October 12, 2019. No other news was reported.

NW Crossing Garden (Gary Weber)

Closing day is October 5, 2019. No other news was reported.

OSU Demo Garden (Vicky Kemp/Liz Douville)

There is one more work day scheduled on October 15, 2019. If people have not done their 3 hours of volunteer time in the garden, they need to contact Amy Jo, as there may still be some projects available.

Spring Gardening Seminar (Rocky Bessette)

The seminar is scheduled for April 18, 2020 and we are in the process of getting speakers.

Waterwise Garden (Chris Miao/Pat Kolling)

There is no official closing day for the garden but the next meeting will be the last Thursday in October, at which the group will determine if they need to meet in November. The garden is looking very good but root weevils were detected in one of the plants. When the group is ready to do something, it may be done as an educational event as the management approach will be to apply nematodes. Toni noted that timing is critical because the soil temperature must be 50° or above, and must stay high or the nematodes will die.

Nancy noted that the new VPs and historian for 2020 were at the meeting. She also noted that our meetings will be held in the new conference room from now on.

Vickie Minor
COMGA Secretary



Getting to Know You!

By Carolyn Tate

Lynn Adamo: Twisting Time

Lynn Adamo gets excited about decay. She loves the texture of rust, of peeling surfaces, and rocks. She finds inspiration in "The place where the natural creeps over the built environment..." And she collects intriguing materials to create new art works in the ancient tradition of mosaic.



The inspiration for her career as a mosaic artist came from (what else?) a gardening magazine. It featured an article on garden art made of broken and cracked dishes. So she went to Target, got some cobalt blue dishes, picked up a concrete birdbath and nippers, thinset, and grout and taught herself how to do mosaic work.

At the time, Lynn was a freelance graphic designer, living in Hillsboro, Oregon with her husband, Bob. She got involved in the Hillsboro community and worked with non-profits and small businesses, helping them communicate their values and identities through logos and branding.

But her fascination with mosaic grew. "For me, mosaics provide a resonance with ancient tradition," she says. "The materials of glass and ceramic are ancient. And you crack a stone open and see a surface that formed millions of years ago."

As Lynn says, mosaic is an ancient art form—even the ziggurats of ancient Sumer in Mesopotamia (modern Iraq) were decorated with cones of ceramic material that were glazed on the broad end and then inserted into the adobe mass to create a shimmering surface of colored circles. The Greeks used pebbles of various colors to create intricate designs and of course, if you have not seen an ancient Roman mosaic floor you should be booking your ticket to Europe now. The Romans used stone mosaics to create fabulous abstract designs and figural narrative scenes that graced the floors of villas in Italy, England, and the Roman colonies in northern Africa.

Around 2000, after playing around with tiles and mosaics for several years, Lynn was looking at a Ceramics Monthly magazine when she noticed an ad for a new association— Society of American Mosaic Artists. She joined the group, and in 2004, submitted a piece to the juried exhibition at the conference. It was accepted. At the conference she met "her tribe"— artists from all over who share the passion of breaking things and then creating a new whole.

Gradually she moved from being a graphic designer for clients to working as an artist in the medium of mosaics. She has taken dozens of workshops with major mosaic artists in the US, Italy, and Turkey and has exhibited her work in national and international juried exhibitions. She has created public art installations in McMinnville, Tualatin, Astoria, and of course Hillsboro.

Mosaics inspired community-built art projects as well. One was for the exterior of Sequoia Gallery in Hillsboro. The artists at the gallery applied for grants to make a big mosaic. Several artists contributed designs that portrayed Hillsboro past and present: a view of Mt. Hood, a vineyard, the MAX bridge, a strawberry field, and a multi-panel image of a sequoia tree. These all fit together in a large square that covered about 132 square feet. Lynn created a line drawing from each design to create a more coherent overall design. Citizens, lots of parents and kids, seniors, and boy and girl scouts all came to learn how to use the nippers and lay the tesserae (tile pieces) into the color field. The finished mosaic panels were installed on the exterior of a building. "I enjoy offering people opportunities to do something creative like this," Lynn says. "It's a way they can contribute to the city and go back and say, 'I did part of that!'"

Ten years ago, Lynn had a small piece in a show called Simply Red, in a now-defunct gallery in Charlotte, N.C. Fast forward to early 2019, when a woman building a house in Baja California was looking for an artist to construct a large-scale installation and found an image of that red mosaic piece still floating around on the Internet. The woman tracked Lynn down and realized they were both in Oregon. She offered Lynn and her partner Rochelle a commission to create and install a 45-square foot piece that drapes over a wall near the entrance to the home. When you see her next, Lynn will have just returned from Baja California.

Lynn remains intrigued by materials. She forages for rusted parts at scrapyards and goes rock hunting. She stores all these things in neat bins and drawers in her studio here in Bend, along with hand-forged rock-splitting hammers and a stunning array of mosaics by herself and her friends.

And gardening? Lynn and Bob attended the 2014 Annual Garden Tour put on by COMGA. There they learned that Master Gardeners are all about helping community members create beautiful spaces while caring for the environment. That community outreach is a big appeal. "Life is a balance," Lynn says. "I want to make art, travel, and also get to know our community more. As a Master Gardener I have made wonderful friends here and have been able to reach out and help people."

Gaining knowledge about the cycles of life that are so evident to gardeners has only deepened her attraction to decomposition and decay. Now she sees them as part of the natural process of renewal and growth. To see her work, you can visit Lynn's website <https://www.lynnadamo.com/>



A woodland oddity

by Judy Shearer

Pinedrops (*Pterospora andromedea*) is a non photosynthetic plant in the family Ericaceae deriving its nutrients via a mycorrhizal fungus from the roots of pine trees. Thus it is primarily an inhabitant of conifer or mixed conifer forests in western states. Overall it is an unbranched reddish-purple plant with sticky stems that appear as if they have resin droplets. The small leaves are scalelike along the stem. The pendant flowers are urn shaped and yellowish in color. The fruits are capsules resembling small pumpkins. Contained within are numerous red seeds with translucent triangular wings designed for wind dispersal. In Oregon the plant can be found in flower from June through August. When dried the plant retains its reddish color and can be used in winter bouquets.



Photo credit: Samantha Shearer

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Forget about the Perseids and enjoy these shooting stars

by Judy Shearer

If you are fortunate enough to find a moist meadow in our area you may be rewarded with one of my favorite wildflowers - shooting stars. A hike around Todd Lake in late July was a special treat as Jeffrey's shooting stars (*Pimula jeffreyi*: family Primulaceae) were at their peak. This perennial wildflower is native to western North America where it grows in mountain meadows and along stream banks from Alaska south to California. The blooms are unique in that the 4-5 petals in shades of pink/lavender to white are reflexed on the nodding flowers. The bases are tipped with yellow or cream colored bands subtended by dark stamens surrounding a threadlike pistil. The flowers of this species were considered good luck by the Nlaka'pamux people, who used them as amulets and love charms.

Oregon Wildflower APP by Steven Sullivan

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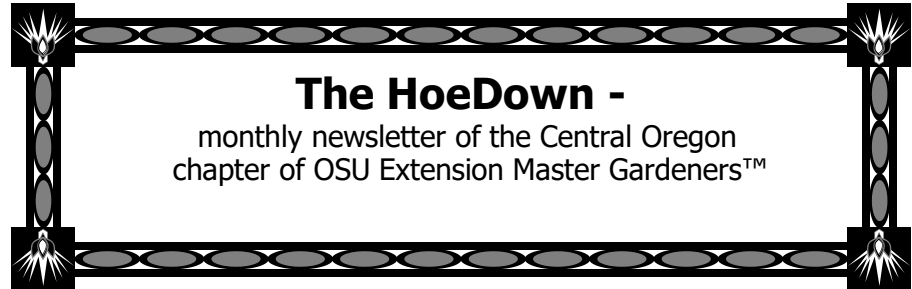


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