

The Grapevine

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The newsletter for Yamhill County Master Gardeners



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**Amateur Scientist
bee identification class
Saturday, February 17
(details page 3)**

Help us make "Spring Into Gardening" a Success!

Spring into Gardening is quickly approaching. We will need lots of help setting up, taking down, selling raffle tickets, replenishing snacks, decorating, registration, lunch and break assistants and bringing the ever-yummy snacks.

There is a **bright green folder in the MG office** where you can sign up for any of those fun activities. Please make sure your name is on it!! The names of people who sign up will go in a drawing and someone will be the lucky winner of a prize. Not sure what yet, but it will be good!!



Gene and Rita

THE LATEST ON COMMUNITY GARDEN

A very mild (so far) winter at the garden means that the winter annual weeds are growing very well and we are ready to weed. Weeding in the compost-rich raised beds is not a very onerous chore and we usually manage to complete this task by March 1st.

YCAP made a large quantity of last year's seed packets available to the garden and we made up 4 banana boxes full of seeds for: the Community Gar-

den Gardeners, the Garden Food Pantry, the Seed to Super program and for handouts for Spring into Gardening. We had first choice because we donate more fresh produce than any other organization.

February is start-up month for the greenhouse at the garden as seed germination of tomatoes begins followed by transplanting to 1 gallon pots. As weather permits, we will plant peas, Walla Walla onion transplants and spinach transplants

into the raised beds.

We are in the process of building 80+ more tomato cages thanks to the generosity of Cascade Steel and Gale's Towing. Most of the rebar has now been cut and bent and Michael Crane is busy doing the welding. Cost per tomato cage is about \$2 each this year.

We are very optimistic at the garden for the coming year for the following reasons:

- ◆ **Funding** is available to complete the expansion planned.
- ◆ Linda M. has **recruited** several outstanding volunteers to join the Core management team.
- ◆ **Inquiries** from new gardeners and volunteers have already begun arriving.
- ◆ Community **support** from the YCMGA, YCAP, etc. continues to grow.
- ◆ Volunteer **enthusiasm** remains high and is growing.



Alan Wenner



Children's Garden volunteers ready for the 2018 season!



Learn to begin surveying and learning about the bees in our area.

OREGON BEE ID WORKSHOP



To register:
molfamily@earthlink.net

Saturday, February 17th, 9:00 to 5:00, Public Works Auditorium



WHAT IS THE OMGA?

OMGA: Questions, Some Answers and a Little More Information

Oregon Master Gardeners often have questions about the Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) – what does it do, how does it function, how does it relate to OSU, etc. The Yamhill County Master Gardener Association newsletter editor asked me if I would write a short monthly article that would answer some questions the YCMGA members have about OMGA.

What is the purpose of the OMGA?

The OMGA Bylaws list four reasons for the organization:

- To enhance and supplement the Oregon State University Home Horticulture Program (Master Gardener Program)
- To assume responsibility for performing special tasks and engaging in continuous activities related to the Program.
- To work with other garden organizations to enhance gardening when appropriate.
- To award scholarships for post-secondary education in the fields of horticulture and plant sciences on the basis of scholastic merit and need.

What are the funding sources for OMGA?

OMGA has two sources of funds – dues and the Silent Auction that is held at Mini-College.

How much are the OMGA dues and who determines the amount of a chapter's dues?

The OMGA dues are \$7 for each member who has paid dues to their chapter. For example, if 50 Master Gardeners paid dues to their chapter, then the chapter treasurer would send \$350 ($\$7 \times 50 = \350) to the OMGA Treasurer. Each chapter determines the amount of their dues. You will find that there is a wide variation among the Oregon chapters.

Doesn't OMGA make money from "Growing Gardeners" (G2) (the new name for Mini-College)?

The purpose of G2 is to provide educational courses that Oregon Master Gardeners can take for recertification and not to generate excess revenue. The chairperson and committee work hard to keep the costs as low as possible so as many Master Gardeners as possible may attend and still be able to cover all the expenses of the event. Thus, they ask all of us to help in a multitude of ways; bringing cookies for the breaks, bringing your garden cart to the venue to help carry things in and out of the building, etc. Fortunately, Master Gardeners are really good sports and don't mind helping. Personally, I think there is something else that happens when we all work together and that is the wonderful comradery that we enjoy.

Next month we'll review some of OMGA's activities. If you have questions please send them to me at: sue.nesbitt1231@gmail.com. I'll try my best to answer them.
Sue Nesbitt, 2018 OMGA President



Sue Nesbitt



Yamhill County Master Gardener Calendar



February 2018



- 1** **MG classes: 9 a.m. to noon:** Pollinators (Michael O'Loughlin, Yamhill County Master Gardener) at Public Works Auditorium.
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Tree Fruits: (Jeff Choate OSU Extension Lane County)
- 2** **OMGA executive committee meeting** @ Linn County Extension Office
- 8** **MG classes: 9 a.m. to noon:** Pruning (Neil Bell, OSU Extension, Marion County)
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Online module (Pesticides and pesticide safety)
- 10** **"Insights into Gardening"** Classes all day from 8 am. At OSU campus in Corvallis <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/insights>
- 15** **MG classes: 9 a.m. to noon:** Plant Nutrition (Richard Reagan, associate professor for horticulture, retired)
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Lawns (Alec Kowalewski, Turf specialist)
- 17** **Amateur Scientist: 9a.m.-5p.m.** Bee identification day (details pg. 3)
- 19** **McMinnville Garden Club** meets at Yamhill Valley Heritage Ctr. at 9:30AM.
- 20** **YCMGA Board meeting** at Public Works Auditorium, STARTS AT 12 noon.
ALL MASTER GARDENERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
- 21** **"Spring into Gardening"** committee meets. 10 a.m. in Public Works Auditorium
- 22** **MG classes: 9 a.m. to noon:** Plant Problem diagnosis (Brooke Edmunds, OSU extension Linn, Benton, & Lane Counties).
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Vertebrates (Chip Bubl, OSU Extension, Columbia County)
- Native Plant Society** meeting and class. "Wildflowers at Silver Springs Park" by ranger Matt Palmquist. See poster page 15 this issue.

"To the Root of It" program @ 9:00 am. on radio KLYC AM 1260 with Sharon & Kyle.



Doug and Marilyn's group, L. to R:

Doug, Adam, Barbara, Katherine, Marilyn, Matt



Rekha, in Michael's and Tara's group



Michael's and Tara's group, L. to R:

Monica, Bomani, Joyce, Chris, Michael



Debra, in Doug and Marilyn's group



Cole, in Rosemary's & Candace's group



June, in Robert's and Donn's group



Donn's and Robert's group, L.to R. Jennifer, Donn, William, Robert, Nancy, John



*Pat's and Gail's group, L.to R:
Jesi, Kristiana,
Pat, Maggie,
Gail, Kathy,
Joan*



*Rosemary's and Candace's group, L.to R.
Rosemary, Judy, Stephen, Joanna, Candace, Paul*

The Invasives

Reed canary grass

Phalaris arundinacea

You've undoubtedly seen reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) in the Willamette Valley. It likes wet areas (often growing with cattails), and is distinct in its height (about 6 feet) and density. The ground will be completely covered by it,



preventing the growth of any other plant, native or not. It has very coarse hollow stems (up to 1/2" diameter) and wide flat leaves up to 1/2' long and nearly an inch wide. And even though it likes wetlands, once established it can survive deep flooding and even drought easily.

It is possible that this grass could even be a native to our region. Samples have been

found in pre-1900 herbaria from Montana, Wyoming, and Idaho. However, most probably the infestations seen now are introduced species, as it was hybridized and then planted beginning in 1918.

Initially canary reed grass was planted to become a pasture and hay crop, but it is of low

value as either one. It's palatable when just resprouting in the spring (at the same time other grasses are creating good pasture) but once the grass is mature

in late spring cattle will eat it only as a very last resort. Goats and sheep will eat it even when it's mature, but then they eat nearly anything.

When reed canary grass has invaded, it provides no habitat for any other plants or even wildlife. Forming a sod layer about 18" deep, it spreads by rhizomes and seeds easily. Even broken bits of stems will become new plants in bare

soil. In fact the only natural thing that will stop this aggressive plant is dense shade.

So what to do? More than anything else, you need to be determined (and long-lived). Though some control can be accomplished in 3 years or so, the area must be regularly treated and plants

The only way to permanently keep it at bay is to plant trees densely so eventually the area is **heavily shaded**.

However, only some trees are suitable for wet locations (eliminating most of the evergreens). Cottonwood, Oregon white ash, and native Spirea like the habitat, but do not produce enough shade to kill the grass. Apparently the only successful planting is a very dense (5' spacing or less) of red or white alder. Of course, the grass must be kept down around the plantings until the trees reach 8' or more.

Researchers have also found that removing nitrogen from the soil (by adding deep layers of organic matter) a native sedge (*Carex hystericena*) may eventually replace the canary grass.

Physical control:

This is good for very small patches only. **Mowing** only stimulates the grass to grow

even more vigorously, and spreads the seeds well. Since it is dense, tall, and stays green even a brush mower with a large tractor struggles to get through it. If the intention is to eventually kill the grass by mowing, the cutting must be done at least 6 times a year, for at least 10 years to exhaust the seed bank (and each inflorescence produces about 600 seeds).



Deep tillage has to be done incessantly and combined with other methods to have an effect.

Fire also stimulates growth. Besides, the grass stays green and moist nearly all year, making it very difficult to burn on its own. Here in Oregon, burning is allowed only in the late fall and winter, at which time it will only burn off the dead grass and not affect the living parts.

It is practical to **dig the plants up** only if the infestation is very small and isolated. One other method is to flood it completely (submerged) for at least a year, all year long. In most locations that is not possible.

Another possibility is to **solarize** the sod by covering it with a lightproof mat for at least a year. Woven plastic mulch works, as do multiple layers of cardboard covered by at least 6" of wood chips. All these materials must be held down with spikes so no light whatsoever can reach the soil under them.

Biological controls:

There are none known.

Interplanting:

It's possible to plant fairly tall

trees and shrubs in the grassy area, if an area of about 25 square feet for the plant is first scalped and then kept grass-free with heavy mulch for 3 to 5 years.

Chemical control:

As with all herbicide use, be sure to read and follow all label instructions and to abide by all state regulations. Glyphosate with a nonionic surfactant works well to kill RCG. Glyphosate is a non-selective herbicide that kills or injures nearly all plant species. Though it works well to kill RCG, it is not labeled for aquatic use, so be aware of the areas where you plan on applying herbicide. A grass-specific herbicide that is labeled to be used near or over water will probably

be necessary.

Herbicide must be applied to foliage during the growing season to be effective. Application in the PNW can occur in mid-summer (just prior to summertime dormancy) or preferably in late fall (just prior to frost and wintertime dieback). It is recommended to apply herbicide at these times, since it is speculated that these are the times of year when RCG is most actively translocating carbohydrates (along with the herbicide) down into the root system.

Here's a bright spot:

Reed canary grass can be formed into dried bricks to fire up your power plant! So perhaps instead of trying to eliminate it, you may just want to accept it, and learn how to make your own grass bricks.



Donn Callaham



YCMGA Class Schedule page 1

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING SCHEDULE, YAMHILL COUNTY 2018

TIME	<p align="center">YAMHILL SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT</p> <h1 align="center">2018 Native Plant Sale</h1> <p align="center">Proceeds Benefit Miller Woods</p> <h2 align="center">March 2 & 3</h2> <p align="center">Great Selection - Low Prices - Good Quality</p> <p align="center">You will enjoy our amazing collection of over 50 species of native trees, shrubs, and understory plants</p> <p align="center">Bare Root and Container Plants Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-orders are accepted so order soon! • Quantities are limited • Pay when you pick up your plants! <h3 align="center">Two Days Only!</h3> <p align="center">Friday March 2, 9 am - 6 pm & Saturday March 3, 9 am - 4 pm</p> <p align="center">Yamhill Valley Heritage Center 11275 Durham Lane - McMinnville (Hwy 18 at Durham Lane West of McMinnville)</p> <p align="center">→ ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM at www.yamhillswcd.org <i>or</i> contact the district office for an order form. Plants can be reserved by sending us your order by February 24, 2017</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><small>Like us on facebook.com/enjoy miller woods Miller Woods is owned and operated by Yamhill SWCD</small></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p><small>Yamhill SWCD is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer</small></p> </div> <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>2200 SW 2nd Street McMinnville, OR 97128 Phone (503) 472 6403 orders@yamhillswcd.org www.yamhillswcd.org</p> </div> </div>
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SESSION 5: FEBRUARY 01			
9 AM-NOON	*Pollinators	Michael O'Loughlin, OSU Yamhill County Master Gardener	Ch. 20: pgs 447-452 Beneficial Insects
NOON-12:30 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
12:30-1 PM	***LUNCH BREAK		
1-4 PM	*Tree Fruits	Jeff Choate, OSU Extension Lane County	Ch. 10: Home Orchards
SESSION 6: FEBRUARY 08			
9 AM - NOON	*Pruning	Neil Bell, OSU Extension Marion and Polk County	Ch. 4: Pruning
NOON-12:30 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
12:30-1 PM	***LUNCH BREAK		
1-4 PM	*ONLINE MODULE: Pesticide and Pesticide Safety	ONLINE	Ch. 19: Understanding Pesticides
SESSION 7: FEBRUARY 15			
9 AM - Noon	*ONLINE MODULE: Woody Ornamental Plants	ONLINE	
NOON-12:30 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
12:30-1 PM	***LUNCH BREAK		

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1-4PM	*Lawns	Alec Kowalewski, OSU Extension Turf Specialist	Ch. 12: Lawns
SESSION 8: FEBRUARY 22			
9 AM-NOON	*Plant Problem Diagnosis	Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension Linn, Benton & Lane County	Ch. 16: Diagnosing Plant Problems
NOON-12:30 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
12:30-1 PM	***LUNCH BREAK		
1-4PM	*Vertebrates	Chip Bubl, OSU Extension Columbia County	Ch. 18: Vertebrate Pest Management
SESSION 9: MARCH 01			
9AM-NOON	*Berries	Bernadine Strik, OSU Department of Horticulture	Ch. 11: Berry Crops
NOON-12:30 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
12:30-1 PM	***LUNCH BREAK		
1-4PM	*Weeds	Heather Stoven, OSU Extension Yamhill County	Ch. 17: Weed Management
***SESSION 10: MARCH 08			
9AM-NOON	*Soils	Linda Brewer, OSU Department of Horticulture	Ch. 2: pgs 37-43 Ch. 5: Composting
NOON-12:30 PM	MEET WITH MENTORS		
12:30-1 PM	***LUNCH BREAK		
1-4PM	*Plant Disease	Cindy Ocamb, OSU Department of Botany and Plant Pathology	Ch. 15: Plant Disease
SESSION 11: MARCH 15			
**OnLine Module	*ONLINE MODULE: Sustainable Gardening	ONLINE	Ch.21: Sustainable Landscape Design
NOON-1 PM	POTLUCK LUNCH		
1-4 PM	*Learning Exam, Clinic/Desk Training REQUIRED for Graduation ENCOURAGED for Recertification	Heather Stoven, OSU Extension Yamhill County	Review of Procedures for Master Gardener Clinics

* Counts as recertification training for Veteran Master Gardeners

All classes are held at the OSU Extension, Yamhill County/Public Works Auditorium
2050 NE Lafayette Avenue
McMinnville, OR 97128
(503) 434-7517

**Note venue change
for March 8th!**

Highlighted Session has a different Location:

McMinnville Cooperative Ministries
544 NE 2nd St, McMinnville, OR 97128
Class will take place in the Social Hall

PRACTICUM sessions build/expand on information in the ONLINE module scheduled for that day.
Attendance is REQUIRED.

**The online module should be completed before attending the practicum session.

Snacks are provided. Bring a sack lunch. Lunch is 30 minutes.

Yamhill County Master Gardener™ Association and OSU presents the 6th annual

Spring into Gardening

Educational Gardening Classes

Saturday, March 17, 2018

8:45 AM to 4:00 PM

(Doors open at 8:00 AM)

McMinnville Community Center 600 NE Evans Street, McMinnville



Regular Registration:	\$25.00/person
Master Gardener Registration:	\$20.00/person
Student - with ID:	\$15.00/person
Walk-in day of event:	\$30.00/person

Register online at: **ycmga.org**

or at Yamhill County OSU Extension Office 503-434-7517

Plants and limited garden items will be for sale!

A lunch is included in the registration fee. Snacks and beverages will be available during all of the breaks.

Profits fund continuing education for Yamhill County residents & college scholarships for YC high school seniors.

Major Sponsors: Baileys Nursery - Recology Organics - Kraemer's Nursery
Botten's Equipment & Event Rental

Supporting Sponsors: Les Schwab Tires- Newberg and McMinnville
Allison Inn and Spa - Reid Rental
Red Ridge Farms - Bernard's Farm
Willamette Valley Medical Center
Shadow Sculptures by Doug Verigen

Speakers and Topics

How Gardening Will Save the World

Gail Langellotto, OSU Associate Professor of Horticulture
Statewide Coordinator of Extension Master Gardener Program

Hardy Fuchsias - Ideas for a Wonderful Season

Sue Randall, President of the Hardy Fuchsia Society

How To's of Organizing a Container Garden

Marcia Sherry, Yamhill County Master Gardener

Healthy Soils and Backyard Composting (2 separate classes)

Sue Domingues, Benton County Master Gardener

Every Nook and Cranny: Productive Container Gardening

Darren Morgan, Nursery Manager at Shonnard's Nursery

Pruning and Care of Roses

Katherine Johnson, Columbia County Master Gardener

Shrubs to Plant Now for Fall and Winter Bloom

Neil Bell, OSU Community & Urban Horticulturist

Pollinator Habitat in Your Garden Can Change the World

Andony Melathopoulos, OSU Community Horticulturist

Gardening with Children

Sophie Grow, Benton County Master Gardener

Slug Hunting: Know Your Enemy

Claudia Groth, Multnomah County Master Gardener

Edible Flowers

Bethany Hagen/Emily Sitnac, The Thyme Garden



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*All sessions qualify for Master Gardener recertification credit of 1 hour each

PESKY PROFILES

By Heather Stoven

There's a lot to like with Lichens!

On occasion we get some questions in our desk clinic from individuals who are concerned about fungus growing on their trees and harming them. With closer inspections we often find that the problem in question is in fact lichen growing on the trunks and branches.

Lichens are partially composed of fungus, and have a symbiotic relationship with blue-green or green algae. Due to this association with the alga, however, the fungi do not harm trees or shrubs because they get their food through the photosynthesis the algae is able to perform. The fungus gives the lichen support and its shape.

Lichens grow in diverse habitats growing on trees, shrubs and rocks in temperate, rainforest, desert and arctic locations. Some lichens grow very slowly and are thought to be some of the world's oldest organisms – there are crustose lichens in the arctic which are over 5,000 years old! They are also sensitive to air pollution and can be used to monitor air quality. Therefore, if you see lichens on your trees and shrubs (which you likely will in western Oregon) please breathe easy; these organisms are just looking for a place to hang out.



Heather's Highlights

This year we will be using a new online desk sign-up calendar for the office desk clinic. Last year we had used Signup.com for all clinics: at this time we will transition to Teamup.com for the office desk clinic *only*.

If this trial run goes well, in

the future we may move to Teamup.com for farmers' markets as well. The new system is more user-friendly, it gives us the

opportunity to see whether a trainee and/or a veteran is signed up (through color coding), and it gives volunteers the opportunity to sign up for the slot of time they wish to sign up for rather than for a predetermined time frame.

There is no need to create an account or keep a password

handy; you click the link below and it leads you directly to the calendar. We hope that this will be a great transition over to a new system that better fits our needs.

Master Gardener Desk sign-up link:
<https://teamup.com/ksx6up1k125rci26xn>

This information was also previously sent out on the MG list serve with an attachment that included instructions. If you no longer have this e-mail contact Jade and she can send it to you.



RAISING PLANTS FOR THE PLANT SALE?

Many of you have been propagating your own plants at home for the Plant Sale May 12-13. I will be running off plant sticks in the next few months. An easy way to send me the information on your plants is to take a picture with your phone of the seed packet or label.

Send it to me at [209 470 0820](tel:2094700820). If not, email the information to reetcan@gmail.com

Each page of labels can do 10 sticks. If you send the information and how many of each plant you want I will try to accommodate you by tacking you on to another order, if you don't have that many.

However if it can't be cheaply done I will let you know and you will need to hand write them out. Don't wait until the last minute because I may not have time to run them off. And you will have to hand write them. Please include all the following information, **I do not have time to look up your plants and all the others for information.** Please supply me with this information:

1. **Botanical/Scientific name**
2. **Common name**
3. **Sun needs (for example sun, shade, part shade, etc.)**
4. **Color of Flower if it has one and bloom time**
5. **Height and spacing or spread**
6. **Type of plant (for example perennial, shrub, vine, etc.)**
7. **Water requirements**



THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO MAKE THE PLANT SALE A SUCCESS!

Rita Canales



Sue Nesbitt And Gene Nesbitt jointly win 2017 "Friends of Extension" honor from Oregon State University.

<http://oregonstate.edu/dept/osuea/cooperator-awards>

Native Plant Society of Oregon

*Dedicated to the enjoyment, conservation, and study
of Oregon's native plants and habitats*



Cheahmill Chapter invites you to enjoy free winter and spring programs at 7 pm the fourth Thursday of the month in McMinnville



Burning for Butterflies, Birds, and Blooms — Jan. 25

Amanda Stamper, Oregon fire management officer for The Nature Conservancy, will discuss the historic role of fire in the Willamette Valley and the ecology of prescribed burns as practiced today.

*Lenya Quinn-Davidson photo
In October 2016, Stamper
participates in a prescribed
burn in northern California.*

Beyond Waterfalls — Feb. 22

Interpretive Ranger Matt Palmquist will present slides of the flowering plants from every corner of Silver Falls State Park, near Silverton in Marion County. Later in the spring, he will lead a field trip in the park to highlight wildflowers not often seen.

Magical Forests, Flowers, Birds, and Frogs — March 22

Longtime NPSO members Gail Baker and Clay Gautier will share photos and their adventures in five Costa Rican natural reserves: cloud forests, tropical wet forests, open plains, coastal jungle and premontane wet forests.



Collecting Seeds from Native Plants — April 26

Jon Anderson, former owner of Seven Oaks Native Plant Nursery, will talk about collecting native seeds for the garden, including the Dos and Don'ts of when, where, and how as well as seed cleaning.

**All programs start at 7 pm • Social time 6:45 pm
Carnegie Room, McMinnville Public Library**

225 NW Adams St., McMinnville • Open to the public

Information: Cheahmill Chapter, 503-538-3976 • NPSO statewide, www.npsoregon.org

FREE WEBINAR CLASSES...

An important part of being a Master Gardener is staying current on the latest horticultural science. With that in mind, OSU Extension has developed a webinar series to supplement other classes you may take this year. The webinars will focus on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and each topic is presented by OSU experts. Remember, you need at least 10 hours of approved education by October 31, 2018 to be recertified. Each webinar in this series is approved for 1 hour of continuing education.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

For more information on each session click the link below.

Once you're there, click on the "Location" link to pre-register for the webinar and get emailed reminders. There is no cost to participate and the webinars are open to all. If you can't attend the live webinar, a recording will be available at a later date.

SPRING 2018 ADVANCED TRAINING WEBINARS FOR MASTER GARDENERS

1/29 at 11 am PST [Frontiers in Slug & Snail Management](#) presented by Dr. Rory Mc Donnell

2/12 at 10 am PST [Hybridization and Tetraploids and Chromosomes, Oh My! Understanding Plant Breeding for Disease Resistance](#) presented by Dr. Ryan Contreras

3/12 at 11am PST [Identifying & Managing the Bronze Birch Borer](#) presented by Nicole Sanchez

4/16 at 11am PST [Powdery mildew: Biology & Management in the Garden](#) by Dr. Jay Pscheidt

Follow this link for a flyer for the webinar series link: <https://wp.me/p7ymwn-28>

Questions? Contact the series organizer: Brooke Edmunds, OSU Extension Linn & Benton County, brooke.edmunds@oregonstate.edu





**YCMGA Trainees & Mentors
during 2018 Master Gardener
classes for Yamhill County**
(on this and other pages)

The Magnificent Magnolia at the White House

Standing next to the South Portico of the White House is a magnolia tree, which according to White House lore, was brought as a seedling by Andrew Jackson. Two centuries later it has been determined that it is now too old and badly damaged to remain in place. Specialists from the National Arboretum are now removing a large portion of the tree.



The decision comes after decades of attempts to hold the aged tree up with a steel pole and cables. Arboretum experts say that the rigging is now compromised and that the wood of the magnolia's trunk is too delicate for further interventions.

The National Park Service attempted to repair a gash in the tree in the 1940's. But within a few decades, much of the interior portion of the tree had decayed, leaving behind a "rind" of brittle wood. Those surviving portions were held in place by the 30-foot pole and guy-wires. Thankfully, progeny of the historic tree are thriving in other spots nationwide. It's said that Lyndon Johnson had a seedling from the magnolia planted outside a friend's home in Texas so that when Lady Bird stayed there she could look out the window

and imagine the president at work in the White house. Ronald Reagan gifted a cutting to chief of staff Howard Baker Jr. for his retirement in 1988. In 2009, then-First Lady Michelle Obama donated a seedling to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "people's garden".

And now, in 2017, First Lady Melania Trump has requested that the wood from the magnolia be preserved and seedlings be made available for a possible replanting in the same area.

Source: *The Washington Post* 12/26/17



YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

January 10th, 2018

The President called the meeting to order at 10:01:30 a.m. on above date.

In attendance:

Cathy Burdett	Linda Mason	Polly Blum
Rita Canales	Nancy Woodworth	
Tonia Beebe	Donn Callaham	Pat Fritz
Linda Coakley	Tom Canales	Gail Price
Heather Stoven	Ruth Estrada	Alan Wenner
Marilyn MacGregor	Susanne Beukema	Gene Nesbit
Sue Nesbitt		

Introduction of New Officers: Pat listed the officers who are new to the board this year: President-elect Rita Canales, as OMGA Representative Nancy Woodworth, as OMGA Alternate representative Tonia Beebe, and members-at-large being Tom Canales and Susanne Beukema.

Secretary's notes for December: Tom motioned that the minutes be approved, his wife Rita seconded the motion, and the board mumbled the required affirmation.

Treasurer's Report: Carol sent all financial reports out (6 pages this time!) several days ago. In applying for either a credit card or accounts for YCMGA, it was found that in all applications some individual has to personally guarantee payment of the account(s) and supply their bank information, social security number, and other personal information. Therefore, all officers decided not to apply for the accounts. Too much personal risk...

President-elect report: Rita had nothing to say. After all, as she pointed out, this was the poor woman's first day on this job.

Heather Report: Heather wants to start desk clinic sign-ups as soon as possible; she is desperate for help at the desk, at clinics, and at Farmers' Markets. She reminded us that this year everyone is required to volunteer at least 5 hours at clinics. When scheduling any meeting that will use the Master Gardener room at the extension office, people need to let Jade know ahead of time to eliminate double-booking the room. Jade will maintain a schedule. Eventually all sign-ups (including use of the MG room) will be online on the new online platform.

Announcements & Correspondence: The mentor committee has scheduled every board member to make a short presentation re: their duties to the new students. However, none of us were informed of this responsibility. Every board member needs to be prepared to do this on January 25th, the fourth day of class.

Education/Outreach Committee: The committee will meet with Heather on Friday, Jan. 26th, at 10:00 a.m. in the grim old auditorium.

Community Garden: The "go fund me" campaign sponsored by a seed company collected \$2,429. 88 more tomato cages are being built with 1800 pounds of rebar donated by Cascade Steel. The garden is being geared up for the 2018 season.

OMGA representatives: Both representatives will be attending the next meeting of the OMGA, which will be March 5th in Marion County. Sue (the new OMGA president), will be doing a fairly regular column for the Grapevine answering questions about the organization. We are seeking a catchy title for her column, and will pressure her to submit it every month.

Publicity: Tom has been updating the YCMGA website re: members. The current list is seriously outdated, and he is ejecting anyone who is not either a certified MG or have paid their dues (financially). Non-certified people are welcome to join, as long as they pay the dues. Of course, lifetime members will be retained until death. Tom again reminded people of the obvious: *if you want something on the website, you have to say so!* SIG registration is now online, being tested only by MG's at this time. People should sign up for the classes they would like to have, but there is no promise they will get every class they want.

Seed-to-Supper is progressing very well. There will be five classes this spring, including two in McMinnville and two in Newberg (one English and one Spanish). Gene is meeting with Sheridan representatives to possibly arrange classes there. Habitat for Humanity did not work out as a sponsor, but Tice Apartments is sponsoring the Spanish class in McMinnville, and Virginia Garcia Clinic is doing the same for Newberg. Two English-speaking instructors are needed, one each for Newberg and Sheridan.

Focus of the whole program is changing. It used to be a challenge to find students once the program was set up. Now, Gene gets an agency *that has a built-in clientele* to sponsor a class, eliminating the need to scrounge up attendees. A staff member of Virginia Garcia took the class last year, plus the Clinic is sending 2 employees to training this year. That publicizes the program, and often the former students want to teach a future class.

Spring into Gardening: This is fully planned now. However, volunteers are needed for all positions, so a sign-up book was successfully passed around during the meeting. People who have signed up for a class can be either a host or door guard for the class. This

year all sign-ups will be on paper only. Nancy and Tonia will be sending an email to all members, to collect items for the raffle and auction.

Plant Sale Committee: The date of the Plant Sale has been moved to May 12th and 13th because of difficulties with the fairgrounds. In fact, most of the committee's interactions this year have been difficulties caused by fairground decisions. The fair will now be charging \$125 per outside booth (plus booth insurance), plus a monthly rent on the Wiser Pavilion. We have been informed that the usual plant sale date of 4/28 will never again be available. Any improvements made to fairgrounds and structures there now belong to the fairgrounds. However, this year YCMGA will need to consider and plan for a new permanent location for the plant sale, demo. garden, greenhouse, and all storage. We are hoping the Heritage Center may be the place, as it would be excellent.

Perennial Propagation: The plants are growing, inventory is this week, and Robert's plant list is growing and adding many categories. Edible plants will be picked up this month, coming in a box "the size of a small coffin." Not an inspiring description.

Mentoring Committee: The new YCMGA class has 23 students, plus 2 taking it online. Feedback has been very positive on this new group: a number of "youngsters" (anyone under 55) and even some men, plus some very enthusiastic individuals. Note the problem described under "Announcements." Also, committee heads are scheduled to give presentations re: their responsibilities, but also were not told of this. Committee chairs should contact Marilyn to set these up.

Scholarship Committee: Sue is now sending out

information to school counselors, and to Tom for inclusion on the website. Here is the Procedure for determining amount of each scholarship: there is an allotted amount, which is divided among all the qualified students who apply, up to \$1000 each. This year there will probably be no extra funds because of the possibility of moving from the fairgrounds, but Sue was very accepting of that.

Resource Manual was not completed on time this year. What has been done was given to students, missing large sections. Cathy has volunteered to finish it, but she has been seriously overworked.

Field Trips: Polly has a list of ideas from Ruth, and has arranged for Anna to give an instructional winter tour of the gardens at the Alison.

New Business: Pat floated the idea of having a new procedure to encourage rotation of people in committees. She posited that the chairs would have a 3-year term limit, when the position would be open to any qualified Master Gardener. (The board would decide on selection of chairs). Then a passionate "discussion" commenced re: co-chairs and committee members and qualifications and possible mentoring of new chairs and possible promotion from within committees and infinite other details. Though the board seemed to initially strongly support the idea, finally Pat had to end the discussion with her repeated statement of "WE'LL TABLE IT!!"

At that point Susanne motioned that the meeting be terminated, Tonia seconded it, and we broke up at 11:52 a.m.



Donn Callaham, OMGA Secretary

January 10th, 2018



Propagation Committee wants YOU!

Greetings everyone! Our weekly meetings in February & March will be on Tuesdays starting at 9am, and generally running until noon. Please come for any or all these work parties! Last year, after the plant sale, our meetings generally included a 1/2 hour educational component. Many of these will be repeated this year but new topics are welcome at any time. I'll work with Heather to make sure the topics meet educational criteria.

For all work parties, for your comfort, please dress comfortably, bring clippers, garden gloves, and a kitchen fork you don't mind dedicating to garden work!

See you at the Fairgrounds!





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