



## Oct. 2023 Calendar

### Mon., Oct. 2

Insect Committee (10:00)  
Greenhouse Crews (9-12)

### Tues., Oct. 3

FTC (8:30-4:00)  
Victory Garden Crew (9-12)

### Sat., Oct. 7, 9-12

Eastside Greenhouse w/Ann

### Mon., Oct. 9, 9-12

Greenhouse Crews

### Tues., Oct. 10

FTC (8:30-4:00)  
Victory Garden Crew (9-12)

### Wed., Oct. 11, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting, Annex

### Sat., Oct. 14

Soils Class, HLC (10-11:30)  
Eastside Greenhouse w/Ann (9-12)

### Mon., Oct. 16

Insect Committee (10:00)  
Greenhouse Crews (9-12)

### Tues., Oct. 17

FTC (8:30-4:00)  
Victory Garden Crew (9-12)

### Thurs., Oct. 19, 10-12

Garlic Class, HLC

### Sat., Oct. 21, 9:00-12:00

Eastside Greenhouse w/Ann

### Mon., Oct. 23, 9-12

Greenhouse Crews

### Tues., Oct. 24, 10:00-3:00

**Last day FTC, Field Test HLC 10:00**  
**Final Exam Review, Graduation,**  
**Annex 12:00**

### Thurs., Oct. 26

Continuing Education (9:00)  
Chapter Meeting (10:00)

### Sat., Oct. 28, 9-12

Eastside Greenhouse w/Ann

### Tues., Oct. 31, 9-12

Greenhouse Crews  
Victory Garden Crew



## The Prez Sez...

Can you believe it's been 5 years since we've introduced a new Vice-President? It seems just like yesterday...

Diana Woodward (MG 2018) and Andrea Collins (MG 2022) both have interesting and varied backgrounds. Yet our past and present VP's have two things very much in common. The first is the fact that they both accepted the challenge of joining the Executive Board their first year as Master Gardeners.



The second is their love of fruit trees and desire to gather knowledge so that they could have successful home orchards.

Diana has been a Pacific Northwest girl most of her life. After her Dad, who was an electrical welding engineer, was transferred to Seattle from Ohio, she graduated from high school in Bellevue and went on to Western Washington State in Bellingham where she met her husband. Married in 1974, they moved to northern California to make redwood burl tables and furniture.

By the early 80's Marc and Diana found their niche in Kirkland, Washington. Marc built custom computers for programmers and graphic designers at Microsoft. After a time, they decided to move their three young children from the big city and settled in Elkton, Oregon. In the third chapter of their careers, they both have 17 years of success as realtors in Douglas County.

Diana's introduction to the Master Gardener program was the \$3 "Liberty" apple tree she purchased at our plant sale. Having moved to Wilbur, with room for a large orchard, her desire was to learn all she could about fruit trees. As a result of her 5 years of training with Steve Renquist and a great deal of advance learning, she has volunteered to lead our winter fruit tree pruning classes!

Andrea (pronounced on-drey-a) is a retired physical therapist who took her training at Loma Linda University in California. Although she is a **not** a "blonde California girl" who was raised in San Diego, she considers herself an Oregonian at heart. Andrea's husband, Sam, finished his training as Physician Assistant and is now working in Roseburg.

Andrea has 3 fruit trees - a pear, a fig and an apple which are the base for her future fruit tree orchard. With the help of her semi-feral cat, she enjoys canning and drying fruit from her trees. A flock of chickens will be the next addition to the home garden.

When asked how she came to be an MG, she said upon her retirement, her husband signed her up to give her something to do. What he couldn't know was how much she would enjoy the members and how persuasive I can be when finding the right person to join our leadership team!

As a first year MG, Andrea finds she is learning all the time. Being a mentor in her second year is a great way to refresh all of the instruction she took in last year.

Thanks much to both of these dedicated volunteers; past and present Vice-Prez, and good friends to us all.

*Julie*

## Vice-President's Report

Andrea Collins

Our next Continuing Education will be on Thursday, October 26th, at 9AM, in the Extension office auditorium. Our speaker will be Bruce Gravens with a one hour talk on garlic: when to plant, where to plant, what to plant, rotating, fertilizing, harvesting and everything else we can ask questions about. If you are thinking about growing garlic this fall, come and see how on the 26th.

For those of you who cannot make it, but still need education hours, here is the 2023 OSU Level Up Series link: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series-2023>

## Swinger Bar Report

Kay Livermore



Members who have swinger bar updates for July:

- One 2022 trainee completed his 60 payback hours.
- 60 hours: Scott Damschen
- 100 hours: Andrea Collins, Gerry Crane
- 300 hours: Gloria Cettina
- 400 hours: Cheryl Caplan
- 500 hours: Ed Barrett
- 750 hours: Roselle Benesh
- 3000 hours: Ann Severson

## Treasurer's Report

Dawnetta Loomis  
09/01/23-09/30/23

### INCOME

Soil Testing \$60.00  
Plant Sale Post \$1,131.75

**TOTAL INCOME \$1,191.75**

### EXPENSES

Management & General \$174.70  
Discovery Garden \$544.09  
HLC \$1,170.93  
Utilities \$394.05  
Community Outreach \$32.45

**TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,316.22**

### Breakdown of our accounts at 09/30/23

NWCC - Checking \$3,822.42  
NWCC - Reserve \$5,013.44  
NWCC - MMK Savings \$73,160.08  
Charles Schwab \$72,370.87  
NWCC - 6 Month CD \$17,861.24

**Ending Balance \$172,228.05**

Shared by: K. Doyle

BUY A PLANT ON DAYS  
THAT START WITH "T"

LIKE TUESDAY & THURSDAY  
TODAY & TOMORROW  
THATURDAY & THUNDAY



## “YARD CLIPPINGS” GATHERINGS OF THIS AND THAT

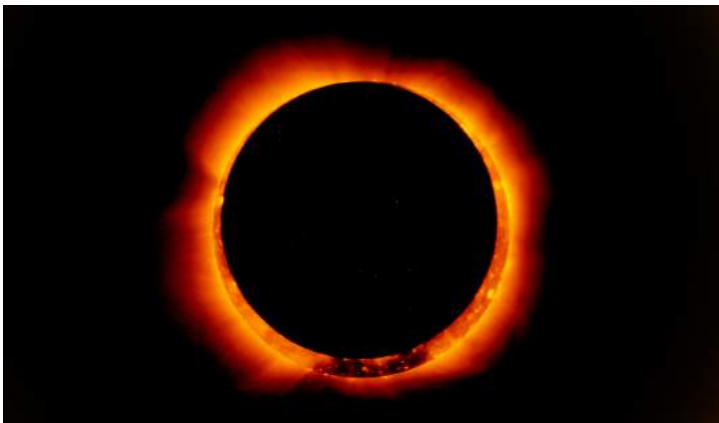
### KARIN SEDER

September 12, before the class came over to the pavilion, we had this visitor. He roamed through the Westside and Eastside greenhouses, took a lap around the Victory Garden and then headed into the Discovery Garden. The last I saw of him, he ducked under the structure in the Japanese garden.



October 14 – a big day for our solar system! There is lots happening on October 14, and whether you are out at the Discovery Garden or at home in the Roseburg area, you won't be able to avoid this special event – the Annular Solar Eclipse. For only four and a half minutes the moon's shadow will almost cover the sun, creating a “Ring of Fire”. It begins for us at around 8:10 AM with a partial eclipse, peaking at 9:17 and ending at 10:41. Douglas County is a prime viewing area, as long as the weather does not interfere!

During an annular solar eclipse, the apparent size of the moon's disk is slightly smaller than the apparent size of the sun's disk. Therefore, only the outer edge of the sun remains visible and the sun appears as a brilliant ring. This is an otherworldly sight often called a “**ring of fire**”.



Please be prepared ahead of this event with special eclipse viewing glasses (available at BiMart or online). For maps of the path and more information, visit: <https://www.greatamericaneclipse.com/oregon-2023-eclipse>



### DAWN SHUMACK

**Blue Bags:** To date for September there have been 23 bags delivered to the Bottle Drop. Please let me know if your supply of blue bags needs restocked. You can also find bags in the Green Shed at the Discovery Garden. They are located in a wooden box on the wall to the right as you enter the shed.

The Bottle Drop is located at 740 NE Garden Valley Blvd., just before Coastal Farm Store. No need to go into the store, as there is a drop off door open from 6:00AM to 10:00PM. Just scan the label on the bag, open the door & throw the bag in. If you have trouble getting the label on the bag to scan, I will be happy to give you a laminated label that seems to work well.



**Hallmark:** Thank you to Linda Thames for entrusting me to carry on her Hallmark legacy! To date for September, cards were sent to Janet Parkerson and Kathy Shayler for health-related concerns, and to Barbara Zastrow for the passing of her mother. If you know of anyone in our Master Gardener family that could use a card of any sort, please let me know by email, text or phone.



**Vermicomposting:** Thank you to Nathan Bailey and Elva Sellens for your patience while passing the baton to me and answering my many questions about the vermicomposting and compost tea processes. You haven't heard the last of me yet! That being said, I'm already looking for someone to share this adventure with. Please let me know if you think you might be interested.



For the winter, I'm looking forward to the worms being productive so we have a good quality/quantity of compost for the tea come April. Kitchen scraps are always needed

and welcomed! Please set them just inside one of the worm bins in a sealed container or bag. Over the past few years, many new varieties of Jade plants have been introduced. So, let's get the skinny on them so we all can enjoy them for years to come.

Jade plants are part of the *Crassula* species with over 200 varieties, from every shape, color and size. It is said that having a Jade plant in your home brings good luck. (Wonder what it means when you kill it?) Like many plants it has several different names, such as, money plant, lucky plant and dollar plant.



The ever popular Jade plant (*Crassula ovata Jade*) is the most commonly bought. Many have one now or have had one at some time. This variety is known to live for decades and can grow to be a five-foot plant in one's home.

There are a lot of misconceptions about the Jade plant, so let's clear some of them up.

If you like your Jade plant small and not too big, it is best to keep it root bound. By doing this, it helps stunt the growth of the plant and keeps it at a manageable size. You should re-pot them every 2-3 years and if it is an older Jade, every 5-7 years.

Like most of us, we have probably over watered them or just forgotten them when it comes to watering. (I ignore mine. It's still alive!) I usually water mine once a month. But the information I have seen says to water about every 2 weeks. Now, if your Jade is doing well with your watering schedule, then keep doing what you're doing. Jade plants can get stressed. How do I know? The voice of experience talking here. I moved mine to a new location and it didn't like it. It died. (Jade killer!)

You can tell if you have over watered them if you see droopy stems, yellow leaves, branches and leaves falling off rapidly, mushy trunk and rotting stems.

I have never used fertilizer on mine, but I just might try this solution and see if it helps. Take 2 tablespoons of Epson salts to a gallon of water. Fertilize every 3-4 months, then watch and see.

### **Variegated Jade (*Crassula variegata*)**

This variety has a green center with yellow margins. The tips can be a dark pink if it gets full to part sunlight. It can grow from 1-4 feet tall.

### **Gollum Jade (*Crassula ovata 'Gollum'*)**

The name comes from The Lord of the Rings and is also called Tolkien succulent. It does best in full to part sun. The tips of the leaves look like suction cups.



### **Hobbit Jade (*Crassula ovata 'Hobbit'*)**

Part of The Lord of the Rings plants. It's leaves are more spoon-like and curve at the ends. Does well with full to part sun.



### **E.T. Fingers or Skinny Fingers (*Crassula ovata 'Skinny Fingers'*)**

It is very similar to the Hobbit and Gollum Jade - the only difference is that the stems are much skinnier.

### **Mini Jade (*Crassula ovata 'Minima'*)**

This variety is great for doing Bonsai trees. It is much more bushy than the other varieties. The leaves are smaller and it can take full to part sun. This variety only grows to a few feet tall.

### **Silver Dollar Jade (*Crassula arborescens 'Silver Dollar'*)**

The leaves of the Silver Dollar Jade are very big and thick. They have a blue to green coloring and each leaf has spots on them. In the correct lighting the spots can be a red coloring. This is normal for this plant. The Silver Dollar Jade is not a fast growing plant. In time it can reach 3 feet in height.



## Ripple Jade (*Crassula arborescens undulatifolia*)

When looking at this plant, you might think that there is something wrong with it as the leaves are all twisted and wavy, going in many different directions. In the right conditions it can have a red tint on the margins of the leaves. Like the Silver Dollar Jade, this one too is a slow growing plant, growing to be 4 feet tall and several feet wide.



## Blue Bird Variegata (*Crassula arborescens 'Blue Bird Variegata'*)

The Blue Bird Variegata is a cultivar of the Silver Dollar Jade and has variegated leaves that are green in the center and yellow on the outer parts of both sides of the leaf. It does well with part sun to full sun and will have dark pink color on the margins of the leaf.

So, the next time you are out scouting for new succulents and you see one that says *Crassula*, you will now know that it is one of the family of Jades.

Enjoy your jade plants, and with luck, they will live many years. Until then when I see you in the garden.



## September Pavilion Series Classes a Success!!

Lenore Drake/Sharon Bordeaux

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, community and Master Gardener members braved the chilly autumn morning to attend Lorreen Robinson's class, "Simply Shrubbery: What's Not to Love". Lorreen began the class by demonstrating how to select healthy shrubs and how to prepare them for planting. The class then toured the



Demonstration Garden discussing various shrubs, their placement in the landscape, size considerations, and pruning. She answered questions and at the end of the class, encouraged participants to call or e-mail the Plant Clinic with additional questions that might arise.



Geoff Puryear then presented his class on "Sustainable Gardening". The class followed the paths through the Xeriscape Garden as Geoff explained how to effectively plant a successful low water and

low maintenance garden. He showed examples of companion planting and discussed use of sun and shade to ensure the success of his plants. At the back of the Xeriscape Garden, there is an area that receives overflow water all summer. He showed how he has planted to take advantage of the damp soil and created a visually pleasing array of plants as well as a habitat for birds and insects.



Thanks to Lorreen and Geoff for presenting two wonderful, well-attended classes (26 & 22 attendees respectively). Thanks also to Logan Bennett, the Extension Office Staff, and Cheryl Caplan for their assistance and support.

Photos: Lenore Drake

## Dorena Genetic Resource Center Tour

Bonnie Courter

On September 12, 10 Master Gardeners along with Steve Denny, head of the Umpqua Oaks Partnership, assembled at the Dorena Genetic Resource Center, located near Cottage Grove, for a 2-hour tour of their facilities. Haley Smith, Seed Program Coordinator, took us all through their massive greenhouses filled with conifers and other native plants as well as their experimental plots, and walked us through their huge freezer containing seeds as far back as the 1960's.



sure and stop by to see this wonderful facility for yourself.



The center's purpose is focused on maintaining forest health through management of forest genetic resources, a world-leading program in developing resistant populations to different pathogens such as white pine blister rust and *Phytophthora*

*lateralis* which is attacking Port Orford cedar. They also grow numerous native species for restoration projects throughout the Pacific Northwest as part of their native restoration program. Working with land managers from federal, non-profits and tribal lands, they extract seed and plant grow-out for restoration work such as needed after fires. They research and develop new stratification techniques for rarely cultivated species, storing over 40,000 conifer lots from 50+ years of breeding and resistance work.



We were especially interested in their oak tree cultivation and how we might as MG's grow oaks from acorns ourselves for the Plant Sale as well as a possible project to enhance native populations.

It was a delightful tour. Haley was a gold mine of information and interesting facts. After the tour, since all our brains were maxed out and needing sustenance, we congregated at the Creswell Bakery for a delicious lunch. Thank you to Diana Woodward for instigating this tour. And if you're ever in the area, be



*Scribblings from the Little Free Library*  
Kathy Hart

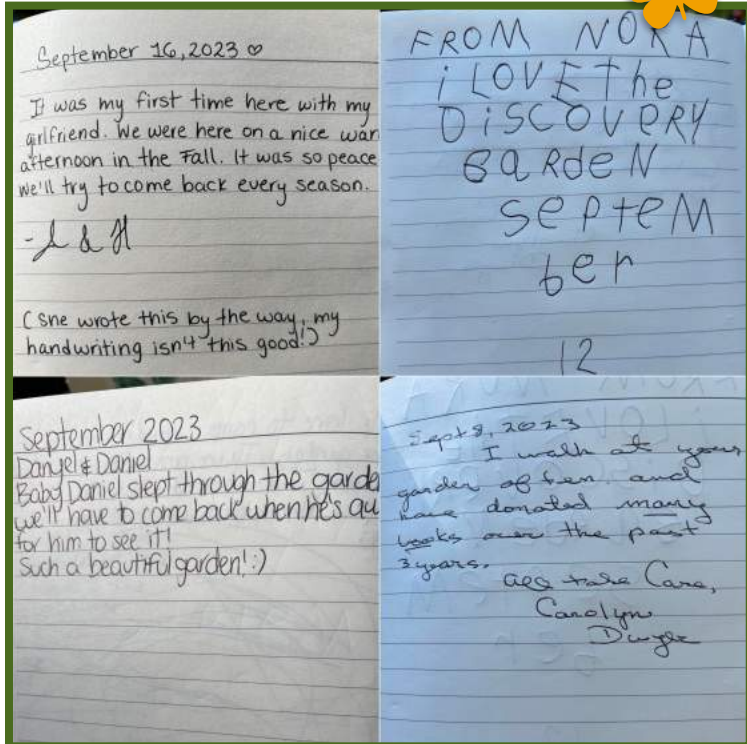


I was just leaving the DG and noticed a large group standing in front of the Little Free Library. Curiously, they all appeared to be adults! So I decided to pull over and go say "hi".

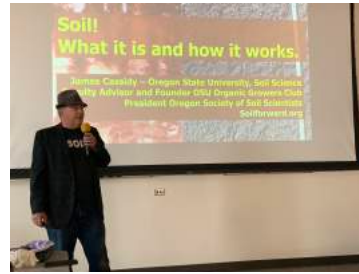
It was a group of about a dozen middle-aged women from Sunrise. They were enjoying the books and taking up a storm. I asked the two chaperones if it would be ok if I took their picture for our MG newsletter. She checked with their supervisor and photos are not allowed.

That was just fine - seeing the smiles on their faces and listening to their excited chatter was a precious moment.

Moments like this just hit home how important and vital our DG is to our community. I told them to make sure they visited the Butterfly Garden, and that got them excited too! Just hope they saw a butterfly or two!



Scenes from the FTC  
Photos: Bonnie Courter



Class of 2023 is off to a great start! Speakers like Chris Rusch on Botany and James Cassidy on Soils with Logan doing his part, along with MG's giving the DG tour and upcoming propagation - what's not to love? ❤️

**REASONS WHY FALL IS #1:**

- chilly weather
- halloween
- sweaters
- pumpkins
- literally everything
- BUGS HAVE RETURNED TO HELL WHERE THEY BELONG

Shared by: Kish Doyle



First of all, I want to thank everyone who worked in September at our Plant Clinic!! The Plant Clinic is one of our DCMG programs that reach out to our community to help people solve a wide range of gardening and landscape questions. During the month of

September we had over 100 calls, emails and even some visits to the clinic. Questions for September were diverse, including questions regarding lawns, powdery mildew, plant and weed identification and lots of insects. In addition, we have been helping clients with landscaping and fruit tree questions.

The Plant Clinic will be moving into our fall hours beginning in October. We will staff the clinic on Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 1-4 PM. In October we will be offering orientation to the Plant Clinic to our new volunteers. That is always fun!



## OCTOBER GARDEN CALENDAR

- Recycle disease-free plant material and kitchen vegetable and fruit scraps into compost. Don't compost diseased plants unless you are using the "hot compost" method (120 degrees to 150 degrees Fahrenheit).
- Drain or blow out your irrigation system, insulate valve mechanisms, in preparation of winter.
- Use newspaper or cardboard covered by mulch to discourage winter and spring annual weeds or remove a lawn area for conversion to garden beds. For conversion, work in the paper and mulch as organic matter once the lawn grass has died.
- Clean and paint greenhouses and cold frames for plant storage and winter growth.
- Harvest sunflower heads; use seed for birdseed or roast for personal use.

- Dig and store potatoes; keep in darkness, moderate humidity, temperature about 40°F. Discard unused potatoes if they sprout. Don't use as seed potatoes for next year.
- Harvest and immediately dry filberts and walnuts; dry at 95 degrees to 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Ripen green tomatoes indoors. Check often and discard rotting fruit.
- Harvest and store apples; keep at about 40°F, moderate humidity.
- Place mulch over roots of roses, azaleas, rhododendrons and berries for winter protection.
- Trim or stake bushy herbaceous perennials to prevent wind damage.
- To suppress future pest problems, clean up annual flower beds by removing diseased plant materials, overwintering areas for insect pests; mulch with manure or garden compost to feed the soil and suppress weeds.
- Cover asparagus and rhubarb beds with a mulch of manure or compost. Dig and divide rhubarb. (Should be done about every 4 years.)
- Clean, sharpen and oil tools and equipment before storing for winter.
- Prune out dead fruiting canes in raspberries.
- Harvest squash and pumpkins; keep in dry area at 55 degrees to 60 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Plant garlic for harvesting next summer.
- Propagate chrysanthemums, fuchsias, Save seeds from the vegetable and flower garden. Dry, date, label, and store in a cool and dry location.





## DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

### Chapter Meeting, Annex September 28, 2023

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00. There were 37 in attendance, including President Julie Stanbery, Vice-President Andrea Collins, Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis, Membership Kay Livermore, OMGA Rep Patrice Sipos, OMGA Alt Rep Chris Rusch, and Secretary Bonnie Courter.



**Installation of Officers by Nancy Fuller:** Dawnetta Loomis, Treasurer, and Chris Rusch, Alternate OMGA Rep, were sworn in to their positions on the Board. The remaining were sworn in at the Board meeting (above).

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

**Minutes Approval:** The July minutes were approved as posted. (There was no August meeting).

#### Welcome to Guests and New Students

#### OFFICER REPORTS (Introducing themselves to new students)

##### Past President - Nancy Fuller:

- Thanks to Diana Woodward for arranging the excellent tour of the Dorena Genetic Resource Center.
- If interested in birds, this is the season for the migration of swifts to Canada. You can watch their flight at the Fir Grove clay kiln right after sunset where Audubon members count them every night.

**Membership - Kay Livermore:** We have 243 members, including the new students. The new roster is out, but Kay still needs to input their addresses.

**OMGA - Patrice Sipos:** Patrice talked about OMGA and her duties as chapter representative.

##### Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis:

- Dawnetta needs someone to train with her now as this is her last year as Treasurer.
- Some chairpersons are getting close to maxing out their 2023 budget, so submit any requests to go over budget to the Board at the next Board meeting.
- The 2024 Budget will be discussed at the next Board meeting as well, so submit your budget requests to Dawnetta.
- DCFarmers Coop - Dawnetta needs those receipts even though you're on the signers list. Also any outstanding receipts need to be turned in as soon as possible.
- Checks should go out this weekend.

**Vice-President - Andrea Collins:** In October we will have Bruce Gravens present on garlic for Continuing Education. The November chapter meeting will be on the 16th and Continuing Ed will be on how to prevent cardiac issues when gardening by MG Gerry Crane.

**President - Julie Stanbery:** We have some new Committee Chairs. Dawn Shumack has really stepped up, taking on lots of new positions including BlueBags, Hallmark, Community Outreach co-chair, Vermicomposting and Compost Tea. Elva Sellens has taken on the iris beds next to her dahlia/lily bed area. Debby Finley has joined the Insect Committee, helping with indexing insects. Dawnetta Loomis and Diane Smith-Lewsadder have taken over hospitality.

##### MG Program Coordinator - Logan Bennett:

- The class of 30 students is going great.
- He is offering a soils class to the public October 14 at the HLC, 10:00-11:30.
- October 19 at the Discovery Garden at 10:00, Bruce Gravens and Logan will be planting and teaching on garlic for the Pavilion series.
- MG Trivia will commence again this year starting October 18, 6:00-7:00 PM. It's an online, interactive MG trivia contest anyone can participate in, and if you

win, you get prizes. It will be on the 3rd Thursday of each month, October through February. Logan will write one session about biologicals and oversee it. Participation counts toward Continuing Education and it's FUN!

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Blue Bags - Dawn Shumack:** She has bags to hand out. This month 19 bags were donated, and 4 more to turn in. She also has laminated bar code tags to help open the donation door.

### Community Outreach - Cheryl Caplan:

- September 17th presentation by Leo Grass and Dawn Shumack to the Secret Wine Club on composting with 6 adults present. Pausing until spring for additional presentations to this group.
- September 21 we had another summer Pavilion class about xeriscaping and shrubbery. About 25 people attended. Next month it will be on planting garlic.
- Cheryl will update the Discovery Garden Tour for our website. She is asking chairs to update their section and get them to Cheryl.

### Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

- Congrats to Sylvia Andino for helping with irrigation.
- Sharon Bordeaux wants to start a section in the DG on native plants in the area where the pieris and azaleas are.
- The raised beds where the Biochar demo was could be used for the garlic planting, but needs to be put to use.

**Facebook - Barbara Horst:** Here is the Facebook report for the last 28 days:

The DCMG have 2,683 followers; 35 are new. We have had 2,286 page likes on our posts this month. The most popular posts were the one about the Victory Garden and how much produce we grow for the food bank. Also popular was the photo of the landscaped tree stump in the Discovery Garden.

**Greenhouse West - Carol Bolt:** Carol is asking for helpers to help out weekly. They are meeting on Monday mornings and, when classes are over, they will meet on Tuesdays.

**Greenhouse East - Ann Severson:** They are working Mondays, then switch to Tuesdays when class is over. Starting in October, Ann will be out there every Saturday, 9:00-Noon, for new students to come out to help and be trained.

**Hallmark - Dawn Shumack:** Thanks to Linda Thames for entrusting me to carry on her Hallmark legacy! To date for September, cards were sent to Janet Parkerson and Kathy Shayler for health-related concerns, and to Barbara Zastrow for the passing of her mother. If you know of anyone in our MG family that could use a card of any sort, please let me know by email, text or phone.

**Insect Committee - Diana Woodward:** The committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays each month from 10:00-12:00 in the Plant Clinic. They are still going through the drawers as well as identifying new insects. They will not meet in November-January.

**MG Training Course - Gloria Cettina:** We are halfway through the course already! We have a great group of students and presenters. This week, Carol and her team will be teaching propagation, and Logan will present on pesticide safety.

**Newsletter - Bonnie Courter:** Submissions are due Saturday, the 30th.

**Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch:** We start training the new students October 1. There are still some openings for students to sign up. We will train through the month of October, M-F except for Tuesdays. Winter hours start in November-January, open Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Plant Sale - Joy Keeling:** There is a MG Only Plant Sale today, from 12:00-3:00.

### Publicity - Cheryl Caplan:

- Sent out a press release about the September 21<sup>st</sup> summer class as well as a Facebook event and post.
- It's probably time to write up the change in dates for the Plant & Insect Clinic along with opportunity to get your soil tested.
- Anyone who wants to do a radio spot on any gardening subject, let Cheryl know.

**Soils - Gloria Cettina:** We have a core team of 4 right now, and hoping to add some new students as well. We've done over 100 tests so far this year. Tests are \$20 for the public, \$10 for MG's.

**Swinger Bars - Kay Livermore:** Members who have swinger bar updates for July:

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**Vermicomposting - Dawn Shumack:** The worms are doing very well. If anyone is contributing compost, chop it up and place inside one of the worm bins, not left on the ground where it will attract fruit flies.

**Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka:**

The Victory Garden is in full swing with our harvest. On Tuesday we harvested tomatoes, yellow squash, patty pan squash, zucchini, green and yellow beans, cantaloupes, cucumbers, 3 kinds of peppers, egg plant and the start of the winter squash. We donated 469 lbs. of produce this week and 83 lbs. of produce from Master Gardner's home gardens. To date with the Victory Garden and Home Garden a total of 7,566 lbs. has been donated to UCAN, our local food bank.

Next month the Victory Garden should start slowing down. Prior to winter, compost will be put down on all the beds and a cover crop planted. We are meeting once a week on Tuesdays continuing to harvest and get the Victory Garden put to bed for winter.

**OLD BUSINESS: Budget.** At the October Board meeting we will review budget amounts left for the year and whether committees need to ask for more. Also discussed will be the 2024 Budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The League of Women's Voters want to include our Discovery Garden on their spring tour, but first they will need to review our garden with Julie. If selected, we

will need 3-4 MG's to help out in shifts for the spring tour day.

**SHOW AND TELL:**

- "Joy of Gardening" reports - Sylvia Andino attended the event, staying in the dorms, and enjoyed it a lot. The classes were great. Her favorite class was fruit tree pruning. She also took the mulch class, potatoes and onions, fire-resistance and landscape watering classes. They also had a nice book sale there. She encouraged MG's to attend next year.
- Dahlia Show - Elva Sellens reported on the show held last weekend at the Fairgrounds. She hosted some out-of-towners at her house for breakfast. The show was a great success.
- Julie Stanbery brought tiger lily bulbets to share as well as some live tiger lilies and crocosmia.
- Toni Rudolph reminded everyone to save their large 32 oz. containers with lids for the Plant Sale raffle.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:22, followed by MG-hosted potluck lunch for the new students.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Courter, Secretary

### Fred's Fav's



# Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: [rbcourter@gmail.com](mailto:rbcourter@gmail.com)

Website: [www.douglascountymg.org](http://www.douglascountymg.org)

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