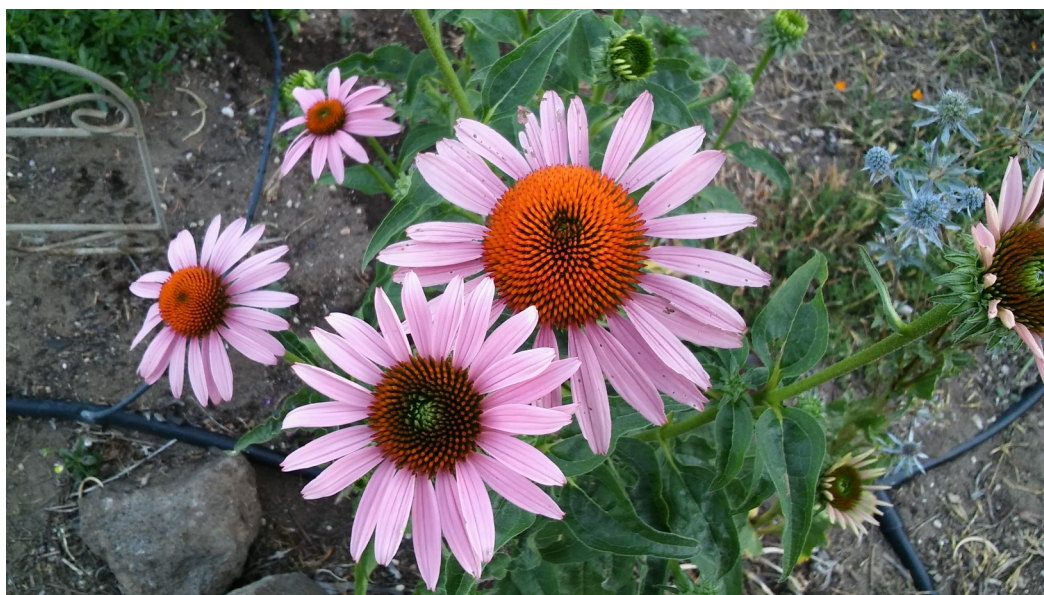


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## President's message



My Dad would have been an engineer if the Depression hadn't pushed him to go to work after high school. But his jerry-rigged creations were everywhere in our house and the bane of my Mom's life as she worried what the neighbors would

think of his inspired 'fixes'. MacGyver had nothing on my Dad for using duct tape, paper clips and a bit of axle grease to make something broken work for one more day.

So my father gets the credit for my life-long interest in innovation – what today is called a 'hack'. The human mind can be quite inventive, sometimes finding simple solutions to complicated problems:

During World War 2, code breaking was a sophisticated, high-priority effort in every nation involved. If one country could predict the military moves of another, they could win every battle. Thousands of people and machines were involved in unraveling codes. And what was the American solution? We very effectively employed the now famous Native Americans who spoke Navajo (the Windtalkers) and their code was never cracked. The Houston airport was hearing a large number of complaints – after walking from the gate to baggage claim, people were unhappy that their luggage hadn't arrived in the claim area (they had to wait about 6 minutes). The simple solution? The airport designers moved the baggage claim farther from the deplaning area so the walk took longer, giving the over-worked baggage handlers a few more minutes to deliver the suitcases.

IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices) are the latest horror of war – small bombs placed in abandoned buildings where our military will be patrolling. A creative-thinking soldier in Afghanistan knew that if they could just see the trip-wires in doorways that set off the bombs, they could save many lives. What was the simple solution? Incredibly, it was Silly String – an aerosol can of latex string, when shot into the air of a doorway, would fall and land on the thin, now-visible trip-wires.



You can understand why I admire these creative thinkers – they used some unusual ideas to make life easier and, in some cases, safer. In May, I shared how a Washington state Horticulture Agent was overwhelmed by requests from home gardeners. He solved his problem by creating an 'army' of trained volunteers, called Master Gardeners. Here in Central Oregon, we've had some fantastic problem-solving thinkers who, under the guidance of our Horticulture Agent, have developed a number of innovative programs to benefit the public: Demonstration Gardens, Spring Seminar, the Waterwise Garden.

Are *you* a secret MacGyver? Do you imagine solutions to annoying problems in your own life? Have you

considered how valuable you would be as a part of our local Master Gardener leadership? Our projects flourish under the inspired guidance of problem solvers. The COMGA Board is energized by the outside-the-box thinkers who attend the meetings. As 2018 winds down, we're looking to *you* for fresh inspiration and leadership in the coming year.



If you have any questions about projects or events that could use your valuable ingenuity, you can find names and contact information on our website: [www.gocomga.com/projects](http://www.gocomga.com/projects) and [www.gocomga.com/volunteers-needed](http://www.gocomga.com/volunteers-needed). And remember: every event, meeting or social gathering is better for the wonderful and imaginative Master Gardeners who attend.

## Agent's Corner



Hello Volunteers,

Thanks for all of your hard work in the communities this year, lots of great work going on as we wrap up another season.

Now is the time to make sure you have enough hours for completion of your recertification (veterans) or certification (trainees). You officially have until the end of October, however we want to be wrapped up by mid-October if possible. Here is a recap of what you need for this year:

For vets: 16 hours in the plant clinic, 10 hours in community service and 10 hours of advanced training.

For trainees: 32 hours in plant clinic and 28 hours in community service (additional plant clinic can be included in this category)

Hold the date! Recognition night is tentatively scheduled for the third week in October. We will get the date and location to you asap. We need your help, in order for us to be prepared on Rec Night we need to have you entering all of your hours now! Please try to have all of your hours current and entered by October 10<sup>th</sup> so that we can process them and be ready for rec night.

New for 2019. Recertification may be changing a bit in 2019, with a minimum requirement for all veterans to work in the OSU Demonstration Garden (probably 3 hours for the year). This will not be in addition to the current required hours. This would be greatly helpful in us maintaining this important project where we provide education and do applied research at our main office. More details to follow in January.

Hope the rest of your summer is good!

In appreciation of all that you do, Amy Jo

***COMGA Calendar***  
***for contact persons go to [gocomga.com](http://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?



Ruth & Dave with mentor Cathy Coutin at Hollinshead Community Garden



Chris and gardener Lucinda at Hollinshead Community Garden

Hollinshead photos in this issue

submitted by

Nancy Crossan



## Project updates

### OSU Extension Demo Garden

by Liz Douville

ONLY THREE DAYS LEFT----no this is not an advert for an End of Season Sale. It is a heads-up that there are only 3 Demo Garden workdays left for the season. The dates are Tuesdays Sept. 18, October 2 and October 16 from 9 to noon.

This is a great opportunity to:

1. add the hours you might need
2. be part of the harvesting process
3. study perennials trees, and shrubs in the fall season
4. and enjoy great conversations with fellow gardeners. We may even find a new bug for Toni!

Vicky Kemp & Liz Douville



### Hollinshead Water-wise Garden (HWG)

August has been a great month at the Hollinshead Water-wise Garden. The plants have loved the summer weather and are putting on quite a show of growth. Everyone who visits the garden thinks it looks terrific and is surprised that it was just planted a year ago. Visitors to the Hollinshead Community Garden Open House on the 18<sup>th</sup> were quite impressed.

The volunteer team working at the garden is enjoying the plants and is also quite pleased about the maintenance time required – there are almost no weeds! The 3 inches of mulch we originally put on is really doing the trick. Master Gardeners have more free time now to devote to other aspects of the garden. Work is beginning on completing a plant master spreadsheet as well as finalizing the plant profile books. Both will be useful tools for educating the public and MG volunteers. Plus research has started on possibly putting in a rain barrel at the garden.

Finally, the Memorial Stone has it's permanent home in the garden. Empire Stone provided the stone at a tremendously discounted price. Thanks to them for supporting the Master Gardener program. The stone is approximately 36" round, 16" high, weighs a hefty 512 pounds and is beautifully moss and lichen covered. A huge thank you to Bend Parks and Recreation for the heavy lifting required to expertly place the stone in the garden. It looks beautiful and will honor the volunteer spirit in Master Gardeners past and present.

Pat Kolling and Chris Miao



### 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

**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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J J helping his mom and Grama harvest from their plot at Hollinshead Community Garden

# Project updates

## Hollinshead Community Vegetable Garden

By Nancy Crossan

August was full of fun, sun and a bounty of harvested vegetables. Beautiful flowers provided for our pollinators, and a splash of color throughout the garden plots.

It was a Picture-Perfect Day for our "Open Garden" on Saturday August 18<sup>th</sup>.

This year we had gardener volunteers talking about the crops they raised this year in their plots. Our special treat was Ruth Burleigh (92 years young) and Dave Brown sharing decades of stories and experience growing and saving vegetables from their Hollinshead plot and in Bend. Anne Perce gave out pretty flower bouquets. Thanks to our crew of gardeners, MG's Mentors and The Gang volunteers, our event was FUN and informal.

We were visited by our favorite costumed friends:

The Tomato (Joanne Abbott),

The Bumble Bee (Cathy Coutin) and The Hover Fly (Susanna Harrison)

They were all busy in the kid's area with songs, questions and projects.

Toni and Rocky added their touch with beautiful displays of bees and bugs. The group was delighted with their white net dancing through the garden in pursuit of the elusive green bee.

Congratulations goes to our gardener Emily Oldenkamp in plot Q for being selected as "August's Garden of the Month". She is in her garden all the time and is willing to help her neighbors weed. Her Mentor, Ellen Glen, last year and Richard Bonebrake this year should be pleased and proud of Emily.

The produce donations to Neighbor Impact overflowed this month. Mary Ann, Patsy and Evie were busy freezing and bringing jugs of ice over to the coolers daily to keep the produce fresh until pick up on Monday and Thursday mornings. Thanks to you all for coordinating and managing this Important and rewarding part of our garden responsibilities. HHVG has contributed close to 800 lbs. of produce this year.

Sunday September 16th from 3-5pm will be our first Annual **Gardener Harvest Get Together**. Gardeners having a plot at Hollinshead have been invited to come meet their neighbors and other Master Gardeners who volunteer in Hollinshead Community Garden. The plan is to:

Share and Collect Seeds: both flowers and veggies

Bring and Share recipes.

Harvest and Share veggies.

Thanks to Susanna and Kat for pulling this together and all the feedback from the "Gang" at our last meeting. This idea came from several gardeners and Master Gardeners alike. A true example of a community garden.

I hope you enjoy the photos of Hollinshead throughout the HoeDown this month

Nancy C

Right, garden of the month for August



Dahlias from  
a plot at  
Hollinshead  
Community  
Garden



One of the Hollinshead plot owners raises  
Zinnias for bouquets

## Central Oregon Master Gardener Association board meeting, September 6, 2018

The COMGA Board Meeting started at 1:00 PM and adjourned at 3:02 PM.

**Approval of minutes of previous meeting.** Jan Even moved that the minutes be adopted, Joanne Abbott seconded, minutes were approved.

### OSU Report

*Demo garden* - Amy Jo reported that heading into next year, she is seriously considering changes to the recertification requirements for veterans and trainees. There will be some things coming out from our statewide coordinator. Locally, AJ is considering a requirement that everyone work a minimum of 3 hours in the demo garden each year. These hours will be part of the overall requirement and will not be in addition to currently required hours. She noted that there are not enough people helping in the garden and it is an important component of her program. She will not require people to work just on scheduled work days; the requirement will be whenever someone can work. AJ also noted that she is already paying someone to maintain the back and for the grass to be mowed. She thinks the program is at a place in time where it is valuable for volunteers to know what is happening with the garden. Having the extra help will also help AJ focus on the educational components she needs to develop.

*Recognition night* - AJ needs help with this, this year. Carrie is trying to find a location but as of today, no location or date has been set. Even though the MG season does not end until 10/31, it is helpful to have the event in October because of the weather. Nancy Crossan asked what kind of help is needed. AJ needs help in selecting food types, possibly getting a location, perhaps some decorations and perhaps with some of the gifts for the awards. Discussion on alternating between Bend and Redmond location. The biggest challenge with Redmond is the lack of venues.

*Miscellaneous* – AJ received an email from Gail Langelotto about not giving out homemade remedies in the plant clinic. She will forward information to us about this issue.

Jan Even asked if we were still going to do the Alpen Glow garden. AJ reported that the City is putting out a lot of resources for the garden and AJ's concern is if we have enough volunteers. She asked for our thoughts – should we be involved but on a smaller scale? She thinks there will be interest but she is concerned it could pull away from other projects and should we consider dropping something. She also noted that when the community was canvassed, the residents said they preferred a demo garden over a community garden. She needs to get square footage and more details. She also noted that there are plans for an amphitheater there and it would be an opportunity to do a twilight series and other educational things. The board consensus was that we should be involved and we should move forward with this.

## Board Reports

*Treasurer's Report* - Tim was absent so Nancy G. reported on his behalf. The budget committee has had one meeting, all project coordinators submitted their requests on time and there will be a final meeting on Monday. Things are looking good and he is happy with things. We had income of \$67 this month. As of the end of August, we are 115% of expected income. Profit will go down, but will end up with about \$5K at the end.

*Nomination Committee* – Vicky Kemp reported. We have nominations for all positions except alternate state rep and historian. Some people are continuing in their positions, Kathy Geary has accepted a nomination for second VP position and Gary Weber has accepted the state rep nomination. Membership Coordinator & Communication positions are appointed by the President and the Parliamentarian position is being suspended as of January. Jolene has agreed to become the membership coordinator next year. The election will be held 9/13/18 at the BBQ.

*G2 Report + Lifetime Memberships* - on the G2 issue, Vickie reported that the chapter feedback was sent to Sue Nesbitt (current OMGA President) and Eric Bosler (President-Elect of OMGA). The gist of the emails was that Eric was appreciative of the work our chapter did in providing feedback. He noted that our feedback provided in-depth and thoughtful consideration on organizational support for Mini-College. He stated that given our combined experience and understanding of similar programs and Mini-College in particular, he thinks that our observations and advice are right on target.

On the topics of lifetime memberships, Vickie reported that this was raised with OMGA through the Tillamook County chapter. The chapter had a local proposal not to charge dues to members over the age of 80 and they asked if OMGA would consider it for their dues as well. Sue Nesbitt asked for feedback from the other chapters, in time for consideration at the September OMGA board meeting. COMGA discussed this and noted that lifetime membership had been abolished years ago, observing that the people who it affected were not active volunteers. Our consensus is that we do not agree with the current proposal but we would entertain one based on years of service and hours dedicated to OMGA and the local chapters.

*3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter OMGA Board Meeting* – Vickie also reported on the meeting coming up. She is unable to attend but Jeanine Johnson will be attending so our chapter will be represented. Vickie reviewed who some of the speakers would be at the leadership forum and reported that the general topics will continue to focus on OMGA's ongoing efforts to expand and improve on communications throughout the organization.

*Annual BBQ & Elections* – Nancy Glick reported that the BBQ is also a quarterly meeting, which is why she separated the board meeting from the BBQ. She felt it was important not to subject family to board matters. So far, only 20 people have signed up to attend. The event will be at Jennifer Gold's house. Some people reported that they have not received the email announcement; Rocky sent it out some time ago and again this morning. The RSVP information is in the attachment. People should respond to [gocomga@gmail.com](mailto:gocomga@gmail.com) and not to Rocky.

## Minutes continued

Nancy Crossan asked about the trowel awards deadline coming up. The nominations were due by August 15 and will probably be presented in October at the quarterly meeting, which is October 13th at the Redmond library. Eileen Obermiller will talk about restoration of the urban landscape based on a TED talk. This date also conflicts with Hollinshead closing day and OSU 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Nancy Glick noted that she was aware but the problem is getting access to rooms for the meetings.

Jan is trying to get pictures of all trowel award winners - let Jan know if the award won't be given at the meeting October 13.

## Action Items

*Seed Savers* - Nancy Crossan reported that the last time she picked up the seeds from Spring Olsen and the Seed Exchange, there was a sign that seeds were \$1.00. Nancy questioned why we were selling the seeds, especially when there could be issues with the seed viability. Nancy spoke to Spring about it and learned that someone else put the box together and Spring did not intend to charge for the seeds. Discussion followed on this topic and the board determined that based on the history of the exchange and Spring's interactions with the extension office, it was best that she be treated as all other vendors are treated.

*Yearend Project Reports* - Joanne Abbott raised this topic. She had found some records that seem to indicate reports were done but it has not been a common practice. The project coordinators for the spring seminar, home show and plant sale all give year-end reports soon after the projects are completed, but other projects do not do this. Kat Kendall suggested that it could be a good idea to do this for all projects. Kat drafted some proposed questions that could be the basis for a report. After discussion, the board agreed that Nancy Crossan and Joanne Abbott would work with Kat to define what the questions should be and report back in October to the board, with a target date of final reports being made in November.

*Greenhouse Repairs* - Vicky Kemp discussed this. She noted that we have been using the greenhouse for 5 years. She reported that while the nozzles were replaced about a year ago, they are clogging up again and watering has been inconsistent. The aqua mats also need to be replaced because of calcium deposits and the mats have been repaired several times because of tears caused by sharp edges on the tables. Four aqua mats and overhead water line and nozzles would cost approximately \$500. AJ paid to replace the motor on the fan (\$1K), we bought a sink that split over the winter which was replaced for free and AJ worked with contractor to get it installed. 75% of the space in the greenhouse is used for the plant sale and 25% is used for the All American Selection plants. Nancy G. clarified that the opportunity fund covers capital assets, which this would be. AJ noted that if we buy new mats, we would need to line the tables with a thicker plastic to protect the mats, which may cost \$100. Phil Paterno asked whether we should consider a water softener. AJ said the water was city water and most greenhouses have filtration systems but we do not. Jan said she will research filtration systems. She has already been talking to someone because of problems she has at her house.

She doesn't want to do any water softeners because she doesn't want to add salts and other things to the water. AJ noted that we should remember that the mat material can still break down since they are not intended to last forever. Rocky moved that we spend \$600 to replace the mats and line the tables, Nancy Glick seconded and the motion was approved.

*Open forum* - Joanne A. reported that the committee has almost completed its project review on NWXCG. It should be done by the next meeting. The committee will send the recommendations to the board members and the project coordinator (Tina, and also to Gary who stood in for her when she was absent), in time for review at the October board meeting.

*10 Minute U: Gardening Trends* - Mary Ann Hart joined the group and reported on this topic, which was included in the G2 sessions. Monrovia nursery has a location in Dayton near McMinnville and the owner came to G2 to talk about gardening trends. Mary Ann provided a handout with the top trends and explanations. Monrovia is the largest nursery in US and sells to large retailers (Home Depot, Lowes, etc.) but their garden is open to anyone for tours. According to their research 6M people took up gardening in 2018 and 80% of those are millennials. Top trends: roses and rhodies renaissance, garden tribe, pitch perfect pines, soil matters, suburban plant hunters, we see a pattern, hydrangeamania, show me state.

## Project Status Reports

*Community Education* - Joanne reported that there have been a few classes in August and she has done a year end report for AJ. Overall attendance has been down, even with marketing and advertising, so Joanne will need to evaluate what to do next year. She did note though that the spring classes on growing veggies in Central Oregon were all full.

*Hollinshead Garden* - Nancy Crossan - had open garden in August and this year things were more casual. Gardeners manned their plots, and gardeners could stroll around and talk to people. 91 people attended, there was a kid's area and Susanna, Joanne, Kathy all dressed up as a bee, fly and tomato respectively. Toni brought her bee collection and was out there trying to collect during the event. Nancy reported that food donations started slowly this year, but so far, the garden is close to donating 800 lbs. Nancy is purchasing new coolers for the surplus vegetables. Nancy would like to see a pergola within the locked gate area, to provide some shade.

Jennifer purchased the memorial rock, parks and rec installed it yesterday 9/5/18 in the Waterwise garden. There is no inscription yet but Joanne is working on it.

Nancy reported that there will be a Hollinshead garden harvest gathering - Sunday, 9/16, 3-5PM. This is just for the plot owners and master gardeners and everyone should bring harvest, recipes and seeds. 9/22 is the last class on putting garden beds to bed, 9:30 - 11:00; 10/13 is closing day. Nancy shared that she will not be the coordinator next year. She's been coordinator for two years and she needs to spend more time with her mother.

## Minutes continued

*NW Crossing Garden* - Tina - had open garden on 9/1/18 - light attendance because of the smoke. She reported that there are many new gardeners because of all the new homes being built. Some people pulled out of the garden because it took more time than they expected. Next class is 9/15 - garden learning curve and closing day is 10/6 at 9:30. Tina and Gary took everything out of the compost bins and put it in plastic bags and had P&R take it away. People also needed to secure their beds better. Taking away the food source by bagging the compost and removing it has helped but not eliminated the critter problem.

*OSU Demo Garden* - Liz - Vicky - Liz noted that they have a field notebook and everyone who works in the garden is asked to sign in. Also write in all the chores that were done so they can use it for reference in other years about when to do things - sort of a garden journal and record. Closing date - third Tuesday of October is last formal work day. AJ may have mulch blown in instead of having people shovel it as has been done in the past. Part of the native bed is going to be removed with the construction of the new building.

Nancy Glick reported that Audio.kpov.org is our podcast. We have about 250 + recordings. Nancy will put them up based on seasons. She will put up about 20 podcasts and will change them depending on the time of year. There are 110 Nancy has already vetted for sound and topics. She can also see the stats of how many are listening.

Vicky Kemp for Shirley Jaynes, COMGA Secretary



Beautiful Dahlias from one of the plots at Hollinshead Community Garden

## Meet the Trainees

by Jolene Dodge

### Rebecca Rudolph

Rebecca Rudolph and her family recently relocated from Pittsburgh, they are having a busy summer in their new home town. Rebecca joined the Master Gardener program as a trainee this year, because she wanted more knowledge about gardening and plant identification. While in Pittsburgh, Rebecca had a vegetable garden, which she enjoyed with her children. She is hoping to rebuild her irrigation system, so she can begin her vegetable garden here soon. Rebecca finds gardening to be a great way to reconnect with nature, as well as being a therapeutic activity.



Rebecca is a pediatric occupational therapist and has dreamed of integrating her love of gardening into her therapy sessions. The characteristics of gardening provide a fun and unique way for her patients reach their specific therapy goals. Gardening provides a relaxing environment, offers opportunities for problem solving, encourages responsibility, and builds self-esteem and confidence.

Rebecca's other hobbies are hiking, running, and learning to play clawhammer banjo. I encourage you to introduce yourself to her, in order to discover more about clawhammer banjo. She is enjoying her life in Central Oregon and has added downhill, cross-country skiing, and biking to her repertoire of hobbies.

Favorite quote: Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." Mahatma Gandhi

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Who Am I? was

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### Third Quarter Report to OMGA Board of Directors

Fall 2018

The weather in Central Oregon has ranged from wonderfully mild temperatures, to blistering heat at the end of July into August. We thought we might escape the smoke but August reminded us that wild fires surrounded our area and air quality was seriously impacted. None of us are quite ready for winter but all of us would like to see the smoke clear so we can finally see some sun and have some great late summer weather.

As of August 2018, COMGA membership held steady at 76 members. We have 60 recertified veterans, 9 newly certified members (from the 2017 class), 7 associate members and 22 trainees who are expected to complete the requirements to become full-fledged Master Gardeners. Seven master gardeners attended the G2 conference in McMinnville in July and by all accounts, they learned a lot and had a wonderful time.

**Plant Sale:** The annual plant sale was Saturday, June 2, 2018, at the OSU Extension Office in Redmond. The waiting line started forming early and by the time the sale opened, there were 79 people in line. By 9:45 AM, 300 customers had come through the sale and by noon, 525 people had attended the event. Several booths were set up so customers could stop and talk with Master Gardeners about insect ID and IPM. There were also demonstrations on tomato and iris transplanting, there was a mobile plant clinic and the OSU Master Food Preservers were on site to provide information on how to preserve the garden bounty. Since the sale was at the OSU Extension Office, customers could also take self-guided tours of the demonstration garden. More than 1400 plants were sold and the few that were left were donated to charitable organizations in the area. Overall, it was a huge success for the OSU Master Gardeners™ in Central Oregon.

**Community Education:** The OSU Master Gardeners held 43 classes at the community gardens during the summer, reaching almost 600 new and intermediate gardeners. The top method of learning about classes was the OSU extension email blasts and website, closely followed by COMGA's website, [gocomga.com](http://gocomga.com). Participants learned about growing tomatoes, gardening with kids, waterwise gardening, pollinators, growing garlic and insect management in organic gardens. The last class will be at the end of September, on winter garden bed preparation. Based on the popularity of these classes, we will continue offering them.

#### **Hollinshead Community Garden and Northwest Crossing Community Garden:**

Both community gardens have been extremely busy and very popular, hosting most of the community gardening classes held this summer. Between the two gardens, there are approximately 150 individual beds, with some dedicated to growing produce for NeighborImpact, a non-profit organization in Central Oregon which supplies food to the food pantries and kitchens in our area. Many individual gardeners donate their surplus produce to this effort. With the summer coming to an end, both gardens will close for the winter in October.

**High Desert Garden Tour:** The 25<sup>th</sup> annual High Desert Garden Tour took place on Saturday, July 21, 2018 in Bend. Six home gardens were featured, each with special features to give visiting gardeners ideas on

things they could do at their own homes. This has always been a well-attended event for the gardening community, with around 500 people participating. This year, the tour was more popular than ever - 740 people purchased books to tour the six gardens - a new attendance record! The feedback was very good and the consensus was that the tour is a valuable part of the summer gardening event calendar.

**Gardening: Get Good At It:** We continue to do our weekly broadcasts on **KPOV 88.9 Radio**. Topics coming up in the fall include Season Extenders, Storing Your Harvest, Fall Soil Amendments, Spring Bulbs to Plant Now, and Storing Tools for Winter. Because of the popularity and success of our weekly radio broadcasts, the OSU Master Gardeners will begin doing podcasts for the station sometime in the near future. This is an exciting development for our chapter and we will update the status when we know more.

Respectfully submitted by  
Vickie Minor  
COMGA State Representative



Memorial Rock  
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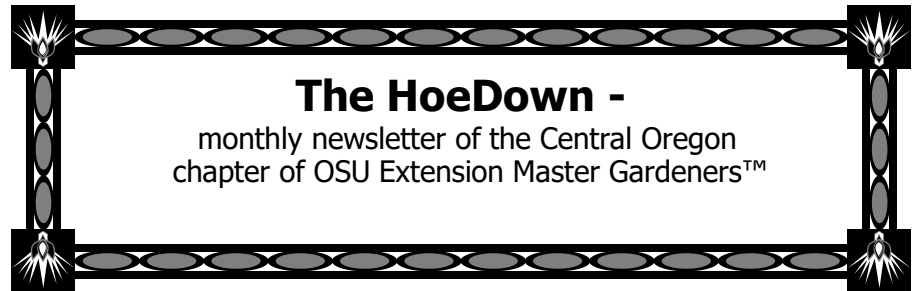
Gang responsible for implementing the Memorial Rock  
at Hollinshead Water Wise Garden

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