

H O E D O W N

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President's message



Cold weather forces me indoors with a hot drink and a lap cat, sitting in my favorite chair - the perfect combination to reflect on the world, my part in it and how I, almost inadvertently, became an OSU volunteer.

One of my childhood memories is of being envious of my older sister's ability to put her ankles behind her head – she had an amazing talent I knew, at age 6, I couldn't equal. But, quite a few decades later, I've learned that the amazing talents and learned skills of my fellow volunteers are not only to be envied, but to be appreciated.

I honestly appreciate our new class of Master Gardener Trainees, working so hard to absorb classroom lectures, practice new techniques, learn a Horticulture vocabulary while taking page after page of notes that they hope will back up their overloaded memories. We've all been there, haven't we? The veteran Master Gardeners will remember the intense study and the earnest hope of identifying that plant, this damaged leaf, those insects.

And with all the memories of learning in the classroom, we also can tell many stories of fun interactions with Central Oregon gardeners attending Spring Seminar and the Plant Sale, some fantastic and productive diagnostic work done in Plant Clinic, many positive responses to our community education classes and uncouped pot luck meals with our Master Gardener friends, to say nothing about the spirit of the Annual BBQ!

We have a remarkable group of volunteers – they give their time, talents and bottomless energy to making the OSU Extension Service Master Gardeners the most successful program possible. Bravo, my friends, and Thank You!



Who Am I?

Here are 10 things you may not know about me:

1. I'm currently growing a lime tree, coffee tree and Pineapple plant.
2. I was born in Bend.
3. I went to Oregon State for Business Administration.
4. I was a Board member and the Treasurer of The Bloom Project for 2 years.
5. I played tennis for Mt. View.
6. I lived in Chicago during the only winter in recorded history to be both in the top 5 coldest and top 5 snowiest.
7. I restored a 1969 Camaro with my dad when I was in high school.
8. I was the personal assistant to Cathy Rigby during the final National Tour of Peter Pan.
9. I've had a commute that included a walk, train-ride and boat taxi.
10. Tomatillos are my favorite thing to grow.

Think you know who this Month's Mystery Master Gardener is?

Email Joy Burns at 2joy.burns@gmail.com

Based on the timestamp of all emails submitted, whoever submits the correct answer first wins the contest. Prize to be determined.

Did you guess the January

Who Am I?

It was

Jaycee Bridges



COMGA Calendar

for contact persons go to gocomga.com

March

- 1 Spring Seminar Committee meeting, 11am, OSU Extension Office, Redmond
- 1 Board meeting, 1:00pm, OSU Extension Office, Redmond
- 1 Plant Sale Committee meeting, 2:45pm
- 2 Master Gardener Training, OSU Cascades, Bend
- 2 Advanced Training, Common Damage to Landscape Plants, 9:00am, OSU Cascades
- 2 Advanced Training, Soils, 1:00pm, OSU Cascades
- 6 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Getting the Most from Seed Catalogs #2
- 9 Master Gardener Training, OSU Cascades, Bend
- 9 Advanced Training, Integrated Pest Management
- 13 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, The "Why" of Permaculture
- 16 Master Gardener Training, OSU Cascades, Bend
- 16 Advanced Training, Pesticide Safety, 9:00am, OSU Cascades
- 16 Advanced Training, Insects, OSU Cascades
- 20 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Water Wise Gardening
- 27 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Hollinshead Water Wise Garden
- 30 Master Gardener Training, OSU Cascades, Bend
- 30 Advanced Training, Weeds, OSU Cascades, 9:00am
- 30 Advanced Training, Pruning, OSU Cascades, 1:00pm
- 31 Vegetable Gardening, COCC Madras, 10:00am

April

- 3 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Spring Gardening Seminar
- 3 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9am
- 5 Spring Seminar committee meeting, 11am
- 5 Board meeting, OSU Extension Office, Redmond, 1pm
- 5 Plant Sale committee meeting, 2:45pm
- 6 Master Gardener Training, OSU Cascades, Bend
- 7 General membership meeting, OSU Cascades (tentative)
- 7 Vegetable Gardening, Coffield Community Center, Sisters, 10am-12pm
- 7 Garden Smarts: Beating Aches & Pains, Bend Senior Center, 9:30-11am
- 10 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Some Good Things Not To Do
- 14 Hollinshead Garden Orientation, East Bend Library, 11:30am
- 14 Vegetable Gardening, COCC Prineville, 10am-12pm
- 15 Hollinshead deadline for lottery applications, 12pm
- 16 Hollinshead lottery drawing, TBD
- 17 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Spots & Rots: What's Wrong With My Plant
- 17 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9am
- 19 Seed Starting Class, OSU Extension Office, Redmond, 10am
- 21 Spring Gardening Seminar, Deschutes Co. Fair & Expo, Middle Sister building, 8am-4:30pm
- 23 Vegetable Gardening, COCC Technology Center, Room 209, Redmond, 6:30-8:30pm
- 24 Hollinshead Garden workday, 9am
- 24 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Healthy Plants, Happy Gardeners
- 28 Hollinshead Community Garden opening, 9am
- 28 NWX Community Garden opening, 9:30am
- 28 Mobile Plant Clinic, SHARC, Sunriver Health & Home Improvement Fair, 10am-2pm
- 28 Vegetable Gardening, SHARC, Sunriver Health & Home Improvement Fair, 2-4pm

May

- 1 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Some Things Not to do#2
- 1 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9am
- 3 Board meeting, 1:00pm, OSU Extension Office, Redmond
- 3 Plant Sale Committee meeting, 2:45pm
- 3 Home & Garden Show set up, 3:00pm
- 4 Home & Garden Show, 10:00am—5:00pm
- 5 Home & Garden Show, 10:00am—5:00pm
- 6 Home & Garden Show, 10:00am—5:00pm
- 8 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, program TBD
- 8 Hollinshead Garden workday, 9am
- 12 Hollinshead class, Seed Selection & Starting, 2pm
- 12 General Membership meeting, 10am
- 15 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Mother's Day
- 15 OSU Demo Garden workday, 9am
- 17 Transplanting Seedlings class, 10-12am, OSU Extension Office, Redmond
- 19 Gardening Basics (with BPRD, \$5) 9:30am, Bend Senior Center
- 19 NWXGC Getting Started, 9:30am
- 22 Hollinshead Garden workday, 10am
- 22 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Questions in Plant Clinic This Month
- 29 KPOV, 88.9 FM, 9-9:30am, Master Gardener's Plant Sale & classes

Home & Garden Show

This year, the OSU Master Gardeners™ will be at the Home & Garden Show (Central Oregon Builders Association) May 4, 5, and 6, 2018. We have six classes scheduled: three on Friday and three on Saturday. Presentations include Best Vegetables for Central Oregon (presented Friday and Saturday, by Jan Even or Vicky Kemp), Growing that Wonderful Fruit Called a Tomato! (JoAnne Abbott), How to Garden for Life! (Pat Kolling), Waterwise Gardening (Jan Even), and It's Not Just About Honey Bees! (Toni Stephan will talk about native bees). This is also considered a mobile plant clinic opportunity for veterans and trainees who may have a difficult time getting plant clinic hours during the normal workweek because of work schedules or other circumstances. Information on signing up for a plant clinic shift will be circulated sometime in early April. Volunteers will also be needed to help set up the booth on Thursday, May 3 and to break it down on Sunday, May 6. Having a truck for this would be very helpful!

Thanks,
Vickie



Project updates

OSU Extension Demo Garden

by Liz Douville

Eat your Wheaties, stretch those muscles, find your sunscreen, sunhat and gloves---the hustle and bustle of the OSU Demo Garden in Redmond is about to begin.

On Tuesday April 3rd, all those interested in volunteering at the Demo Garden will meet at 9am in the Conference Room at the Extension office for an orientation and review of the goals of the Demo garden for the 2018 season.

Weather permitting we will aim for doing some spring clean-up chores. Please wear appropriate clothing and bring a "weeding" bucket if you have one, and your favorite hand tool.

Our scheduled workdays are the 1st and 3rd Tuesday mornings from April through October with the preferred time being 9am till noon. The hours are flexible according to volunteer needs.

Being part of the Demo Garden work-crew gives us the opportunity to get to know each other better while sharing a common interest. Plus you will always walk away from a mornings work having learned something you didn't know before.

We're anxious to get dirt under our fingernails!

Vicky Kemp & Liz Douville

-----SAVE THE DATE-----



The annual Oregon Master Gardeners Association Growing Gardeners Conference (formerly Mini-College) will be held this coming summer on July 12-14, 2018 at Linfield College in McMinnville! The format of the conference will include 42 breakout sessions, 2 keynote speakers, some tours, and of course, much fun!! Dorm rooms and apartments will be available once again at the College for those who like to stay where the action is. Several hotels are near by. There will be a first-night get together, the awards banquet, volunteer recognition, the Silent Auction, a book store and vendors. The conference planning group has a target of 75% of the training sessions being eligible for advanced training credit. Plan on coming with your friends, share a room, share a meal, share your knowledge, and continue to fill your toolbox with great information and ideas!! Hope to see you there!

To keep informed as the conference continues to grow, check in at:

omga.org/G2conf

OMGA Facebook page

OMGA Newsletter: The Gardener's Pen

Contact your State Representative.

COMGA PLANT SALE

The first signs of spring are here and that means it's getting close to start sowing seeds for the COMGA Plant Sale that will be June 2, 2018, Saturday. If you are interested in volunteering for seed sowing or seedling transplanting, please contact me for scheduling a time slot. Some days there will be up to 10 volunteers scheduled in the greenhouse and some days only a few based on exactly what is being sowed or transplanted.

Seed sowing will be starting late March and go through early May. Transplanting will begin approximately April 23rd and go through mid May. All this will take place in the OSU Extension Service Demonstration Garden Greenhouse in Redmond. Start time will be 9 am and usually will be 2 hour time slot. Currently all planned days are Mondays, but a few more might get added in if needed on other days of the week.

It's always enjoyable to work in the warm greenhouse in the spring when it's windy or cold outside and we are inside nice and warm and doing something productive and getting to know each other a little bit better.

So please contact me at vjkemp@prinetime.net or 541-280-2447 to schedule a time slot

Thank you in advance for your volunteering!!!

Vicky Kemp, Plant Sale Coordinator

Newsletter Notes: Deadline for submission of material to the HoeDown is 1st Friday after the board meeting. All articles, notices and other journalistic efforts are welcome and appreciated.

All information provided by the "HoeDown" is believed to be accurate but readers must assume all responsibility for their own actions based on this information. Occasionally a product or company may be named in an article but this does not necessarily constitute an endorsement of said product.

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Project updates

Spring Gardening Seminar

April 21, 2018

All of these classes will count for advanced training.

Classes:

Growing Tree Fruit

Prune Like a Pro

Tree Selection for Central Oregon

How to Have a Flower Garden—not a critter salad bar

C.O. Climate & How It Relates to Gardening

Home Grown Goodness—vegetable varieties

Intro to Vegetable Gardening

Perfect Plants for Brown Thumbs—Cactus

Cold Climate Clematis

Bring on the Cold! Freezing Your Harvest

How Gardening Will Save the World

DIY: Growing Gorgeous Succulents in Containers

Irrigation for High Desert Gardens

Turf Grass Maintenance

The Ruby Red Jewel of the Summer Table

Straw Bale Gardening

Registration packet will be available online March 10.

Hollinshead Community Garden

by JoAnne Abbott

Happy March to you all. We're thinking about the opening of Hollinshead Community Garden (HHCG) again, so what could that white stuff be that keeps falling from the sky? We can't let that 'white stuff' keep us down, so we're reviewing our lists from last year, and thanking the veteran Master Gardeners that are returning to volunteer at HHCG! **BUT** we're *always* happy to see new faces, aka Master Gardeners, trainees and veterans alike to join our team!

Our Master Gardener volunteers are already stepping up to help jumpstart our always smooth opening day at HHCG. But as a reminder, we have some very important dates coming up:

HHCG Orientation: April 14, 2018 at the East Bend Library

All are welcome! You will hear about all the possible volunteering options at HHCG! We look forward to meeting you at the library. If you can't make it, please contact:

Nancy Crossan 541-480-5906 nancykc54@gmail.com

Jeff Orr 541-316-0008 jefforr@gmail.com

or me, JoAnne Abbott, jalabbott@hotmail.com for information!

HHCG first annual Lottery: *for new gardeners wanting to procure a vacated plot:* Saturday April 14, 2018, 12:00 noon: Deadline for lottery application. *Lottery selection:* Individual names of registered participants will be put on a lottery numbered ticket. OSU Master Gardeners will draw the tickets one by one, equal to the number of open plots available. (a wait list of several names will also be completed.) We will personally notify those 'winners' whose names were drawn, and those placed on the wait list.

Sunday April 22, 2018, 12:00 noon (at HHCG): 'Winners' will meet at HHCG to choose their plot.

HHCG Opening Day: April 28, 2018, 9:00 a.m. (Gang will meet at 8:15 a.m.)

More specific information can be found on gocomga.com, or the OSU Deschutes County Extension website. (<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/deschutes/>)

Also at HHCG, we offer classes for the community throughout our growing season. We are *always* looking for new topics and new teachers. If you are interested in teaching or being a teacher's aid, please let us know. You don't have to be a volunteer at HHCG to teach one of our classes!

Wanted!

Pint size canning jars (with rings if possible, used rings ok)- needed for use as table decorations at Spring Seminar. Need approximately 20.

Contact Liz at douville@bendbroadband.com

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.

May 1 Some Good Things Not To Do Part 2

May 8 Gardening on the Cheap

May 15 Mother's Day

May 22 Questions in Plant Clinic This Month

May 29 Master Gardener's Plant Sale & Classes

Project updates

Let Your Shopping Benefit COMGA

by Jan Even

Did you know you can make a contribution to COMGA that won't cost you a penny?

If you shop at Amazon.com (and who doesn't?), you can designate COMGA as your charity of choice and 0.5% of each purchase you make will be donated to us. That doesn't sound like a lot, but think of how much you buy at Amazon over the course of a year, multiply that times all our members, and it could add up.


It's easy to do. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/30-0064386>

Then follow the prompts. If it does not automatically choose "Master Gardeners Association" as your charity, you can search in the search box and select it. Note that in Amazon we are "Master Gardeners Association"

Ordering your seeds through Renee's Garden is even more beneficial for us. Go to: <https://www.reneesgarden.com/pages/catalog> and enter the code FR663A at checkout. She will donate 25% of your order to the Central Oregon Master Gardener Association.

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25% of your order will be donated to the Central Oregon Master Gardeners – enter FR663A in the coupon code box at checkout

NorthWest Crossing Community Garden

By Tina Burnside

OSU Master Gardeners will again have a lottery system for available NWX (North West Crossing) raised garden beds. The garden, located on Discovery Park Drive near the intersection with NW Crossing Drive, has 51 raised beds. We park on the street and walk around the dog-park to the garden.



Interested gardeners will email or call me to enter the lottery. The policy is one garden bed per family. Our team will meet at the garden where we put all the names in a bowl and have a 'blind draw' for the lottery winners, and then another blind draw to assign the available beds. They are contacted by email with their bed number and their garden assistants.



As a GA, you email information to your gardeners including irrigation schedule updates, weather alerts for frosty nights, dates of our classes at the garden, Master Gardener events including Plant Sale, Garden Tour and other tips and hints.

Opening day, Saturday May 5th at 9:30, is when Master Gardener Assistants (GAs) meet both new and returning gardeners. Each gardener receives their NWX Booklet with helpful hints, contact information and our schedule of seven garden classes at our garden.



After rental fees are paid, which are \$25 for those age 65+ and \$30 age 64 and under, we have a brief 'best practices' discussion. It includes the importance of building a cloche given our temperature and location, plus helpful other hints and tips. We will sell row cover and soil

thermometers.

Saturday, May 19, at 9:30 is 'Getting Started'. We help them build their cloche and discuss the importance of adding compost to their bed. Our total of 7 classes, including Garden with Kids, Pollinators & Pesky Pests, Grow Garlic, Open Garden, and Garden Learning Curve are listed in their booklet. Closing day is Saturday, October 6th.

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities at NWX, please contact Tina Burnside tinaburnside@bendcable.com 541-318-0426

Central Oregon Master Gardener Association Board meeting March 1, 2018

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

A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Rocky Bessette and seconded by Tina Burnside. The motion passed.

OSU Report: No report was given.

Board Reports:

Treasurer's Report-- Tim Schindele went over February treasurers report to the board.

Total Income for February 2018 \$1,000.57
Total Expenses for February 2018 \$1,473.90
Checking Account Balance February 28,2018
\$29,085.38

PayPal Balance: \$ 0.00
Savings Account Balance: NW Community CU:
\$25.83
60 Month CD \$6,965.26
24 Month CD \$5,429.06

Committed Funds as of February 28, 2018

Checking account Cash Flow \$5,000
Opportunity Fund Balance: \$5,000
Reserves: \$5,000
Total Assets: \$41,505.53

Membership Report--Joy Burns reported as of March 1 we have a total of 86 members who paid their COMGA membership dues.

Action Items:

Audit Report-- Tim Schindele, Shelby Smith, and Nancy Glick developed an Annual Financial Review Procedure to be included in the COMGA Policies and Procedures. We discussed the committee findings and the checklist. We will vote on accepting or changes next month.

HoeDown and Trainees-- Nancy Glick lead a discussion on the trainees getting their first copy of the HoeDown in March as they do now or changing it to January or February. Rocky Bessette will check with Amy Jo Detweiler on timing. Jolene Dodge volunteered to interview 4 trainees once a month for a get to know you for the HoeDown.

Plant Sale-- Vicky Kemp reported about half the spots for work in the greenhouse are filled. She is going to limit volunteers to 1 day per person. The faucet in the greenhouse is being replaced. Vicky has adjusted the quantities of tomatoes with

records of what sold last year.

Growing Gardeners (formerly called Mini College) is being put together now. Speakers are set with a target of 75% of classes qualifying as advanced training. There will be 4 workshops, a bookstore plus vendors and a silent auction.

Open Forum-- Jan Even asked to have someone cover taking pictures on project day for her. She can not be there that day.

Liz Douville showed a 2002 treasurer's report and HoeDown. The treasurers report was fun to see the changes from 2002 to 2018.

10 Minute University: We watched a Ted Talk on composting as a business.

Project Status Reports:

Community Education-- JoAnne Abbott reported everything is on track for 2018 classes.

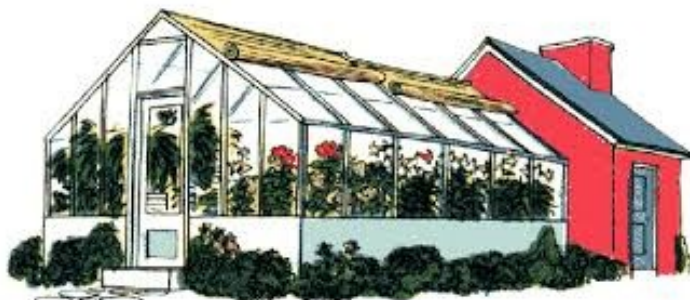
Hollinshead Garden-- JoAnne Abbott spoke for Nancy Crossan who could not be here. Hollinshead is changing to a lottery system like North West Crossing community garden has done. Prices are the same for plots. They need 2 new mentors for the garden.

North West Crossing-- Tina Burnside reported the lottery information will be out soon. Liz Douville will write an article in the Bend Bulletin for the garden.

Spring Seminar: Rocky Bessette reported registration packets will be out soon. Rocky will send out copies of the flyers for the seminar. We have 20 vendors as of now.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00PM by Nancy Glick.

Thank you
Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Jaynes, 2018 COMGA Secretary





Trainees
as well as
veterans
got their hands dirty
in the soils class





One of our long time veteran Master Gardeners has taken the 'plunge'! She will soon be moving from Bend to Walla Walla to be closer to her family.

Ellen Glenn has been a fixture at HHCG for years, and we will miss her as much as her 9 patch gardeners will. She was always a conscientious and objective Garden Mentor, and her 9 patch gardeners loved her. Ellen's garden plot at HHCG was *always* filled with an abundance of vegetables, and constantly had something out of the ordinary! You couldn't pass by her plot without stopping and looking at her bounty. Ellen, our dear friend you will be missed beyond your dreams. Thank you for your hard work and dedication....now you are making me cry! Good luck to you dear friend, from all of us at HHCG and COMGA!

Thank
You

Ellen,
for your many years
of service
to the
Master Gardener program

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