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President's message



The best thing about the annual OSU High Desert Garden Tour is seeing what other gardeners think is the 'perfect' garden. Central Oregon gardeners are all working with soil, water, plants,

hardscape and, in many cases, garden art and sculptures. But in different hands (and minds) the possibilities are endlessly varied and incredibly imaginative.

I've enjoyed learning about some pretty innovative solutions to our rocky soil and meager rainfall. I've been amazed by the color and texture combinations some homeowners have *dared* to use – and use so beautifully. And I've always been tickled by the sense of humor so many gardeners seem to cultivate along with their plants.

I now know how diverse and inspired gardeners can be while using the same basic materials. What I didn't understand until I became a Master Gardener was that these are the same people who also bring these qualities to their volunteering. Our Chapter has some of the most original, unique and creative people in Central Oregon. But just recently, while reviewing our award nominations, I've noticed how similar we really are.



The Central Oregon Master Gardener Association truly appreciates our hard-working volunteers – the people we recognize as the frame on which we build our projects. Twice a year, Project Coordinators are asked to submit someone's name for consideration to receive what we call a "Trowel Award"; people chosen as reliable volunteers - the go-to people who are always ready and willing to get things done.



This year's nominees have striking similarities:

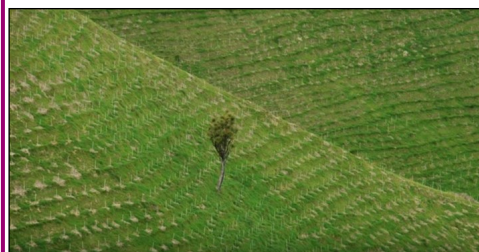
"If she wasn't sure what was needed, she'd ask and get right to it." "With her big smile and inviting communication style, she has encouraged and explained to other volunteers and community gardeners what to expect. She supports the Program [teaching] her class "*Insects in an Organic Garden*." "She has promoted our events and classes with press releases." "She is dependable, her scripts are well researched & well written, and her attitude is always upbeat." "She is dependable and has excellent communication in both written emails and spoken words." "Her willingness and enthusiasm to volunteer

working at whatever needed to be done." "She is a go getter when assigned a task ... won't stop until the job is done and done well. She always has a happy face and an eager disposition to complete the task with style."

Our Chapter motto is Teach, Support, Promote which our volunteers do every single day they work. But I am always grateful for the extra sweetener they put in the mix: cheerfulness, a happy spirit and a positive attitude that makes any job so much easier.

We are lucky to have such great volunteers as our friends. Thank you. Nancy Glick

"From Landscape Architecture to Conservation Agriculture"



Newly planted trees at the restored New Zealand property (TEDx Charlottesville)

Why are we Master Gardeners?

What do we hope will happen when we promote sustainable gardening?

How can gardeners make the Earth a better place?

If you agree with the OSU Master Gardener Coordinator Dr. Gail Langellotto that "Gardening will save the world" you will want to participate in a symposium lead by Landscape Architect and Master Gardener Eileen Obermiller on Saturday, October 13th at the Redmond Library.

We will be enjoying a TEDx video titled "From Landscape Architecture to Conservation Architecture" and discussing how the techniques might be applied to our Central Oregon landscape.

Please join us at 10am on Saturday, October 13th in the Redmond Library Meeting Room. One hour of Advanced Training credit will be given for everyone who attends. Before the video, there will be a membership vote on the proposed 2019 COMGA budget prepared by the Chapter Treasurer, Tim Schindele, and the Budget Committee.



Restored waterway at the New Zealand property (TEDx Charlottesville)

COMGA Calendar

for contact persons go to gocomga.com

October

2 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9am
 2 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Fall Soil Amendment
 4 Board meeting, OSU Extension Office, Redmond, 1pm
 6 NW Crossing Community Garden closing day, 9:30am
 9 Hollinshead Water Wise workday, 9am
 9 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Rain/Runoff Gardens
 13 Hollinshead Community Garden closing day, 9am
 13 Quarterly meeting, Advanced training, From Landscape Architecture to Conservation Agriculture. Eileen Obermiller, 10:00am
 16 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9am
 16 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Composting
 23 Hollinshead Community Garden meeting, 9am
 23 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Spring Bulbs to Plant Now
 30 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Fire Safe Yards

November

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

December

4 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Selecting a Christmas Tree
 11 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, History of the Extension Service
 18 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Holiday Plants
 25 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, What DO Gardeners do in Winter?



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Thank you all for volunteering for our organization!

Vicky Kemp, for Shirley Jaynes, Secretary



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

OSU Extension Demo Garden

by Liz Douville

The emotions of sadness and joy worked together at the OSU Demo Garden's annual beds on Oct. 2. There was sadness in pulling out brightly blooming and healthy petunias and uprooting tomato plants hosting many pounds of big, unripe tomatoes. The joy was in Shirley Jaynes volunteering to take all the unripe tomatoes and as they ripen under her watchful eye she will take them to the Prineville Food Bank. She also volunteered to take the other crops that were harvested and deliver them to the Prineville Food Bank on her way home.

There was also joy in dismantling the annual beds knowing that the purpose was to experiment with cover crop management: another phase of gardening for Master Gardeners to follow as well as education for the public benefit. Clare Sullivan from the OSU Small Farms network will manage the project.

Many thanks to the 10 volunteers who pulled plants, raked the soil, hauled wheelbarrows of debris to Rocky's truck and swept the sidewalks!

Tues. Oct. 16 will be our last workday for the season. We will need help removing the shade cloth from the greenhouse and deadheading the last of the perennials, plus other year end chores as needed.

Vicky Kemp & Liz Douville

Hollinshead Water-wise Garden (HWG)

The water-wise garden has had a great opening year. The plants have thrived, except for a few failures that occurred over the first winter. The garden looks wonderful and is providing an excellent place for the public to see and learn about how to conserve water. Seems that there are always visitors there who have lots of questions so we are successfully meeting an educational need in the community.

The volunteers have been working on completing "plant profiles" for each of the plants in the garden. They are arranged by plant type, such as natives, perennials, conifers, and shrubs. A "specialty" has been selected by some of the volunteers, and he/she will be our "go to" person for that plant type. A plant profile notebook is completed and is in the shed for use by the MG volunteers as they work with the plant, and will be used as the basis for education to the public going forward. We will expand the notebook to include resources and specific care for the plants. We have also been working on a spreadsheet for each plant that includes the botanical name, the height and spread, light requirements, water use, bloom time if appropriate, and other special features of the plant such as deer resistance.

The garden will be closed for the winter on November 6th. We will be cutting back those perennials and natives that require cutting back. We will also be mulching those plants that require additional mulch. In the spring we will be pruning those shrubs that require spring pruning. Be watching for articles on the care of specific plants in the Hoedown.

Have a good winter!

Pat Kolling and Chris Miao

BEE ALERT

On October 11 at 8:30 pm, Oregon Public Broadcasting will feature "Oregon Bee Atlas" on their Oregon Field Guide segment. "After a massive bee die-off, scientists launched a new effort to determine exactly how many bee species still call Oregon home." Also runs Sun Oct 14 at 6:30. Also of interest on the 11th is the Oregon Art Beat at 8:00 pm featuring "Art al Fresco. At the Portland Japanese Garden and the Lan Su Chinese Garden traditional designs create tranquil havens in the city."



Submitted by Liz Douville



Agastache rupestris or Hummingbird mint in the Water Wise garden



Project updates

Hollinshead Community Vegetable Garden

By Nancy Crossan

It's that time of year when we plan to say good bye to the 91 garden plots at Hollinshead Vegetable Garden (HHVG). The season comes to an end, but the memories of fresh yummy organic vegetables will continue all winter in canned and frozen products. It was a bountiful year, with perfect weather and plenty of water.

September 16th provided a beautiful afternoon for first Gardener Harvest Get Together. We shared Recipes, seeds, veggies and stories yes. lots of stories of what worked well and what didn't. Thanks for all who planned and participated in this event. A Must Do next year.

Rain or shine, October 13th is Closing Day. The Gardeners MUST have all their plot vegetations removed to bare soil BEFORE Closing Day. The HH Gang will meet at 8:30 to set up and greet the gardeners.

At 9:00 sharp teams of Gang members will lead the gardeners in tasks to put the garden to bed for the winter. The tools and equipment will be sharpened, hoses drained, and the entire garden weeded. The shed will be cleaned out and all equipment stored until next April Opening Day. It's a bitter sweet day, saying goodbye to another successful Gardening Season at HHCG.

Until next month, enjoy your time getting ready for winter at your own home.

I'm already planning out what I think I want to grow next year in my garden. I bet you are also????

Nancy C

Meet the Trainees

K. Amber Greenwald

Our Master Gardener Trainee this month is K. Amber Greenwald. Amber is currently pursuing an Agricultural degree from COCC, after which she will transfer to OSU Cascades. Amber's

ultimate goal is to be an organic small scale farmer, where she can practice her love of agriculture. Amber is a classically trained dancer, an avid outdoor enthusiast, and an enthusiastic volunteer. Some of her outdoor interests include gardening, camping, and yoga-boarding.

Amber believes that the Master Gardener program will expand her knowledge about horticulture, agricultural, and animals, in a way that will help her in her goal of being an organic farmer. The program will also give her an opportunity to share any new insights and discoveries which will help those in the gardening community.

Favorite Quote: "How inappropriate to call this planet Earth when it is quite clearly Ocean" Arthur C. Clark.



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 2 Fall Soil Amendments

October 9 Rain/Runoff Gardens

October 16 Composting

October 23 Spring Bulbs to Plant Now

October 30 Fire Safe Yards



Harvest Day at Hollinshead Community Garden

NorthWest Crossing Community Garden

By Tina Burnside

NWX Community gardeners will follow one of our long-term fellow NWX gardeners, and plant garlic for the winter. Garlic Gerry (not his real name to protect his identity) has again inspired more gardeners this year after his class in July. Bend is well protected! Does anyone have a recipe for garlic cookies?



I've used this article from the OSU Extension Service as the source of my information. <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/choose-best-garlic-your-garden>

ST. HELENS-Vampires beware. Garlic is growing throughout the Northwest.

Choose the best garlic for your garden. October is the best month to plant garlic in your garden in most places in Oregon. But before you plant, take the opportunity to sample some of the varieties, and choose your favorites to grow in the garden.



There are more than 100 varieties available for Northwest gardeners, each with their own distinctive taste and fire, according to Chip Bubl, garlic expert and agricultural agent at the Columbia County office of the Oregon State University Extension Service in St. Helens. Many are available now in specialty stores and farmers' markets, since this year's crop has just been harvested.

Some cultivars, such as Chet's red Italian, are very mild in flavor, fire and aftertaste. Others, such as the Korean varieties, are hot and strong.

Sulfur-containing compounds produce the pungent taste in garlic. These are the same compounds that have been credited with purported health benefits, including lowering cholesterol levels. Yet even slight differences in growing conditions, storage and preparation of garlic can have a profound effect on its taste, Bubl pointed out. Most garlic changes in storage, not always completely predictable. And all garlic changes with cooking.

Garlics fall into two types. Non-flowering soft-stemmed varieties, such as the ones in the supermarket, are easy to braid and variable in taste. Top-setting, hard-stemmed varieties often are preferred by Northwest gardeners and gourmet cooks. These varieties are called top-setting because they produce tall stalks ('scapes') that loop at the top and burst open with tiny garlic bulblets at the end of a flowering stalk. But it is the fat underground bulb that is the true prize.

Hardstem garlic bulbs have large easy-to-peel cloves. Many people prefer their rich, pungent flavor. Varieties include the Asiatics ('Korean Red'), the rocamboles ('German Red' and 'Spanish Roja') and purple-striped garlic ('Chesnok Red').

Elephant garlic, a type of leek, produces large, mild-tasting cloves, usually fewer per bulb than the true garlics.

Once you have tasted several varieties of garlic, pick the best of the bunch to plant. Select healthy large cloves, free of disease. "The larger the clove you plant, the bigger the bulb you will get the following summer," said Bubl.

All types of garlic thrive in full sun in well-drained organic soil - a sandy loam is best. On heavier soil, plant in raised beds that are two to three feet wide and at least 10 to 12 inches deep. Before planting, lime the soil if needed and work in a couple tablespoons of complete fertilizer several inches below where the base of the garlic will rest. Plant cloves root side down, two inches deep and two inches apart in rows spaced about a foot apart. Space elephant garlic cloves about six inches apart.

Garlic is rarely damaged by insects, but it requires weeding. Give garlic a boost with a side dressing of fertilizer in early spring and again in mid-May. As the spring weather dries out, water garlic to a depth of two feet every eight to 10 days. As mid-June approaches taper off the watering.

Start checking for mature cloves about late June. Harvest garlic when the head is divided into plump cloves and the skin covering the outside of the bulbs is thick, dry and papery. A single 10-foot row should yield about five pounds of the fragrant bulbs.

Dry the mature bulbs in a shady, warm, dry and well-ventilated area for a few days. Then remove the tops and roots, and lightly brush off dirt from the bulbs. Store garlic in a dark, dry, well-ventilated place. Protect from high humidity and freezing. According to Bubl, neither the garage nor the refrigerator are good places to store garlic - the cool humidity stimulates sprouting. If stored properly, many varieties should last until the next crop is harvested, the following summer.

Siberian is a particularly good keeper. But each variety you plant will yield different results. Bubl suggests that you store garlic in labeled paper bags, so you can keep track of those varieties that are especially delicious or that store well.

Tina and the NWX team!



Central Oregon Master Gardener Association board meeting, October 4, 2018

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

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

OSU Report: Amy Jo Detweiler was out of the office.

Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Tim Schindele submitted the treasurers report for September and the 2019 budget. There was a discussion on various expenses. A motion was made to accept the budget by Jan Even and seconded by Tina Burnside. A vote on the proposed budget will take place at the Quarterly Meeting on October 13th.

Total Income for September 2018: \$ 0.00
 Total Expenses for September 2018: \$ 713.55
 Checking Account Balance September 2018: \$ 30,520.88
 PayPal Balance: \$0.00
 Savings Account Balance: NW Community CU: \$ 25.83
 60 Month CD matures 1-5-2023 \$ 7,036.23
 24 Month CD Matures 6-19-2020 \$ 5,456.40
 37 Month CD Matures 8-31-2021 \$5000.
 Committed Funds as of 9-30-18

Checking account Cash Flow: \$ 5,000.
 Opportunity Fund Balance: \$ 5,000.
 Reserves: \$ 5,000.
 Total Assets: \$48,039.34

OMGA Rep Report: Vickie Minor could not be there. Jeanine Johnson attended in her place. A full report will be in the Hoedown.

Annual Election: Vicky Kemp reported the results of the annual election. They are as follows.
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Quarterly meeting: We will vote on the 2019 budget at the quarterly meeting. The meeting is on October 13th (Sat) from 10am—12 noon at the Redmond Library. Eileen Obermiller will present training on Landscape Architecture. There will be a Ted Talk video on a project in New Zealand.

Holiday luncheon: Tina Burnside said the holiday luncheon will be at the Bend Parks and Rec Building on December 7th. The menu will be similar to last year. More details will be available later.

Recognition Night: will be October 30th at the Deschutes Brewery on Colorado and Simpson. Jan Even reported on the difficulty of finding a location large enough for 90 people. She proposed that the gratuity for dinner could be funded from COMGA so that the cost of dinner could be kept down. Jan Even made a motion for COMGA to pay the gratuity. Vicky Kemp seconded it. The motion passed.

NWX Garden Review: JoAnne Abbott reported on the review and asked for questions and comments. A discussion followed. It was decided to wait for Amy Jo to read the review and give us feedback. The vote will be at the November Board meeting.

Open Forum: Thank-you card to Nancy Glick from the Redmond Garden Club for being included in the plant sale. Diana Harden received a gift card from Eagle Crest. Jan Even said thank-you for photos and requested more for the slide show.

Project Status:

Community Education: JoAnne Abbott gave an education year-end report (as of 9-29-18)

Total classes given-45
 Avg class rating (scale of 1-5) 4.81
 Classes most requested
 1-Fruit trees and pruning
 2-Floral gardening
 3-Waterwise/Native
 4-Greenhouse building
 5- Organic pest/control
 6-Transplanting

Total attendance of classes—607

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 by the President Nancy Glick.

Thank you

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Jaynes 2018 COMGA Secretary



OMGA Leadership Forum and Board of Directors Report

September 14-15, 2018
at Benton County Sunset Building

OMGA Leadership Forum

The focus of the third quarter Leadership Forum, based on the annual goal of increasing communication between all parties, was an update from and conversation with three of the critical OSU staff to the Master Gardener program. Sam Angima is the Director of Extension Agriculture Programs. This portion covers approximately 47% of Extension services. (Other Extension services include Forestry, Sea grant, 4-H, Family and Community Health and the Snap Program.) The Extension program has an annual budget of 10 million dollars. There are 50 faculty members on the OSU campus, 89 in the field, and 20 faculty in home horticulture and small farms. OSU Extension is also supported by local communities.

The next biennium starts in 2019 and the Extension will need vocal local support. They will be asking the Legislature for a 30% increase to cover the costs of new hires and building new or existing programs. How can we help?

Sam asked for OMGA, state chapters and individuals to advocate for the Master Gardener program. We should talk with local commissioners and write letters to local newspapers. (As a side note, it was mentioned that the Jackson County MG association supports an Extension FTE at the 80% level.)

A new Dean will start on October 29th. Allen Sams is from Texas A&M and comes with 19 years of experience. His main focus will be building partnerships.

There are currently several vacancies in the field. Steve Renquist, from Douglas County has announced his retirement in March 2019. Surprisingly, Lane County's agent, Jeff Choate, has decided to return to his former job. Also, Jefferson County will have a retirement.

Gail Langellotto, Department of Horticulture professor and the State Coordinator of the Master Gardener program would like to inject more relevant science into the MG programs. She would like to see the Master Gardener program become the "the first stop resource for sustainable gardening" and have credible science to back it up. She feels that gardens are critical to the health of families and to environmental sustainability. For example, The Garden Ecology Lab's current main focus is bees. However a graduate student did a study of urban gardens and found that many MG gardens have 10 times the amount of needed phosphorus and other nutrients are off the charts. Therefore, the adage of "just add more organic matter" was too simplified. Her second area of concern is accessibility. From a study in 2007-2008, it was found that Master Gardeners are 98% white, 78% female, 75% are age 55 and older, and predominately affluent. She noted several barriers to becoming more diverse, such as time, cost, and accessibility to the program materials. Therefore, she would like to address this issue of accessibility for people of other races/cultures/languages/abilities and how to help include them in the program.

Brooke Edmunds, Extension Agent in Benton and Linn counties, spoke about the advanced training webinar series. Its first year of operation was in 2017 and presented 5 topics. Twenty-two counties participated with over 500 live attendees and included 19 other states! The recordings are available online and have been viewed over 3,400 times. This year, 12 topics have and will be presented. These have had over 900 live attendees from 41 states and 5 countries! These recordings have been viewed over 2,800 times. The results of follow-up surveys have been extremely promising. Three more webinars will be shown this year. All webinars are worth 1 hour of continuing education and previous webinars can be viewed at www.youtube.com/user/drbrooke77.

Brooke also reported on the highlights of the National Master Gardener Coordinators meeting held August 6-9. The following areas are priorities of the MG program: horticultural skills, plant diversity, pollinators, clean water, local food and climate change. They also discussed ways of increasing participation in training MGs including Community Engagement Kits for each topic (from the University of Minnesota), a pathway to success program of basic gardening skill series and paying close attention to how to phrase the titles of classes (Growing Vegetables in Your Yard vs. Vegetables for Everyone)

All 3 speakers were asked: With a "dream budget", how would the Master Gardener program change?

1. Sam stated that there would be agents/instructors in every county; that Gail would get more support on campus for her work; and there would be increased support in local areas.
2. Gail would add an 80-100% program assistant in every county for office support; there would be more research-based information and possibly more research opportunities; developing a marketing arm; and a better technology structure to manage the program.
3. Brooke, as a local agent, would like to update the state coordinators guidelines and the Sustainable Gardening Handbook.

OMGA Board of Directors Meeting

Steve Jacobs, President of the Benton County Chapter, welcomed us all to Benton County. He gave a brief update on their programs: their Master Gardeners logged 11,000 hours so far this year; they have 3 demo gardens; they provide a Seeds to Supper Program; they help teach and maintain gardens at 3 elementary schools; they have a 2-day "Insights to Gardening" conference every spring; they have created a Garden Tools lending library; and at their annual plant sale, they made \$35,000!

Gardener's Pen: the next issue will be out in a couple of weeks and will recap the Growing Gardeners Conference: The December issue will focus on "gardening technology" with a deadline of mid-November for submission of articles; Marcia would like to focus on chapter projects, so please write up an article and send pictures!

Smile Amazon: the Smile Amazon donation program is now working properly; you can find it by going to smile.amazon.com and look for the Oregon Master Gardener Association title; their EIN is 93-0893329; the program donates ½ cent for every dollar spent.

OMGA Report continued:

Historian news: Barbara Davidson and Julie Haynh are updating the OMGA history from 2011 to present; please send any documents, minutes, etc to them. Each chapter received a copy of the first book of history, plus a CD.

Treasurer's Report:

*Total Value = \$107,062

*Income = \$55,079

*Expenses = \$42,033

*Paid Members = 3,429

*Mini College made \$1,901 in profit

*Silent Auction made \$6,026 in profit (21 of 23 chapters donated 161 items)

*Send-a-Friend raffle made \$700 for next year

*G2 had 238 attendees; survey: 95% were positive; many did not like the new name

Grants: Search for Excellence grant had only 1 application for this year and in 2017; The Longevity Awards now has a database, so chapters can send in their members start year.

Leadership Forum: the next LF will be held at the Oregon Food Bank in Multnomah County and will focus on electronic formats for communication and marketing; also, at the next Board meeting nominations and elections will be held for the 2019 Executive Board. Please consider sharing your time and talents to make OMGA the best it can possibly be!

State Coordinators Report: Gail talked about 6 topics.

*The 2019 International Master Gardener Conference will be held at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania from June 16 -19. Registration will be open soon; housing is already open. The conference will focus on field study in local, historical gardens in the area.

*Kaci Buhl and another person have put together a list on glyphosate risks and safety. It will be posted on the OSU Extension catalog soon.

*There is continuing work on how to revamp the MG trainings.

*During OSU's bee investigation, it found 2 species that are listed as vulnerable. They were found on lavender plants and salvia.

*Gail has strongly requested that the Lane County and Douglas County agent positions be put on the "Emergency Priority Staffing status.

*Plant Sale Task Force: ODA and the MGs are developing a list of best practices for plant sales; at issue is selling mislabeled and introduction of invasive diseases and insects. Chapters need to be positive of the plant IDs; get a permission slip from ODA; actively taking steps to sell pest free plants; dig n' divide and moving soils between sites is not a best practice.

The OMGA **nominating committee** needs more volunteers!

Website is functioning properly now. A decision was made to postpone updating it at this time.

New OSU logos: ask Amy Jo for new logo downloads.

OMGA Vision and Representative Handbooks are still in progress.

A new **MOA banking requirement**, if a chapter has to incorporate, is in the works. This is only necessary if you have to go to the bank to change names on accounts. OMGA is on the Secretary of State's non-profit list, but most chapters are not since we are under the OMGA umbrella. Therefore, we may not be legally recognized as a non-profit. New procedures will be coming out shortly.

The last part of the meeting was a brainstorming session on what to do next with Mini-College. It appears that the Executive Board wants to have Mini College in 2019. Marcia Sherry presented a PowerPoint reviewing why Mini-

College had been established and a proposal that she and Sue Nesbitt had put together for the full Boards' consideration. The proposal was to have a one-day Mini College, with potentially 3 keynote speakers, a nice lunch, and the Silent Auction. The group was then broken up into 4 smaller groups and were asked to answer 3 questions. Great suggestions were made by each group. The Executive Committee will have a session in early October to process the suggestions and to develop a plan for the next conference. In short, a 2-day conference was recommended. The first day would be the keynote speakers, lunch, Silent Auction, and Awards Banquet. The second day would have feature tours, workshops and the OMGA Leadership Forum and/or Board meeting. If you have thoughts or suggestions that you would like to share, please contact me and I will take them to the Executive Board meeting next month.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jeanine Johnson

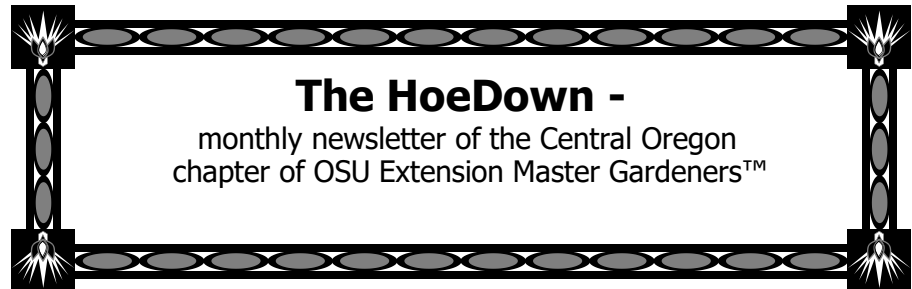
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