



July 2023 Calendar

Mon., July 3, 10:00

Insect Committee

Tues., July 4, 8:30-11:30

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

INDEPENDENCE DAY 🇺🇸

Tues., July 11, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Mon., July 17, 10:00

Insect Committee

Tues., July 18, 9-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Tues., July 25, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden Crew

Discovery Garden Workday

Thurs., July 27, 10:00

Chapter Meeting/Potluck at home of Dawnetta Loomis



The Prez Sez...

Sometimes it's fun to look back on the "good old days"! I've been thumbing through our old Newsletters and decided it's time for a few re-runs:

**COURT HOUSE ELM WILL BE HONORED** (March 1999) by Bill Anderson

The famous Courthouse Elm tree is about to become more famous. It has been designated an official Oregon Heritage Tree by the Oregon Heritage Tree Program and will be added to the growing list of such trees. Last summer the DCMG chapter voted to nominate the tree for consideration as a heritage tree. DC Master Gardeners have spent several years researching the age, history and identity of the tree. This was one of the first projects of the Horticulture Identification Committee. We have traced the age of the tree and found it is at least 100 years old. The tree was a gift to Douglas County from Binger Hermann, former U.S. Congressman and Commissioner of the National Land Office. The tree has been positively identified as an American Elm.

A ceremony will be held on the Courthouse steps at noon, Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at which time the representatives of the Heritage Tree Program will present a large plaque to the County Commissioners. The featured speaker will be former Oregon Legislator, Bill Markham, of Riddle. Since this is the culmination of a MG project, as many Master Gardeners as possible are urged to attend.

**RED ONION RELISH** (January 2001) by Pat Vaughn

- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 3 large red onions (about 1.5#) peeled and thinly sliced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 TBS sugar
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup raspberry vinegar

Heat the olive oil in a 5 qt. saucepan over medium heat. When oil is hot, add the onions and season with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring often, until tender, about 15 minutes.

Remove the saucepan from the heat. Add the sugar and stir to dissolve. Add the cranberries and the raspberry vinegar and stir to combine.

Transfer the relish to a 1 qt. container, cool to room temperature. Cover, refrigerate for at least 24 hours before serving.

**ALL I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE I LEARNED IN MY GARDEN**

*(October 1998) author unknown*

Weed out all the annoyances of your life.  
We've all got our own rows to hoe.  
Stay away from seedy characters.  
Always call a spade a spade.  
You always reap what you sow.  
It's OK to be a late bloomer.  
The plot thickens when it rains.  
Weeds never sleep.  
One man's garbage is another man's compost.  
Always try to be outstanding in your field.  
Keep your hands off your neighbor's peonies.  
Sow your wild oats with care.  
Some problems are perennial.  
It's best to keep mum about certain subjects.  
A little manure goes a long way.  
People with lawns have mow fun.  
There are some things better left unfertilized.  
There is nothing more refreshing than a morning shower.

and finally, a **HOUSEHOLD HINT** from July 1999

*A styrofoam cooler is great for soaking your feet. It retains heat much longer than a basin.*

That's all for this month. Stay cool, fly your flag, and have a great Independence Day. See you in the garden! Julie



Shared by Barbara Robinson

**Treasurer's Report**

5/26/23 - 06/28/23

Dawnetta Loomis

**INCOME**

Contribution	\$150.00
Soil Testing	\$50.00
Trash to Treasure	\$5,410.03
Interest	\$73.68
Compost Tea	<u>\$158.00</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$5,841.71**

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Waddington Memorial	\$328.00
Discovery Garden	\$24.12
HLC	\$483.81
Utilities	\$556.74
Plant Sale	\$723.28
Trash to Treasure	<u>\$336.99</u>

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

**\$2,452.94**

**Breakdown of our accounts at 06/27/23**

NWCC - Checking	\$5,069.01
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,012.81
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$76,635.42
NWCC - Charles Schwab	\$71,111.80
NWCC - 6 Month CD	<u>\$17,813.49</u>

**Ending Balance**

**\$175,642.53**



Shared by Kish Doyle

## Swinger Bar Report Kay Livermore



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sign up. The Plant Clinic is where we give service as part of our Master Gardener obligation to our community. Please try to volunteer your expertise at least once a month to help out in this important outreach program. The Plant Clinic is a great way to promote our Master Gardener Program and encourage sustainable gardening in Douglas County. And it lots of FUN!!

### Where's This Tomato Plant Contest Fred Alley



While watering some plants at the Discovery Garden, I found this little, lonely tomato plant. So here's the deal - the first MG to identify to me where this tomato plant is hiding in the DG will receive a free garden hand tool sharpening.



"Bumble Butt" - photo by Janet Bitter



The Pondo Cliff *Crassula streyi* *Toelken* succulent comes from South Africa. It is a rather larger succulent than most that you might see.

What attracted me to this one was the sheer beauty of the color of the leaves. The underside of the leaves are a crimson/red coloring, which you usually don't see in many succulents. Another thing that caught my eye about this plant was the size of the leaves. They are several inches long and have tiny dots on each of the leaves. These tiny dots are called hydrathodes and they secrete water through their pores in the epidermis or leaf margins. (Remember John PUNCHES and his talks on leaves?)

Being a subtropical plant from South Africa, it can take quite awhile in between watering. The Pondo Cliff is a slow growing plant that can grow from 8 to 14 inches tall. In the spring it will flower with a range of colors from yellow to green.



This succulent will do quite well outside in the hot summer months, but it is not frost hardy. When temperatures drop to 50 degrees, it should be brought in and put in a sunny location. If you live in a place that is much cooler, then it's best to have this plant as a houseplant. You would do best to select a nice sunny location for this plant. Without the sun this plant will not have the growth, nor will it bloom. Another thing that is recommended with this plant is to get a ceramic pot and not a terra cotta pot or plastic pots.

Like many succulents, you give it the necessary water it needs in the spring to summer months, watering when dry to the touch. Starting in the winter months it's going into dormancy where it will need very little watering. Depending on your home it might only need watering once a month or longer. Like other succulents,

overwatering this Pondo Cliff will cause root rot and invite fungal diseases. Watch for mealy bugs and aphids. One simple fix for these critters when you see them is mixing up a solution of 70% rubbing alcohol and water. Do a mix of 1/2 and 1/2 of each. Spray the entire plant. It will not hurt the plant. Never let any succulent sit in water. Dump out any water that may be sitting on the tray underneath the plant.

I am looking forward to watching my Pondo Cliff for the next year and see what it might do and how much it will grow, waiting for the blooms in the early spring.

Until then when I will see you in the garden.

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## Cement Planters Donated

Jeanie Owen

A big "thank-you" goes out to Vicki McAlister and Lupe who donated two beautiful cement planters to the Easy Access Garden. We moved them June 19 and each weighed about 160 pounds! Rod and Becky Carlson, Jan Turley, and Dave and Jeanie Owen got them loaded on to Rod and Becky's trailer, and then moved them to the Discovery Garden. Luckily Steve Hart and Ray Warren we're working at the Westside Greenhouse and came over to help get them moved over the gravel path to the Easy Access Garden.



# Trash to Treasure Sale

Photos by Ann Severson and Fred Alley



## Trash to Treasure Sale

### Donation Guidelines

#### What we **DO** accept:

All household items, kitchen, linens, coats, sports, tools, books, toys, games, puzzles, jewelry, electronics, business, decorations, camping/fishing/outdoors, CD's, records, collectibles, healthy plants.

#### What we **DO NOT** accept:

Baby furniture (car seats, etc.) food, clothing, shoes, mattresses, old TV sets, old computers, wine glasses, exercise equipment, VHS and cassette tapes, coffee cups, travel mugs.



Visitor found in the Rock Garden - Photo by Nancy Fuller



### Fred's Fav's



## JULY GARDEN CALENDAR



### Maintenance and clean up

- If you want a green lawn, water frequently during periods of heat and drought stress. Irrigate a quarter inch, four to six times per week, from June through August. Measure your water use by placing an empty tuna can where your irrigation water lands.
- Mound soil up around the base of your potato plants. Gather and eat a few "new" potatoes from each hill when plants begin to flower.
- To reduce evaporation, water vegetable and flower gardens in the early morning. Water the soil rather than leaves to reduce disease. Water deeply and infrequently to encourage root growth.
- Pay careful attention to watering and feeding hanging baskets of flowers or vegetable plantings during extended periods of hot weather.
- Weed and fertilize rhubarb and asparagus beds. A mulch of compost or rotted cow manure works well as fertilizer. Water deeply to develop crowns for next year.
- Mulch with paper, plastic, sawdust, etc. to conserve soil moisture.
- Stake tall-growing flowering plants such as delphinium, hollyhocks, and lupine. Stake tomatoes as necessary.
- Make compost of lawn clippings and garden plants that are ready to be recycled. Do not use clippings if lawn has been treated with herbicide, including "weed-and-feed" products. Do not compost diseased plants unless you are using the "hot compost" method (120 degrees to 150 degrees F).

### Planting and propagation

- Beets, bush beans, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, lettuce, kale and peas planted in midsummer provide fall and winter crops.
- Dig spring bulbs when tops have died down; divide and store or replant.

### Pest Monitoring and Management

- Control hollyhock rust by sanitation, picking affected leaves, or spraying with a registered fungicide. Read and follow label directions.
- Watch for cutworm damage in garden. In July, climbing cutworms become a problem and large portions of foliage will begin to disappear on established plants. Use barriers, remove by hand, use beneficial nematodes when soil temperature is above 55 degrees F, or spray with Bt-k according to label directions. Spider mites can become a problem on ornamental plants, vegetables, and fruit plants during hot, dry weather. Watch for dusty-looking foliage, loss of color, and presence of tiny mites. Wash infested areas with water or spray with appropriate pesticides. Continue monitoring raspberry, blackberry, blueberry, cherry and other plants that produce soft fruits and berries for spotted wing drosophila. If the fly is present, use an integrated and least-toxic approach to manage the pests. Learn how to monitor for drosophila flies and larval infestations in fruit.
- Late July: Begin to monitor for early and late blight on tomatoes. Correct by pruning for air circulation, picking off affected leaves, and/or treat with approved fungicide.
- Mid-July: Spray filbert trees for filbert worm, as necessary. Spray peach and prune trees for peach tree borer, and peach twig borer, as necessary. Third spray for codling moth in apple and pear trees, as necessary.
- Cover blueberry bushes with netting to keep birds from eating the entire crop.
- Monitor camellias, holly, and maple trees for scale insects. Treat if necessary.
- Monitor rhododendrons for adult root weevils. Look for fresh evidence of feeding (notching). Try sticky trap products on plant trunks to trap adult weevils. Manage root weevils with beneficial nematodes (if soil temperature is above 55 degrees F). If root weevils are a consistent problem, consider removing plants and choosing resistant varieties.

Finally, take care of yourself. Work outside during the cooler hours of the day to survive the heat and make sure you drink plenty of water. If you'll be doing a lot of weeding, put down a padded cushion to kneel on or bring a small stool along. There is a lot to keep up with, but it is well worth it when you get to proudly enjoy the fruits and vegetables of your labor!

## DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting at residence of Laura Corder  
June 29, 2023

*Laura next to her favorite - a  
Weeping Purple Beech  
Photo: Fred Alley*



Laura gave us a brief history of her beautiful, riverside home. She and her husband bought the property in 2011, redid the inside down to the studs, took most of the tall trees out, and put in an irrigation system for the lawn. Laura became interested in landscape design through MG Kathy McIntyre who helped her in design. She will be taking out more and more turf, replacing it with shrubs and trees. Laura passed out a photo book showing before and after shots.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:13. There were 32 in attendance including President Julie Stanbery, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis, Past President Nancy Fuller and Secretary Bonnie Courter.

**Agenda Approval:** The agenda was approved as posted.

**Minutes Approval:** The minutes were approved as posted.

**Introduction of Guests:** Kathy McIntyre (1994) was present, who, along with her husband, George, were instrumental in creating the Japanese Garden. Judith Mercer (2008) was present who used to run the Plant Clinic and was Fred Alley's mentor. Barbara Horst, Linda Thames, and Kay Barrett (Ed's wife) came as well.

The new 4H agent, Kelly Simonson, couldn't be present but hopes to get acquainted with us in the future.

## OFFICER REPORTS

### **Past President - Nancy Fuller:**

She saw a tiny flower that she hasn't seen in 4 years called Scarlet Pimpernel. Though considered a weed, Nancy enjoys it in her yard.



### **Membership - Kay Livermore:**

Not present. No report.

**OMGA - Barbie Hamby:** Barbie & Patrice Sipos were not present - their report:

### 2023 DCMG 2nd QUARTER REPORT TO OMGA

Annual Plant Sale: DCMG held its annual Plant Sale May 6, 2023, and it was a success! Thousands of plants were sold to more than 1,400 visitors, grossing more than \$43,300. Kudos to all who volunteered their time and shared their expertise.

Membership News: There are 214 members in our chapter. We have many trainees from our 2022 session who have completed their 60 payback hours. Several others have also earned new swinger bars, notably one who has volunteered 500 hours, another 3,500 hours and yet another 5,000. Congratulations to all.

Fall Training Session: Planning continues to be underway for our eight-week fall training session, which begins September 5, 2023. It will be limited to 27 students, with three students per mentor.

Plant Clinic: The Plant Clinic has had more than 70 visitors in April through emails, phone calls, and walk-in visitors with questions about how to plan their gardens and landscapes, concerns about diagnosing plant problems, and identifying insects. With the weather warming up (finally), we anticipate many more gardening inquiries.

Soil Testing Lab: DCMG's Soil Lab has a new home and new equipment to make soil testing more efficient. In 2022, there were 31 soil tests done. So far in 2023, 56 tests have been completed. The soil lab facilities were moved from a tiny office space in the Extension Office to a remodeled and larger lab at the Discovery Garden, thanks to the work of volunteers and their families.



Discovery Garden and Victory Garden: The Discovery Garden is alive and all abloom with an array of plants and beautiful colors. The “weed control committee” is very busy trying to keep the bittercress under control, along with the other weeds.

The Victory Garden has radishes, carrots, beets and peas coming up. Volunteers have started planting tomatoes, peppers and other warm season crops.

Community Outreach: DCMG hosted a booth at the Umpqua Community College Earth Day Resource Fair where 21 students and faculty planted morning glory seeds in recycled newspaper pots and fielded gardening questions.

Other activities DCMG led were: creating hanging baskets with a group from a local assisted living facility; had a representative give an overview of the DCMG at a meeting of the Optimist Club; and offered tips to the Umpqua Valley Boys & Girls Club about outdoor raised beds and ideas about future gardening activities this summer for interested students.

DCMG’s MG Program Coordinator and a Master Gardener are developing a list of programs to be presented this summer to all eight granges in Douglas County. Possible topics include native plants, water-wise gardening, and pollinators.

The next OMGA meeting will be held at the Hilton Inn in Corvallis on Thursday, July 6, of the Joy of Gardening Conference.

**Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis:** Waddington Funds were transferred to Charles Schwab and the money market has been closed. We received \$200 from BottleDrop, and got \$30 from Amazon which will be the last. We still have that Fred Meyer account, so please be encouraged to use it.

**Vice-President - Diana Woodward:** The next chapter meeting/potluck will be at Dawnetta’s on July 27. Homemade pizza is definitely on the menu as well!

**President - Julie Stanbery:**

- The fire danger level goes up to “high” today. That means restricted use of power saws, welding,

grinding, mowing, trimming, to before 10:00 AM or after 8:00 PM. Don’t park on the grass at HLC.

- The trailer parked by Helleck Hall is unauthorized to be there. If you see things like that, tell Julie - they’re hooking up to the electricity. (Even though paid by the Parks Department, the old wiring to the hall is worrisome.)
- Statewide MG presentations to replace Gail Langellotto are going on. The two sessions are being recorded and will be available by Friday to view. MG comments and evaluations are due by July 5. Everyone is encouraged to view them.
- Julie received an email from Sam Angima, Associate Dean for Extension, with some good news that the Legislature approved funding for MG Coordinator positions in Tillamook, Clatsop, Linn, Benton and Douglas Counties. Meanwhile, Dr. Brooke Edmunds will be interim Statewide MG Coordinator while completing the search for a permanent coordinator.

**MG Program Coordinator - Logan Bennett:**

- He is helping start the “Pavilion Series” which will take place July 20 at the Discovery Garden on home vegetable gardening and how to increase yields. August will be a xeriscape class. September and October are to be still determined. These sessions are free and open to the public, and will be held the third Thursday of each month, 10-12pm.
- We are partnering with the Douglas County SWCD and the USFW to install a barrier strip of native plants along the edge of the Discovery garden that borders the hay field. We are doing this for several reasons: It allows a new place for pollinators to inhabit in the Discovery Garden, it provides another educational tool for the Master Gardeners on native plantings, and it will also serve as a filter for any runoff that comes from the compost piles in the winter. We are planning to make a hill along the edge of the composting area to plant in. This will allow us to have a more successful planting.
- He also has some livestock classes coming up.
- We now have funds for a Horticulture Agent position, so they will be recruiting in the fall.
- Logan encouraged everyone to check out the recorded interviews of the two candidates for Statewide MG Coordinator. MG input is very crucial in the selection process.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Blue Bags - Dawn Shumack:** MG's turned in 24 bags this month, and she has bags to give out.

**Community Outreach - Dawn Shumack:** Cheryl was not present - Dawn gave her report:

### June presentations:

- Completed 2 of 8 classes at the Umpqua Valley Boys & Girls Gardening Club: topics were
  - Compare & contrast of Broomcorn (sorghum) and corn, plus an herb senses game
  - All About Roots – planting radishes, making radish mice, tasting different root veggies
- 2<sup>nd</sup> presentation to the Secret Wine Club with Leo Grass and Dawn Shumack; topics were 4-legged pests & insect bio-controls
- Cheryl met with Erin Maidlow, director of the Umpqua Valley Farm to School project. The organization builds and manages garden beds in schools around the county. One way DCMG could partner with them is helping students learn to maintain the beds, especially in the Yoncalla, Oakland, Myrtle Creek & Riddle sites.

### Upcoming:

- 6 more Wednesday afternoon classes to the gardening group at the Boys & Girls Club of Umpqua Valley. Could use one more instructor for an August date. Big thank you to Ann Severson for taking on August 9<sup>th</sup> to do a hands-on class with fun information about succulents!
- July presentation to the Secret Wine Club third Sunday in July 5:00

### Reminder:

Cheryl Caplan & Dawn Shumack would like to know who has a program ready to share with a group along with information on any presentations you are giving as a Master Gardener. While there is a place to note the outreach on the back of your monthly timesheet, we also keep a spreadsheet of all the presentations to make the end-of-year reporting go more easily.

### **Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:**

- Most water valve problems have been solved. Dave Hopkins fixed the Umpqua Basin leak, a plumber put new valves on the two storage tanks. The smaller

storage tank by the Children's Garden is working out very well.

- Leaving doors and gates open that we use continues to be a problem. It's really important to lock things up when you leave. Patrice Glasscock said she recently found the soils lab left open with lights still on.
- Dave Hopkins is training Larry Rich to help with irrigation repairs. Watering will be done on Mondays and Thursdays, 1.5 hours at a time.

### **Facebook - Barbara Horst:**

Here's the report for the last 28 days:

Facebook reach - 2,313 people

Followers - 2,459

Most popular posts:

Trash to Treasures - 2,700

Fred's photos of the Discovery Garden - 1,100

Planting with the Connections group - 576

Snails & Slugs poster - 834

**Fair Booth - Chris Rusch:** Not present - her report:

It's coming up to Douglas County Fair time! We need your help! The Douglas County Extension and our Master Gardeners will staff an outreach booth. Responsibilities include talking with the public about our program and answering gardening questions. We are looking for 2 volunteers per shift. A free ticket to the Fair for each volunteer is included!

### **Douglas County Fair Shifts:**

Dates: August 9, 10, 11 and 12

Shift times: 10:30-1; 1-4; and 4-7:30

If you are interested in helping, please send me an email with the date and shift time you are available. Thanks! [crusch3837@gmail.com](mailto:crusch3837@gmail.com)

**Farmer's Market - Sylvia Andino:** She and Christian staff the booth on Saturdays, 9:00-1:00. They need someone to fill in for July 8. The most popular handouts are the vegetable planting dates guide brochure. The OSU temporary tattoos for kids are very popular too.

**Greenhouse East - Ann Severson:** They are busy propagating and have 4 trays of new varieties of sedums. Chuck Goodin is helping Ann and being trained.

**Greenhouse West - Carol Bolt:**

We've had about 10 people working each week, cutting, cleaning, and planting starts. We're running out of room, but the expansion to the west is coming along. Gravel is now down along with the posts, so within a month we should have it completed. We will start at 8:30 this coming Tuesday as it will be warm.

**Hallmark - Linda Thames:** She sent a card to Kish Doyle who had her second hip replacement surgery. Linda also ran into Jackie Carpenter at a book sale - she looks wonderful! After her last chemo, it showed a 30% reduction in her tumors. She has a very positive outlook even though it is a terminal disease. Linda says it was so uplifting to visit with her.

**Insect Committee - Diana Woodward:** They didn't meet June 19th because of the holiday, but will meet July 3 since Extension will be open on Monday, though closed Tuesday for the 4th.

**MG Training Class - Patrice Glasscock :** They have 28 people on the interest list and all have been contacted. Next week a letter and application will be sent out to those definitely interested. When the Fair is over, they will start interviews. Mentors are all in place. They are busy updating homework and test answers as the new books just came in.

**Newsletter - Bonnie Courter:** Submissions are due Saturday, July 1.

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Julie wondered if we should consider an online signup for the clinic as we used for the Plant Sale. A consensus felt that would be a good idea.

**Publicity - Cheryl Caplan:** Not present - Dawn Shumack gave her report:

- Posted an event notice in Facebook about the July summer class in the Discovery Garden.
- Will issue a notice to the radio station and newspaper closer to the date along with fun Facebook posts.

**Soils - Patrice Glasscock:** 82 tests have been done already this year, far exceeding last year at this time.

**Swinger Bars - Kay Livermore:** Not present - her report:

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**Trash to Treasurers - Ann Severson:** Thanks to everyone who helped. We made more than \$5000. She



is starting to take donations for next year for small stuff only. Ann then handed out American flags and had MG's hold up a large flag, where

upon she commenced to sing, "You're a Grand Old Flag" as promised if we met our goal. Everyone joined right along, and we enjoyed a very patriotic moment. 🇺🇸

### Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka:

The Victory Garden is growing nicely. This Tuesday we harvested the first of the zucchini and cucumbers, along with cabbage, peas, radishes and rhubarb. As of last week, the garden has donated 451 pounds of produce from both the garden and MG's home gardens. Any MG who has a surplus of produce from their garden can bring it to the Victory Garden on our workday in the morning. We will gladly take it to UCAN for you. We are still fighting a gopher problem.

Last week as we were ending our work day, a couple came into the Victory Garden to take a look around. They were amazed at what we do and gave us a \$5 donation.

Also this week, a couple by the name of Tom and Tami Tucker stopped by asking if any MG might be able to help them with their property. They have just moved into a 20-year-old home and the outside has been badly neglected for about 3 years. The plants are very overgrown and they need assistance of what to keep, what to take out and what to prune. They live on the river, not far from the Discovery Garden. They are willing to pay for help if need be. Their address is 240 Stinger Lane. Contact Tami at 734-678-8728.

**OLD BUSINESS - Bylaws vote:** The present Bylaws state, "The Treasurer shall provide a report of all financial transactions and of the financial condition of the Chapter at each regular meeting".

Proposed change: from each regular meeting to "at each Executive Board meeting". Kish Doyle made a motion to approve the change. Patrice Glasscock

seconded, and the vote was unanimous. The Bylaws will be revised accordingly.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Additional funds for soils committee:** The committee underestimated how much money would be needed for supplies due to the increase in soil testing. They are short \$214 to complete tests and get through the Fall. A motion was made to add \$300 to their budget. Judy Mercer so moved, Janet Parkerson seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

### Nomination of Officers:

We still need a volunteer to be Alternate OMGA Rep to team up with Patrice Sipos. We also have an opening for a Hospitality Chairperson. Barbie Hamby is stepping down. You can always team up with someone.

Nancy Fuller presented the slate of officers: President Julie Stanbery, Vice-President Diana Woodward, Secretary Bonnie Courter, Membership Kay Livermore, OMGA Rep Patrice Sipos, and Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis. Joy Keeling made a motion to accept the slate of officers, Toni Rudolph seconded. The slate will be put into the next Newsletter, and will be voted on at the July chapter meeting.

### SHOW AND TELL

Andrea Collins, working in the Plant Clinic with Leo Grass, needed to identify a weed growing alongside her driveway. They identified it as Western Sticktight (or Beggar's Lice) from pg. 204 in Weeds of the West. She brought a sample to show. Julie Stanbery also brought samples of the weed, Shiny Geranium, that's been found in the Rock Garden.

There is a Koi Pond Tour, from 9:00-5:00 on Saturday July 1. Tickets are \$5.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

There will be no Executive Board meeting in July.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:24. Potluck followed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Courter, Secretary

## VIEWS FROM THE CHAPTER MEETING SINGING WATERS LANE



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

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