

## **Garden Hibernating, MG's Anticipating**

Though our Demonstration Garden is now asleep, get ready for action in a few weeks!

- Work will begin 2/09, with greenhouse staff meeting every Tuesday at 9:00.
- Seeding for the plant sale will be weekly until March transplanting.
- LOTS of help will be needed for the transplanting going through March

**PLAN NOW TO HELP  
IN MARCH!**

## **First Flower of 2016**

Our own Heather Stoven and her husband welcomed their second daughter to the world on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:13pm. **Audrey Ann Stoven** was 8 pounds, 7 ounces and 21 inches long. Baby Audrey joins older sister Ellie and according to Heather has "been a very good baby so far." Big sister is also doing well and has been doting on "her" new baby.

**Congratulations  
Stoven family!**



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## **One-Time Opportunity**

Propagate native riparian trees and shrubs from cuttings and seed  
Winter Twig Identification  
Seed Collection Techniques  
Plant Collection and Permit Information

Information presented by the USDA Corvallis Plant Materials Center

Please RSVP by January 19: 503-391-9927 or [office@marionswcd.net](mailto:office@marionswcd.net)

Workshop is **FREE!**

Rickreall Grange Hall 105 Nesmith Rd. Rickreall, OR



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**Native Plant Propagation  
Workshop**

January 21, 2016 6pm-8pm  
Rickreall Grange Hall



### Planning

- Keep a garden journal. Consult your journal in the winter, so you can better plan for the growing season.
- Begin planning this year's vegetable garden. Check with local retail garden or nursery stores for seeds and seed catalogs.
- Have your soil tested in your garden plot to determine its nutrient needs. Contact your local Extension office for a list of laboratories.
- Take hardwood cuttings of deciduous ornamental shrubs and trees for propagation.
- Plan to replace varieties of ornamental plants that are susceptible to disease with resistant cultivars in February: <http://bit.ly/PNWcultivar>

### Maintenance and Clean Up

- Clean pruners and other small garden tools with rubbing alcohol.
- Reapply or redistribute mulch that has blown or washed away during winter.
- Place windbreaks to protect sensitive landscape evergreens against cold, drying winds.
- Do not walk on lawns until frost has melted.
- Water landscape plants underneath wide eaves and in other sites shielded from rain.

### Pest Monitoring and Management

- Monitor landscape plants for problems. Don't treat unless a problem is identified.
- Scout cherry trees for signs and symptoms of bacterial canker. Remove infected branches with a clean pruner or saw. Sterilize tools before each new

cut. Burn or send to landfill before bloom.

The Oregon State University Extension Service encourages **sustainable gardening practices**. **Preventative pest management** is emphasized over reactive pest control. The conservation of biological control agents (predators, parasitoids) should be favored over chemical controls.

Use chemical controls only when necessary and only after thoroughly reading the pesticide label. First consider cultural, then physical and biological controls. Choose the least-toxic options (insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, botanical insecticides, and organic and synthetic pesticides — when used judiciously).

For more information, contact your local Extension office at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/find-us>

### Garden hints

- Watch for field mice damage on lower trunks of trees and shrubs. Eliminate hiding places by removing weeds. Use traps or approved baits as necessary.
- Use dormant sprays of lime sulfur or copper fungicide on roses for general disease control, or plan to replace susceptible varieties with resistant cultivars in February. [bit.ly/PNWcultivar](http://bit.ly/PNWcultivar)
- Moss in lawn may mean too much shade or poor drainage. Modify site conditions if moss is bothersome.
- Mid-January: Spray peach trees with approved fungicides to combat peach leaf curl and shothole. Or plant curl-resistant cultivars such as Frost, Q1-8 or Creswell.

### Gardening

- Protect sensitive plants such as weeping figs from cold drafts in the house.

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# Things To Do in January

- Propagate split-leaf philodendrons and other leggy indoor plants by air-layering or vegetative cuttings.
- Plant dwarf annual flowers inside for houseplants, including coleus, impatiens and seedling geraniums.
- Gather branches of quince, forsythia, and flowering cherries and bring them indoors to force an early bloom.

## Leading YCMGA in 2016

**President: Randy Williamson**

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**Rita Canales  
&  
Tom Canales**





## Get Indoor Pests to Bug Off Without Using Chemicals

Insects lurking under leaves, climbing up stems and settling into the soil of houseplants frustrate indoor gardeners to no end. But there are answers, according to Amy Dreves, an entomologist with Oregon State University's Extension Service.

"Winter is a good time to check indoor plants for sap-sucking insects like mites, thrips, mealybugs, scales, whiteflies and aphids," she said. "Spotting problems and responding to them early can keep populations from exploding."

Dreves suggests a number of strategies to keep your indoor pests at bay without resorting to chemical controls. First of all, learn your houseplants' needs and keep them healthy with the correct amount of light, water and nutrition. Stressed plants encourage problems.

For example, hot, dry and dusty conditions promote mite outbreaks and feeding plants too much high-nitrogen fertilizer makes for a delicious dinner for aphids. When you spot a problem, isolate infested plants from others so the insects don't spread from plant to plant, Dreves said.

If whiteflies are present, you can carefully vacuum them off with a hand-held vacuum, dislodge them with a soft spray of water or wipe leaves with a sponge. If you go the vacuum route, freeze the bag to kill the contents.

Another trick, she said, is to place aluminum foil or reflective mulch around the base of a plant. This may

disorient winged pests like thrips and aphids and discourage them from landing. Or paint a small dish yellow and fill it with water to attract and drown them. Use yellow sticky traps, available at garden centers, to capture aphids and whiteflies.

Blue sticky traps are good for snaring adult thrips while white ones work best for adult fungus gnats. Kill fungus gnat larvae that live in the soil by reducing the amount of water you give plants; they love moisture. Also, remove standing water in the saucer.

Swabbing bug-ridden leaves with a small paintbrush dipped in rubbing alcohol will destroy soft-bodied aphids and mealybugs. This works best when infestations have just gotten started.

In a greenhouse setting, you can release tiny parasitic wasps specifically for control of aphids and whiteflies, Dreves said. These predator insects are available at most garden centers.

Some pests can be easily eliminated by shaking them onto a sheet of paper and discarding; or by hand if you are not too squeamish. Pinch off heavily infested leaves or other plant parts and destroy.

Spray plants plagued by soft-bodied pests

with gentle insecticidal soaps or light natural oils available at garden centers. These may hurt some plants, so spot treat one leaf first. Also, soaps and oils are not as effective on winged adults, because they fly off and come back later.

You may want to consider throwing out heavily infested plants. Discard soil and clean the pot or container as well. If you feel you have to resort to chemical pesticides, keep in mind that few pesticides are registered or considered safe for indoor use on houseplants, according to Dreves. Read labels carefully for where and how to use a pesticide. If indoor use is not listed on the label, take the plant to be treated outside, away from children and pet traffic areas. Leave the plant outside a day or two after spraying.

Author: [Kym Pokorny](#)

Source: [Amy Dreves](#)



Monitor early and often to keep houseplants pest free.  
Photo from Flickr by John Lillis

# Conservation Movies Begin



Stan Christensen



## 2016 CONSERVATION MOVIE SERIES

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SECOND TUESDAY at 6:30 PM | JANUARY - MARCH



### UPRIVER!

UPRIVER is a film on the Willamette River, and the Oregonians who are coming together to take part in its future. UPRIVER was produced by with major support from Meyer Memorial Trust, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, National Science Foundation, US Forest Service, & US Bureau of Land Management.

January 12th

### GROW!

It's not just 'Old MacDonald' on the farm anymore. All across the U.S. there is a growing movement of educated young people who are leaving the cities to take up an agrarian life. Fed up with corporate America and its influence on a broken food system, they aim to solve some of the current system's inequities by growing clean, fair food.

### GROW!



February 9th



### GROUND OPERATIONS!

Veterans Farm, founded by Sgt. Adam Burke, is a place of emotional solace and job training in organic blueberry production for vets like himself. Adam is just one of the inspiring veterans featured in Ground Operations which follows a cast of combat men and women who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. They share their experiences at war, their return to civilian life and why they turned to agriculture as their next mission. In a world full of problems, Ground Operations is a story about solutions.

March 8th

Where: Moonlight Theater at 3rd St. Pizza, Downtown McMinnville | FREE Admission

When: Second Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 pm



## Education Opportunities

The Education Committee was asked to set up monthly meetings, with the idea that members would have additional opportunities to socialize, be kept up to date on board activities, and perhaps earn additional education credits (as always, educational credits will be approved by Heather).

The first one of these will be:

- \* (March, tba) a presentation by Gene Nesbitt about his Fall 2015 trip to Japan & Japanese Gardens.
- \* April will be educational talks from TED related to gardening, plants & seed storage. If you are not familiar with TED talks, please Google and explore! TED stands for technology, entertainment & design.
- \* May 7th (time TBA) will be a presentation on the Oregon Flora Project. Volume 1 is finished and Linda Boyer, of Heritage Seedlings, will be here to talk with us.



Watch for more monthly presentations to come your way. Subjects suggested so far have been: tissue culture, grafting, pruning small fruits/berries, composting. And if there is something you want to learn more about, just shoot me an email. Thanks!

Ruth Estrada     [ruthestrada101@live.com](mailto:ruthestrada101@live.com)



## Striving for Survival

### Hi all of you propagators!

Just checking in with all of you and letting you know that we are doing everything possible to help our YCM-GA perennial crop survive! It's been a challenge with all of the rain this fall and early winter. We are bailing water out of the fairground greenhouse regularly. This is not normal! We had one cold spell in November and dealt with it using frost cloth, shutting greenhouse doors and shutting off water to the greenhouse. The doors are closed once again! It has been hard to predict the weather using reliable internet weather forecasts! Both Stephanie and I, who are the main folks checking the crop, look at forecasts several times each week to decide what we should do next! Do you want to join us? We welcome your help!

Thanks to our members who helped with the premium annual transplanting at Newberg High School on Dec. 19. We have 3 benches in their heated "head house" full of plants for YCMGA!

We should hear sometime in January about the availability of the bare root edibles purchased from Week's Berry Nursery. I'll keep you posted about a date to transplant these. Transplanting will take place at the fairground.

Finally, Donn Callaham, our new "Grapevine" editor, has asked if we can provide a monthly article for the Propagation Group. In the past, my emails to you have been used for this, but it would be great if we could do something better! I would enjoy seeing articles from several members and their perspectives about our group..... stuff learned, personal application of our simple methods, etc. This is a great opportunity to share your ideas!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the fairground.....bailing water, shutting doors, fixing broken water lines.....you name it! Patti

**Patti Gregory**

## Farewell from the President



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The New Year rings in several significant changes for YCMGA including a new YCMGA Board under the leadership of Randy Williamson and team, a new Editor of the Grapevine, Donn Callaham, and a new Master Gardener training class. I trust that all Master Gardeners will continue to support the leadership team, trainees and the YCMGA activities in 2016 as you have the past 2 years. I am looking forward to the opportunity to focus my attention on more specific YCMGA activities, especially education and public outreach.

***I hope all of you have a happy, healthy, prosperous and fulfilling 2016.***

**Gene Nesbitt, 2015**

## Battling the Invasives!

Beginning with the February issue of "Grapevine," we will feature an introduction to an invasive plant or insect in Western Oregon. We will cover the old

standbys (such as Scotch broom, decorative grasses) along with the new and truly terrifying, such as Asian gypsy moth. I would love to have member input re: your control (or failure to control) an invasive, and your suggestions as to what invasives you want featured.

*Donn Callaham*

## YCMGA January Calendar

***Newberg High School (Weekly schedule to be announced)***

Every Tuesday (starting February 9th) **Demo. Garden Crew** in the greenhouse 9 to noon.

Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, **Herbarium Committee**, 1-3 pm.

Every Saturday, **KLYC Radio Show: To the Root of it:** 9 am to 10 am.

January 5, Tuesday, maybe auditorium, **Social Network Group**, 10 a.m. w/ Rita Canales

January 12, Tuesday, **PW Auditorium, Spring Into Gardening**, 2:00 pm

January 7, Thursday, **PW Auditorium, 2016, 9-12- Trainees start.** 1-4 pm- **Botany**

January 13, Wednesday, **PW Auditorium, Executive Board Meeting**, 10 am-noon

January 14, Thursday, **PW Auditorium, Tree Fruits**, 9-12 am/ **Orchard Pruning Workshop**, 1-4 PM

January 21, Thursday, **PW Auditorium, Pollinators**, 9-12 am / **Organic Vegetable Gardening**, 1-4

January 28, Thursday, **PW Auditorium Propagation**, 9-12 am/ **Soils**, 1-4 pm

February 2, Tuesday, **PW Auditorium, Spring Into Gardening**, 2 pm

February 4, Thursday, **PW Auditorium, IPM**, 9-12 am / **Lawns**, 1-4 pm

February 10, Wednesday, **PW Auditorium, Executive Board Meeting**, 10-12

February 11, Thursday, **PW Auditorium, Vertebrate Pests**, 9-12 am / **Urban Forestry**, 1-4 pm

February 18, Thursday, **PW Auditorium, Pruning**, 9-12 am / **Berry Crops**, 1-4

February 23, Tuesday, **PW Auditorium, Spring Into Gardening**, 2 pm

February 25, Thursday, **PW Auditorium, Insects**, 9-12 am, / **Plant ID**, 1-4 pm



**Check out the YCMGA Calendar at [www.ycmg.org](http://www.ycmg.org) for additional Continuing Education and volunteer activities**

**Gene Nesbitt, 2015**

# Buggy Bits

## Surviving the Winter

Insects have many unique ways of passing the cold, wet winter months. Like the old St. Nick poem states, "Mama in her kerchief and I in my cap, had just settled down for a long winter's nap", winter is a time of inactivity and hibernation for most species of insects.

Most spiders hide in cracks or crevices to wile away the winter. But some spiders, like the orb spinners, lay their eggs in the fall that will hatch in the spring and

*"Why does the wooly bear cross the road??"*

then they die. Lack of prey during the winter probably drives a part of this phenomenon.

Moths and butterflies

that were caterpillars in the summer are now in the pupal stage. Moths spin silken cocoons, but butterflies become naked pupae that have camouflaged coloring to make them resemble sticks or dried leaves. When spring arrives, these pupae develop into the gorgeous "flying flowers" we enjoy during the summer.

One exception to producing a cocoon for the winter is the familiar brown and black woolly bear caterpillar. These larvae can sometimes be seen crossing roads during the fall. "Why does the woolly bear cross the road??" Who knows?! Actually we know that it is searching for a good place to hibernate for the winter. In spring it begins to feed again and then spins a cocoon in early summer. The name "woolly bear" and the hibernation cycle seems fit for this fuzzy larva.

The hornets, so abundant in

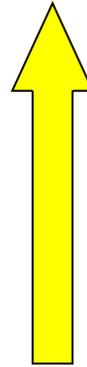
the summer months, have all died, except for the queen who finds a suitable structure in which to hibernate during the winter. She is the only survivor of the colony and will start a new generation in the spring.

Ladybird beetles and box-elder bugs have now found shelters in which they mass together in huge numbers to survive the winter months. Sometimes they enter houses and become extreme nuisances. This is especially true of ladybird beetles. If they get into your attic or walls, they can give off a disagreeable odor that can last until they leave again in the spring.

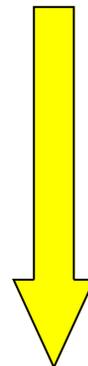
With the advent of warm spring weather, the insects will awaken and begin their activities again so that we can again wonder at the awesomeness of this group of creatures in our world.

**Have a great and joyous Holiday Season!**

**Bob Grossmann**



**Your Article Could Be Here!**  
**Feb. Deadline is 2-26**





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