

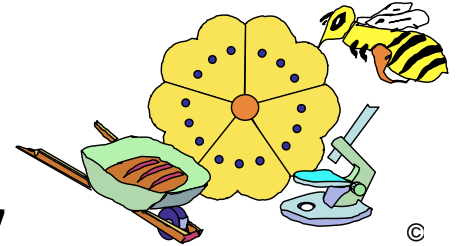


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Mini-College – July 28-31 Beyond Backyard Basics: The Science of Sustainability



Mini-College this year offers great classes, a variety of events, good food and company, and special events.

Chapters are already hard at work building knockout displays. The displays are a great way to exchange ideas for improving our support for OSU Extension Services. Contact Larry Sutton at groofan@hotmail.com for information on how to show off your chapter's work this last year. Come and vote for your favorite.

Chapter sales should offer some great bargains and unique items. If your chapter wants to set up a sales table, contact Sue Fox at hugafox@charter.net.

Lana Tepfer has been stocking her door prize treasure chest and promises to have some great items. If you have items to add to her treasure chest, contact Lana at mystrawberry@embarqmail.com.

Every year the Silent Auction gets better and better. Marilyn Scheffler and Mary Mellard promise a dazzling array of garden-related items to bid on. Here's a chance to find that unique accessory to your garden. Their e-mail addresses are mfscheffler@yahoo.com and mellardster@gmail.com.

OSU Book Store will again this year offer bargain prices on a variety of garden-related books. Build your library not only on how to grow, but also how to cook what you grow.

Come a day early and attend the leadership forum. This year the forum emphasizes building survival skills in face of the challenge of tighter budgets. There will be lots of good information and a chance to share the good, bad, and ugly. See the registration packet for more information.

OSU is making some major renovations to Bloss Hall and Arnold Hall. This means lodging and cafeteria services will be at Cauthorn Hall and Marketplace West Dining Hall. This good news: There will be plenty of rooms and the food is the best on campus. Bring your walking shoes; it is about a half mile to the Alumni Center. We strongly recommend you buy a parking pass if you plan to stay at Cauthorn Hall (see registration packet, general information page, for information on how to purchase a parking pass this year.) We have arranged for breakfast and Thursday evening meal at the cafeteria. Lunches will be catered and served on the patio next to the Alumni Center. Oh yes, bad news? There is none, the walk will do all of us good. Walk with a friend and share the day's events. See your registration packet for details.

Register early. Take advantage of the discount rates for classes, lodging and meals. Visit our website <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/mini-college> to get the information you need.

The menu for this year's Awards Banquet is awesome. Valley Catering and Sue Pisas have arranged to feature local, sustainable grown produce. The salad highlights Oregon hazelnuts and strawberries. Carnivores can dive into thinly sliced flank steak with bleu cheese; fish lovers can angle for salmon in citrus and dill; and vegetarians can savor the subtle tastes of butternut ravioli with mushrooms.

Multnomah Chapter will again arrange and host the Kickoff Banquet on Wednesday evening. Claudia Groth promises a menu that will complement the Friday evening Awards banquet.

Remember, Mini College is open to everyone, not just Master Gardeners. Tell friends and invite neighbors to attend (gardener or not). We look forward to seeing you at Mini College.

David Rugg, OMGA 1st Vice President/Mini-College CoChair

REGISTER FOR MINI-COLLEGE ON-LINE at
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/mini-college>

President's Message

I am excited about the wonderful activities Chapters are doing. This begins another busy and worthwhile part of our year with trainees' fresh ideas, local plant sales, workshops, and visions of plant clinics emerging. Enjoy!

With this edition of the Gardener's pen, you will see another stellar set of offerings for Mini-college 2010. Many wonderful choices can be made. I hope to see you there or at local chapter events.

The OMGA Executive Committee continues to hone our programs, policies and procedures. This is the first step in a series of activities that can increase our efficiencies. In addition, we have been reaching out to our members by increasing communication in order to understand needs and issues across the state of Oregon. This takes careful thought and time to set a position and determine a path.

Yet these activities also set the stage for us to formulate an OMGA Strategic or Long Range plan that includes the needs of our members, the public, and our

stakeholders. I want to look within our organization for expertise. Have you lead a strategic planning effort and would like to do it again? Please let me know. Let's work together to set a vision that validates the basics of our core mission and directs focused energy.

Tamm Martin, OMGA President

Gardener's Pen Printing/Mailing Reduced, Next Issue to be Sent E-mail

We wish to do our part to conserve natural resources and to become more cost effective. The June 2010 *Gardener's Pen* edition is the last one to be sent directly to the entire OMGA membership. In the future, members with email will receive a short electronic message saying that the *Gardener's Pen* is available and a link to go get the newsletter at their convenience. Please be sure your email address is kept current through your chapter and the OMGA database manager. Those members without email will continue to receive a printed copy through U.S. mail.

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What Does the OSU 'Transformation' Mean for the Master Gardener Program?

Last October, Oregon State University President Ed Ray asked colleges and units to submit proposals for realignment, that would help the University simultaneously deliver high quality programs and manage ongoing funding challenges. Colleges, including the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (from which the Statewide Master Gardener Program is administered), submitted proposals on March 15, and heard replies from the Strategic Alignment/Budget Reduction Review Committee (SABRRC) on April 19. In short, the College submitted a proposal to reduce the number of units from 13 to 9. Furthermore, there was a requirement for the Extension Master Gardener and Extension Small Farms Programs to pay for 10% of operating costs. The SABRRC did not address the 10% issue, but did note that the College should seek to further reduce the number of units from 9 to 5, and to flatten administrative structure.

What does all of this mean for the Extension Master Gardener Program, statewide and in counties? At this point, while proposals are still in the process of being advanced and revised, it is difficult to predict exactly how the organizational transformation at OSU will affect the Extension Master Gardener Program. However, a couple of items bode well for us. First, there is strong support for the Extension Master Gardener Program and Community/Urban Horticulture Extension at OSU and in the counties. OSU Administrators recognize that Master Gardener volunteers are often the public face of Extension, and that the Extension Master Gardener Program has the capacity to engage new audiences. Second, our program is recognized for the cost-efficient way in which we train volunteers and serve the public. For example, in 2009 Master Gardener volunteers contributed over 190,000 hours of service toward Oregon State University's public outreach efforts, contacting over 147,00 Oregonians. This translates to the equivalent of 91 FTE with a monetary value of \$3.4 million. Third, the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program has been successful at developing and delivering high quality educational programs that also raise much needed revenue. For example, the online Master Gardener course has been well received by students, and has generated over \$72,000 in revenue for Extension programs. Online courses in eco-gardening and organic gardening are in the works, and are likely to fare just as well as self-supporting educational programs. Similarly, the Statewide Master Gardener Program endowment continues to grow (\$112,700.35 principal, \$24,013.84 spendable for a total of \$136,714.19 on April 27, 2010).

I am sincerely grateful to all of the individual Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Associations who have supported our grass roots effort to grow the endowment. As recurring state dollars in support of Extension diminish, our capacity to create new opportunities for program development, delivery and funding serves us well. Finally, we have the strong support of a dedicated corps of over 3,700 Master Gardener volunteers. The time, energy and skills that you put forth as a Master Gardener volunteer, for the benefit of your community, has made the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program so successful. Through you and your efforts, your neighbors are learning how to garden with confidence, grow their own food, use resources wisely, engage children in the joys of gardening, and to protect their environment. A few of your neighbors may even be learning about the mating habits of the Australian Redback Spider (side joke and a smile to those who attended the April general meeting of the Benton County Master Gardener Association – as well as an offer to give a talk on arthropod mating habits to anyone who will have me!)

Enjoy your spring and summer gardens.

Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback

Karl Carlson Memorial Fund

The purpose of the fund is to enhance the Oregon State University Urban Horticulture Program in the state of Oregon, by making available Oregon Master Gardener™ funds to help OSU Master Gardener Chapters, in the following ways:

- In the establishment of new OSU Master Gardener Chapters
- To assist new or struggling OSU Master Gardener Chapters become better established
- In the implementation of new programs or projects related to urban horticulture, when financial assistance is needed

The Karl Carlson Memorial Fund applications are due June 28th 2010. Additional information is located under *Programs and Awards* on the OMGA website <http://www.oregonmastergardeners.org>

Betty Faller, OMGA President Elect

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Become a fan of the OSU (Oregon) Master Gardener Program.
<http://tinyurl.com/ya3j9la>

Go Beyond Basic Leadership at OMGA Leadership Day

We are excited to present an exceptional Leadership Day to you on Wednesday, July 28th from 10:30 am - 2:45 pm in the CH2M Hill Alumni Center on the beautiful OSU campus.

As we indicated in our earlier release, Leadership Forum will not be the routine sessions presented by various officers covering their job descriptions. The informal panel discussions, extended lectures and hands-on workshops will be thought provoking and provide information that will help you meet future challenges. You do not have to hold an office to participate because there is something for everyone. A box lunch selection will be available that promises to meet everyone's needs. Coffee, tea, and water will be served during the afternoon break.

Please join us, beginning at 10:30 am in the Alumni Center ballroom, to meet and greet the OMGA officers; Gail Langellotto, Statewide Coordinator of the OSU Master Gardener Program; and a special guest speaker.

*Betty Faller, OMGA President Elect and
Bill Eller, OMGA Past President*

We Need YOU!

OMGA Officer Positions Available

Would you like to help shape the future of OMGA? New opportunities are on the horizon and we'd like you to consider sharing your expertise.

Officers shall serve one-year terms commencing on January 1. An officer may be reelected for one term. Following two consecutive terms in the same office, a one-year time lapse must occur before an officer is eligible to be elected to that office unless the Board of Directors waive the restriction in a specific situation by a two-thirds majority vote because of special considerations. An officer may be elected to a different office immediately following the holding of an office.

Several new positions will possibly be created to help the transition as OMGA assumes more responsibilities with regards to Mini College. In addition to the elected officers there are committees that will need a chairperson and they include: Ray McNeilan Scholarship; Extension Educator Grants; Demonstration Gardens Network; Historian and Send-A-Friend.

If you have a talent that you would like to share with other Master Gardeners or an idea about a special program or presentation, we are waiting to hear from you. Don't be bashful, please contact any current OMGA officer. If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer for an Executive Committee position, please contact Betty Faller, Nominating Committee Chairperson at fallers@teleport.com. It's not too early to begin the process.

Mini-College Evening Garden Tour July 29th

This year's mini college theme, *Beyond Backyard Basics: The Science of Sustainability* truly fits with the four gardens on the evening garden tour. A few of the highlights you will see are: urban farms, raising chickens and ducks, creative raised beds and compost bins, landscapes using permaculture design.

The tour is July 29th from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and you can pick up a description and map of the garden tour at the front desk at Gardener's Mini college.

*Bonnie White
Linn/Benton county & chair Evening Garden Tour*

Marion County MG Plant Sale Success

The Marion County Master Gardener Plant Sale was held on April 30th through May 2nd at the Marion Garden in Salem. Over 900 hundred people attended, enjoying the fruits (well, veggies, perennials, herbs, annuals, etc.) of the

Marion County Master Gardeners' labors. Molly Petram, Plant Sale Chair Extraordinaire, reported the plant sale went very well, despite the inclement weather. She also went on to say the perennials were the best sellers, and the Yard Sale portion of the Plant Sale was a big hit, too. Molly and her Plant Sale Committee have worked tirelessly since last October getting everything ready for the sale. Molly's best experience as Plant Sale Chair was "my wonderful committee."

The Plant Sale does not include vendors, and raises all of the plants from cuttings, seed, and donations. Because of limited greenhouse space, some plants such as bell peppers, tomatoes, and a few herbs were purchased. Also offered were fuchsias (on consignment), as well as a few tropicals.

Over 80 Marion County MG's donated their time and effort over the three day event, which was and is greatly appreciated. In fact, Molly remarked that one of the greatest things about this huge undertaking was the camaraderie that develops between the veterans and the new Master Gardeners. Bookmarks publicizing the Plant Sale were distributed throughout the community before the sale, and they were very well received. At the Plant Sale, refrigerator magnets (delightfully designed by Kellie Liskey) were handed out, with next year's date on them (the first weekend in May).

Uncertain Future for OSU Extension Service Master Gardener Program

Last fall, Oregon State University administrators began significant redesigns of its services and structures for delivering those services. While shrinking federal and state funding as a driving force, the University administration has also asked those involved to “shape a refined vision and a narrower focus” through this process.

Before the restructuring, OSU Extension Service Master Gardener program was housed in The Department of Horticulture, which is administered by the College of Agricultural Sciences. Last fall, the University grouped the colleges of Agricultural Sciences, Forestry, and Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences into a larger Division of Earth Systems Sciences. In the past two months, the Heads of Department of Horticulture and the Department of Crop and Soil Science are studying the pros and cons of a merger of their departments into a School of Horticulture, Crop, and Soil Sciences.

In addition to on-campus faculty, the Department of Horticulture administers Extension programming in 30 of Oregon's 36 counties. Since the 1999-2000 academic year, the Department of Horticulture has lost 42% of tenure track faculty positions on campus. County positions, which also support research and Extension, have been lost principally through attrition. Current thinking in the redesign is for all branch stations to remain open, but each will have the goal of obtaining 25 percent of its base funding from outside sources.

OMGA Brochure Update Needed

The OMGA brochure could use updating. We have the soft file as a Word Publisher (.pub) file. Here is an opportunity for a Chapter to take it, trade out the photos with those of their own chapter and then make a couple small text edits. We would like to have this updated and ready for Mini-college and be on our website. Let me know if you can help. Tam Martin, OMGA President, 503-317-2227 email tamm@hammondnet.com

Huge Thank You from the OMGA Treasurer

Thank You to all of the Association Treasurers for your timely reporting of our year end financial information. This helps me tremendously in preparing the IRS reports. AND, Thank you Treasurers for your timely payment of dues.

Katherine Johnson, OMGA Treasurer

I have been following this process since last November. My hope was to engage Master Gardeners in an advocacy role when the time is right. In mid-April, with the help of many chapter presidents, I began to collect signatures of Master Gardeners in support of our MG program. Our letter to President Ed Ray and 5 other administrators, each accompanied by 210 signatures, were hand-delivered to their offices, on April 30th. A second batch of signatures will be sent mid-May.

As I understand, final decisions are scheduled for June. At that time, we may know specifics about the future of the Master Gardener program, statewide and at the county level. For now, interested Master Gardeners may visit <http://agsci.oregonstate.edu/about/planning-for-change>

Here are some statistics to reflect on: Federal and state funding accounts for 15% of Extension and research budgets today, compared to nearly 100% 30 years ago; Oregon ranks 48th in public funding for higher education among all U.S. states; OSU has been very competitive in seeking grants and contracts, which provide 55% of the total College of Agricultural Sciences' revenues; and Funding research with grants and contracts opens the possibility that broader public interests will be neglected. *Sherry Sheng President, Clackamas County chapter*

Gardener's Pen Deadline & File Submission Guidelines

“The Gardener's Pen” is published four times per year – March, June, September & December.

The deadline for the Sept., 2010

issue is August 10, 2010

Please send your articles and photos to:
Laura Swanson, editor -laura@nehalem.tel.net

Files should be submitted as Word .doc files
(not .docx, or other formats).

OR, copy-and-paste into body of e-mail.

PHOTOS--minimum resolution 100 pixels per inch

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Lincoln County MGs Support Several Demo Gardens

On May 15th the Lincoln County Master Gardeners held their 11th Annual Spring Garden and Plant Sale. The event was, once again, a resounding success. Funds raised from the plant sale go toward supporting our three new Demonstration Gardens in Yachats, Newport, and Lincoln City. The Yaquina View Lighthouse project also receives funds. Other funds go out to local groups who apply for grants. Scholarships for the Master Gardener class are also funded.

Our new demonstration gardens proceed on time: Yachats has big infrastructure projects going with gravel being laid down for access, raised bed construction, and irrigation. They are also planting natives around the outside for wind protection and for ornamentation. This garden is within a few blocks of the ocean and presents a great challenge.

The Newport Demo garden has 9 raised beds including 2 with trellises, 6 wine barrels, a rock garden in progress, many plant starts in their greenhouse, and many student projects taking shape.

The Lincoln City Demo garden has its cloche built and nearly full, the greenhouse is using water from the two rain barrels to water everything, a Native Plant Garden that was a 2009 student project was transplanted from a nearby Community Garden along with all the signage, the potato beds with a 'trash can' demo and two different raised bed projects are showing green, the 3 bin composting system and one Earth Machine are in place. A large comprehensive informational sign about composting is installed.

The Yaquina View Lighthouse pioneer garden is ready for the plants that second graders from Sam Case Elementary school will plant this spring.

There are many things to visit in Lincoln County. Oh, yes, there's also the Pacific Ocean...

*Janet Anderson
Lincoln County Master Gardeners*

Columbia County Spring Fair Nearly Sell-Out

We have been working in our Demonstration Garden since April 5th and this year it looks like we should have started a bit earlier. Everything (the weeds that is) seems to have gotten at least a month's head start on us and it has been a bit of a chore to catch up. The Garden is starting to look much better and we are planning out our demonstration beds which will be started soon. We will be demonstrating sustainable gardening techniques as well as what to plant to attract bees and other pollinators as well as what to plant and how to plant to maximize yield and minimize disease and insect/slug infestations.

Our Spring Fair just ended and while the sales were not as high as we had hoped we still sold more than last year. Our ticket sales for our raffle were about the same (economy is still slow) but overall we had a good time and most people attending or working the Fair seemed to have a good time. We ended up with 24 vendors so our customers had a lot to choose from in addition to our tomatoes.

We had about 80 tomatoes left over from the tomato sale and some of these will be used in our Demo Garden for a project showing the proper and improper spacing techniques and the benefits as well as pitfalls of placing tomatoes too close together in your garden. The rest of the tomato plants are being donated to various community gardens in our area. We have had a great response to our call to take them so others can benefit from the additional produce.

Our County Fair is coming July 14th to 18th this year and that is our premiere event for our Demonstration Garden. We hope to have everything really spiffed up by then so if you are in the neighborhood around that time please stop by and take a look at what we have done.

*Chuck Petersen
Columbia County OMGA Representative*

4th Annual COASTAL GARDEN & ART TOUR in Curry County Saturday, August 21st 10 am-4 pm

The Coastal Garden & Art Tour this August will have seven diverse gardens showcasing a wide variety of plants, an example of a no-H₂O bed, several water features, different types of vegetable gardens, and some spectacular ocean views. This is an outstanding and varied selection to offer in August for the tour. Nineteen local artists will display work at the Manley Art Center in Brookings, and also have art to sell. Tour the gardens at your own pace. The cost is \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 the day of the tour. For more information, go to <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/curry/mg>

Tillamook County Spade & Wade Garden Tour – June 19th

Saturday, June 19th is the date for TCMGA Spade and Wade Tour featuring gardens to tour, MG Plant sale, and a vendor plant sale. The plant sale will be held from 9 am to 3 pm on the grounds of the Pioneer Museum in Tillamook. Garden tours will run from noon until 5 pm June 19th. Six gardens in the Tillamook and Netarts area will be featured.

The ticket price will be \$15 for the Spade and Wade tour. Passports for the event can be purchased after May 1st at the OSU extension office in Tillamook, 2204 Fourth Street, 503-842-3433. For more information, contact Jean Scholtz at 503-355-2792 or visit the TCMGA web site:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/tillamook/mg/tcmga>

Meritorious OSU Master Gardener Passes Away



Marjorie Sandfort Luce passed away at the Health Center of the Rogue Valley Manor peacefully on March 25, 2010. She was born on February 4, 1925 in Humboldt, Nebraska, to parents Gertrude Schuetz Sandfort and Carl H.N. Sandfort. Marjorie is survived by sisters Lucile Lathrop of Kearney, Nebraska and Ethel Johnson (Don) of Lemon Grove, California as well as nieces, nephews and numerous cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. James C. Luce, and a sister Dorothy Sandfort.

Marjorie graduated from Nebraska Wesleyan University and Bryan Memorial Hospital as a Registered Medical Technologist. She came to work at the Medford Clinic in 1950. Prior to this she worked at the University of Michigan in influenza and polio research. She was a lifetime member of the United Methodist Church and active volunteer community member, serving on the Jackson County Juvenile Board. Following the death of her husband in 1989, she became active in WinterSpring, helping others with their grief and loss.

Marje was a leader and also a mentor in the Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener program, serving in many capacities both at

Metro Master Gardener Program & Washington County Chapter

Washington County Master Gardener Demonstration Garden

In Partnership with: Washington County Fair Complex

Garden Description: This garden features a series of vignette gardens that demonstrate a variety of gardening styles and methods. The original garden area consists of 24 raised beds utilizing a variety of materials including wood, stone and Trex. These beds demonstrate an fuchsia garden, carnivorous plants, adaptive gardening and a variety of other ornamentals and vegetables. The themed gardens around the Floral Building include edible landscaping, native plant landscaping, deer-resistant landscaping and a garden to attract butterflies and other nectar-loving insects. The newest area of the demonstration garden contains the composting area, a 16'x16' greenhouse, storage sheds and an outdoor classroom area. Areas under development include a series of 'backyard' vignettes that will showcase an Asian garden, children's garden, adaptive garden, tomato patch, a fruit & vegetable area that showcases raised beds and espalier fruit trees and another area that will showcase arbors and cane fruit. A permeable driveway/parking area is also currently under construction.

home and across the state and nation. She served as President of both the Jackson County Master Gardener Chapter and the statewide association and helped to bring the second national meeting of Master Gardeners to Oregon in 1989. She was instrumental in developing a Search For Excellence program to recognize excellence in education. She became a board member of the E.R. Jackman Foundation at OSU, helping to raise and manage funds for the OSU College of Ag Sciences.

Her husband Jim was a US Navy veteran, a surgeon, a captain, and a member of Detachment 101 of the OSS (pre CIA, the grandfathers of the Green Berets of Special Forces). Marje served as editor of their newsletter helping to keep the world-wide members of Detachment 101 connected.

A lover of cats, horticulture, travel, theater, and music, Marje was never afraid to take the leadership responsibility when asked, but also gave continual support and provided behind the scenes help wherever needed. She will be missed.

Marje will be joining Jim at rest in the Arlington National Cemetery. A celebration of life service will be held at the Rogue Valley Manor on May 13 from 2-4 pm. She suggested that in memoriam a tree or flower could be planted to show our love for the earth.

Garden History: The garden was begun in 1989 as a joint partnership between the Tualatin Valley Garden Club and the Washington County Fair Board. In the 1990's the Washington County Master Gardeners came on board. The original garden consisted of 24 raised beds utilizing different construction methods and materials used to raise a variety of both ornamentals and vegetables. The Washington County Master Gardeners assumed responsibility for maintaining the beds surrounding the Floral Building and gazebo. This is the area that contains our edible landscape, native plants landscape, deer resistant landscape and soon-to-be butterfly and nectar-loving insect landscape. In 2007, with the approval of the Washington County Fair Board, additional unused land was cleared and a series of improvements begun. This area now includes a storage shed and greenhouse. 'Backyard' vignettes are under construction.

Contact — Joanne DeHaan (503) 330-4288
Garden Address: 848 NE 28th Ave., Hillsboro
Hours: Tuesdays , 9 AM – noon and special events
Garden Events: Metro & Metro MG Garden Series, Washington County Fair, Extension's Fall Festival
Chapter Website: www.wcmga.info

Washington County Plant Sale Most Successful in History



On April 24, 2010 the WCMGA held its annual Plant Sale Bonanza at the Historic Kinton Grange in Beaverton. Months of labor and love made this the most successful sale to date and the total exceeded \$10,000.00. Jane Miller and Cindy Muir coordinated this event with the precision of an advanced drill team and the WCMGA members responded. The success of the sale helps benefit all programs in our county and also supports the Demonstration Gardens which have made major improvements in 2009-2010. Our Chapter is energized and passionate to develop new programs for our community, and to educate the public on sustainable gardening practices.

We would like to extend an invitation for all Master Gardeners to visit our garden on Tuesdays from 9 am -noon, April through November. For directions, go to: www.wcmga.info

Lynn Wagner
Publicity Director for WCMGA



Washington County's new greenhouse at their demo garden, funded by 2009 plant sale profits.

Yamhill County MGs Plant Sales HUGE Success, Give Back to Community

Yamhill County Master Gardeners started 2010 with a fresh crop of eager MG trainees. Thanks to our mentors, staff and teachers, we produced an exceptional new group of Master Gardeners who are already involved with the community and racking up volunteer hours.

The YCMGA Tree and Shrub Sale went well, making \$7,329. Leftovers are donated to nonprofit organizations. After several years of planting they are evident everywhere; including about one hundred trees around the Fairground buildings and perimeter. Some of the previous recipients were Trees for McMinnville, Habitat, Head Start and the Post Office. This year Newberg was the winner with leftovers going to the High School Project, The city of Newberg projects and the Parks Department. The sole purpose of this fundraiser is to fund YCMGA Scholarship and educational programs. Since 2002, a total of \$31,000 has been disbursed to Yamhill County high school and college students.

Our annual Plant Sale was a huge success! We made over \$12,700 to support our educational and horticultural programs here in Yamhill County. It took the efforts, time and talents of many of our veterans and newly certified MGs to achieve this. Each year this much anticipated sale grows bigger. Many local gardeners consider this the official beginning of their gardening season.

Now that the Plant Sale has come to a successful conclusion for 2010, Yamhill county Master Gardeners can focus their considerable energies on upcoming workshops, farmer's markets, community gardens and other community projects. Happy Gardening!

June Coe, Yamhill County MG



Yamhill County MG's get instructions from the "Big Hat Cop" before the plant sale begins.



Soil tests were available at the Plant Sale.

**Washington County Master Gardeners
2010 Open Gardens
Saturday, July 10th
10 am – 4 pm**

You are invited to enjoy a “behind the scenes” look at what Washington County master gardeners are doing in their own gardens. This **FREE** event features nine private home gardens and a school garden, located throughout Washington County. There will be a focus on sustainable gardening practices for edibles and ornamentals, and an emphasis on home food growing. You’ll see a large four-season vegetable garden; a garden designer’s own garden that features many native plants; unusual shrubs and perennials; lawn-free gardens, rain barrels; mixed edible and ornamental plantings, and more. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer your questions. Our brochure, with garden descriptions and driving directions, can be found in June at area nurseries, and on our website at <http://www.wcmga.info/>; click on the “events” link. For more info call 503-725-2300.

**High Desert Treasures Garden Tour
South Wasco County
Saturday June 19th
9 am to 4 pm**

High Desert Treasures is the theme for the 2010 *First Ever* South Wasco County OSU Master Gardener Garden Tour this year in Maupin, Pine Hollow and Tygh Valley, Oregon.

South Wasco County is higher and drier than The Dalles; it has its own challenges but gardeners have succeeded in creating wonderful gardens and are eager to share their labors of love with the public.

The tour cost is \$10. Save the date, June 19th and come see what they have done!

A bus is available to provide transportation from The Dalles to each garden site and back to The Dalles for an additional cost of \$5.00. Reservations are required.

Contact information is available at the Wasco County Extension Office, 541-296-5494 or on their web site <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/wasco/mastergardeners/MGMainPage.php>

**Visit our new OMGA website at:
www.oregonmastergardeners.org**

“THE GLORY OF THE GARDEN”

It’s time to mark your calendars for the McMinnville Garden Club’s 10th Annual Summer Garden Tour. The date is Sunday, June 27th. The Tour hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$10.00.

The five glorious gardens on this year’s Tour are extra-special because they belong to Garden Club members. Docents and Club members will be at each garden to answer questions. Horticulture markers will identify plants that are unusual. Make notes on the plants you would like to have for your own gardens and take lots of pictures!

Before, during or after the Tour, be sure to visit the Garden Faire in downtown McMinnville on Cows between 2nd and 4th Streets. The Faire opens at 9:00 a.m. and closes at 4:00 p.m. 45+ vendors will be offering a wide selection of plants, garden art and hardscape for your shopping pleasure! And admission to the Garden Faire is FREE!

For additional information, call 503-434-4344 or visit our website at mcminnvillegardenclub.org. Tour tickets can be purchased thru the Garden Club, at three convenient locations in McMinnville, or at the Garden Faire and each of the gardens on the day of the Tour.

We’ve put in our request for a pleasant, sunny day so come have fun with us!!

The McMinnville Garden Club

**Fall Gardening Festival
Lane County Master Gardener
Association
Saturday, October 2nd
9 am – 3 pm**



Mark your calendar for this yearly event. The 2010 festival is in the early planning stages, but it’s certain to feature interesting and informative workshops and demos, a kids’ corner, used book sale and a bake sale. Look for additional information in the September *The Gardener’s Pen*. For more information, contact OSU Extension Service, 950 W. 13th Ave., Eugene, 541-682-4247

Soil Ecology

I want to share some fascinating statistics about the soil we grow things in, walk on, and usually don't give much thought to. (I came across these statistics in "Dinosaur Odyssey, Fossil Threads in the Web of Life," dated 2009.)

Every step you take in a temperate forest is on the backs of 16,000 invertebrates, and in turn that translates to about 120,000 sturdy little legs. The weight of all the ants in the world is roughly the same as 6.8 billion people. Nematodes comprise about 80% of all animals on earth. A cubic inch of soil can contain more than a mile of interwoven fungal mycelia. Pick up a single gram of soil. In your hand you will hold ten billion individual bacteria and more than 6,000 species of bacteria. (And don't forget to wash your hands.)

In our natural world we tend to focus our attention on herbivores and the plants they eat, because we can easily see them (and eat them). But it is the composters that make our world possible. Soil, the author notes, can best be thought of as "bug poop." All those composters, or more accurately the specialized bacteria in their guts, recycle nutrients and make plant growth possible. Soil is a water filter, cleanser, and storage system for an ecosystem, just like the one in your backyard.

You may wonder, why would a book about dinosaurs discuss soil? Well, the soil we walk on is the recycled soil that dinosaurs walked on. Here's another fascinating find: some dinosaurs liked to eat mushrooms, even to the point of eating dead trees to get at the delectable tidbits. (Fossilized dung tells that story.)

The author is Scott Sampson and the publisher is The University of California Press. Sampson is a vertebrate paleontologist who makes the case that you can only understand ancient life forms if you understand their ecology. In turn that means understanding today's ecology.

David Rugg, OMGA 1st Vice President



OSU MASTER GARDENERS
POLK COUNTY

Eighth Annual
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A GARDENING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11, 2010
8:15 am – 4 pm
Dallas High School

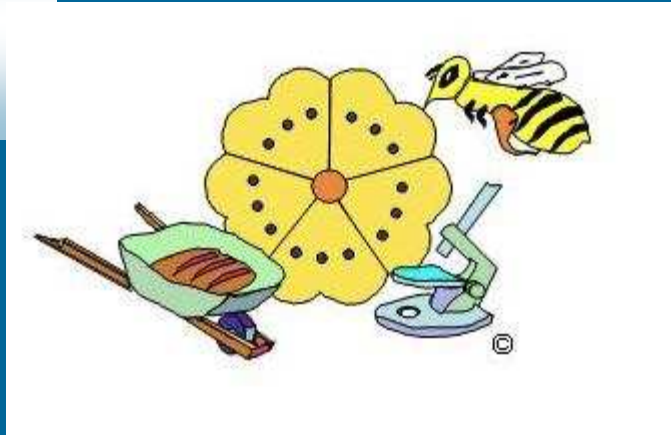
Great Presenters!

- **James Cassidy**
Back by popular demand!
The ever entertaining "Soil Man"—
everything you wanted to know
about soils and more!
- **Roger Gossler**

Life Under Our Feet ...

27th Annual Gardener's Mini-College

**Beyond
Backyard
Basics:**



**The
Science
of Sustainability**

**July 28 –31, 2010
Oregon State University
CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Corvallis, Oregon**

Presented by:



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If you have a physical disability that requires special considerations in order for you to attend the Gardener's Mini-College, please notify Patty Driscoll at 541-737-3439 by July 7, 2010.

Conference Details

Conference Date & Location

July 28 – 31, 2010

CH2M Hill Alumni Center, Oregon State University
26th Street, Corvallis, OR 97331

Contact: Betty Faller, 541-389-8088 or minicollege2010@gmail.com

Web: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/mini-college>

Who Should Attend

The 27th annual Gardener's Mini-College is an educational event for all amateur or professional gardeners and trained master gardener volunteers.

Conference Theme

Beyond Backyard Basics: The Science of Sustainability

Scientific advances are leading us to ever better practices in home horticulture and Oregon State University is where this is happening. These advances are taking us beyond the basics of backyard gardening and are increasing our knowledge and understanding of "best practices" leading to sustainability in our backyards.

Online Registration Available

In addition to mailing in your registration form, you now have the option of submitting your registration online. To register online, please visit:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/mini-college>

Registration Deadline

Early registration deadline is June 14th, 2010. Final registration deadline is July 5th, 2010.

Gardener's Mini-College Events

- Over 30 classes/tours/workshops covering a wide variety of gardening topics
- Silent Auction
- On-site OSU Bookstore
- OSU Master Gardener Chapter Displays & History
- OSU Master Gardener Chapter Sales
- Wednesday Evening Kick Off Dinner
- Search for Excellence Awards
- Friday Evening Awards Banquet
- On Site Meals Available

Accommodations

The conference has secured both on-campus lodging in Cauthorn Hall and a special rate at the Hilton Garden Inn located on the edge of campus less than a quarter mile from the conference site. Ask for the Master Gardener rates when making lodging reservations. Visit www.corvallis.gardeninn.com or call 541-752-5000. For additional lodging information check out the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce at www.visitcorvallis.com or phone 1-800-334-8118.

Cancellation Policy

Refunds only in case of emergency. Contact Betty Faller at the number above.

Wednesday – July 28th

Leadership Day: 10:30 am – 2:45 pm CH2M Hill Alumni Center

Leadership Forum helps us to grow as an Association. OMGA members and Extension faculty will lead informal panel discussion and hands-on workshops that will challenge you to facilitate dialog on difficult topics. You do not need to hold an OMGA office to participate in this forum.

10:30 am – 11:00 am

Welcome, *Tam Martin, OMGA President; Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback, Statewide Master Gardener Program Coordinator, OSU Master Gardener Program; Betty Faller, OMGA President-Elect; Scott Reed, Vice Provost, University Outreach and Engagement; Director, OSU Extension Service*

11:00 am – 11:15 am ~ Break

11:15 am – Noon ~ Session 1

Selection and Assessment of Chapter Projects: *Chris Miao, Central Oregon President*

This session will examine how to review projects for relevancy, effectiveness and quality. Tools to use in the selection process will be discussed. Results of an actual project review will be presented, should time permit.

Reconnecting with the University: *Gail Langellotto-Rhodaback, Master Gardener Program Coordinator*

The OSU Extension Master Gardener Program connects the people of Oregon with the University's research and resources in home horticulture and annually trains a highly educated corps of volunteers. Come and learn what is on the horizon for the Program, and our plans for the future, given the organizational transformation that is happening at OSU.

Measuring Chapter Meeting Productivity: Can a Retreat Help? *Cathy Burdett, Past President Yamhill County and Barbara Davidson OMGA Alt Rep Jackson County*

Valuable, creative suggestions and proposed planning on projects and programs often do not result in their implementation or completion. Using a 'pot-luck' retreat planning session at an off-site location to brainstorm creative strategies may stimulate enthusiasm, productivity and develop an action plan.

T³ or Treasurer's Technical Training: *Katherine Johnson, OMGA Treasurer*

This presentation goes beyond basic help offered to chapter treasurers. It includes an in-depth look at the position of OMGA state treasurer, required IRS forms, and state budget development.

OMGA Member Services: *Tam Martin, OMGA President*

OMGA was created to enhance and supplement the Oregon State University Home Horticulture Program and to assume responsibility for performing tasks and engaging in activities related to the program. Member Services can help with organizational training, bylaws, policies and procedures, as well as job description templates and chapter networking.

The Critical Link between OMGA and Your Chapter: *Toni Stephan, State Rep Central OR*

This will be a round table discussion on methods used by State Representatives or Alternates to communicate information between chapters, agents and OMGA. Please come prepared to share ideas on the many ways information can be successfully communicated to all.

Noon – 1:00 pm ~ LUNCH – Alumni Center

Box lunches will be served at the Alumni Center, if you ordered and paid for a lunch by July 5th.

1:00 pm – 1:45 pm ~ Session 2

Part 1: Is Your Chapter Liable? *Brian Williams, Attorney*

This session will be presented by a skilled trial lawyer who brings energy, passion and dedication to every matter he handles. He will share his expertise on liability issues with regard to OMGA projects that have public involvement.

Protecting Extension in Your County: *Barbara Nichols, Past President Polk County, and Larry Sutton, Past OMGA Historian and OMGA Rep Douglas County, and John Panches, Staff Chair Coos, Douglas and Josephine Counties*

This is a panel discussion on the potential role of OMGA and its chapters in tax service district or tax bond measures. Panel members will discuss the process, as well as success stories and lessons learned, in an effort to communicate what can be done to protect Extension services in your county.

Wednesday – July 28th

Part 1: Tips for Successful Grant Writing: *Carol Dalu, OSU Master Gardener*

This session will cover grant writing basics, including what funders and foundations look for in grant applications, the components of a strong proposal, required attachments and common mistakes made by grant writers.

Part 1: Communication Skills: *Rocky Bessette and Nancy Glick, OSU Master Gardeners*

This session is designed to share ideas on how to increase communication within your membership. Attention will be given to the role of chapter newsletters and a speakers bureau. Come prepared to discuss how your chapter communicates its information.

Part 1: Chapter Documentation: *Terri Hoffmann, OMGA Historian, Anna Stubbs & Lynn Wagner, OSU Master Gardeners*

Here is an opportunity to explore the *what's* and *why's* of OMGA chapter records, as well as best practices. From the IRS to OSU to way-in-the-future and around the state, we have obligations and practices that help us too.

Giving Presentations with Panache: *Claudia Law, OMGA Past President and OSU Master Gardener*

There are tried and true ways to become confident when giving presentations, and in this class you'll learn what they are. Giving an informative and interesting presentation correlates to planting a beautiful container garden – come and find out how!

1:45 pm – 2:00 pm ~ General Break

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm ~ Session 3

Part 2: Is Your Chapter Liable? *Brian Williams, Attorney*

How can your chapter protect itself? Come prepared to discuss specific liability issues with regard to OMGA projects and events involving the public.

Retention Strategies – The Soft Skill of Mentoring: *Carol Oneal, OSU Master Gardener*

Is membership retention a problem in your chapter? Are the same people doing the work year after year? Find out how one chapter increased their retention rate when they implemented new ideas.

Part 2: Grant Writing Workshop: *Carol Dalu, OSU Master Gardener*

Bring your project ideas, draft grant proposals or applications to this session for review and feedback.

Part 2: Communication Skills: Using the New OMGA Website to Communicate: *Larry Byrum, OMGA Database Manager and Webmaster*

The topics presented include: basis for developing the OMGA website; overview of the OMGA website, security and integrity of information; and future of the OMGA website.

Part 2: Chapter Documentation Workshop: *Terri Hoffmann, OMGA Historian, Anna Stubbs, Lynn Wagner, OSU Master Gardeners*

In this workshop, we'll be hands-on with the *how's* of records and photos, sharing advice about electronic records, seeing some awesome scrapbooks and sharing ways of keeping records.

Presenting with PowerPoint: *Jean Scholtz, Tillamook President*

This session focuses on the basics of creating presentations. It includes slide generation and transition; customizing templates, inserting images and tables, and creating handouts and speaker notes.

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm ~ Break

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm ~ In the Boardroom: OMGA Board Meeting, Chapter Reports

Learn more about the activities and events hosted by Master Gardener Chapters around the state. Chapter reports will be given, and OMGA business will be discussed.

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm ~ The Science of Dinner & Evening Social

We've brought together the elements of a great mini college kick-off dinner. Choice of spinach stuffed chicken breast or mediterranean penne pasta with veggies and feta. Seasonal vegetables; warm potato salad; salad with local greens; assorted cookies and dessert bars; coffee and tea.

There'll be plenty of interesting ingredients available for everyone to find the right ingredients for a good meal. Meet old friends and make new friends as the MG chemistry works its magic. Join us for food, fun and door prizes in the CH2M Hill Alumni Center Courtyard.

Thursday – July 29th

8:30 am – 10:15 am ~ General Session

Please join us for this general session, where Dean Sonny Ramaswamy will discuss his vision of the role of the OSU Extension Master Gardener Program in the transformed College of Agricultural Sciences, and we will honor our County Master Gardeners of the Year.

10:30 am – Noon ~ Session 1

1a. ****Solving our "not-so-smart" landscape irrigation practices:** *David Sandroock, PhD Horticulture*

David will discuss the solutions to a number of current, unsustainable irrigation practices. Topics will include redesigning your landscape to use less water, harvesting rainwater, using graywater and installing low volume irrigation systems.

1b. ****Getting away from "Spray first–ask questions later": A simple process for plant problem diagnosis;** *Neil Bell, Community Horticulturist, OSU Extension*

Correctly diagnosing garden problems saves time, effort and a lot of worry. Some of our clientele assume their garden problems are caused by pests or diseases, but many are instead caused by adverse cultural conditions. In this presentation, we'll look at a step-by-step process you can use to determine the cause of plant problems and address them appropriately.

1c. ****Beyond the Basics of Sustainable Landscape Design, Installation, and Maintenance:** *Weston Miller, Community and Urban Horticulture Faculty*

How can you take your garden and landscape to the next level, in terms of sustainability? Come learn the tools, tips and techniques that you need to create a beautiful landscape that minimizes environmental impact and maximizes your enjoyment of the garden.

1d. ****Sustainable Lawn Care:** *Rob Golembiewski, OSU Horticulture Faculty*

Lawns can be an integral part of a sustainable landscape if they are properly sited, components are carefully selected and the resulting stand is properly maintained. Soil preparation and grass choices (including unconventional grass/dicot mixtures) will be considered, as well as improved

irrigation systems, mowing technologies and non-calendar based fertilizing programs. Reduce input, yet still achieve the acceptable lawn you desire.

Noon – 1:30 pm ~ Lunch, Alumni Center

Box lunches will be served at the Alumni Center if you purchased by July 5th.

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm ~ Session 2

2a. ****Advanced Plant Clinic Techniques:** *Jean R. Natter, OSU Master Gardener, Washington County*

Learn how to implement a system to help your MGs fulfill their goal of providing research-based information to clients. Basic elements are an Office Information binder of procedures; annual training enriched with videos or role play of potential interactions in the office; MG Guides (a select group of experienced vets) who encourage and gently direct trainees toward appropriate resources; an in-office referral system which is strengthened by an online forum where select MGs resolve problematic inquiries. Optional, but very helpful, are computer classes which teach how to navigate online versions of the PNW handbooks.

2b. **Managing Gardens for Backyard Wildlife, and the Oregon Master Naturalist Program:** *Jason O'Brien, Oregon Master Naturalist Program Coordinator, OSU Forestry and Natural Resources Extension*

Backyard wildlife can be a source of enjoyment AND a source of discouragement. By default, all gardeners are wildlife managers. This presentation will cover the basics of backyard wildlife management, including how to attract and discourage various critters, depending on your objectives. This talk will review basic ecological principles, habitat needs, wildlife natural history considerations and what to do when you've become too successful at attracting wildlife. Photos and props will be available to illustrate the various management techniques. Participants will also learn about the new Oregon Master Naturalist Program and how to manage for wildlife on your property.

Thursday – July 29th

2c. ****Rain Garden Workshop, Part 1:** *Rob Emanuel, Oregon Sea Grant Extension*

Rain gardens are logical and beautiful solutions to managing stormwater on many properties. The purpose of this training is to help interested Master Gardeners learn the basic skills needed to design, build and maintain rain gardens. Class participants will receive information on siting, designing and constructing a rain garden in a home garden context and will leave with printed and on-line resources. Part 1: introduction to stormwater and rain gardens, sizing rain gardens and impervious surface calculation.

2d. ****Evaluating low-input shrubs for Pacific Northwest gardens:** *Neil Bell, Community Horticulturist, OSU Extension*

The range of plants that can be grown in the Pacific Northwest is amazing, but cold weather and drought, among other challenges, still limit our choices. One way to determine what grows here is to plant them out and see what happens. In this presentation, we'll discuss results of evaluations of Hebe, Cistus, Halimium and Ceanothus, among others, conducted by OSU since 2000, and look at what separated the good cultivars for the Pacific Northwest from the bad.

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm ~ Session 3

3a. ****Rain Garden Workshop, Part 2:** *Rob Emanuel, Oregon Sea Grant Extension*

Rain gardens are logical and beautiful solutions to managing stormwater on many properties. The purpose of this training is to help interested Master Gardeners learn the basic skills needed to design, build and maintain rain gardens. Class participants will receive information on siting, designing, and constructing a rain garden in a home garden context and will leave with printed and on-line resources. Part 2: slope, soil, construction, plants and maintenance.

3b. ****Current Challenges in Sustainable Beekeeping:** *Dr Ramesh Sagili, Assistant Professor-Apiculture*

Steady decline in honey bee colonies in the past two decades and recent significant losses of honey bee colonies attributed to colony collapse disorder have caused serious concern and alarm. Current challenges facing beekeepers and

beekeeping industry will be discussed along with possible solutions for sustainable beekeeping.

3c. ****Gardens for Healthy Aging:** *Deborah John, OSU Assistant Professor, Public Health/ Extension Family and Community Health*

The purpose of this presentation is to review the literature related to gardening, health and fitness, and to examine community-based programs that plan, design and implement gardens and gardening activities that engage older adults in health-enhancing levels of physical activity. Attendees will have the opportunity to apply learning by designing an 'engAGEing' Garden.

3d. 3:30 pm – 5:30pm. **Thyme Garden Tour** Please note: there is an additional \$25.00 per person charge to cover the cost of the tour and tea .

The Thyme Garden Herb Company is a family-owned farm in Alsea, located in the Coastal Range Mountains of Oregon. The ever-popular tour will include a walk through the 92 raised beds of The Thyme Garden, as well as along salmon restoration trails and into their newly created butterfly garden. The ecology of the farm, medicinal uses and folklore of herbs will be touched upon. A Thyme Garden herbal tea will follow under the shade of giant firs, amidst the gardens and sounds of two streams. Participants should be able to walk about a half mile along mulched and unmulched pathways. You must provide or arrange for transportation to and from Alsea, about 25 minutes from the Alumni Center. Car-pooling is recommended. The tour is limited to 30 participants. www.thymegarden.com

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm ~ **Evening Garden Tours**

A few of the highlights you will see on the evening garden tour are: urban farms, raising chickens and ducks, creative raised beds and compost bins, landscapes using permaculture design.

Driving directions for the gardens will be available at the registration desk. You are responsible for your own transportation, and carpooling is encouraged. No transportation will be provided.

Friday – July 30th

8:30 am – 10:15 am ~ General Session

Please join us for this general session, where OSU Statewide Master Gardener Program Coordinator Gail Langellotto–Rhodaback will present a ‘State of the Statewide MG Program address’, and we will learn more about and honor our Marje Luce Search for Excellence project recipients.

10:30 am – Noon ~ Session 4

4a. **On-the-Fly Management for Spotted Wing Drosophila: *Amy Dreves, Research and Extension Entomologist, Oregon State University*

Infestations of the Spotted Wing Drosophila fly were found in Oregon fruits in 2009. This talk will present an overview of the latest research on this exotic pest from SE Asia. Gardeners growing backyard berries and tree fruits will learn about best practices for monitoring and managing this fly, to protect their own harvest as well as Oregon’s vibrant berry and tree fruit industries.

4b. Reigning in Rogues: Developing Sterile Forms of Nursery Crops; *Ryan Contreras, OSU Assistant Professor*

Ryan’s talk will begin with a brief background of invasive nursery crops, including some characters shared by many weedy species. This will be followed by a brief justification of efforts to develop sterile forms, as opposed to removing offenders from production. The second portion of the talk will focus on techniques to reduce fertility and/or induce sterility including ploidy manipulation and interspecific hybridization. A description of field and laboratory techniques to evaluate relative fertility will conclude the talk.

4c. **Composting At The Oregon Coast: What We Have Learned; *Sam Angima, OSU Extension Agent, Lincoln County*

Oregon is climatically diverse. Thus, composting might not be the same in all places. In this class, Sam will present what was learned during the Master Composter Program in Lincoln County (coastal conditions), and what factors need to be considered to compost successfully. This class is meant for those who have little to no composting experience, and would like to start a backyard composting project.

4d. **Beyond the Basics of Sustainable Landscape Design, Installation, and Maintenance: *Weston Miller, Community and Urban Horticulture Faculty*

How can you take your garden and landscape to the next level, in terms of sustainability? Come learn the tools, tips and techniques that you need to create a beautiful landscape that minimizes environmental impact and maximizes your enjoyment of the garden.

Noon – 1:30 pm ~ Lunch, Alumni Center

Box lunches will be served at the Alumni Center, if you ordered and paid for a lunch by July 5th.

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm ~ Session 5

5a. **Estimating Nitrogen from Cover Crops and Choosing Organic Fertilizers: *Nick Andrews, Metro Area Small Farms Extension Agent: Horticulture Crops*

Nick will explain the fundamentals of managing nitrogen on small scale organic farms and gardens. He will review recent research that is developing new ways to estimate nitrogen contributions from cover crops, and will demonstrate the OSU Cover Crop Calculator for home gardens.

5b. Oregon Tilth Accredited Organic Land Care: Building sustainable landscaping practices; *David Alba, Organic Land Care Program Manager, Oregon Tilth*

Organic Land Care (OLC) is centered on the intention to improve the health of the landscape, protect the environment and to reduce or eliminate the use of environmentally degrading substances and fossil fuels while emphasizing soil health and natural cycles. This presentation will serve as an introduction to the main aspects of OLC, including soil health, plant selection, pest control and tolerance, and storm water management. You will also learn about the accreditation program and how to locate an Organic Land Care Practitioner in your area.



Friday – July 30th

5c. **Understanding Invasive Plants: *Linda McMahan, OSU Community Horticulture Faculty*

In Oregon we are blessed with a wonderful climate and great gardening potential. Unfortunately, we are not the only residents who find this place attractive. Many species of plants we have introduced for our own pleasure have decided to make Oregon their home as well. These and other invasive plants are causing increasing concern and large economic harm to our state and the nation. Learn more about this tidal wave of invasions and what you can do as a responsible gardener to help out.

5d. Horticultural Case Book: Psychiatric and Medical Disorders in the Garden; *Maurice Horn, co-owner of Joy Creek Nursery*

A humorous look at nurseries and their customers in the consumer age. Clematis make some people see red; hydrangeas give others the blues. Gardeners, growers and the media are not exempt in this gentle roast of "the world of gardening." Fun and informative talk.

5e. **Trees for Your Yard: A Campus Tour; *Paul D. Ries, Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager, Oregon Department of Forestry*

This walk around campus will illustrate proper tree selection, planting and maintenance issues. Imagine the campus as an arboretum from which you can gain ideas for future plantings in your own yards or neighborhoods. Bring your walking shoes as we take a hike through this magnificent urban forest. Participants should be able to walk 1.5 miles on lawns, mulched paths and paved sidewalks.

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm ~ Special Session
Please note: this talk will be held in the LaSelles Stewart Center, Austin Auditorium, adjacent to the Alumni Center.

****The Truth About Organic Gardening;** *Jeff Gillman, Associate Professor of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota*

Everyone seems to want an organic garden, but what does organic gardening really mean? How do we know whether something which we do to our garden is good or bad for our plants, our ecosystem, or us? This talk will investigate the why and why not behind organic techniques.

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm ~ Annual Awards Banquet and Keynote Address

6:00 pm ~ No Host Bar and Appetizers: Assorted beer and wine; punch and coffee; hummus dip with veggie sticks and pita triangles.

6:30 pm ~ Dinner Service Begins: Choice of flank steak or salmon served with mushroom and sweet pepper risotto or butternut ravioli; seasonal vegetables; fresh bread; salad with local greens and hazelnuts; lemon roll cake sprinkled with fresh raspberries; coffee and tea.

7:00 pm ~ Awards Program: Join us as we present the awards and celebrate the accomplishments of the Statewide Master Gardener of the Year, Behind the Scenes recipient, Chapter Display winners and the McNeilan Scholar.

7:30 pm ~ Keynote Address

What Sustainability Means to Oregonians; *Anita Azarenko, professor and the Chair of the Department of Horticulture at OSU*

Oregon is generally perceived to be one of the greenest states in the nation, but how sustainable are we, and what does sustainability mean to Oregonians? With Executive Order 00-07, Gov. John Kitzhaber defined sustainability as 'using, developing and protecting resources' to meet current and provide for future needs. Where are we in our efforts to use and protect resources, so that environmental, economic and community needs are met? In this talk, Anita will examine some of these important issues, and will offer suggestions for how the University, Extension and Master Gardeners can support a sustainable Oregon.



Saturday – July 31st

Tours and Workshops

If you select a tour or workshop you will receive information at the registration desk announcing the location of the tour or workshop.

9:00 am – Noon

Tour 1: Peek inside a Bee Hive, Dr Ramesh Sagili, Assistant Professor-Apiculture

Honey bee colony organization and biology will be discussed. Equipment necessary for beekeeping will be displayed. Interested participants will be provided an opportunity to work a bee hive with protective gear.

Tour 2: Late Season Wildflower Walk on Mary's Peak; Laurel Moulton, President of the Corvallis Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon and Benton County Master Gardener.

Join us for a day on Marys Peak with Benton Co. Master Gardener, Laurel Moulton. We will take a leisurely-paced 3-4 mile walk passing through meadow, rock garden and noble fir ecosystems. This late season wildflower walk will give us the opportunity to hone our plant ID skills using seeds, plant structure and ecosystem clues, and to enjoy some fresh air high above Corvallis. Come prepared for the weather, and bring plenty of water and lunch. We'll meet in the Wilkinson Hall parking lot on the OSU campus at 8:15am to carpool to Marys Peak, and return around 2pm. Wilkinson Hall is located adjacent to the Beanery coffee shop at the intersection of Monroe Avenue and 26th St. Please Note: tour participants must purchase a National Forest Recreation Pass (1 per car) at the trailhead.

Tour 3: Organic Growers Club Farm

The OSU Organic Growers Club is an all-volunteer, student run club which started in 2000. Club members participate in farm tours, weekly work parties, variety trials, movie nights, seed exchanges, presentations, conferences, monthly member meetings, fundraising drives for local food shelters and gardening projects, and much, much more. The farm is located in Corvallis, OR just east of the Willamette River on a nice river bottom

silt loam. On this ~2 acre parcel, the club grows dozens of varieties of vegetables and fruit crops. The farm is where student members do most of the learning as they are involved in all aspects of market gardening. We will tour this educational, outreach and research site with the club's faculty advisor, Dr. James Cassidy. Come prepared to walk about 0.5-1.0 miles on unpaved ground, and dress appropriately for the weather.

Workshop 1: Herbal Teas from Your Backyard to Teapot, Sue Sierralupé, Herbalist and OSU Master Gardener

We will learn how to grow, harvest and mill our own teas as well as techniques for presentation for gifts. We will make our own tea bags and sample a variety of easy to make herbal blends. This workshop is perfect for the budding herbalist and those that need new ideas for familiar plants.



Enjoy

Gardener's Mini-College

2010!

Reminder Online Registration Available

To register online, please visit:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/mini-college>

General Information

Registration Pickup CH2M Hill Alumni Center Lobby

Registration packets will be available at the following times:

Wednesday, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm
Thursday, 8:00 am – Noon
Friday, 8:00 am – Noon

Driving Directions

From I-5, take exit #228 to Corvallis. Head west 10 miles on Hwy 34. Make a left turn onto Hwy 34 bypass. Go right on 26th Street, cross Western Blvd and the alumni center will be on your right.

From Hwy 99 Southbound, Highway 99 W becomes 4th Street. Make a right turn on Western Blvd. Make another right turn on 26th Street, travel one block and the alumni center will be on your right.

From Hwy 99 Northbound, Go over the Mary's River bridge. Make a left turn on Western Blvd. Make a right turn on 26th street, travel one block and the alumni center will be on your right.

Parking Pass

The OMGA will not be selling parking passes. A parking permit is required to park on OSU campus Monday – Friday from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. You have three ways of purchasing a parking pass.

1. Daily permits are available at machines for \$7.00 cash in the Reser Stadium lot and in the parking structure adjacent to the Alumni Center.

2. Transit and Parking Services will be selling parking passes for \$7.00 per day at the Reser Stadium south ticket booth on July 28–30th each morning.

3. You may purchase a one or multiple day parking permit online. You must have a valid email address to use this system. Please enter 'Gardeners Mini-College' for the conference. Print your pass, bring it with you to the conference, and display in your car.
<http://tinyurl.com/ParkingPassMC>

RV Parking

There is no overnight RV parking on the OSU campus. Three off-campus sites you can contact are :

- *Corvallis Mobile Home Park*, 200 NW 53rd Street, Corvallis at 541-752-2334,
- *KOA*, Hwy 34, 33775 Oakville Road South, Albany, 1-800-562-8526, www.koa.com
- *Benton Oaks RV Park*, Benton County Fairgrounds, Corvallis, 1-541-766-6521.

Lodging On-Campus Housing

On-campus housing is in Cauthorn Hall, which is located a 1/2 mile away at 361 SW Sackett Place. Shared restrooms are available on each floor. Dorm keys can be picked up at Cauthorn Hall on:

Wednesday, 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursday, 7:00 am – 9:00 am and
11:00 am – 1:30 pm

Off-Campus Lodging

Hotel, motel, and B&B options are available. Contact the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce at (541) 750-0156 or (800) 334-8118, or visit www.visitcorvallis.com

The Hilton Garden Inn (541-752-5000; 877-STAY-HGI) has set aside rooms for our conference attendees, at a rate of \$112 + tax, for either one king, or two queen beds. The hotel is located on the OSU Campus, adjacent to Reser Stadium and across the street from the Alumni Center. When making your reservations, be sure to ask for the Master Gardeners rate.

On-Campus Meals at Market Place West

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday breakfast and Thursday evening dinner will be at the Market Place West. Located at 351 SW 30th Street between Jefferson and Washington Way on campus, which is 1/2 mile away from the Alumni Center.

Box lunches will be served at the Alumni Center. All meals must be purchased by July 5th to be part of your registration package, otherwise meals will be on your own.

Gardener's Mini-College Registration 2010

To register on-line go to: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/mini-college>

Name: _____ Email: _____
 Mailing Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ County: _____
 _____ Check if you are a Master Gardener _____ Check if you are a 2010 Master Gardener Trainee
 _____ Check if you would like to use the Dixon Rec Center (must pay \$6/day at the Rec center)

SAVE MONEY, REGISTER EARLY!

Early Registration = ER, postmarked by 6/14 Regular Registration = RR, postmarked from 6/15 to 07/5

Please select the following by placing an "X" next to the price	ER	RR
Full Registration: On campus option based on double occupancy includes lodging in Cauthorn Hall, (Wednesday through Friday night- 3 nights), all meals (Wednesday evening through Saturday morning), and all classes (Thursday and Friday). I am a ___ Male ___ Female. I want to share a room with _____ or ___Assign me a roommate _____ I need a wheelchair accessibility room Please choose entrée: for Kick Off Dinner ___Chicken ___Penne Pasta with Veggies for Awards Banquet Dinner ___ Flank steak ___Baked Salmon ___Butternut Ravioli	_____ \$259	_____ \$267
On campus Lodging add - ons: _____ I prefer a single room (no roommate) ___I prefer early arrival(Tuesday afternoon) for double occupancy add ___ for early arrival(Tuesday afternoon) single occupancy add	_____ \$21 _____ \$28 _____ \$35	_____ \$21 _____ \$28 _____ \$35
Wednesday Leadership Forum + box lunch (will be served at the Alumni Center)	_____ \$10	_____ \$15
Thurs. & Friday classes only (no meals) – off campus option	_____ \$75	_____ \$83
Thursday classes only (no meals) – off campus option	_____ \$42	_____ \$47
Friday classes only (no meals) – off campus option	_____ \$42	_____ \$47
Friday Special Session only (no meals) – off campus option	_____ \$10	_____ \$15
All meals (Wednesday evening through Saturday morning) – off campus option Please choose entrée: for Kick Off Dinner ___Chicken ___Penne Pasta with Veggies for Awards Banquet Dinner ___ Flank steak ___Baked Salmon ___Butternut Ravioli	_____ \$103	_____ \$103
À la Carte Meals:		
Wednesday – Kick Off Dinner Please choose one entrée: ___Chicken ___Penne Pasta with Veggies	_____ \$25	_____ \$25
Thursday meals (breakfast @ Market Place West, box lunch, dinner @ Market Place West)	_____ \$26	_____ \$26
Thursday Lunch only (box lunch at the Alumni Center)	_____ \$10	_____ \$10
Friday meals (breakfast @ Market Place West, box lunch at the Alumni Center)	_____ \$16	_____ \$16
Friday Lunch only (box lunch)	_____ \$10	_____ \$10
Friday – Awards Banquet Dinner Please choose one entrée: ___ Flank steak ___Baked Salmon ___Butternut Ravioli	_____ \$30	_____ \$30
Send a Friend Donation – help pay for another attendee (tax deductible)		
TOTAL	\$	\$

Note ~ Parking Permits are available for \$7.00 per day: <http://tinyurl.com/ParkingPassMC>

_____ I have special dietary needs. Please specify _____

_____ I have a physical disability which needs accommodation. Please specify _____

You must complete **BOTH**
sides of this registration form!

Flip over to other side for class selection.

?? **Questions ??**

Contact Betty Faller at 541-389-8088
minicollege2010@gmail.com

Mail registration form and check to:

MGMC Registrar
 Oregon Master Gardener Association
 2397 NW Kings Blvd., #166
 Corvallis, OR 97330



Checks made payable to:

Oregon Master Gardener Association

Gardener's Mini-College Class Selection

Be sure to complete both sides of this registration form. You will receive a registration confirmation via email or mail.

Wednesday–July 28th, Leadership Forum– <i>select one class per session</i>	
Session 1 11:15 am – Noon	_____ Selecting Chapter Projects _____ Chapter Meeting Productivity _____ OMGA Member Services _____ Reconnecting with University _____ Treasurer's Tech Training _____ Linking OMGA and Chapter
Session 2 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	_____ Is Your Chapter Liable?–Part 1 _____ Tips for Grant Writing–Part 1 _____ Chapter Documentation–Part 1 Note: For 2 part sessions, participants may take Part 1, Part 2 or both sessions _____ Protect Your County Extension _____ Communication Skills–Part 1 _____ Presentations with Panache
Session 3 2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	_____ Is Your Chapter Liable?–Part 2 _____ Grant Writing Workshop–Part 2 _____ Chapter Documentation –Part 2 Note: For 2 part sessions, participants may take Part 1, Part 2 or both sessions _____ Soft Skill of Mentoring _____ Communication Skills–Part 2 _____ Presenting with PowerPoint

All concurrent classes are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Please indicate a first and second choice (1 & 2) in the blank before the class listing.

	Thursday – July 29th	Friday – July 30th
10:30 am – Noon	_____ A **Irrigation practices _____ B **Plant Problem Diagnosis _____ C **Sustainable Design & Maint _____ D **Sustainable Lawn Care ** recertification credit classes	_____ 4A **Spotted Wing Drosophila _____ 4B Reigning in Rogues _____ 4C **Composting _____ 4D **Sustainable Design & Maint. ** recertification credit classes
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	_____ 2A **Adv. Clinic Techniques _____ 2B Gardens for Wildlife _____ 2C **Rain Gardens , Part 1* _____ 2D **Low-input shrubs ** recertification credit classes	_____ 5A **Nitrogen from Cover Crops _____ 5B Organic Land Care _____ 5C **Invasive Plants _____ 5D A Horticultural Case Book _____ 5E **Campus Tree Tour ** recertification credit classes
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	_____ 3A **Rain Gardens , Part 2 _____ 3B **Current Challenges Bees _____ 3C **The Ageless Garden _____ 3D Thyme Garden Tour:\$25 fee Please include an extra check (if paying by check) in memo write <i>Thyme Garden Tour</i> ** recertification credit classes	_____ 6A Special Session **The Truth About Organic Gardening ** recertification credit classes

Interested in attending a Saturday, July 31st workshop or tour?

If you plan to attend one of these workshops or tours, please include a second check made payable to: *OMGA MC Workshop* with fee as indicated below. If the workshop is full, your check will be returned to you. Please indicate a first and second choice (1 & 2) in the blank before the workshop/tour.

- 9:00 am – Noon
- _____ Tour 1: Peek inside a Bee Hive No Charge
 - _____ Tour 2: Wildflower Walk on Mary's Peak \$5 Pass purchased at trailhead
 - _____ Tour 3: Organic Growers Club Farm No Charge
 - _____ Workshop 1: Herbal Teas from Backyard to Teapot \$15.00

General Information

Silent Auction

CH2M Hill Alumni Center–Hallway

Thursday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 1:30 pm Bidding Ends

A list of items and top bidders will be posted at 3:00 pm, Friday, in the Alumni Center lobby. Top bidders may pick up their merchandise Friday, between **3:00 and 5:15 pm**, or immediately following the banquet that evening.

Bookstore, CH2M Hill Alumni Center–Johnson Lounge

Ten percent of the purchases go to support OMGA. Bookstore hours:

Wednesday, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Thursday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

OMGA Chapter Displays & History, CH2M Hill Alumni Center–Lobby & Living Room

Browse individual chapter displays throughout the conference. Vote for your favorite display. Displays will be judged Friday morning. Chapter and statewide albums will be in the living room.

Set up: Wednesday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Breakdown: Friday, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

OSU Master Gardener Chapter Sales CH2M Hill Alumni Center

A variety of items will be available for purchase.

Send a Friend Donation

You can help send a friend (even someone whom you haven't met yet!) to Mini-College on scholarship. Your tax deductible donation to the Mini College Scholarship Fund can make it possible for an OSU Master Gardener to participate who otherwise would not be able to. Please fill out the amount of your contribution towards the *Send A Friend To Mini-College Scholarship Fund*, in the space provided on the Registration Form.

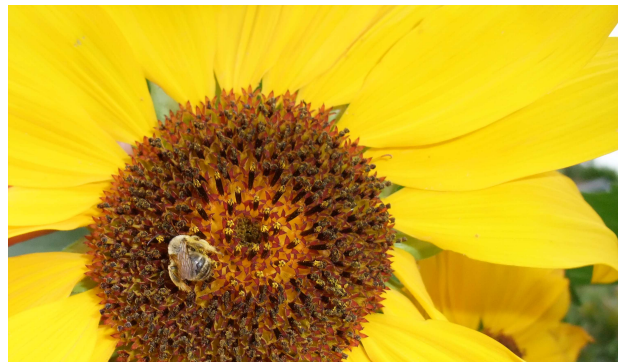
Additional Activities

These activities are not associated with the Gardeners Mini-College. However, they may be of interest to attendees, and are thus listed for informational purposes.

33rd Annual Historic Tour of Homes and Gardens, Saturday, July 31st, from 11am–5pm. Take a trip down memory lane while touring through several historic homes & buildings in Albany, OR – a mere 20 minutes from the Alumni Center. Horse drawn wagon, vintage trolley, refreshments & entertainment are included in the \$10 ticket price. Tickets may be purchased from the Albany Visitor's Association on the day of the event, at 250 Broadalbin SW, #110, Albany, OR. For more information, call 541-928-0911.

Dixon Recreation Center: The Dixon Rec Center, located 2 blocks north of the Alumni Center, has world class swimming and workout facilities. On your registration form, please indicate if you plan on using the Dixon Recreation Center, as the center is not open to the general public. You will need to pay at the center for daily use.

Corvallis Farmers' Market: Saturday, July 31st, 9:00 am– 1:00 pm. Enjoy browsing booths filled with wonderful locally grown produce, home-made jams and honey, breads and baked goods, fresh-cut flowers, home-grown meat and poultry, and hand-made crafts. A variety of local performers and street musicians come out to entertain. Located on 1st & Jackson in downtown Corvallis, on the north end of the Riverfront. <http://www.locallygrown.org/index.html>



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JUNE

- 5** Klamath County Spring Fair
19 High Desert Treasures, Wasco County
Garden Tour
Spade & Wade Garden Tour & Plant Sale,
Tillamook County
27 McMinnville Garden Club Tour & Faire

JULY

- 10** Washington County Open Gardens Event
28-31 Mini-College, OSU, Corvallis

AUGUST

- 21** Coastal Garden & Art Tour, Curry County

SEPTEMBER

- 11** Polk County Fall Fling Gardening Festival

OCTOBER

- 2** Lane County Fall Garden Festival

GARDENER'S PEN GOES DIGITAL

Please Note: The September issue of the OMGA Gardener's Pen will be sent via e-mail link to members with e-mail addresses. Please make sure your e-mail address is up-to-date. This will greatly reduce printing and mailing costs. Members without e-mail will receive a printed copy through the mail. If you have any questions, please contact OMGA President Tamm Martin at tamm@hammondnet.com.

OMGA 2010 Meetings

DATE	Meeting	Location
June 5	Quarterly	The Dalles, Wasco County
July 27	Excutive	Corvallis, Mini-College
July 28	Quarterly	Corvallis, Mini-College
October 2	Executive	TBA
November 6	Quarterly	Beaverton, Washington County