



Newsletter of the Central Oregon Chapter of OSU Master Gardeners™





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Tresident's message





My home garden was planned to support pollinators and every year I enjoy hunting for egg cases, chrysalis and caterpillars hidden in my garden.

My reward has been generous this year – the Tiger Swallowtails are visiting the dianthus on my porch every day. Soon the praying mantids will emerge from their oddly placed cases - one is inside the cloth vegetable trug stored on a greenhouse shelf all winter. They'll join the butterflies and bumble bees in the

garden, getting on with the green business they do so well.



Every year I'm delighted and re-charged by the consistent optimism of nature. Insects and animals rebound from the cold dead winter with great enthusiasm for the future and a great

display of hope for the future.

This year, it feels as if the Master Gardeners are feeling the same – we're slowly leaving our cocoons and getting back to doing what we do so well.

Plant Clinic is up and running in Building #3 – not required for certification this year but you'll enjoy challenging yourself with the great support of the Master Gardener's best friend, Toni Stephan, providing the extra help



you may need. Here's the link to the schedule:https://app.getsling.com/shifts?mode=month&date=2021-09-01&tab=fullschedule

Look for the HoeDown article with a link to sign up to work in the OSU Demo Garden in Redmond. Karen & Vicky will love to see you! Have any questions? Email Vicky at vjkemp90@gmail.com.

Flex those wings, dear friends and let's get back to Teaching, Supporting and Promoting the OSU Master Gardener program (it's okay to leave the pasta at home).

Nancy



<u>COMGA Calendar</u> for contact persons go to gocomga.com

<u>August</u>

3 OSU & AAS Garden workday, 9:00am

3 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Season Extension 5 Board meeting, OSU Extension Service, Redmond, Bldg. #3, 10:00am

14 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon

17 OSŬ & AAS Garden workday, 9:00am

17 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Spiders

19 Discovery Park, Community Garden workday, 9:00am

26 Hollinshead CG volunteers meeting, 10:00am

28 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon

31 KPŎV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Roses in C. O.

<u>September</u>

2 Board meeting, OSU Extension Service, Redmond, Bldg. #3, 10:00am

7 OSU & AAS Garden workday, 9:00am

7 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, 12 Plants to Entice Pollinators

11 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon

16 Hollinshead CG volunteers meeting, 10:00am

21 OSU & AAS Garden workday, 9:00am

21 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Garden All Year: Build a Cloche

25 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon

<u>October</u>

5 OSU & AAS Garden workday, 9:00am

5 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Gear Up the Garden for Cold Weather

7 Board meeting, OSU Extension Service, Redmond Bldg. #3, 10:00am

9 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon

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17 Discovery Park Community Garden closes

19 OSU & AAS Garden workday, 9:00am

19 KPOV radio, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Sustainability in Your Garden

23 Blog: Gardening in Central Oregon



Geum triflorum

by Judy Shearer

Where you see smoke there is not always fire. You might be looking at prairie smoke, Geum triflorum. This lovely plant is more spectacular in fruit than in flower (see pictures below). A perennial in the Rose Family, it has a basal rosette of fern-like leaves that are green above and grey green hairy below. The flowering stalks arise from the center of the rosette becoming 6-10 inches tall. Each stalk is terminated with 3 vase shaped pendant flowers. The pink to yellowish petals are hidden beneath the 5 reddish purple sepals. Each flower also has 5 floral hairy bracts, the same color as the sepals, that extend outward and curl upward. As the seeds develop the stems turn upward with the seed head "tails" forming a long hairy pinkish plume. Prairie smoke is found on rocky outcrops and seasonally moist meadows from late spring to midsummer. Found west of the Cascades it extends eastward to Illinois. It was first collected by Merriweather Lewis in 1806. The specific epithet triflorum refers to the 3 flowers per stem. Head towards the Ochocos toward Big Summit Prairie and you are bound to see it even along the roadside banks.





Photos by Samantha Shearer

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Oregon Wildflower APP



TIME TO NOMINATE A NEW MASTER GARDENER OF THE YEAR!

Nominations are now being accepted for our next Master Gardener of the YEAR!

Last year, the pandemic interrupted all our normal activities, including identifying an exceptional COMGA volunteer to be the "Master Gardener of the Year." Over the last 18 months, many people have stepped up and helped the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program continue its traditions of teaching, supporting, and promoting our program, in the midst of very stressful and unpredictable times. The pandemic is still with us, but it is time to resume honoring those among us who go beyond the norms to help us thrive as a master gardening community.

You, our volunteers, have been working on many COMGA projects, in various ways, sometimes remotely, sometimes in person. You are the ones who know best who might be deserving of this special recognition. We are asking you to consider your fellow volunteers, to see who should be nominated for Master Gardener of the Year, based on the qualifications described on the "Master Gardener of the Year Criteria" form. A copy of the form is included in this edition of the HoeDown, and can also be found on our website www.gocomga.com, in the members section under forms.

Once you have completed and submitted the nomination form to Amy Jo (as noted on the form), Amy Jo will review all submissions and the COMGA Awards Committee (Master Gardeners who have been recognized in the past) will choose a finalist. *The deadline for returning this form to Amy Jo is August 23, 2021.*

The 2021 Master Gardener of the Year will be announced at a function that we hope to have in September, absent more pandemic restrictions. It has been an extremely challenging time for us and we thank you for helping us recognize the best of the best of our volunteers!

See page 9 for the form.



Photo by JoAnne Abbott

Hollinshead Community Garden

by JoAnne Abbott

Tis already August, and we are almost halfway through our growing season at Hollinshead Community Garden (HHCG). So MANY vegetables yet to ripen, so many more weeds to keep pulling and so many beautiful flowers blooming.

But the vegetables ARE producing, and I see many of our gardeners taking armloads of fresh veggies out to their car... plenty of sweet peas, various amazing looking squashes, lettuces and kohlrabies. I witnessed our most veteran gardener John, using loppers to cut a cabbage off its stalk. A new experience for me!

Sad but true, we have not been able to schedule vegetable pickup by NeighborImpact this year. HHCG simply lacks the volunteer power to keep ice in the coolers, which in turn keeps the vegetables from cooking inside the coolers until pick up. We have advised our gardeners of the many donation sites available in the Bend/Redmond area, where they can personally donate their extra veggies.

Our experimental plots are producing well...plots #4 and #16. We are beginning to harvest beans, squashes, carrots, kale and broccoli. Just to note, even HHCG Master Gardeners are guilty of not harvesting early enough. Please enjoy the picture of the two summer squashes. They were huge, and heavy. Have zucchini, drop it on neighbors front porch and RUN!

Please enjoy the recent pictures taken at HHCG....various gardens and various and sometimes interesting plants. Come see for yourself!























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OSU Extension Demo Garden

As a newcomer, I'm realizing what it feels like to have a short and sweet growing season. I find myself counting the days, and they're going by too quickly. I calculate how many days before the tomatoes can be harvested. And what scares me is that it's closer and closer to frost days!

We are halfway through our schedule of workdays at the Demo Garden. Have you seen how tall the corn is? Or how much space the pumpkins take up? Come by and see all that is growing and what's in bloom.

Thank you to our volunteers Rocky Bessette, Victoria Butler, JoAnne Abbott, Nathalie Smith, Linda Gregory, Mimi Thomas, Wanda Kuklis, Vicky Minor, Jan Even, Vicky Kemp and myself.

"Gardening requires lots of water, most of it in the form of perspiration." Lou Erickson

Thank you, Vicky Kemp and Karen Simonet

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/136UN9EGFVBJjXkSPITSwVdBTMQb5fRRQ/edit#gid=509441911

IT'S KPOV TIME GARDENING: GET GOOD AT IT

Tune in to The Point on KPOV 88.9 FM, Tuesdays between 9:00 and 9:30 AM. Here is our lineup of upcoming Gardening: Get Good At It segments.

August 3 Season Extension

August 17 Spiders

August 31 Roses in Central Oregon



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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Discovery Park Community Garden by Gary Weber

Things are settled in for the summer. Beds are really in good shape with active gardeners enjoying their plantings. Critters have been a bit of a problem, and it really all does just boil down to the simple factor of how well a gardener does securing their cloche against them. It reinforces to us as Master Gardener Volunteers, the need to do all we can at the beginning of each season to provide information, training, and support about topics like rodent protection, cloche construction, choice of appropriate varieties, and planting dates, to help gardeners get the most out of their garden plot. That's where our knowledge and experience can be so effective.

With the heat backing off a bit from June levels, we're

seeing better fruit set and less stress evident on garden plants. Garlic harvest has gone well. I'm told by our garlic guru that this has been his best yield ever!

Liz Douville had provided the garden a new tomato release



from OSU called Midnight Roma, and we have it planted for observation. It appears to be doing well, though it did appear to not do as well as other varieties during the worst of the heat wave. There should be pictures available for the next newsletter.

Our volunteers, Becky, Lisa and Jill, are very engaged and have been volunteering at the garden in regular shifts to be on hand as a resource to gardeners. Becky and Lisa are working on getting our new bulletin board set up with appropriate signage for the public side, and as a place to share gardening know-how on the inside face. This is an exciting addition to our garden!



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LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD

August 5, 2021

In-Person at OSU Extension, Redmond and

Via Zoom Online*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Glick (President), Jan Even (Past-President), Elizabeth Hughes Weide (VP-Community Education), Liz Anderson (VP-MG Education), Vickie Minor* (Secretary), Tim Schindele (Treasurer), Mimi Thomas (Historian), Rocky Bessette (Communications Liaison), Jolene Dodge (Membership Coordinator), Liz Douville,* Amy Jo Detweiler,* Vicky Kemp, Diana Hardin, Marilyn Clark, Beckie Moran, Carroll Minium, Karen Simonet, Kirsten Hinton, Chris Miao, Toni Stephan, and Pat Kolling.

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

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve the minutes made by Mimi Thomas, seconded by Jolene Dodge, and approved by the board without objection.

OSU Report

Amy Jo reported that there will be master gardener training in 2022 and it will likely be a hybrid of online and in-person training. She hopes to have applications ready for late September or early October. She is on a search committee for a new administrative support position for the office. The job will be different from the one Carrie was filling and she hopes interviews will be done in September. Kim is also leaving so two positions will be filled. In the meantime, Amy Jo and Toni have taken on the tasks that would have been done by others. There will be no recognition night this year because volunteers have not been required to work any hours and Amy Jo does not want anyone to feel badly about not volunteering during the pandemic. She did approve awarding a Master Gardener of the Year award this year and she would like to do a year-end celebration at a pavilion in Bend, hopefully in September. Discussion followed. We agreed it would be good to do something outdoors and planning should start, even though it may end up being canceled because of the pandemic. Liz Anderson will help her coordinate details.

BOARD REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report

In July, we had income of \$15.62 from our two credit union CDs and \$40 from a t-shirt item left over from last year. We paid or reimbursed the last few expenses from the Plant Sale (bleach and photocopy costs), totaling \$17.49. Gross income from the Plant Sale was \$3,774.96, total expenses were \$1,449.91 and net income was \$2,325.05. The Water-wise Garden purchased two solar-powered vibrator devices for repelling voles; cost was \$27.98. Other expenses were two checks totaling \$7,000, from our Horticulture Program Donation account. One check was our budgeted annual donation to the Agricultural Research Foundation for Amy Jo (\$2,000); the other check was to OSU (\$5,000), which was donated based on the discussion, motion, and vote by the board at the July board meeting. Our total cash assets, including our three CDs,

are \$38,717.11, which puts us approximately \$2,500 ahead of where we were this time last year. Tim discussed the 37-month First Interstate Bank CD scheduled to mature on 8/31/21. It has paid 2.4% annually, which is not currently available at comparable terms. After discussing the options, Tim will renew the CD for six months and see what happens. We also discussed the overage in the tech committee's budget. The original budget was intended to cover one license for Zoom meetings plus a "Tech Soup" fee to obtain a 50% discount for software. As the year progressed, we added a Webinar license and an additional Zoom license for security reasons, both of which were prorated and approved throughout the year. The Zoom renewal date was July 22, 2021, with an annual fee of \$349.90. This combined with the Tech Soup fee of \$57, puts expenses at \$406.90. Considering the state of the pandemic, Janet Dart proposed that we keep all these licenses active and she has requested reimbursement for the amount paid to renew. Discussion followed and the consensus was that this has been a great investment for us because of our virtual classes and it is reasonable to expect the need for this technology to continue. Jan Even moved to cover the budget overage, which was seconded by Jolene Dodge and approved without objection.

Tim also reported that Nathalie Smith is helping him convert the Budget Proposal form, currently in Word format, to a Digisigner form that can be filled out online and emailed without the need for printing the form, filling it out by hand, scanning it and emailing it back. He hopes to have it ready in the next week and will send it to the Project Coordinators who will be asked to submit 2022 budgets by the end of August. He will also provide some direction to PCs on whether they need to be conservative with expenses, considering the on-going effects of the pandemic.

Membership Report

Jolene reported there are 64 paid members and approximately 28 trainees.

Nancy reported there were some trowel awards this summer. Kathy Ketchum received one for her work on the database for the Water-wise Garden. There is one more trowel award for this cycle, which will be announced after the recipient has received the award.

Quarterly Meeting

Until the pandemic restrictions ease for indoor gatherings, there will be no quarterly meetings. Vickie reported on her discussion with Amy Jo about the Master Gardener of the Year award, which we will be able to do this year. An article will be in the HoeDown along with the nomination form. Nominations are due to Amy Jo by August 23, 2021. She will get the forms to Vickie, who is responsible for organizing the awards committee meeting this year. Vickie explained that the awards committee includes all members who are previous MGOTY recipients. The process will be the same as in other years – Vickie will schedule a meeting, the committee will receive the nominations the day of the meeting and from there, an award recipient will be identified. Vickie expects the meeting to be in early September and will get information to the committee members.

LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD continued

OMGA Rep Report

There was no report this month.

Community Education

There was no specific report this month, but Elizabeth suggested if classes were going to continue virtually, the VP of Community Ed function should be reconsidered since it seems to be changing and there is no nominee to fill the vacancy next year. She suggested that a tech committee person could be responsible for organizing the community ed. Extensive discussion followed and the consensus was that since the board terms begin in January, for now the position can be left vacant, to be filled in January once the trainees have been certified. Further discussion followed on the process of developing the Chapter calendar for the year and how dates/topics are identified. Some things require extensive lead time, others do not and it may be possible to have a hybrid approach. There was no decision on handling this issue but the consensus seemed to be that where dates can be identified early (e.g., vegetable gardening classes, spring seminar, plant sale, etc.), they should be memorialized. Where it is too early to identify classes but dates can be identified (e.g., alternating classes at the community gardens), times should be blocked out with classes identified later. We agreed that Facebook and the Central Oregon Gardeners group were good places for advertising and Liz Douville reminded everyone that she could include something in her gardening articles if she gets the information at least two weeks in advance.

2021 COMGA Board

Nancy noted the nominating committee has nominees for Secretary (Marilyn Clark), VP of Master Gardener Training (Janet Dart) and OMGA State Rep (Jan Barron). Four people were asked to be VP for Community Ed and another four were approached about being President – all declined. This prompted a discussion about why people are not interested in taking these positions. The problem has been an issue for years, Chris Miao suggested that we need to look at why and come up with a way to cultivate succession planning in these positions. We need to know the real reasons why people are not stepping forward, particularly for President. It was also suggested that we need to look at the structure of the president position to make it so people might be more willing to step forward. Nancy noted that succession planning is important and we will be moving forward with it. Discussion followed on how the votes will be done – they were done virtually last year. If anyone wanted to nominate someone not on the ballot, that could be done easily by email. There were no final decisions on how the votes would be cast or who would do the tallying.

ACTION ITEMS:

2021 Project Review

Marilyn Clark and Carroll Minium volunteered to be on the review committee but no one else has stepped up. There need to be three people so after discussion, Carroll will ask another volunteer to join the group.

G-Suite (Workspace) Policy and Procedure

Jan Even outlined this months ago, Janet Dart is the tech support, Nancy has drafted a policy that Janet is reviewing, Vickie will help with legal aspects and Jan Even will assure the procedures are accurate. The goal is to get this live by January 2022 when the new board takes over.

PROJECT STATUS REPORTS:

Water-wise Garden

Pat Kolling reported that the garden is beautiful, everything is blooming, and they have noticed that maintenance for the garden has decreased. This is the fourth season and many plants are reaching mature size so the group is beginning to look at how much bigger things will get. The City of Bend would like to repeat the field day that was done in June, but with more preplanning. They would help with the advertising and would bring in irrigation specialists. Chris Miao was interviewed by gardentime.tv through a referral from Amy Jo. In addition to giving tips for successful gardening in Central Oregon (the website originates in Portland), links were provided to the OSU publications. You can see the interview at the following link: http://www.gardentime.tv/thisweek.htm.

OSU Demo Garden

Karen Simonet reported that many people signed up to work the July shifts but once the work days arrived, there were only a small number working because of the heatwave. Despite the heat, they have been keeping up with the maintenance tasks. The old soil was removed in the raised bed and replaced with new soil, and bush peas were planted. Toni offered some education on recognizing herbicide contamination on a sample brought in by a client. People are still needed to help each workday; contact Karen or sign up through the Excel spreadsheet.

Hollinshead Garden

Kirsten Hinton reported that everything is growing well and the garden looks great. They were not able to continue the food donation program within the garden because of the lack of volunteers but she has sent email to all the gardeners to let them know where they can individually donate surplus vegetables from their beds. A plot-renter was terminated for failure to weed and Kirsten has received some email from another gardener complaining about things.

Discovery Park Garden

Gary Weber reported by email that things have settled in for the summer. They have an active set of gardeners this year with all but one bed active. Critters are still a problem, and it comes down to how well gardeners secure their cloches against the critters. It also reinforces the need to do all we can at the beginning of the season to provide information, training, and support to help gardeners get the job done. With the heat backing off from June levels, they are seeing better fruit set and less stress evident on garden plants.

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LOWDOWN FROM THE BOARD continued

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Open Forum

Diana Hardin reported on a floral preservative recipe from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, to use on cut flowers. She shared the recipe at the meeting and noted that the site also had information on when to cut flowers, which flowers will continue to open once cut and which ones will not. For more information on this, contact Diana.

Liz Douville reminded the project coordinators that she can put a plug in her column for public classes if she gets the information at least two weeks before the class. Diana Hardin reported that Liz's articles are now in the Redmond Spokesman on Wednesdays.

There was a brief discussion on using electronic documents and signing software. Since we are using this more often, we will be looking at creating a digitizing signing account, stored in G-Suite, which will cost about \$100.

No other business was discussed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Minor, Secretary

PLANT OF THE MONTH

by Lisa Nakadate and Julie Hill

Featured Plant - Limelight Hardy Hydrangea Hydrangea paniculata

Height: 6 - 8' Spread: 6 - 8'

Flower: Chartreuse, pink

Bloom time: Mid summer thru late fall

Why Should I Plant Limelight Hardy Hydrangea in My Garden? •

- * The Limelight' hydrangea has unique, lightchartreuse blooms in late summer that fade into a rich deep pink. This hardy introduction from Holland has reliable flower heads ranging from 6 to 12 inches in length.
- Good massed, as a hedge, in containers or as a cut flower.
- When established, this selection will tolerate brief periods of drought.
- * This cultivar has stronger stems than most hydrangea and can hold up the large flowers even after heavy rain.

Information Sources

North Carolina Extension: https:// plants.ces.ncsu.edu/plants/hydrangea-paniculatalimelightpp-12874/





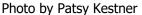




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Submitted by (optional)

Master Gardener™ of the Year Criteria

The recipient of the award for Master Gardener of the Year works tirelessly on behalf of the Oregon State University Master Gardener program. Their exceptional efforts and ideas support the philosophy and educational goals of the local extension office.

This award requires a Master Gardener to exhibit an outstanding willingness to help coordinate numerous projects, and attend both Board and Quarterly Meetings. Maintaining a high number of volunteer hours validates exceptional participation, many of these without being asked. Continuing education through recertification is a priority for this special Master Gardener and he or she is knowledgeable on a variety of topics.

Important personal traits include a friendly personality, understanding nature and the ability to work well with others. Outstanding organizational skills and the unique ability to encourage others to teach in the community are part of the recipient's nature.

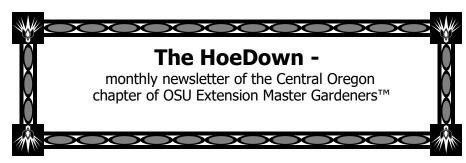
This is a distinct award that should be fully enjoyed and celebrated by one individual. The decision-making criteria should be based upon the fact that our main mission is to educate our "neighbors" and assist them in their landscaping and gardening problems. Therefore, in the case of a tie, and all things being equal between candidates, the final decision rests upon what the person has done to positively impact the public instead of efforts within the COMGA organization. To acknowledge an outstanding Master Gardener for continually serving the program, it is possible for someone to hold this distinction multiple times, but not two years consecutively.

Please return this form by August 23, 2021 to: OSU Extension Office, Amy Jo Detweiler, 3893 S.W. Airport Way, Redmond, OR 97756 or email amyjo.detweiler@oregonstate.edu
My nomination for Master Gardener of the Year is:
In accordance with the mission of the Central Oregon Master Gardener Association, please identify what the candidate has contributed:
To Teach sustainable gardening practices which have their foundation in research-based information (such as, which classes or talks were given by the nominee?).
To Compare the OCU Extension Coming hosticulture management of Const. Decelostes and Jefferson Counties (such as substi-
To Support the OSU Extension Service horticulture program in Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties (such as, what projects or other volunteer commitments contributed to the CO Horticulture program?).
To Promote the OSU Extension Service Master Gardener program in Central Oregon (such as, what contributions has the nominee made that have led to better recognition of the CO & Statewide MG programs?).

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Crook
Deschutes &
Jefferson Counties



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