



April 2024 Calendar

Mon., April 1, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., April 2, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Victory Garden crew

Wed., April 3, 1:00-4:00

Pruning Japanese Garden

Thurs., April 4, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse crew

Tues., April 9, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Wed., April 10, 10:00

Executive Board Meeting

Thurs., April 11, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse crew

Mon., April 15, 10:00-Noon

Insect Committee

Tues., April 16, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse Crews

Thurs., April 18

Eastside Greenhouse Crews (9-12)

Pavilion Series (10-12)

Tues., April 23, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse crews

Thurs., April 25

Continuing Education (9:00)

Chapter Meeting (10:00)

"MG Only" pre-sale, HLC (1-3)

Sunday, April 28, 1:00-3:00

"MG Only" pre-sale, HLC

Tues., April 30, 9:00-Noon

Greenhouse crews

Thur., May 2, 9:00-Noon

Eastside Greenhouse crew

Fri., May 3, 8:00 - ?

Plant Expo setup at Fairgrounds

Sat., May 4, 8:00-4:00

Plant Expo at Fairgrounds

The Prez Sez...

Happy Spring! Pauline Havard wrote, "Hope - what is hope but another word for April? A symbol of fresh growth!" This spring we have a tremendous opportunity for growth and renewal.

47 DC Master Gardeners attended the presentation made by Bruce Gravens at the March general meeting. Bruce is spearheading an ambitious project that could become a beacon for education in our region. His proposal is for the development of an **Educational Greenhouse** at the HLC.



In his opening remarks, Bruce reminds us of our stated mission as Master Gardener volunteers. The primary purpose of our program is to educate the public. We have many successful programs including The Discovery Garden, the Demo garden and Victory garden, the Pavilion Series, Spring Into Gardening, the Plant Clinic, the MG training program and our many community outreach presentations.

Bruce's vision is to elevate our programs with our own educational greenhouse. This facility would support hands-on training, have room for more than 70 students, have temperature control, video screen and off-site video conference capability.

DCMG has the good fortune of the gracious donation from the estate of our dear Anne Waddington. It is these funds along with the prospect of community grant money that this project would be funded, and the facility will be named in Anne's honor. Following his impressive presentation and an astute question and answer session, a motion was made to support the **Anne Waddington Memorial Educational Greenhouse** proposal with Waddington funds not to exceed \$40,000. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Havard's ode to spring ends, "We will triumph! What is hope but the foliage of valor floating on sun-bright air; a banner unfurled, silken and rich and green on a waking world?"

Kudos to Bruce for leading us on this exciting venture!

See you in the garden, Julie

Treasurer's Report

Dawnetta Loomis
02/13/24-03/11/24

INCOME

Dues-Membership	\$553.00
Bank Interest	\$42.53
Plant Sale	\$502.41
Black Apparel	\$257.50
Soil Compost	<u>\$93.10</u>

TOTAL INCOME **\$1,448.54**

EXPENSES

Badges	\$33.60
Administration	\$38.90
Discovery Garden	\$121.49
HLC	\$740.29
Plant Sale	\$1,718.07
Propane Tanks	\$223.50
Utilities	\$734.61
Spring Into Gardening	\$24.19
Class Deposit Return	<u>\$100.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$3,734.65**

Breakdown of accounts at 03/11/24

NWCC - Checking	\$1,635.71
NWCC - Reserve	\$5,014.69
NWCC - MMK Savings	\$60,333.78
NWCC - 6 Month CD	\$17,972.14
Charles Schwab	<u>\$69,854.46</u>

Ending Balance **\$154,810.78**

Membership

Kay Livermore

We currently have 216 members.

2024 OMGA membership cards are available in the Plant Clinic drawer with the time sheets and in the mailbox outside the Westside greenhouse.

Pavilion Series

Lenore Drake and Sharon Bordeaux

Tomato Seeding Class

On March 21st, we held the tomato seeding class at the Discovery Garden. We were most happy to welcome the new OSU Master Garden Program Manager, Dr. Leslie Madsen, to our group. Bruce Gravens and Logan Bennett gave her a guided tour of the Discovery Garden and the greenhouses. She was very interested in the Pavilion Series classes and was provided with a packet of information on how the program was started.



Dr. Leslie Madsen, Logan, and Bruce (photo:Lenore Drake)

Dr. Madsen then joined the group and took the tomato seeding class.

Under the direction of Instructor Bruce Gravens, the 30 people in attendance set their three different tomato seeds in small pots in 3 rows. Bruce covered reasons for growing your own tomatoes. He discussed the various types of tomatoes and presented the group with detailed information about each.

At the next class to be held Thursday, April 18th, at the Discovery Garden from 10 am to 12 pm, the instructions will be on up-potting the seedlings to their own pots. We will be up-potting both peppers and tomatoes. The directions will demonstrate how to make sure your plants have room to grow. Many other topics related to growing tomatoes and peppers will be covered.

Plant Sale

Karin Seder

Master Gardeners Plant Sale is almost here! Both Westside and Eastside greenhouses have a beautiful selection of perennials, annuals, trees, grasses, vegetables and more for our sale.

We have Plant Sale lawn signs that you can pick up at the General Meeting on April 25 and put up that day. The signs are lightweight, easy to manage and effective, so pick up a few for your neighborhood. And we still need more boxes! Sturdy, but not-too-large, boxes are needed – bring them out to the gardens on Tuesdays between 9 and noon. And remember to find your crazy hat – you can see Karin to get one from her collection.

Also in preparation for the Plant Sale & Expo – get your raffle items ready to go! Items need to be ready for display and delivered on Friday, May 3 to the Fairgrounds. The raffle table is a fun job and maybe the perfect fit for you. Toni and Diana are retiring after this year and would love to have you learn the ropes by following their lead this year. Just say the word and that job could be yours!

Here are some important dates for you to put on your calendar:

Thursday, April 25 and Sunday, April 28 from 1:00 - 3:00 is the “Master Gardener Only” plant sale out at the greenhouses. This is your chance for first dibs on your favorite plants. Bring cash, check or credit card and have a great shopping experience. Beat the crowds and get all your plants while the selection is at its peak. This also frees up your time to volunteer for the sale (you did remember to sign up, right?!!) At the Plant Sale on May 4, MG’s, will not be able to shop for plants until after 2:30 pm – all the more incentive to meet us out at the greenhouses on April 25 & 28.

Friday, May 3 we set up at the Fairgrounds. Most people need to arrive at 8:00 AM unless otherwise noted by your team leader. We will stay until everything is set up and ready to go.

Saturday, May 4 - THE PLANT SALE!!! Workers will need to be in place by 8:00 AM. Park in the area near

the Museum and lock your valuables in the trunk – we do not have a secure area in the sale building for valuables.

Vendors can begin their shopping at 8:30 and the doors will open for the public at 9:00. Master Gardeners present at the sale can shop after 2:30 and not before – we need you working in your area to assist all of our customers. We close shop at 4:00.

Have a significant other (brother or sister, uncle?) who can give us a hand? They can help with traffic control, parking and security.

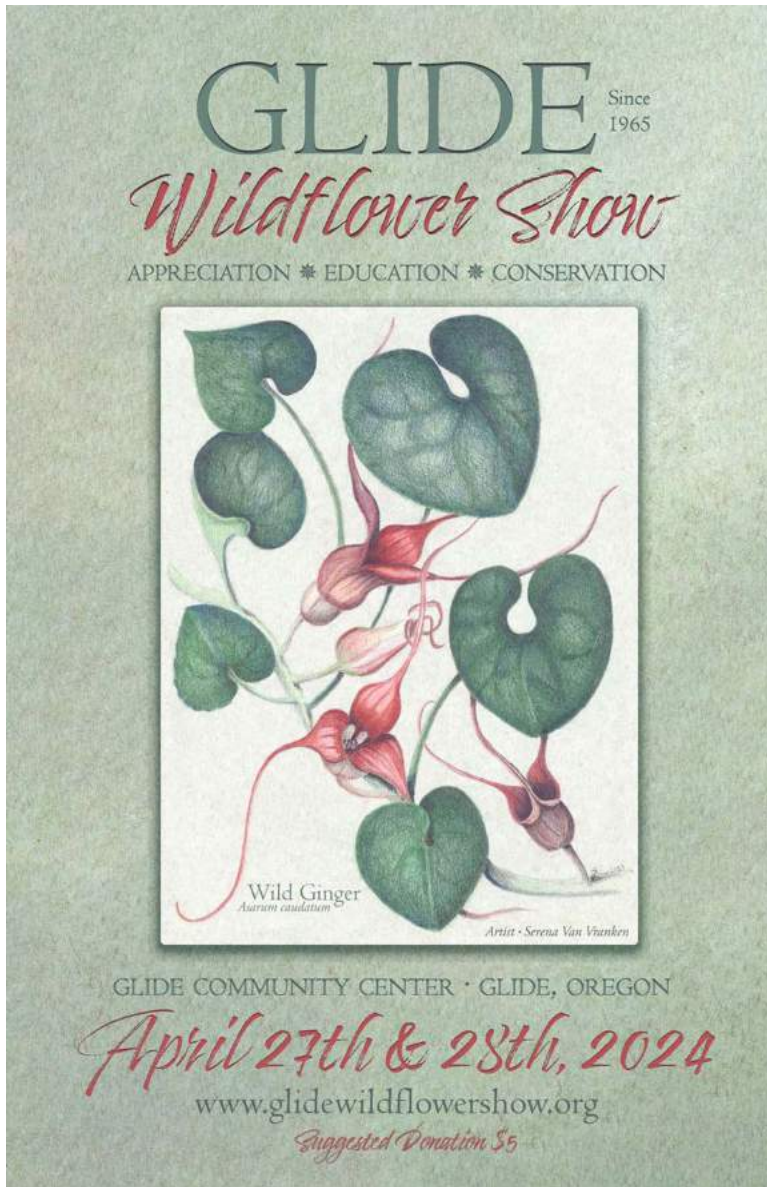
We have volunteers to manage the kitchen for our great potlucks on both Friday and Saturday. This is for the workers only and is always something we look forward to. Bring your favorite dish to share – we have lots of outlets for your crock pot! We can keep your cold things cold and your hot things hot. Serving spoons, plates and utensils will be available along with water, coffee and tea. Please write your name on anything you want returned.

Following the close of the Plant Sale, we need folks to help load the trucks up with unsold plants to go back to the greenhouses and unload them out there. Additionally, we have items to load and return to the Extension office.

Keep your purse/valuables in your locked car as we do not have a secured place to store them inside the building. And please remember to wear your name badge, Master Gardener apparel, and your reading glasses – the plant labels are getting smaller every year!

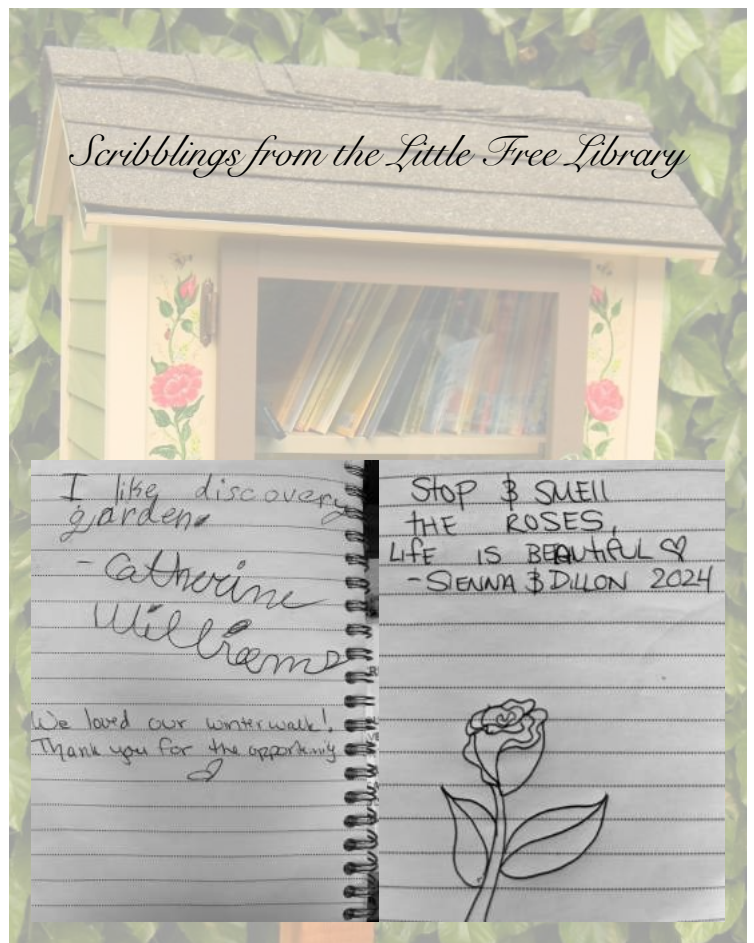
Don’t forget your crazy hat! We are not having a contest, just a fun time with hats to help our customers identify who is working on the floor.

Please, please, please check what positions are available and see where you can help. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FA5AB2EA4FBC16-47714902-2024> or if that doesn’t work for you, contact Janet Bitter, Joy or myself. There are some areas in desperate need of volunteers, and we need all hands-on deck to make the Plant Sale & Expo run smoothly. Thank you in advance for your help!



I want to thank everyone who worked in March 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. We had over 60 contacts this month.

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Swinger Bar Report

Kay Livermore



Members who have swinger bar updates for February:

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*Part One on
My Simpler
Life*

Some time ago I wrote an article about the Simpler Life.

Where I had gotten rid of all my house plants and just made life easier. Where am I now? Well, I can say that it has changed a bit from the normal house plants and succulents in various areas of my home.

About a year ago or so, I started adding plants to the window in my kitchen. I took down my curtains. My husband, Fred, watched me over a period of time. Then told me that he had never seen anyone put plants in their kitchen window before. Well, now he has. My plants are now my curtain.

What plants do I have in my window, which are now my "curtain"? Why have I chosen these plants? Or did I?



In the article, A Simpler Life, I wrote how I had received a Thanksgiving cactus as a gift shortly after I had gotten rid of all my houseplants. I had planned on just letting this plant die a very slow death by never watering it and ignoring it. So, much for that.

I became a Master Gardener. I learned to love it. This plant was the first plant to become part of my new "plant curtain". It sits in the very left corner of the window and blooms multiple times throughout the year and I still ignore it.

While working out at the Eastside gardens, I was able to take a start of a Hoya plant. I've never had a Hoya and thought this might be just a wonderful plant to watch grow and climb around my window. It is climbing ever so much around several of the plants now. I'm patiently waiting to see it bloom someday, the cute little light pink flowers that look like none you have ever seen. The bloom just doesn't look real. Still patiently waiting.

While visiting Coburg one day with my daughters and granddaughters, we found a store that sold succulents. Not many, to say the least. The only succulent that I saw there that I didn't have was a String of Pearls. I had been admiring the one my daughter had in her kitchen window for sometime and was just jealous of it. They only had one plant. My daughter told me that I should buy it. I took a look at it and there were hardly any little pearls on the plant and the amount of money they wanted for that plant was highway robbery. So, I bought it. Today it sits in my window in the same pot I bought it in with the price tag on it to remind me how much it cost me some time ago. I am happy that I bought it, even if it was highway robbery.



If you have had the time to read my articles, then you know that I love almost all succulents and have many favorites. In one of my hanging baskets I have chosen to have the Gasteria Little Warty. There are many variations to this plant, but they all have the beautiful bloom. This is what is so striking about this plant along with all the offsets it will put off around in many different directions. The flower stalk will grow out of the center of this plant growing several feet long with a trumpet-shaped coral colored flower. It's just one of the most stunning succulents to see bloom.



Tucked in and around many of my plants are many different varieties of Air Plants. I have managed to keep them alive. Since they seem to be around the sink area, they get all that warm humidity that helps. I haven't watered them since last summer and they seem to be doing just fine with water misting.

To be continued.....



Ask the Tool Man Alley

I learned many years ago, before preparing an article, to do my research. My favorite articles are obviously on garden and yard tool tips. This article is “**How to sharpen a garden hoe**”. The first thing I needed to do was select at least four standard hoes to use in the article. That was a small challenge. Of course, I already knew it would be, because I have prepared articles on different types of hoes and the best type to use for the specific task at hand. In my research I found many different brands, different spellings and different names for the same hoe. Names vary depending on the use of the tool and the region in which it is sold. The “Grub Hoe”, which may be the oldest hoe used by man, was actually a digging stick made from deer antlers. A bronze hoe was discovered from 2000 BC in the Caucasus. The grub hoe is commonly called an “Azda”, and is also called the Field Hoe, the Digging Hoe, the Grape Vineyard Hoe, the Adoble Hoe, the Eye Hoe and the Chopping Hoe. (I’m not going to list these 50 plus hoes in the article.) When researching a hoe, you too will find **so** many different standard and specialty hoes. That’s an entire article on its own. I want to focus on sharpening only four of the more common garden hoes. I firmly believe the manufacturers have invented a hoe for every possible garden/yard task. Gardening may not be that complicated, but the equipment we have available may make it so.

Maybe you remember when Mom asked you to sharpen the hoe before you started hoeing and you had only two or three types and one file. (Photo 1)

- The Standard American Garden Hoe, for heavy duty hoeing and chopping.
- The Standard Rectangle Hoe for general hoeing. Designed to have three sharpened edges.
- The Warren Hoe for creating the small irrigation ditches between the plant rows and for hard-to-reach spots.



- The Diamond or Skip Hoe is for weeding, using a pushing/pulling action. These hoes had gone out of favor in the past, but are now back in favor.
- 10-to-12-inch Bastard Mill file. Designed especially for fine tool sharpening.

First, the four hoes (Photo 2) are basically sharpened using the same method. Only the back side of the hoe blade is sharpened at 40-45 degrees. Secondly, only one 10 to 12-inch flat Bastard Mill file is needed to complete the sharpening.



There are five basic techniques in sharpening a garden hoe.

1. Tightly secure the hoe in a vise or similar device.
2. Sharpen the bottom side of the blade, with one smooth file stroke across the inter blade length. This will give you a nice even straight edge.
3. Always sharpen the bottom of the blade, with even file strokes away from the cutting edge, not into the blade. Sharpening into the blade edge can result in accidentally cutting your finger/hand. Do not drag the file backwards. Sharpening only occurs in a forward motion.
4. After the back side is sharpened, make one forward stroke on the front side of the blade to remove any small burrs that may have occurred in the sharpening process. (Photo 3)
5. After completing your sharpening, apply a light coat of oil like 3inOne or any type of gun oil. While you are doing so, I recommend you lightly oil the wood handle with any good furniture oil.



Sharpening your garden hoe is actually a simple task and the rewards will be quickly realized.

Happy gardening and continue keeping those garden and yard tools clean, sharp, oiled and properly stored.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

Chapter Meeting
March 28, 2024

As requested by the Executive Board, Bruce Gravens made a presentation to the membership regarding the use of Waddington Funds for an Educational Greenhouse.

First Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:48 for a short discussion in order to appoint a committee to start work on the educational greenhouse. It was decided to put a cap of \$40,000 on financing based on the proposal to fully fund the project from Waddington funds in the Charles Schwab account. **A motion to proceed with building the greenhouse and authorize funds from the Waddington Fund was made by Dawnetta Loomis, and Kay Livermore seconded the motion. A vote was taken, which passed unanimously.**

After a short break, the official chapter meeting was **called to order** at 10:00. There were 47 in attendance, including President Julie Stanbery, Past President Nancy Fuller, Vice-President Andrea Collins, Treasurer Dawnetta Loomis, Membership Kay Livermore, and Secretary Bonnie Courter.

Agenda Approval: Awards Nomination Committee was added to the agenda under Committee Reports.

Minutes Approval: The minutes were approved as posted.

OFFICER REPORTS

Past President - Nancy Fuller: People are again stealing labels and plants from the Rock Garden. 3-4 plants are missing, and a large rock lies broken in the pathway. Discussion ensued about perhaps placing “dummy” trail cameras in strategic places with a conspicuous sign saying, “You’re on camera.” DCMG can pay for the signs and Bruce Gravens said he has some non-working cameras that could be set up.

Membership - Kay Livermore: We currently have 216 members. 2024 OMGA membership cards are available in the Plant Clinic drawer with the time sheets and in the mailbox outside the Westside greenhouse.

OMGA - Patrice Sipos: Not present - no report.

Treasurer - Dawnetta Loomis:

- We received a check for \$700 from BottleDrop.
- Taxes were sent up to OMGA.
- Membership dues will be going to OSU this week.
- She now has a MG who will be shadowing her for the Treasurer position.

Vice-President - Andrea Collins:

Leo Grass will present at the April chapter meeting on irrigation systems.

President - Julie Stanbery:

- Changes in chairpersons - Jeanie Owen and Jan Turley are leaving Easy Access garden after many years. Earnie Amabisca, who will be going back to the Japanese Garden, will be advising the new Easy Access group: Sarah Davis, Andrea Collins, and Jan Polka.
- Dawn Shumack is leaving BottleDrop to be replaced by Andrea Collins.
- Elva Sellens will take over the iris beds as well as doing the dahlia beds.

Maureen Benice thanked the MG’s for the Hallmark card from Dawn. Thanks to Dawn for doing a great job at Hallmark.

MG Program Coordinator - Logan Bennett:

- April 9, Tuesday, the next in the Level Up series will be on “Growing Herbs & Spices”, from 12:00-1:00. These sessions are always recorded so they can be seen later on. Andrea will send out the link for these sessions which are good for recertification or continuing education credit. Here’s the link for 2024 series: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/growing-oregon-gardeners-level-series-2024>
- The Umpqua Beekeeping Association meets the first Wednesday of each month, 6:00-7:30 at the Annex. The next meeting is April 3.
- April 13, 2:00-4:30 there will be a class on growing lavender at Growing Miracles Lavender Garden. Registration is online at the OSU Extension website where you can see a calendar of all upcoming events. <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/county/douglas/events>
- April 18, 10:00-12:00, “Up-potting Your Plants”, Pavilion Series

- April 19, 3:30-5:00, there is a free vermicomposting class at HealTerra at the Glide Disposal Site in Glide.
- April 20, Earth Day, there will be a MFP booth at UCC with room for a MG booth if interested.
- May 11, 9:30-11:00 there is a class on growing iris at Terringer Farm in Glide, followed by a “Bloom Party” with cut flowers for sale, food trucks, and 30 vendors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Awards Nomination Committee - Kay Livermore:

Kay is the chairman to nominate Master Gardener of the Year and Behind the Scenes MG of the Year. She has 5 on her committee now, but needs 2-4 more to join. Committee members should be able to make a 3 year commitment. She wants to meet next week sometime. If interested, contact Kay.

Black Apparel - Andrea Collins: She has some over-size T-shirts today for sale, and today is the last chance to order apparel before the Plant Sale. Apparel will be ready to pick up at the next chapter meeting.

Blue Bags - Dawn Shumack: There is a balance of \$203.93 in the account. 15 bags turned in so far for March. Andrea Collins is taking over BottleDrop.

Community Outreach - Dawn Shumack:

We need a tri-fold, 3-section display board, heavier than cardboard, for table displays. If you have one we could borrow or could make one, contact Dawn.

Events completed in March:

- Pavilion Series “Starting Tomatoes”
- Basic Gardening at Oakland Public Library

Upcoming Events:

- April 2 - Rainbow Garden Tour at Discovery Garden
- April 13 - “Gardening” at Camas Valley Grange as well as MG info table at Melrose Farmer’s Market
- April 18 - Pavilion Series, “Up-potting”
- April 19 - Fullerton School 3rd Grade DG Tour: We need one more volunteer!
- April 22 - UCC Sustainability Fair - Vermicomposting
- May 20 - Open People Connections, “Container Plants”

Discovery Garden - Julie Stanbery:

- Japanese Garden workday will be Wednesday, April 3, 1:00-4:00. Need a minimum of 10 people to get the work done for the summer Garden Tour. Need to bring mid-size loppers and hand pruners.
- Reminder to everyone not to leave spaces cluttered. Store tools where they belong. Put things back where you found them. Close gates when you leave.
- Ken Hays hauls our garbage - please put garbage in the receptacle. Pick up litter you might see around.
- Irrigation: We will do a blow out Tuesday and turn on Eastside only. Umpqua Basin is turned on now and water tanks are full.
- Geoff Puryear and others have noticed signage is not what it could be. He would like to form a committee to update signage. Contact Geoff to be a part of that.

Facebook - Barbara Horst:

Facebook report for the last 28 days:

We currently have 2,777 followers including 36 new followers.

The most popular posts were:

Growing tomatoes class 1,320

Spring into Gardening 876

Janet Bitter's article on the butterfly bush 380

With the plant sale fast approaching, I have been thinking about Facebook posts for this. In the past Cheryl would send me photos and information to post. I have photos from previous years sales I could use with updated information. I will discuss this with Karin and Joy.

Greenhouse West - Joy Keeling: Planting, transplanting lots of vegetables, tagging at the same time, and we have lots of helpers.

Greenhouse East - Bruce Gravens: Cleaning up, going to 2 days a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting next week. Weeding, fertilizing, and most of the labels are in place.

Bruce encouraged everyone to take advantage of LevelUp series talks. He’s found them to be very helpful.

Hallmark - Dawn Shumack:

- Jon Thran - get well card for hip injury
- Janet Parkerson - sympathy card for loss of her husband
- Maureen Benice - get well card for shoulder surgery
- Sarah Davis - Thinking of you card - having surgery today, March 28
- Anita Clark - Best wishes on her new job at UCC

Insect Committee - Diana Woodward: Cynthia Wilson (Class of 2023) is now working on the committee. Debby Finley stepped down, but will work at home. Still working on the Coleoptera insects. Next meeting is this Monday, April 1.

Newsletter - Bonnie Courter: Submissions for the Newsletter are due Saturday, March 30.

Nomination Advisory Committee - Gloria Cettina: We will start taking nominations for President and Treasurer positions in April-May. You can nominate yourself as well. Contact Gloria if you're interested or want to nominate someone. We will present the slate in the June Newsletter and they will be voted on in person at the July chapter meeting, then installed at the August chapter meeting.

Plant Clinic - Chris Rusch: Not present - her report:

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Plant Sale - Karin Seder:

- Signups are looking good except for transportation and security.
- Still need a "shadow" for the raffle table. Raffle items are to be delivered Friday, May 3, between 8:00 and 2:00. They should be "table ready".

- We also need lots of boxes - we're only halfway there. Best ones are from Costco.
- She has 8 new banners to give out with zip ties to be put up now around the community.
- Need a publicity person, someone who can go on KQEN radio morning show to promote the Plant Expo. Geoff Puryear volunteered to do the interview.
- "MG only" pre-sale is after the April 25 chapter meeting, 1:00-3:00, and again on Sunday, April 28 from 1:00-3:00.
- Need help loading plants on Friday morning.

Soils - Gloria Cettina: We will begin taking soil samples at last for testing. We are working with two different companies, testing only for NPK and pH. We will have to put together a new protocol for testing. Working on pricing. We will link to the OSU website for results. Starting mid-April, we will post on our website and in the Newsletter that we're accepting soil samples again. Patrice & Gloria will initially be doing all the testing until everything is settled. Soil texture will be done by the customer, and we will link to websites to help them with that. We will give ranges for NPK instead of exact amounts which gives a more reliable diagnosis. Testing is only for the public, not commercial. May be less expensive as the materials are less in cost as well as the testing itself.

Spring Into Gardening - Chris Rusch: Not present - her report:



Photo: Kish Doyle

Our Spring into Gardening was a terrific success. We had over 85 participants. This community education event is an opportunity to bring our OSU Extension program on

sustainable gardening to our greater community. It is also an opportunity for MG's to get recertification hours by attending classes. We had a knowledgeable group of speakers lined up. Logan gave an excellent Keynote talk on "Garden Soil: What It Is and How It Works". We offered 12 gardening classes with something for everyone. What a talented group we have! Thank you to everyone who helped with this event.

Swinger Bars - Kay Livermore:

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Trash to Treasure - Ann Severson:

Good donations are still coming in, not just from MG's. Leave a note or tell Ann you're coming to her house if leaving donations there, or bring to HLC on Tuesdays. June 1 is the sale, May 31 set up.

Victory Garden - Carolyn Ruzicka: Not present - her report: The Victory Garden is up and running. A great crew came out to spread bark chips in the Victory Garden the first part of the month. Another crew showed up to start the first of the planting a couple weeks later. We planted cabbage, peas, radishes, beets, carrots and lettuce. We are looking forward to a productive year.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dawn Shumack said the compost tea is set up and starting for the greenhouses. Mid-April MG's will be able to sign up for compost tea - first come, first serve.

Julie Burchstead encouraged us to increase our signage for the Discovery Garden.

SHOW AND TELL:

Barbara Anderson: She got 12 Haskap Berry (*Lonicera caerulea*) bushes from Dr. Maxine Thompson, Professor Emeritus at OSU in 2014. Dr. Thompson had a display at the Small Farm Conference and was looking for growers to trial them. They are a type of honeyberry. The cuttings were from Japan. They develop very early and resemble a blueberry bush. The berry is oblong-shaped instead of round. Barbara makes jam with them, and they are a favorite jam at her market. They have a blueberry/raspberry tart taste. If you leave them to ripen longer, they will be sweeter. There are two kinds: the Russian type (not good for our area) and Japanese type (for Willamette Valley). No pests at all - just keep the birds off.

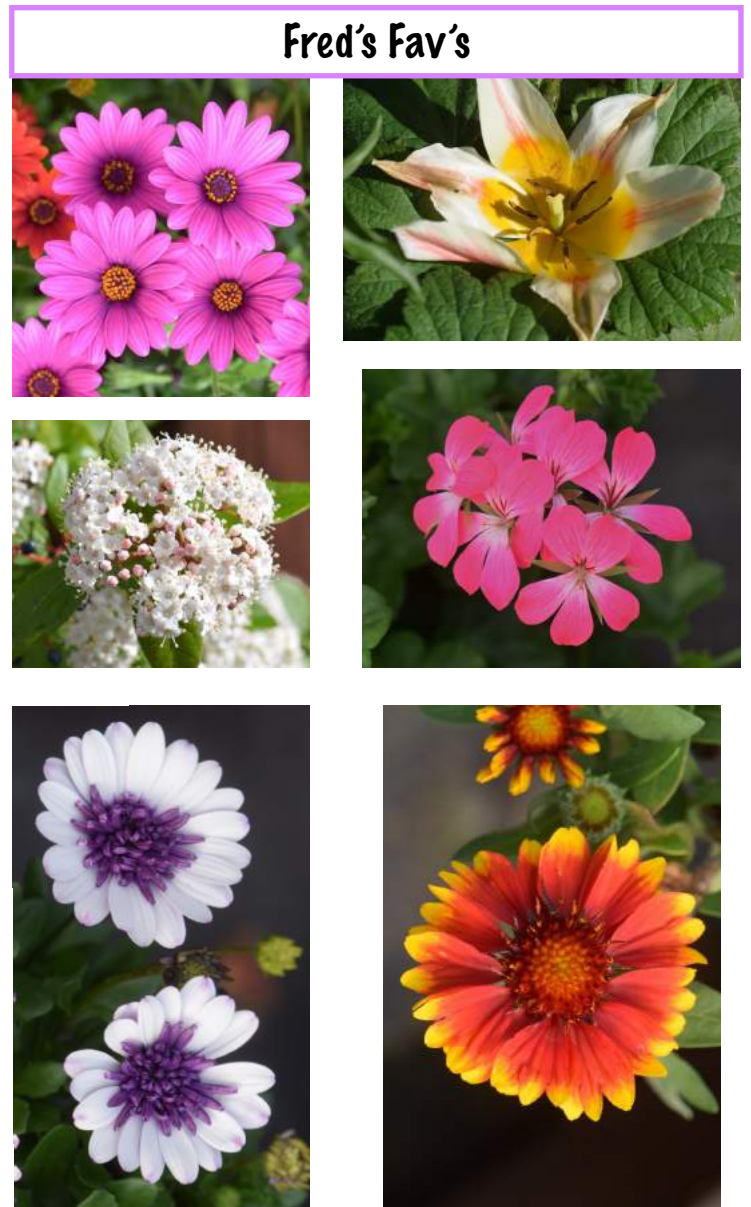
Ann Severson: She brought some succulents she ordered from Hong Kong - 5 different clusters. They're mostly raised as houseplants, and go for \$35 for one cluster head online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Executive Meeting - April 10, Annex, 10:00 (9:00 for Board members to discuss Bylaws and Policies)

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:21.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Courter, Secretary



Douglas County Master
Gardener™ Association

Plant & Garden Expo
Saturday, May 4, 2024
9 am – 4 pm

Douglas County Fairgrounds
Roseburg, Oregon
(Exit 123 from I-5)

Thousands of annuals, perennials,
grasses, trees, native & pollinator plants
grown by Master Gardeners

60+ Vendors | Drawings for Great Prizes
Garden Supplies | Yard & Garden Art

Master Gardeners available to answer
your gardening questions!

Admission is \$3

(Children under 12 get in free)

Certified service animals only

Cash, checks, & cards accepted



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Douglas County Master Gardeners

Newsletter: E-mail submissions to Bonnie Courter: rbcourter@gmail.com

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