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President's message



Ten years ago, I told people that I took the Master Gardener classes for the knowledge but stayed for the people. The same is as true now as it was then but I've realized how much larger a commitment I have actually

been making every year since.

Gail Langellotto, the OSU Master Gardener Coordinator, teaches that "Gardening Will Save the World". On its face, it seems a pretty ambitious statement but I love the idea that we are the knights in soil-stained armor who will restore the planet - one green plant, one mulched flowerbed, one steaming compost pile at a time.

But here's my Ah-Ha! Moment: we're the shining champions for ourselves as well. So many Master Gardeners have told me why they continue to volunteer: researching a problem and learning a new aspect of their own garden, seeing tiny green leaves emerging from the soil, watching a child find a potato dug up in the garden, helping a new gardener discover the satisfaction of growing their own tomatoes. We've learned that our natural world is the cathedral that surpasses any built by man.

As a very tumultuous year comes to an end, many of us turn to our gardens to rest and reflect, to consider what we need to make ourselves happy. There we may ask: where can we find the joy we may have recently misplaced?

Here. Here in our community gardens, our demonstration gardens, our greenhouse. In Plant Clinic and the gatherings that become social events just because friends are working together to make our small Central Oregon world a better, healthier, more agreeable place. Here is where we will find an inclusive world of like-minded people who enjoy each other's company while laboring toward a common goal.

Consider what might bring you joy in 2020 when you volunteer for a Master Gardener project. Go to our website www.gocomga.com, click on the COMGA Members button (password: gr8gardens) and look for "Projects" on the orange bar. Click on a project name to read the description and then contact the coordinator with your questions. I promise you won't find a better place to find your *joy*.

Nancy Glick



Agent's Corner



Hi All,

Congratulations to our newest certified Master Gardener volunteers. We had 21 trainees complete certification this year including Sharon Buell, Diane Cook, Janet Dart, Andy Dunning, Kaaedee Helder, Kirsten Hinton, Suzan Hixson, Jill Kendall, Kathy Ketchum, Becca McKee, Rosie Metcalf, Carroll Minium, Shirley Nelson, Steve O'Malley, Judy Shearer, Patti Smiley, Nathalie Smith, Johanna Talus, Elizabeth Thompson, Angelena Wentzel, and Marissa Wright. We had 69 returning master gardeners recertify this year!

Recognition night was a fun celebration of all of the wonderful projects that you were involved with throughout the year. Congrats on your successes! Thank you to COMGA for the generous gift you gave me on Rec Night and for helping to fund recognition night. If you have not completed reporting your volunteer hours, please do so asap. I will need to send in my program report very soon.

Applications for the class of 2020 are now available. Training will be held in Redmond at the new Extension office annex on Wednesdays this year. Please encourage those that are interested to sign up soon!

Wishing you a safe and restful winter season!

Amy Jo

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

2020 COMGA Board sworn in at Recognition Night

President—Nancy Glick

Vice President, MG Education—Liz Anderson

Vice President, Community Ed—Elizabeth Weide

Secretary—Vickie Minor

Treasurer—Tim Schindele

Historian—Mimi Thomas

OMGA State Representative—Janet Dart

Alternate State Representative—Diana Hardin

Membership—Jolene Dodge

Communication Liaison—Rocky Bessette

The fly agaric

by Judy Shearer

For now I am deviating from my usual wildflower post and switch to fungi and related organisms for the next two months. We hiked Todd Lake and there were precious few wildflowers but fungi abounded. This month I am going to concentrate on the genus Amanita. I find it a fascinating genus in that it contains some species that are eminently edible like (the Caesars mushroom for example), (some hallucinogenic ones like the fly agaric) and (some deadly poisonous ones like the Death Angel). All Amanitas have five things in common (a pilius or cap, white spores, free gills in that they are not attached directly to the stipe or stalk, an annulus or ring around the stem and a volva or cup like base). When they are buttons each mushroom is surrounded by a covering called a universal veil and a covering over the gills called a partial veil. As it expands the universal veil breaks apart and part of it forms the volva or bulbous base and the rest is left on the cap as remnants often called "Popcorn". See photo. The partial veil breaks loose from the cap and forms the annulus. The cap varies in color from vivid red to orange or yellow. It is called the fly agaric because when pieces are soaked in milk, flies are attracted to the concoction, become inebriated and fly into walls and die.



Photo Samantha Shearer.

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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.

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

November

- 2 OMOGA 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?)



Project updates

Hollinshead Community Gardens By JoAnne Abbott

Closing day for Hollinshead Community Garden (HHCG) was on October 12. It was such a success, we've decided to replicate what we did on next year's opening day! We'll set-up with cones and signage to indicate where gardeners will begin and end the registration process. Of course, our Mentor's will be there to help direct traffic.

As always, a majority of our gardeners donated extra veggies to NeighborImpact, who pick up our donations twice a week during the high part of the season. In 2018 our donation poundage was 1,017 lbs. This year, 1,052.25 lbs. of veggies were donated. Thank you Mary Ann, Marilyn and Evie for coordinating the donations.

As you might know, HHCG has 3 raised demonstration beds. Each one had its own unique plants. The northern bed was filled with eggplant starts that were too small to sell at the time of COMGA's annual plant sale. Vicky Kemp donated the plants to HHCG and with time, they DID produce a fair amount of nice looking eggplants. The middle bed was Susanna Harrison's pollinator bed. She grew some beautiful flowers, but most unique of all were "Chocolate and Cream Love-in-a-Mist" (*Nigella hispanica*). Only a picture can show the uniqueness of these flowers and their seed pods. Finally, the 3rd raised bed was filled with very prolific swiss chard, a few beets and romanesco broccoli. All vegetables harvested from these beds were donated to NeighborImpact.

We've already set dates for 2020. Mark your calendars for April 25th, that's Opening Day for HHCG. Mary Ann Hart has agreed to coordinate Opening Day with help from Nathalie, Kirsten, Donna & Patty A. Thank you for stepping up to help out. Other dates set are August 15th, which will be our annual Open Garden, which Evie Cox has agreed to coordinate again. Closing day is also scheduled for Saturday October 10th! What a fast season it will be!

Thank you to Nancy Glick for being the coordinator of HHCG this year. We have just learned that Kirsten Hinton will be joining Nancy as the 2020 HHCG assistant coordinator. Thank you Kirsten! Also Jan Even will be joining the HHCG Mentor team in 2020. A great addition to a wonderful team of HHCG volunteers. HHCG is ALWAYS looking for new Garden Mentor's and Garden Mentor Assistants. Let Nancy G. know if you have the slightest interest or curiosity about helping out at HHCG... certified Master Gardeners (and trainees) are encouraged to check us out!

A resounding overall thank you to the HHCG volunteers: Anne Perce, Cathy Coutin, Donna Brandon, Evie Cox, Jeff Orr, Kate Applegate, Lynn Adamo, Marilyn Friley, Mary Ann Hart, Nancy Crossan, Nathalie Smith, Patty Achterman, JoAnne Abbott, Susanna Harrison, Sharon Buell, Kirsten Hinton and Kathi Keller. Without our volunteers, HHCG would NOT be what it is today.

Northwest Crossing Community Garden

by Gary Weber

On October 5th NWXCG gardeners gathered to tidy up the garden by removing and discarding plant material and plastic coverings from their raised beds. It was a busy morning for gardeners as they also helped with general clean up and maintenance. A small number of beds remained active this fall which unfortunately fell victim to a couple of very cold single digit nights earlier in October, and now many of us are looking forward to next spring. There will be plenty of familiar faces as the majority of our gardeners have indicated that they are planning to return in 2020! I would like to thank our MG mentors Becky McKee, Debbie Earle and John Coltman, our volunteers Johanna Talus, Diane Cook, Janet Dart, Barbara Craig and Cliff Nelson, for their support and hard work throughout the summer, and to the Master Gardeners Association, OSU Extension and BPRD. Last a big thanks to our gardeners for all of their hard work and perseverance. See you next season!



COMGA Quarterly Meeting Summary

October 26, 2019

Redmond Extension Office

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Glick (President), JoAnne Abbot (VP-Community Ed), Kathy Geary (VP-MG Education), Tim Schindele (Treasurer), Jan Even (Historian), Diana Hardin (Alternate State Representative), Liz Anderson, Patricia Achterman, Elizabeth Price, Shari Marler, Mimi Thomas, Patsy Kestner, Carroll Minium, Nathalie Smith, Ruth Mulligan, Liz Douville, Marilyn Clark, Kirsten Hinton, Phil Paterno, Vicky Kemp, Karen Finney and Toni Stephan.

The meeting started at 11:30 AM and adjourned at 12:45 PM, with 22 members present.

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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.

- November 5 House Plants to Get You Through Winter
- November 12 GMO vs Hybrid—What's the Difference?
- November 19 Living Christmas Trees
- November 26 Winter Tree Care (Before the Snow Falls)
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OSU Extension Demo Garden

Jill Kendall was our Trowel Award winner for the June, July & August work sessions. Jill consistently demonstrated her dedication to our Demo Garden by volunteering at almost all of the workdays in June through August, volunteering for any and all of the tasks that needed to get done. Way to go--!! Thank you for your support.



The trainee turnout throughout the season was outstanding. Many trainees, now Master Gardeners, did double duty volunteering at other gardens.

Over the next few months a garden "help list" will be developed to offer opportunities for those with limited physical capabilities to obtain their required OSU Demo garden work hours.

Thanks to all for a great season,
Vicky Kemp & Liz Douville



Water-wise Education Garden

Submitted by Pat Kolling and Chris Miao

The water-wise garden is winterized for the year. We will do some end of the year raking, but the majority of the garden has been put to bed. We have a great group of Master Gardener volunteers who have accepted responsibility for caring for sections of the garden and are becoming experts in their areas. We hope to capitalize on that expertise for classes next year.

We had a successful year in the garden, with most of the plants growing and thriving. For those plants that were struggling, either with bugs, critters or other issues, we have developed a "plant care record" that we are using to record issues and solutions for these particular plants as well as record how well every plant in the garden is doing. The goal is to have a record for each plant that will help the volunteers in subsequent years to manage the care of the plants. We will use these records to develop community education programs.

We are also developing an exciting new project that we will be working on over the winter to make the garden more accessible for the community through the use of the internet. We are continuing to improve our plant profiles for each of the plants in the garden and hope to have this completed and updated for the gardening season in 2020.

We will have a wrap up and debriefing meeting on November 18th to discuss the year and to plan for 2020.

We are looking forward to another fun and productive year in the water-wise garden!

Pat and
Chris



Quarterly meeting continued.

Items requiring membership approval
2020 Budget: Tim Schindele, COMGA Treasurer, presented the 2020 proposed budget. He thanked Vicky Kemp, Marilyn Clark and Rocky Bessette, for their work on the budget committee. He also thanked the project coordinators for promptly submitting their draft budget requests. Discussion followed and Tim noted that overall, there is a general 4.25% increase in budget allocations for 2020. He indicated this was a result of robust predicted income for 2020. After discussion, Karen Finney moved to accept the proposed budget as presented, Ruth Mulligan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the membership present.

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LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD

November 7, 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) Liz Anderson, Vicky Kemp, Nathalie Smith, Liz Douville, Karen Finney, Toni Stephan and Jill Kendall.

The meeting started at 12:59 PM and adjourned at 3:05 PM. The board discussed the following items:

Approval of minutes of previous meeting (Nancy Glick)

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jan Even seconded by Diana Hardin and approved by the board.

OSU Report (Amy Jo Detweiler/Toni Stephan)

Amy Jo thanked everyone for the gift card on recognition night. 21 people graduated from the class this year and 69 volunteers recertified, down from 71 in 2018. Nancy thanked Amy Jo for the wonderful recognition night. Applications are open for the 2020 MG class, which will start January 15, 2020 and will run for eight weeks. Amy Jo will be in touch with people to be mentors sometime this month. Classes will be in the new conference room in Redmond. Training will also be open to people who won't be volunteering, to align more closely with the online home horticulture training. Several classes will still count as continuing education. Discussion followed on the standards for certifying. Amy Jo also reported that OMGA approved a \$3000 grant to help defray costs of development of the ECCO database. Gary Weber attended the meeting and helped facilitate what was needed to get this approved. Amy Jo is also exploring other funding avenues. The current database is being tested/reviewed now and Amy Jo is working on how training will be done. The Project Fair is tentatively scheduled for February 19, 2020.

BOARD REPORTS:

Trowel Award (Vicky Kemp)

Vicky Kemp presented an award to Jill Kendall, for her work at the OSU Demo Garden in Redmond.

Treasurer's Report (Tim Schindele)

Tim circulated the monthly report earlier in the week. Income at NWXCG in October was due to gardeners prepaying this year for their beds in 2020, which allows them to continue to garden over the winter. In the past, the money was held and deposited at the beginning of the calendar year. Gary decided to deposit the checks in the year in which they were received. The board agreed this was acceptable and his projected income will still be about the same, with the only difference being the months in which the money was received. Tim reviewed the rest of the budget and noted that we have spent \$482.22 more than we budgeted; however, we have \$45,591.24 in the bank. Tim displayed a revised version of the budget expenses pie chart. Everyone agreed that the newest version was good. Once all the bills are in, he will update it and Rocky will send it out by email. Amy Jo asked about help with the gratuity for recognition night. We helped with it last year and discussion followed.

Kathy Geary moved to pay the gratuity for recognition night, seconded by Rocky Bessette, and the motion was approved. The funds will be taken from the Recognition Night category, which will put the category over budget for the 2019 year. Gary asked if we should consider including this in the budget for future years but no decision was made.

OMGA Rep Report (Gary Weber)

Gary reported on the meeting in Tillamook, the weekend of November 2. He said the discussion on the grant for the ECCO system was quite good. The silent auction brought in \$1900. The Leadership Forum was renamed the Educational Forum. OMGA also approved \$100 grants for State Rep travel, which will go to people who apply. OMGA also discussed Oregon State Senate Bill 360, which is on track to be approved in early 2020. A provision of the bill deals with email voting, to ease the Open Meetings Rule as it applies to nonprofit organizations.

November and December Events (Kathy Geary)

The book discussion will be on 11/15/19, 25 people are interested and 22 plan to attend. The holiday brunch will be December 5, 11:00 AM in the new conference room. Kathy has retrieved the VP for Master Garden Education binder from Tina Burnside. Kathy discovered some funds from previous years that were never spent. After a full discussion, Kathy will work with her committee to develop a plan for the funds and will report back to the board.

Chapter Calendar (Nancy Glick)

Anyone with a project or event that should be on the calendar was asked to send email to Nancy with the details. She will get it on the website calendar.

Membership Letter (Jolene Dodge)

Jolene circulated a new version of the letter, which everyone thought was great. It will be included with renewal forms, will be published in the January Hoedown, and will be sent to all the volunteers recertifying, regardless of membership in COMGA. We agreed the letter was helpful information for everyone.

ACTION ITEMS:

Hollinshead Garden (Nancy Glick)

Hollinshead still has two plots with tainted soil. Amy Jo contacted Bend Parks and Rec, and if we pay for new soil, BP&R will remove and dispose of the tainted soil and install the new soil, sometime during the winter. We will need to purchase approximately 7 yards of soil. JoAnne Abbott moved to have the funds previously approved in July for the soil testing, be used to purchase replacement soil. Rocky Bessette seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The cost is expected to be approximately \$400-500 and will come from the Hollinshead budget.

Plant Sale Project Review (Nancy Glick)

The report has recommended a transition from a fundraising project to an educational event with some plants for sale. Vicky Kemp has done substantial research on how to implement the recommendations and while she was able to develop a revised budget, she could not get it done in time for the budget vote in October. Key areas she is looking at for next year include creating 10 Minute University presentations and handouts that are specific to Central Oregon, as well as some more general gardening subjects. Vicky is also exploring the costs and materials

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LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD continued

required to adopt enhanced plant labeling that describes the plant variety, growing conditions and care. Using QR codes that will link to information on our website, will also be explored. To address the need for more tomato plants, Vicky is looking into buying plants from Spring Creek Gardens in Junction City, OR. We would still sow some seeds directly and transplant as usual, focusing on popular varieties that may not be available locally. Toni shared her experience with using plugs, which worked well and were consistently better quality. Discussion followed on several other ideas, including a Featured Perennial of the Year appropriate for Central Oregon; changing the name of the event and how it is marketed to the public; having vendors, as well as organizations providing educational information; changing the event layout and logistics; and using the new building to help ease space issues. After a full discussion, Vickie Minor moved to to accept the recommendations of the project review committee. The motion was seconded simultaneously by Kathy Geary and JoAnne Abbott and approved by the board.

Open forum (anyone)

Diana Hardin reported that OMGA mini-college will be July 24-25, in Corvallis. She will get information to us about lodging and travel details. Lodging will be available in the school dorms, at a reduced cost. The Hilton Garden Inn may also have rooms available for \$132/night. The program of "Send a Friend" will be awarded to eight counties with income in the previous year of \$25,000 or less. Our chapter would not be eligible for the award. Diana reminded us that if we want to pursue the Search for Excellence award for our work at the Hollinshead Water-wise Garden, the application should be started no later than the beginning of January 2020. The silent auction will be held again and Diana is willing to store items.

Vickie read thank you cards from Amy Jo and Toni. JoAnne Abbott let everyone know that Nancy Crossan's mother passed away on Halloween and Nancy wanted everyone to know how much she appreciated our support. Jan brought the 2018 scrap book; she will leave it in the plant clinic office. JoAnne will send Amy Jo a year-end Community Education report. A question was asked about a podium for the conference room – there is one in the closet. We discussed using the podium and the need for longer AV cords or closer connections. Toni will make an inquiry.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS:**KPOV-Gardening: Get Good At It** (Nancy Glick)

The program has run for 6 1/2 years, we have done 50-52 broadcasts annually, very few have been duplicated although some topics have repeated (e.g., closing your garden in the fall). Nancy noted that five volunteers (Nancy, Kathy Geary, Betty Faller, Deb Goodall and Mary Ann Hart) have been doing most of the broadcasts. The number of volunteers willing to do the research and taping has declined so KPOV has agreed to keep the project but will start broadcasting every other week. If more volunteers sign up, the schedule may return to once a week.

NW Crossing Garden (Gary Weber)

The garden closed for the winter, but several people prepaid for next year and they will continue to garden through the winter. All rodent protection installed in the spring was removed for the winter. The lesson from this year was that it is possible to make things work, but it required a lot of energy. There will be challenges with the garden that will never go away. Volunteer participation was down but Gary hopes it will improve next year. Last year, there were 23 returning gardeners, this year there are indications that all but six will return. Gary will also continue as the project coordinator next year.

OSU Demo Garden (Vicky Kemp or Liz Douville)

Over the winter, Liz and Vicky will be working on developing a list of tasks that can be done by people who may not be able to do regular gardening or who have physical limitations. Having people required to work 3 hours helped the garden look amazing this year, with many people coming on work days well beyond the required hours. Discussion followed on the scheduling challenges and whether there should be some kind of RSVP required.

Waterwise Garden (Chris Miao) No report was made.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Vickie Minor, Secretary

Quarterly meeting continued.

Bylaw change: Nancy Glick explained the changes to Article 6 Elections, section 1, to allow for voting by proxy to elect officers. Ruth Mulligan moved to accept proposed bylaw changes as presented, Toni Stephan seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the membership present.

Open Forum

Elizabeth Price, a transfer from Washington County, Oregon, was welcomed to the meeting. Kathy Geary presented a Trowel Award to Karen Finney. Kathy also presented a thank you gift to Ruth Mulligan for presenting the fire safety information at the last quarterly meeting. Kathy reminded everyone about the upcoming book discussion on *The Trouble with Goats and Sheep*, to be held at Kris Knoernschild's home, on November 15, 2019, at noon. Contact Kathy if you plan to attend. The COMGA Holiday brunch will be December 5, 2019, with a focus on "Sharing the Abundance." Everyone attending is asked to bring donations for NeighborImpact. More information will be out soon. Kathy also asked for feedback regarding the meeting space in the new Building 4 of the Extension office. Please contact her directly with your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Minor, Secretary

Getting to Know You!

By Carolyn Tate

Meet Kathy Ketchum: Problem-solver

You are at Plant Clinic and someone calls with a question. As you ponder your answer, what is your guiding mantra? "Evidence-based research, evidence-based research..."



Kathy Ketchum appreciates the idea of evidence-based knowledge. Because chemistry came naturally to her, she got a degree in pharmacy and worked as a pharmacist at several hospitals in Oregon. Then OSU hired her to teach pharmacy students how to evaluate the literature on drugs, which included how to assess the sources on which the literature was based. She helped students determine such things as whether the statistical methods the study used were valid, and whether the study was constructed in a valid way. So she understands the necessity for our Master Gardener program to use evidence-based research. With a smile, she points out that most of the literature we use at Plant Clinic consists of tertiary sources such as textbooks or topical encyclopedias, both of which contain synthesized, systematically-written chapters or entries. They are quite useful for the problem-solving environment at Plant Clinic, which Kathy loves.

Now she is retired and lives with her husband Terry near Sunriver, where the altitude and desert chill challenge even the most experienced gardener. Kathy began gardening by age nine, when she got involved in 4-H while living in Prairie City. The family moved around Oregon and Washington but always had a big garden, something her Mom, who grew up on a farm in Iowa, insisted upon. In 4-H, Kathy tackled a lot of plant and animal projects. One year she submitted nearly 50 entries to the Deschutes County fair, including three kinds of chickens, sheep, vegetables, flowers, and sewing. I think it's safe to say she is an experienced gardener—just not in Sunriver. That's where the Master Gardener program came in. It helped her get over feeling "rusty." Her beets, greens, peas and potatoes did well this year. Other veggies grew, but to a small size, even though she used cloches and cold frames all summer long.

Although her science background helps her find solutions to difficult problems, Kathy has an artistic side too. She has done weaving on a loom for about 20 years, beginning with a class at the (now sadly defunct) Oregon School of Arts and Crafts. Her teacher was an artist who encouraged her to experiment with more creative ideas by designing a piece given certain guidelines. Since arriving in Central Oregon, she has joined C.O. Spinners and Weavers Guild, which includes some very accomplished fabric artists. Over the years,

Kathy has woven scarves, shawls, placemats, tea towels from published patterns and now is attempting to design tweed fabric so she can make a vest for her husband.

"Weaving is very structured and there's a lot of problem solving," she says. "Even if you are using a pattern, things don't always go as planned. So I get to be a creative person in a problem-solving sort of way."

Her interest as a Master Gardener is primarily in promoting fire-wise landscaping and gardening in south Deschutes County. Wildflowers and native plants make a lot of sense there. After the recent closing of the L & S Gardens in La Pine, there's a big vacuum when it comes to the dissemination of knowledge on landscaping. When the COMGA is ready, she would like to use her skills to help people in that area. She's already helping through her work with the Philanthropy Committee of the Sunriver Women's Club, which focuses on basic needs for children in the south part of the county.

When I spoke to her recently, Kathy told me a fabulous story about her honeymoon. I don't want to spoil it – she should be the one to tell you. When you see her, just ask her about her adventure in Gates of the Arctic National Park. Or say, "Terry! Where's the bear spray?"



I am so overwhelmed with my special Lifetime Achievement Award. The hand-blown glass is beautiful beyond words. My obsession of creating a more positive gardening culture was fostered by Libby McGeary in 1979 at her "driveway plant nursery". I couldn't have encouraged others without the knowledge gained from the structured classes developed by AmyJo Detweiler for the OSU Extension Horticulture program. I can't imagine my life without the Master Gardener involvement.

The slide presentation was a blast! Made me wonder where all the years went--I thought it was just yesterday. If I remember correctly, Jan was the Producer, many thanks for reminding me I once had brown hair!

So much gratitude and many thanks to all my friends for such an honor.



Liz Douville

Recognition Night Honors



New Master Gardeners



Perennial Stars, JoAnne Abbott and Jan Even



Busy As A Bee, Liz Anderson



Busy As A Bee, Nathalie Smith



In the Shade, Nancy Glick



Master Gardener of the Year, Kathy Geary

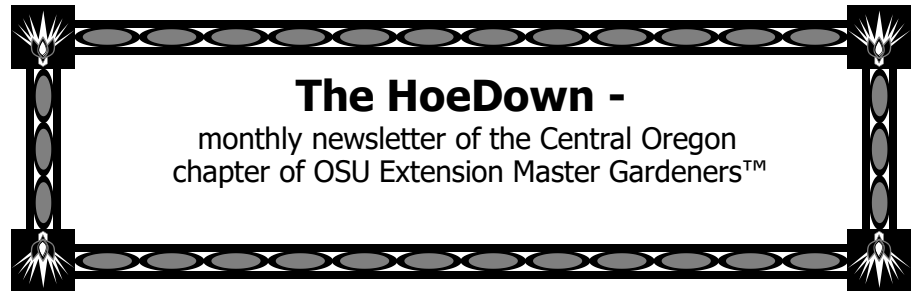


Lifetime Achievement, Liz Douville

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