

# The Grapevine

## OFFICE SPECIALIST JADE JOINS STAFF

**J**ade grew up in Newberg and has lived in McMinnville for the last 5 years. She comes from a long line of dairy farmers all of whom have had a large impact on her love for the outdoors.

Her favorite activities are camping, hiking, and landscape photography. She recently graduated from George Fox University with a Bachelor's degree in Communications with an emphasis on Film Production, hoping to use her degree to further her photography and videography hobby. In fact, she is still working for the Community Center part-time, doing their photography and videography for publicity.

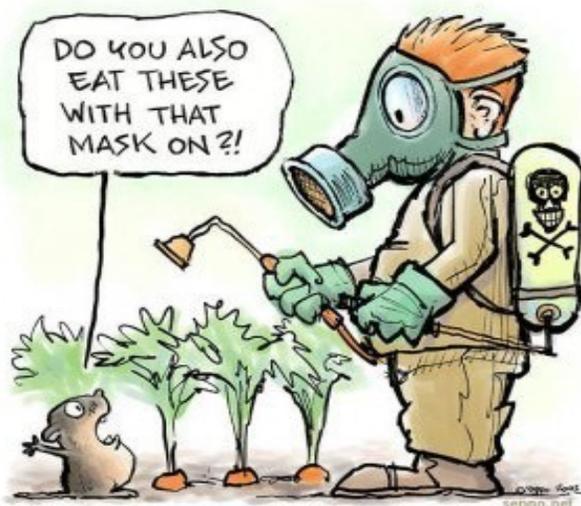
Jade has worked in offices for most of her life, starting at about age 5 in her mother's office. She really enjoys the office atmosphere but mostly enjoys having the opportunity to help people on a daily basis. Jade is really excited to be working with the Yamhill County Extension Service!

Oh, and another of her activities is to get married this month!



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**YAMHILL COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION**

Abbreviated Board Meeting Notes, April 2016

**Meeting was called to order by Randy Williamson at 10:01 a.m. on above date.**

**First Item** was mention of the completed audit which will be sent to Randy. He will then present it to the Board.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol reported that she had spent a large amount of time finding an accounting discrepancy, with turned out to be a check to the Community Center August 2015, which had not been cashed. **The Community Center does this as a way of making a donation to the Master Gardeners, so no new check is issued. (Sentence in bold is correction from version .1).** Currently there is a total of \$17,400.02 in all accounts. Carol will finalize the report and email it to members next week.

**Representative's Report:** For the Minicollege silent auction, 10 or more items are needed, each of at least \$25 Value. Anyone with an item to donate is asked to email a description of it to Apryl. Apryl also presented a spread sheet of the proposed budget adjustments recommended by the committee working on the OMGA budget proposals. The proposal was approved by Pat, seconded by Randy, and agreed upon by everyone.

**Jaynie**, a member of the 2016 class, was introduced as the new class representative for 2016.

**Announcements/Correspondence:** We still needed a desk captain. Obligations of this post include checking in the office at least once per week; checking to be sure trainees at the desk also have a veteran; that all times are covered; and to send reminders to all signed-up parties reminding them of their desk duty. Randy volunteered to do the job jointly with Janie, who at that point was quickly drafted before she could object. Again the problem of online signup versus paper and pen signup was discussed, as approximately 10% of Master Gardeners still do not have computer access. It was suggested that online be the complete signup, and that perhaps a board member could have the responsibility of transferring signups from the papers to the website. At that, all board members tried to appear short and inconsequential. Also, Jade Morgan has been hired to work in the office, starting immediately. Eventually she will be the contact for Master Gardeners, but for now Kelli remains in that role.

**Demonstration Garden** report by Patti: Most of the beds are going to be redone, and people are needed to take on the responsibility for a bed. That includes coming up with themes for the beds: themes must be something not stressed in other MG gardens; it needs to be educational; it should be something different from past themes. Ideas could include pollinator-friendly plants, special situation plant choices, et. Al. She also mentioned that the rose garden irrigation system will be replaced in May, and that we need to keep the focus in all gardens on public education.

**Greenhouse and Plant Sale:** Everything is going well: help pricing plants for the plant sale is needed Tuesday, 4-19, at 9:00 a.m. Alan will format and print plant labels as needed, but there's no way he will be cutting them. More plant sale roadside signs need to be placed, particularly in the more "less-crowded" towns such as Willamina and Grande Ronde.

There is an ongoing issue—new this year—about the procurement of liability insurance for the plant sale. Because YCMGA is not a corporation, somehow we cannot sign the forms for the liability coverage, and that threatens the sale event even being held at the fairgrounds. Vendors apparently must have liability insurance, an expense that will likely make it too expensive for most vendors to participate. There is the possibility that YCMGA will be "grandfathered" in this year only, which would be a reprieve. Sylvia will be meeting with the fairgrounds attorney on this issue, and asked the board to make a decision as soon as possible re: incorporation.

**Camellia Festival** was on Saturday 4-19. Gene manned the YCMGA booth, having 125 contacts and 2 intakes. His hearing may now be impaired, as the booth was next to the stage.

**Education/Outreach Committee** report was given by Pat. She summarized the SIG surveys; attendance was excellent. Focus now is on the 50/50 meetings: half education, half talking and eating. Here is a schedule. (All are 3-4 p.m).

5/19: Michael re: **amphibians in the garden**. (A correction from version .1)

6/16: Sue (and hopefully Gene) Nesbitt re: the REAL Japanese Gardens.

5/07: Oregon Flora Project from 9 a.m. to noon, and will qualify for educational credits

6/20: Heather giving tour of the Community Gardens, 2-4 p.m

6/26: Mac. Garden Club Tour. For this there is a \$5.00 charge, with 30 students maximum.

Gene announced public education events at the demo. Gardens. In spring it will be about designing gardens, and about the greenhouse in fall. We will need signage before the tours, of course. A good idea would be to have leaflet dispenser boxes at the various gardens, containing one-sheet discussions of the gardens.

**Garden Tours:** David Christie has planned a clematis tour in West Linn in late May, probably on a Tuesday. Cost will be \$5 each. In July we will get a tour of Bailey's Nursery, and we'll visit the Oregon Gardens later in the year.

**Community Gardens:** Linda Mason reported the gardens are progressing well. Members harvested 30 pounds of winter vegetables (even after the deer damage) and donated that to YCAP. Drip tape for the new irrigation system is being laid out, and the McMinnville Garden Club has offered to help with the kids' garden. On Saturdays 5/7 and 5/14 will be the plant sale at the garden. Also, the Mac. Garden Club will include our Community Garden on their tour.

**McMinnville Farmers Market** has been saved by Tom offering to operate it. In computer-related matters, Tom announced that signups will be online, and any old-style physical signups must go through the office, which Tom will then insert on the website. We need to stress the need for signups for the educational/social hour events also.

**Newberg Farmers Market**, Sue reported, is moving back to First Street, which is a much more visible spot. It will be on Wednesdays from 1 to 6. Two people have volunteered, but 2 more are needed 5/18.

**Mini-College** will take place August 4 and 5. All speakers have been obtained; registration will open May 1. Four more chairpeople are needed for: cookies; volunteer coordination; chapter sales (of shirts, aprons, etc.) for 3 or 4 chapters; and the Thursday night before the event. Apryl will chair the potluck. On August 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a 4-hour workshop on using social media for communication. All trainees will receive \$50 off admission to Mini-college (notice of which should be emailed to the individuals).

**Publicity:** Tom, Rita, and Pat are taking care of this aspect. Still need ideas for the radio show, which is fun and recorded in a welcoming and comfortable location (Sharon's home).

**Newberg High School** still needs more volunteers. Representatives from OSU will soon be visiting to observe the program.

**Spring into Gardening** is finished for this year, but the first organizational meeting for **2017** will be in June!

**MG Facebook Site:** Rita is "still plugging away" on the site.



## Meeting Notes Continued

**MG Website** was provided by Tom. There have been some problems with Paypal on the site (which Tom will repair) and there were 44 payments made on it for memberships. The Camellia festival is now on the site.

**Seed-to-Table** in Newberg is now finished. Problem is, more Spanish speakers are needed for the program as we have only 2. In other towns there are 10 trainees working to qualify for the program, and are looking for host organizations. Some people for the McMinnville version are needed, to be trained.

**Structures at the fairgrounds** are in need of repair this spring. The siding on the front of the greenhouse needs to be replaced with something that admits more light, and a metal structure is needed in Grow Alley. Both projects must be completed by June first. Sharon will be the designing brains on these projects, but grunt labor is still needed. Volunteers must wait until construction dates are set.

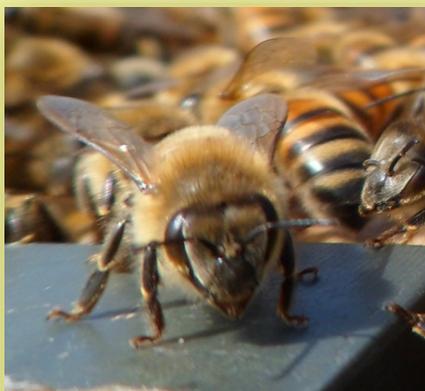
**Candace** suggested we have more communication re: events as sometimes new people are left out. Rhonda-style personal emails worked well and should be continued.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 12:06 p.m. by Randy.

## GOOD NEWS FOR BEES & US

**A**mid ominous warnings about threats to pollinators and the food crops they make possible, Ortho said Tuesday it will stop using a class of chemicals widely believed to harm the most important pollinators of all: bees.

Bees are critical to the food supply because about one-third of the human diet comes from insect-pollinated plants, and honeybees are responsible for 80% of that pollination.



Ortho said it has already removed neonicotinoids from the majority of

its products used to control garden pests and diseases. It plans to remove it from all the rest of its products in two to five years.

The neonicotinoids attack the central nervous systems of insects, either killing them outright or making them vulnerable to predators and deadly diseases, researchers say. Ortho is a division of Marysville, Ohio-based Scotts Miracle-Gro company. The parent company reported sales of \$3.02 billion last year, but does not break out statistics for its various divisions.

Bayer Crop Science and Syngenta, the top manufacturers of neonics, claim that the research has exaggerated the risks and understated the benefits of the chemicals. They have no plans to cease production.



Article from: *Associated Press*  
*Oregonian Newspaper*  
April 04, 2016, page B13

## COMMUNITY GARDENS

We are now well into the planting season as many gardeners have planted the cool weather-tolerant crops. The warm weather is welcome as the area is now dry although most of the garden is now weather proof.



*New raised bed construction with covered*

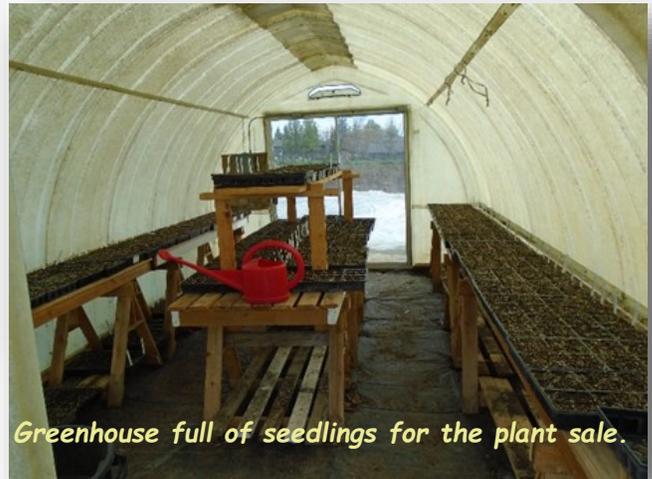
All of the preexisting beds have been rented out and we are now renting out the beds that have been built this year. We have 6 new beds completed with 10 more planned to be ready by June 1. We still need more gardeners and more volunteers.

It is rapidly becoming more fun and easier work as we change the garden over to weed and watering-free. The drip irrigation lines have been installed in all of the beds but need final testing before we cover the lines. This has been an enormous project and required the help of many gardeners and volunteers.

Some hand watering will still need to be done as no drip system is perfect but this eliminates about 95 % of the hand watering.

We are preparing for our plant sales on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> and hope that all of you will show up to purchase any item that we may have that the YCMGA Plant Sale sold out of or didn't have.

Linfield College volunteers were at the garden on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> and did their usual stunning amount of grunt work. The accessible beds have been donated by Kiwanis and we are now deciding on what



*Greenhouse full of seedlings for the plant sale.*

surface we should use (concrete, wood or asphalt). These beds are 3' X 8' and are galvanized steel stock watering tanks.

*Alan Wenner*



### **"ETERNAL" GRAPEVINE DEADLINE**

**Please remember the 22nd of every month  
is the "Grapevine" deadline**

*Donn Callahan, "Grapevine" Editor*

## BOOK REVIEW

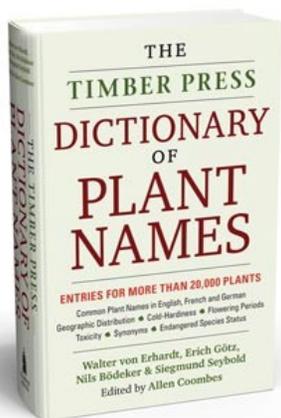
Review of Dictionary of Plant Names,  
Allen J. Coombes, Timber Press, 1985

### Can You Say “Weigela?”

It’s one of the most common questions among gardeners of all types: “How do you pronounce that (Latin plant name)?” And now, finally, I’ve found an answer.

The Dictionary of Plant Names by Allen J. Coombes (Timber Press) is one of the most useful plant references I’ve ever found. All of us feel ignorant when we don’t know how to pronounce a name, yet finding out how to correctly pronounce is often impossible. Even the professional botanists tell us to just “make up” the pronunciation. This little volume covers over 20,000 plants, and even does more than give exact pronunciation.

One of its most wonderful attributes, in my opinion, is that everything is listed alphabetically throughout the book. So the common names of plants are listed (in bold print) followed by the scientific name of the genus in italics. To find the plant, just look it up under the Latin name. That means just one place to look, rather than hunting through two or three listings to find a pronunciation and definition.



Beneath the name and pronunciation are listed species and varieties by common name, with the Latin equivalent. For instance, beneath **Pinus** are listed 38 species of pines, with both scientific and vernacular nomenclature. The pronunciation is interesting, because many are commonly mispronounced.

I looked up “Wiegela” because I’ve heard it spoken various ways, and was mortified to find I have been one of the *mispronouncers*! It is pronounced “vie’ geh la” because it is named after the German botanist, von Weigel. Nope, no “w” sound in it, it being named after a German.

Probably just as valuable is the listing of Latin descriptive terms relating to plants (e.g., *glabra*, *vulgaris*, *rubra*) with definition. That makes it very possible to read the name of any plant and immediately know some of its primary characteristics. And, all these Latin modifiers are listed alphabetically as well, so are easy to find.

My copy of Dictionary of Plant Names is from 1985, which *some* might consider “old.” But the book is still in print, available from Timber Press. It now contains much more information about each plant (such as zones, growth habits, etc.) though that information is easy to find practically anywhere. My copy I bought at the McMinnville Library book sale (for \$1.00)—the current book is now \$39.95.

For anyone aspiring to sound intelligent in plant discussions, this book is your ticket to earning the respect of peers.



Donn Callaham

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# NEWBERG H.S. PLANT SALE

This article is provided to let the YCMGA Membership know of the current horticulture activity happening at Newberg High School.



*NHS students planting white oaks*

The NHS Horticulture and Ecology classes planted 540-3 year old White Oak trees on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Earth Day, on the North side of the Willamette River on Hwy 219. With the Newberg bypass construction, ODOT is cooperating with Chehalem Park and Rec District (CPRD), and is involved with Wetlands and riparian remediation on CPRD lands along the river. The NHS Greenhouse was invited to participate in creating an Oak Savannah when it was discovered that NHS Greenhouse had been growing White Oaks for such a project. This was a great opportunity for our students to learn from professionals at an actual restoration site and participate in a local event that will create a natural area for our community to use and enjoy for generations.

Our May plant sale is just around the corner and will be every Friday and Saturday in May from 9-5. Students will be trained in general retail practice, customer service and also get cash register experience. Many students will use this experience to apply for summer jobs. There will be a MG clinic table at our plant

sale the first 2 Fridays of May and every Saturday, 10am until 1 pm. You do not need a background check/school permission to work the clinic table. There is a sign up book in the MG office—email or call to sign up.

The focus of class instruction for May will be continued specific grafting techniques such as whip-tongue, in-arch & T-budding (used in vineyards). Students will practice with an Omega grafting tool and grafting knife. Work days will be every Thursday and will focus on sale preparation, staging for our plant sale and grounds-keeping. Friday classes will participate in the sale.

Greenhouse "work days" are scheduled for the following days (all Thursdays):

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1:10-2:30

May 12<sup>th</sup> 9:40-11:00 and 11:10-12:30

May 19<sup>th</sup> 1:10-2:30

May 26<sup>th</sup> 9:40-11:00 and 11:10-12:30

You can visit a class by checking into the HS Main office ahead of class time; ongoing volunteering requires a background check/ID card from the district school office. Check out the latest activity by visiting our blog at <http://nhsgreenhouse.wordpress.com/author/nhsgreenhouse/> and like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/Nhsgreenhouse](http://www.facebook.com/Nhsgreenhouse).

Feel free to send any questions to Cindy Kinaman [kinnamanbc@gmail.com](mailto:kinnamanbc@gmail.com) or Patti Gregory [agregory43@outlook.com](mailto:agregory43@outlook.com)



*Planting oaks in perfect planting weather*

# McMinnville High School Horticulture and FFA Plant Sale!

Featuring a variety of student grown:

- \* Vibrant Summer Annuals
- \* Hardy, Unique Perennials
- \* Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Peppers & more to jumpstart your garden
- \* Porch-Worthy Hanging Baskets



And More!

## May 5th & 6th

## 10am-6pm

Located at the McMinnville High School Greenhouse

# Yamhill county Master Gardener Calendar

May 2016

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**Greenhouse/garden crew**, 9 to noon, at the fairgrounds garden

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**Newberg H.S. Plant sale begins**, 9 to 5, See article page 7

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**Oregon Flora Project**, 9 to noon, PW Auditorium

**Plant Sale at Community Garden**, at the garden

**Plant Sale at Newberg High School**, at the NHS, 9 to 5

10

**Greenhouse/garden crew**, 9 to noon, at the fairgrounds garden

11

**YCMGA Board Meeting**, 10 a.m. to noon, PW Auditorium

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**McMinnville Farmers' Market**, Downtown, see article page 14

13

**Newberg H.S. Plant sale continues**, 10 to 1 p.m.

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**Plant sale at Community Garden**, 10:00 until 1:00

**Clinic at Kraemer's Garden Center**, 10:00 until 1:00

**Clinic at Fred Meyer Garden Center (Newberg)** 10:00 until 1:00

**Newberg H.S. Plant sale continues**, 10 to 1 p.m.

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**Greenhouse/garden crew**, 9 to noon, at the fairgrounds garden

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**Education & General Social Meeting**, 3 to 4 p.m., P.W. Auditorium,  
"Amphibians in the Garden" by Michael

21

**NHS Plant Sale**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the high school

24

**Greenhouse/garden crew**, 10 to 1, at the fairgrounds garden

25

**Newberg Farmers' Market Begins**, 1 p.m. To 6 p.m.

June 2016

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**McMinnville Yard/Garden tour**, 9 to 4, Community Gardens

8

**YCMGA Board Meeting**, 10 a.m. to noon, PW Auditorium

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**Education & General Social Meeting**, 3:00 p.m., P.W. Auditorium,  
The Nesbitts re: the real Japanese Gardens

**Every Tuesday Propagation Crew**, greenhouse 9 to noon.

**Every 1st & 3rd Thursday, Insect Committee**, M.G. office, 10:00 a.m. to noon

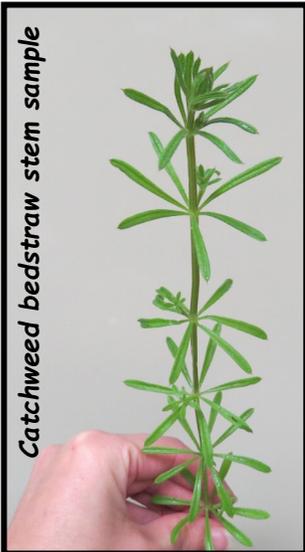
**Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday, Herbarium Committee**, M.G. office, 1 pm. To 3 pm.

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

# PESKY PROFILES



**Don't Get Caught by this Weed!**



Catchweed bedstraw is a somewhat common weed in gardens and landscapes and is most easily identified by the curved prickles (best observed under a hand lens) which causes it to catch on clothing or the hair of animals.

It is a winter or summer annual and is found in disturbed habitats. The stems are square in cross section and grow up to 3 ½ feet long. Six to eight leaves whorl around the stem and it has tiny greenish to white flowers; the fruits are tiny bristly balls that also have hook-shaped hairs. Fortunately this weed is fairly easy to pull by hand in landscape and gardening situations.

[http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/WEEDS/catchweed\\_bedstraw.html](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/WEEDS/catchweed_bedstraw.html)  
<http://ext100.wsu.edu/whitman/2013/11/13/catchweed-bedstraw/>



*Tom and Randy, Techies at work*



*Catchweed at Extension Office (since pulled)*



*Brought in by Eileen, these are beans that were "saved" for future use. Those aren't dots—they are weevil holes!*

*Seed-sharing at Education/Social meeting*



# Bob Crassmann's Buggy Bits

Quite a few years ago Bill Cosby had a TV show titled "Kids Say the Darndest Things." Reminiscing, I happened to think that some immature insects have really unique activities. So these "kids" are the subject of this month's Buggy Bits.

The larvae of lacewings are voracious feeders. In fact, they are so vicious, the female lacewing lays her eggs on the end of one-inch hair-like stalks to keep the tiny hatchlings



**Ant lion itself**

from eating each other. The larvae are unusual in that their large curved mandibles are hollow, and when one chomps down on its prey, it simply needs to

hold on tight and suck the juices right out of the insect, like you would suck a milkshake through a straw.

Doodlebugs are the immature forms of ant lions. The adult ant lion looks very much like a small dragonfly, but has long antennae. The doodlebug is shaped much like a hen's egg, but about 1/4 inch long. It also has huge hollow mandibles like the lacewing larva. Doodlebugs are found in loose sand where they dig, moving backwards in ever decreasing circles, making a funnel shaped pit.

The larva buries itself at the very bottom of this pit with just its jaws showing. Eventually, an ant or other small insect will venture by and begin to slip into the funnel. As the ant

## "Kids do the Darndest Things..."

struggles, the sand grains give way, and the ant tumbles down to the waiting jaws of the young ant lion. If it looks like the ant will escape, the ant lion larva will use its jaws to flip sand up in the funnel to create an "avalanche" of sand and force the ant down to the bottom again.

Ants in the mature stage cannot produce silk. They can, however, as larvae, spin silk to make their little cocoons in which they transform into adults. Certain ants in the tropics are very migratory. They wander from place to place looking for new food sources. Once they have found a convenient source, the entire colony sets up camp to devour the food.

They enclose an area by pulling together leaves and debris and cementing it together with silk. How? The adult ants grab a larva and give it a gentle squeeze. This causes the larva to spin out silk. The adult holds the larva in its jaws and literally "sews" the leaves together by moving the larva back and forth as the silk is given out. When the larva is out of silk, the ant simply grabs another one to continue the process. With hundreds of ants doing the same thing, the temporary "tent" is completed in short order!

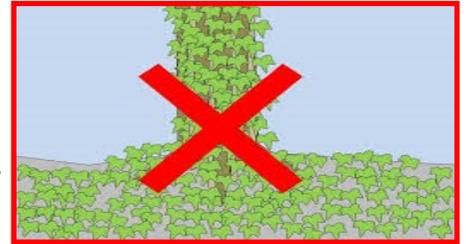
These are just a few examples of the wonderful, unusual lives of immature insects. There are many more fascinating stories out there to be told. But, there's always another month

to write about them!



# The Invasives!

## ENGLISH IVY



trees susceptible to disease.

Ivy will eventually eliminate sunlight to the tree, and can cause tree collapse from the shear weight and bulk, particularly during wind events.

Fortunately, ivy can be controlled effectively using both manual and chemical means. Cutting and pulling the roots must be done when the soil is wet, and one must be sure to pull the entire vine. When plants are climbing trees you will need to use clippers, loppers, or even a chain saw to cut the climbing stems at the base of the tree. It is best to remove 2 feet or more of vine from the tree trunk. Once the vine is cut pull all the ivy plants out at least 6 feet around the base of the tree, and always remove all pulled and cut vines from the site. (They are masters at resprouting from roots, cuttings, and other fragments).

Periodically revisit the site to maintain a clear area around each tree. This will prevent the ivy from climbing and then producing seed.

### Biological Control

There are no known and approved biocontrol agents for English ivy in the state of Oregon.

### IPM Suggestions

Cut ivy away from trees and apply foliar herb

### Description

English ivy is an evergreen perennial climbing vine that attaches itself to the bark of trees, any masonry, and many other surfaces. It uses root-like structures that probe their way into any fissures, and exude a glue-like substance to help it adhere to surfaces.

The leaves are alternate, dark green, waxy, and somewhat leathery. Leaf forms are extremely variable, from unlobed to 3-5 lobed, and are typically dark green with whitish veins.

### Manual Controls

English ivy is an important plant to control because of the damage it causes, particularly in woodlands. It most commonly invades woodlands, forests, and riparian areas. It is especially important to keep out of trees because it can negatively affect tree growth and health, making the



English ivy leaves look like this all year.  
Note protective waxy coating.

- icide treatment to all leaves on the ground. According the [Pacific Northwest Weed Handbook](#), applications to cut stems are effective using a 33% mixture of glyphosate in water. Surfactant must also be in the mixture.

Goats love ivy and can be used to clear areas before you pull out the root systems. However, they will also decimate non-target plants and therefore should be well supervised. [Editor's note: Ever tried "supervising" a herd of goats, or even one goat?]

## Chemical control

**A**lways read and follow label instructions and take precautions to avoid drift when using any chemical means of control. Spraying ivy can be done year round as long as the ambient temperature is between 55 degrees and 85 degrees. If possible, apply chemicals during dry periods in late winter or very early spring before native plants leaf out and emerge. If done at the right time of year as described, ivy can be sprayed even on other bushes with no harm to the non-ivy plants.

***Spraying ivy can be done year-round!***

It's important to know that the leaves on English ivy have a thick waxy coating, making the plant very resistant to foliar herbicide application. Using a surfactant is important to increase the herbicide effectiveness by cutting through the waxy surface of the leaves. For more information regarding herbicide products and application, go to:

<http://pnwhandbooks.org/weed/>



"Weed Watch" is created by Yamhill Soil & Water Conservation District, with details added by Donn Callaham.



**Tim (Student of 2016 class)  
at Camellia Festival**

## GIVE ONLINE SIGNUPS A TRY...

Once again we will be manning a booth at this years McMinnville Farmers Market. The event starts May 12th and continues each Thursday through Oct 6th. I've been asked to coordinate this event. This is a great opportunity to interact with the community, get to know fellow Master Gardeners, and get volunteer hours.

We will need to fill all of the two, 2-1/2 hour slots and will also need help with Setup and Breakdown.

This year we will be using this event to try out **online sign-ups**. If you'd like to sign up for any available slots, all you need to do is login to the YCMGA [website](#) and select **Events->MAC Farmers Market Sign-Up**. It will take you to a site called Volunteer Spot where you can sign up for any available slots. There are no passwords to remember, just provide your email address. If you'd like to go directly to the signup page you can use this link: <http://vols.pt/pF4VJH>.

The site is setup to accept two volunteers for each of the following slots:

- Setup - 12:30pm - 1pm
- Booth - 1pm - 3:30pm
- Booth - 3:30pm - 6pm.
- Breakdown - 6pm - 6:30pm

Trainees are encouraged to signup but we will need at least one veteran during each Booth slot.

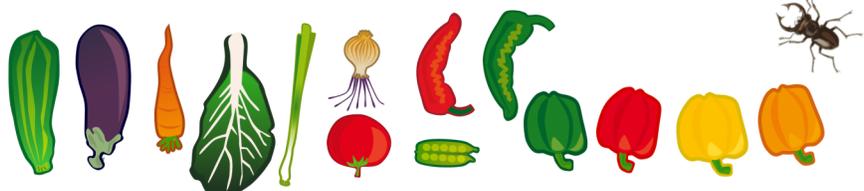
If you signup to man the booth, please consider also signing up for Setup or Breakdown. It's only a little more time and would preclude someone having to come out for just a 1/2 hours work.

Details on Setup and Breakdown tasks will be posted on the website

For those of you who have already signed up via the traditional binder, I've transferred your info to the Volunteer Spot sign-up site. Please [login](#) in with your email address to confirm.

If you are uncomfortable using the online sign-ups, as in the past you can always call or visit or call the Extension office at **503-434-7517** and speak with Jade or Kelli to sign up for the event. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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# Heather's Highlights

This spring has certainly been busy with different Master Gardener events. The spring clinics have begun and are bringing us into retail garden centers and other community events. These have thus far been successful and have been a good way for us to gain visibility for our program as well as help our community with their gardening questions. Thank you to all of you who have stepped up to fill these time slots and help at these various events.

Also included in recent happenings are multiple educational and social events. Yesterday was the first Education and General Social Meeting and the group watched a TED Talk on seed saving. There was good turnout and the group spent much of the time after the presentation chatting, snacking and trading seeds for their own gardens. Upcoming events include the Oregon Flora Project Presentation on May 7<sup>th</sup> and on May 19<sup>th</sup> our own Yamhill County Master Gardener Michael O'Loughlin will be speaking about "Amphibians in Your Garden". These will both be at the Public Works Auditorium. More events are in the planning, so tune in for more information!

Here are a few things to remember as you are at clinics and working the desk:

Fill out intakes completely, including who filled out the intake form and whether it is completed or not.

If you are going to an off-site clinic, please sign out the clinic box (sign out sheet is in the Master Gardener room in the Extension office).

Remember to record your contacts.

Bring intake forms from off-site clinics into the office and leave them on the table if not completed or file them appropriately if completed/waiting for info.

Thank you! I am looking forward to a successful gardening season!



*Lynette, Linda, Pat, and Kathy choose seeds saved by Lynette*

*Lynette enjoying her seed sharing*





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