



# The Grapevine

The newsletter for Yamhill County Master Gardeners

MAY 2017

## SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP

**May 6:** Spring Garden Fair by Clackamas County Master Gardeners

**May 15:** Waterwise Gardening Presentation in Newberg by Chehalem Park & Recreation

**Saturdays & Sundays thru May 21:** Cecil & Molly Smith Rhododendron Garden open from 11am to 4pm in St. Paul

**Sundays 7 & 14:** Sherwood Rotary Club tree & shrub sale

*These events described in detail in this issue of the "Grapevine."*

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## WHY THE EXCAVATION?

Here's the lowdown on the mud-pit in the Extension Office front landscaping.

All the plumbing to and inside the Extension Office building is being replaced, and this excavation is part of it. Recently a new main line was plumbed in. Now bids are being taken on the replumbing of the building itself. We don't know when the actual work will start.

Fortunately, the pipes won't run around the building, but instead up the front wall, across the attic, and down other walls.

However, *Donn Callaham*

it'll be a long time coming. We expect another 1 to 2 months of construction. So enjoy the hole, avoid falling in, and feel free to take a dip when it rains.





Happy & Helpful Master Gardeners at April Farmfest



Eileen & Donn redworm egg-hunting



Limited to 30 people

Coming May 15

# Waterwise Gardening

Learn from Bryan Stewart of Chehalem Park & Recreation, designer of Newberg Waterwise Garden. He will discuss plants, planning, maintenance, and all the basics of waterwise gardening. Make your own patio pot to take home.

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person (ages 18 and up)

**Location:** Waterwise Garden, 503 Hancock St., Newberg

**Time:** Monday, May 15, 10 a.m. to noon

**Register:** on special link on YCMGA website



## Yamhill County Master Gardener Calendar



**MAY, 2017**



- 4** **Insect Committee** meets in the auditorium at Extension office, 10:00 a.m.
- 5** **Newberg High Plant Sale**, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, at Newberg High School
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**Spring Garden Fair** (Clackamas County MG's) 9:00 to 5:00, in Canby
- 11** **YCMGA Board Meeting.** Public Works Auditorium, 10 am to 12 pm  
**No "Lunch & Learn" today. Event for May is "Waterwise Gardening" in Newberg. See ad on opposite page.**
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- 15** **"Waterwise Gardening"** presentation by Bryan Stewart, Landscape Coordinator for Chehalem Park & Recreation District. Located at Newberg Waterwise Garden, 503 Hancock St., Newberg (next to Newberg Library). 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m., \$10.  
**BE SURE TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE: LIMITED TO 30 ATTENDEES!**
- 18** **Insect Committee** meets in the auditorium at Extension office, 10:00 a.m.  
**Herbarium Committee** meets in the auditorium at Extension office, 1 pm to 4 pm.
- 20** **Newberg High Plant Sale**, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, at Newberg High School  
**MG Clinic at Wilco**, Hwy. 99 in McMinnville, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.  
**Smith Rhododendron** Garden open for tours
- 21** **Smith Rhododendron** Garden open for tours
- 23** **Jim Gilbert** fruit grower presentation (OSU, Salem, for credit) Pg. 13 this "*Grapevine*"
- 27** **Newberg High Plant Sale**, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, at Newberg High School  
**Native plant sale & wildflower show** 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, at Mac. Library

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

**Insect Committee** meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 10 am to noon, auditorium

# The Invasives

**Asian longhorned beetle**

***Anaplophora glabripennis***



**T**he Asian longhorned beetle ("ALB" to its closest enemies) is a distinctive invasive wood-boring insect native to China and Korea. It has infested and killed thousands of trees in New York City, northern New Jersey, Chicago, Massachusetts, Ohio and Toronto.

In the U.S., established populations were first discovered in 1996 in Brooklyn, N.Y. It has moved rapidly enough that it now is a threat here in Oregon. The good news is that ALB has been eradicated from some of these regions, so it is possible to stop if action is taken proactively and quickly.

Though the females lay only one egg per hole, each will lay about 50 eggs in a season. If laid late in the season, they just overwinter and then hatch and begin eating.

## **WHAT TREES DOES IT KILL?**

The ALB kills a wide variety of hardwood trees, including maples, elms, willows, poplars, and birches. Maples are the most common victim, but this intimidating beetle also attacks Aesculus, Prunus, Katsura, plane trees, and Sorbus.

## **HOW DOES IT KILL THEM?**

The larvae are cylindrical and huge (2" long) and cause the most damage. They begin their development by creating a feeding gallery in the cambium, and then tunnel into the heartwood as they grow.

There they live and eat for 1 to 2 years, going through at least 5 molts as they grow. They do not pupate until they reach a predetermined weight, so they may go through more than the 5 instars (molts). *One larva will consume 1,000 cubic cm. of wood (about the size of 2 thick paperback books) in its lifetime.*

Dormant at temperatures below 50 degree Fahrenheit, the larvae and beetles will overwinter within the tree, then bore their way out of the tree, leaving behind a hole the size of a dime!

But that's not all. The adults eat the leaf petioles and chew through the bark on small branches to eat the vascular cambium.

## **WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?**

The ALB is distinctive. Its unique characteristics are:

- ▶ *Shiny, jet-black body with white spots.*
- ▶ *Body about 1 1/2" long.*
- ▶ *Very long antennae with black and white alternate stripes*
- ▶ *Metallic-looking blue feet.*
- ▶ *Unusually long legs.*

It helps some that the beetles tend to infest the same tree in which they spent their childhood, unless the tree is dead or populations are too dense.

However, they do travel from about half a mile to one-and-one-half miles searching for a new host. They begin their infestation at the crown of the tree and main branches, and enter the trunk only when the crown of the tree is dying.



This means that if a new infestation is found, there is a good chance that it is still localized and can be eradicated. Once infected, trees must be removed immediately (and preferably burned). There is no cure for an infected tree.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

The number one rule is: don't move firewood. Use firewood obtained only from around your campsite; never take any home.

Watch for signs of beetle infestation. Look for:

*Dime-size holes* in trees

*Scraped pits* in bark, where

*the females laid eggs.*

*The beetles themselves.*

*Oozing sap* or small piles of *sawdust* (frass) under the infected tree or branch.

***If you find any evidence, report it immediately to our Extension Office. When the Insect Committee has verified the identification, we will notify the USDA.***



*Donn Callaham*



***To date, over 1,000 MG's from across the US and Canada have decided to join in the fun! There is still time for you to register. Less than 200 spots left!***

## 2017 International Master Gardener Conference

**July 10 - 14, 2017**

at the

**Oregon Convention Center**

in Portland, OR

**Want to Volunteer or Register visit the IMGC 2017 website:**

**<http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/2017imgc/>**

**TRADE SHOW with 78 vendors.....TOURS! and more TOURS just added.....48 SPEAKERS**



Free Admission

# Wildflower Show & Native Plant Sale

10 am – 3 pm Saturday, May 27, 2017

McMinnville Public Library

225 NW Adams St., McMinnville, Oregon



- Enjoy the annual wildflower display inside the Carnegie Room
  - Learn names of local wildflowers, trees and shrubs
  - Purchase locally grown native plants for your garden
  - Tour the Native Plant Garden at the library



Native Plant Society of Oregon, Cheahmill Chapter  
Information: 503-835-1042

*Photos courtesy of Paul Medunen, Susan Williams, Jake Hurbert and Mama Porath*

## WHAT IS "PLANTAMNESTY"?

**P**lantAmnesty is an organization founded by author **Cass Turnbull**, who left the Seattle Parks Department in 1986 after 11 years to start her own landscape maintenance and consulting business. One year later, she founded **PlantAmnesty**, a private nonprofit organization that now numbers nearly 1,200 members in 46 states and five countries. **PlantAmnesty** has gained considerable local and national press as the organization strives to educate the commercial and public sectors on responsible, appropriate pruning and landscape management practices, establishing a standard of quality care for the urban ecology. Trees and shrubs are the focus.

**"END THE SENSELESS TORTURE AND MUTILATION OF TREES AND SHRUBS"**



This is the lofty goal of the organization. PlantAmnesty members share a common bond of caring about green things, and they know that an immense amount of damage is done to our landscapes, largely due to widespread ignorance (known as "mal-pruning").

*To accomplish their mission, PlantAmnesty:*

- ⇒ Supplies educational materials and literature, including how-to guides, YouTube videos, pruning tips, articles, essays, DVDs, and books.
- ⇒ Has pruning classes, lectures, and hands-on lessons, workshops, and demonstrations. Unfortunately for us, these are almost all in the Seattle area.
- ⇒ Has professional arborist and gardener-donated work days (again, in Seattle)
- ⇒ PlantAmnesty website
- ⇒ Takes part in parades, displaying banners promoting expert pruning!
- ⇒ Operates the Seattle "Heritage Tree" Program

Alerting the public to "**Crimes against Nature**" with a media campaign using humor, education, and controversy to raise public awareness, **PlantAmnesty** operates primarily in Seattle. There are active chapters in other cities, and plant enthusiasts are encouraged to join the organization. For more information, and to find out about membership, follow this link:

<http://www.plantamnesty.org/>

*Donn Callaham*



# NEWBERG HIGH SCHOOL GREENHOUSE HAPPENINGS



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 an MG clinic table at our plant sale. You do not need a background check/school permission to work the clinic table. Check on-line to sign up or call the MG office.

The greenhouse is located off of 99W and Elliott Road—the South side of the high school. Turn left in the school parking lot and follow the signs to the sale.

Our May plant sale is just around the corner and will be every Friday and Saturday in May from 9 am -5 pm, starting May 5th. The students have been working hard to seed, transplant and care for our plants which are filling 2 greenhouses, 3 cold frames and an open area outside. We will have hanging baskets, premium annuals, perennials, native trees/shrubs, vegetables, herbs, sedums, Bonsai and Terra Nova specialty plants.



Website address:

<https://www.newberg.k12.or.us/nhs/greenhouse>

Feel free to send any questions to Cindy Kinnaman [kinnamanbc@gmail.com](mailto:kinnamanbc@gmail.com)

*Cindy Kinnaman*

### Newberg High Plant Prices

- Vegetables & seeded annuals.....\$1.00
- 4" Premium annuals.....\$2.00
- 5.5" Perennials.....\$3.00 to \$4.00
- Natives 2/3 gallon.....\$7.00



Highly trained students will be in charge of plant sale.

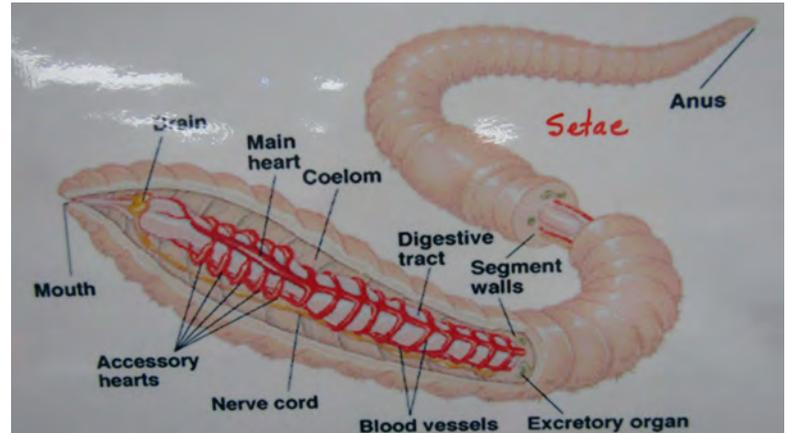
## Wonderful Worms

On April 12, we had a very informative presentation on raising energetic worms who happily donate their fecal matter (castings) for humans to use as compost.

Our own Master Gardener, Rita Canales, had a colorful PowerPoint and an excellent display board explaining how these little "red wigglers" do so much work for us. The most common composting worm is in fact *Eisenia fetida*, "red wigglers". "Fetida," by the way is not an accurate name for them at all, as they have only a mild and pleasant smell of compost.

We learned about their anatomy and I felt immediately sorry for them, since they have no eyes, no ears and no teeth! They are missing so much on this beautiful earth. They do have 5 hearts, which prompted Donn C. to be immediately jealous!

All the details of a successful worm bin were discussed at length and surprisingly it is not a complicated project. Like all life forms you need to provide them with all species' basic requirements and



with a responsible "worm mistress/master" they should be very happy reproducing and creating castings.

Rita was also generous in explaining how to make "worm tea". She could have led us on for quite some time, but she was quick to explain it's not for human consumption. It's another form of fertilizer that these little soil helpers contribute to our planet.



*Nancy Woodworth*



Worm-hunting under Rita's vigilant supervision

# Heather's Highlights

As the weather warms up, so does the frequency of clientele stopping by the extension office to speak with all of you, our knowledgeable Master Gardeners, regarding assistance with their yards and landscapes. I appreciate the number of sign ups we have had for the desk by both trainees and veterans. There are always open spots, however, so please check in with Signup.com or click [here](#) to see dates when we are in need of help. We need for the veterans and trainees to seek each other out on the sign

up page so that we always have trainees signed up with veterans. Having veterans and trainees work together helps assist trainees with feeling comfortable and allows them to learn the ins and outs of working the desk since there can be a lot of details. If you are a veteran and there is a spot where a trainee is alone please try to come in to help out. If you are a trainee, please try to find a spot with a veteran already signed up. If you have limited availability for scheduling you can always contact your mentors personally to see if they can meet with you on the desk or let Jade know and we will work with you to make sure you can get your needed clinic hours. Also, please note the days you are signed up and let us know in the extension office if you cannot make it, often we will need to find another individual to fill that spot so some heads-up is always appreciated. Lastly, if you are having problems with the online sign-ups or would like to have us enter your time slots please contact Jade.

## PESKY PROFILES



By Heather Stoven

### "Mines Don't Always Bring Riches"

Leafminers are black and yellow flies whose larvae "mine" leaves of many ornamental and vegetable plants including spinach, chard and beets by feeding between the leaf layers. It is these serpentine feeding trails that we spot in the foliage of our veggies. Once the larvae mature, they drop to the ground and pupate in the soil. This is the stage that the pest overwinters in; therefore crop rotation can be important. Natural enemies can greatly reduce pest populations as can the application of floating row covers before adults emerge in the spring. If this is a pest of concern, you may want to check for eggs to see if it is too late to apply a row cover. Insecticides can have limited effectiveness since they will not control the larval stage within the leaf. Mines can also be removed by hand to help reduce future populations as well as reduce the "added protein" from your salad! Happy Gardening!



Hands of imposter gardener holding damaged leaf (note those fingernails!)



Leaf miner eggs on underside of leaf

## COMMUNITY GARDEN PLANS

The Plant Sale will be a memory when this is published so we will move on to the future activities at the garden. The above photos are from the Community Garden Greenhouse showing the Basil and some of the Tomato plants.



Premium tomatoes on April 18

This was a very good learning experience. The tomatoes were started a month early, the peppers a month late and the Basil was started at the right time. It is much easier to force plants than it is to hold them back.

As of this writing, we have 9 row gardeners on our waiting

list with just a few beds opening up during early May. Late May we will have more beds and fewer on the wait list. A good feeling for us but bad for the waiting list gardeners. We are in the process of building 18 new raised beds but these are designated for YCAP Food Bank.

We have completed the automatic drip system for 60 beds and this is a huge step forward (funding provided mostly by YCMGA).

We now have our 100 tomato cages made out of 3/8" rebar and will use them all this coming summer. Cost per cage was about \$1.25, thanks to Michael Crain and Cascade Steel.

As soon as the greenhouse is emptied out of the Plant Sale plants, we will move our surplus tomatoes in and give these to our gardeners as they want to plant. We will also be growing 20 plants in 20 gallon nursery pots for early ripe to-

matoes for the Food Bank. If this is successful, we may do more next year.

We are working on starting YCMGA classes beginning in late May that can be used for recertification. The recertified MG's at the garden will be the instructors. More information will be provided as we work out the class outlines. The first class is to be held at the garden in late May.

We have several groups using the garden as an educational area and the YCMGA can be very proud of their involvement in this outreach facility.



Greenhouse basil

Alan Wenner

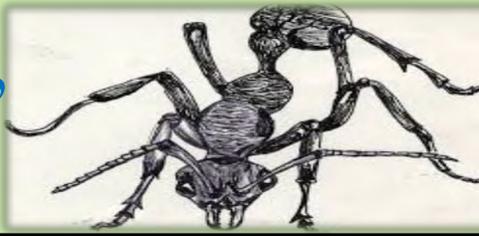


### U.S. Presidents and Their Gardens

Thomas Jefferson (1801-1809) was an early windowsill gardener. Geraniums and roses were his first choices. At that time, geraniums were a newcomer to American horticulture. First imported to Britain in the 1700's, they hail from South Africa, carried back by Portuguese and Dutch traders as they made their way around the Cape of Good Hope from India and the Spice isles. The geranium is related to our native perennial geraniums, such as the wild cranesbill, *Geranium maculatum*. Though by 1789 botanists had separated it into its own genus, *Pelargonium*, in America the old common name stuck.

(Source: All the Presidents' Gardens by Marta McDowell)

Bob  
Grossmann's



# Buggy Bits

## March Madness!

It's that time of year again! Calls will be coming into the MG office with clients wondering what to do about boxelder bugs covering their house or getting inside. My advice of "leave them alone and they will go home," or vacuum them up if they are inside, seems to satisfy most of the callers. The bugs are simply getting ready to mate, lay eggs and then seemingly disappear from the landscape during the summer.



Many callers are also concerned about the lady-bird beetles that swarm about this time of the year. Same advice! Actually, the ladybirds are simply coming out of hibernation "en masse" and are looking for suitable places to lay eggs and perpetuate the species. Since both the boxelders and the ladybirds are distasteful to predators, they can go about their March madness relatively undisturbed.

The slugs that have been hibernating all winter also begin to appear. Perhaps you have seen a pair mating in a slimy mass in your gardens or under logs and rocks. The slugs are her-



maphroditic, which means they have both male and female parts. Therefore, a pair can lay twice as many eggs as if they were simply a male or female. You probably have seen the eggs under wood or rocks in your garden. They look like tiny translucent pearls and are about the size of BB's. They are laid in masses of about one hundred and hatch in a short time as miniature ravenous eating machines. A couple of years ago a client brought in a sample of what she thought were eggs from some plants she had purchased from a nursery. She was worried about having her plants ruined by the offspring. When we saw the "eggs" we smiled and told her they were just empty pellets of the fertilizer Osmocote!

On warm days you may see tiny black spiders running to and fro in your yard. These are a species of wolf spider that does not spin a web, but rather searches for and runs down its prey. As the days get longer and warmer, you might see some of the spiders with little white egg sacs. The females carry these egg sacs with their spinnerets until the eggs hatch. The hatchlings climb on the mother and are literally "taken for a ride" until they are big enough to be able to survive on their own.

Carpenter ants are now sending out scouts looking for food or suitable places to begin satellite

colonies. Soon the winged reproductives will be swarming out of their nests to mate and find available wood to start new colonies. Termites will also begin to swarm, and as they do so, the birds are ready and waiting for some winged protein to add to their meager winter-time diets.

Moles, voles and mice are becoming active, and are eagerly awaiting the surge of a fresh food supply. March madness is catching on with all the creatures in our area. The bustling activities of summer are beginning anew, creating new challenges for us as Master Gardeners.

Both pests and beneficials give us purpose for tending to our gardening pleasures in spring. March madness is simply a prelude to the renewal of the natural world around us in summer in our great Northwest.





Marion County  
Master Gardeners™ Association

# Unique and Valuable Fruits for Northwest Gardens

Speaker: Jim Gilbert, Northwoods Nursery

Tuesday, May 23, 7:00pm  
Salem Public Library  
Anderson Room

585 Liberty St. SE, Salem, Oregon

Join the Master Gardeners for this free, fun and educational evening. Learn about the amazing, delicious and nutritious fruits and nuts we can grow in our Pacific Northwest climate. Jim will discuss varieties and growing techniques for Figs, Persimmons, Kiwis, Almonds and many more unique fruits.

Jim is a co-owner of Northwoods Nursery, which he founded in 1979. He has traveled extensively in the former Soviet Union and other countries in search of new varieties for Northwest gardeners. Among these are Honeyberry, Sea Berry, Cornelian Cherry and Magnolia Vine. In addition to its selection of unique and valuable fruiting plants, Jim's nursery business has received Salmon Safe certification and is recognized for its pioneering sustainability efforts.



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*Beth Durri's*

## Superb Herbs



**P**arsley, a member of the carrot family, is native to the eastern Mediterranean and parts of western Asia. Greeks believed Hercules chose parsley for his garlands and thus it was woven into the crowns for the early Olympians. Warriors would feed it to their horses, believing it would help them run faster. Greek poets referred to it at wedding feasts and it became used to subdue the odor of onions and garlic. Some say they wore it on their heads to absorb the after-effects of drinking wine. In other Greek legends parsley was associated with death. One Greek hero, Archemorous, was eaten by snakes and where his blood spilled, parsley sprang up. Wreaths of parsley are still seen on modern graves.

More herbal folklore tells us that because it was slow to germinate, some believed it had to go to "Satan and back 7 times." Others believed that only witches, pregnant women, or planting on Good Friday would assure a good crop.

Early medicinal cures were boasts, mainly referring to the kidney and liver, as it is a diuretic. However, other conditions "cured" were dropsy, asthmatic coughs, insect bites, "vermin in the hair," stomach aches, earaches, swollen eyes, and nausea.

Parsley generally is known as a

biennial. The first year it forms a rosette of deep green leaves about 12 to 18 inches tall. The second year a branched seed stalk appears about 3 feet tall, topped with umbels of small greenish-yellow flowers. Once it's gone to seed, the leaves become bitter-tasting. The two most popular types include "curled" and "Italian". The curled type is a tightly ruffled-like species used chiefly as a garnish. The Italian type is often more pungent, and used in cooking.

To grow parsley, sow early in the spring or fall into well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Soaking seeds overnight will speed up the germination process, or if you can't wait to go the Devil and back 7 times, just buy starts. Parsley regrows beautifully if it is cut back, but snipping the outer leaves works best when you are using it fresh. Some people dry or freeze the leaves, but a lot of flavor is lost in the process.

You can dry by hanging the plant upside-down, or on screens. Note: the leaves will turn yellow without any extra heat. You can freeze it on a baking sheet then transfer it to a freezer jar. A lot of people puree it with a little water in the blender and fill ice cube trays for freezing it, as it is already portioned. Others loosely stuff a zip-lock bag with whole leaves and lay it flat in the freezer until frozen. Then you

can crumple up the bag to "chop" it up before use.

Generally speaking, there are no pests or diseases that affect parsley in the Northwest. However, crown rot and root rust have been sporadically reported.

This herb is a rich source of calcium, thiamine, riboflavin and niacin. It has loads of Vitamin A and chlorophyll and more vitamin C than most citrus fruits. Some people use it as a tea to ease arthritic pain. With all these nutrients, its versatile flavor works well in dips, spreads, soups, stews, quiche, salads, and most vegetable dishes. A chef's tip is to enliven dried herbs by mixing in freshly minced parsley and allow the flavors to meld for a few minutes. To get the utmost flavor of fresh parsley, add it about 10 minutes before serving to keep its distinct savory taste. An added attraction to this herb is that it seems to freshen breath.

Some people use parsley as a border plant. Its leaves can be used as a contrast to spiked-silhouetted plants. It does attract beneficial insects, and is notorious for being the host for black swallowtail larvae.

So the next time you see that curly garnish on your plate, you may think twice about pushing it off to the side.



## SMITH RHODODENDRON GARDEN

Established in the early 1950's, the Cecil and Molly Smith Rhododendron Garden contains over 600 rhododendrons and azaleas plus many rare species. Grown from seeds collected in China and cuttings from England, the collection also includes many hybrids that Cecil developed.

The three-acre site is a natural woodland setting featuring

choice trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. Cyclamen, Trillium, Erythronium, and Narcissus are also displayed.

A selection of plants featured in the garden are also available for purchase.

**Take this short trip to St. Paul this Saturday or Sunday!**

Keep in mind that this garden is open only until May 21, 2017. Hours are from 11:00 am to 4:00

pm on Saturdays and Sundays only. Admission is only \$3.00, but it is on a hillside and not handicap accessible.

Directions to the garden, which is near St. Paul are:

It is 7/10ths of a mile west of Highway 219 between St. Paul and Newberg. Turn west on Champoeg Road and continue straight on to Raybell Rd. to the garden. Parking and the entrance are on the right, just past the house with the garden address.

For more information, use this link:

<http://smithgarden.org/>  
[smithgarden.org/Welcome.html](http://smithgarden.org/Welcome.html)



Rotary 

Club of  
Sherwood Oregon

FRUIT, SHADE, &  
FLOWERING  
**SPRING BARE ROOT TREE SALE**  
\$13 EACH (BUY 3 OR MORE \$10/EACH)

**DATES: SUNDAY 23 APRIL – SUNDAY 14 MAY**

**EVERYDAY: 11AM (9AM ON WEEKENDS) – 7PM**

SHERWOOD MARKET CENTER

16200 SW TUALATIN-SHERWOOD RD, SHERWOOD 97140

For more information: [SherwoodRotary.org/Spring-Tree-Sale](http://SherwoodRotary.org/Spring-Tree-Sale) or on [Facebook.com/SherwoodRotary](https://www.facebook.com/SherwoodRotary)

May 6 & 7, 2017  
Saturday 9 - 5 • Sunday 9 - 4

694 NE 4th Ave, Canby Oregon • \$5.00 admission • FREE parking  
*always the weekend before Mother's Day*

<http://www.cmastergardeners.org/SpringGardenFair.htm>

Clackamas County Event Center 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, Oregon 97013

## A ROSE FESTIVAL-SANCTIONED EVENT FEATURING:

Dozens of mini-classes

New Plant introductions (& auction)

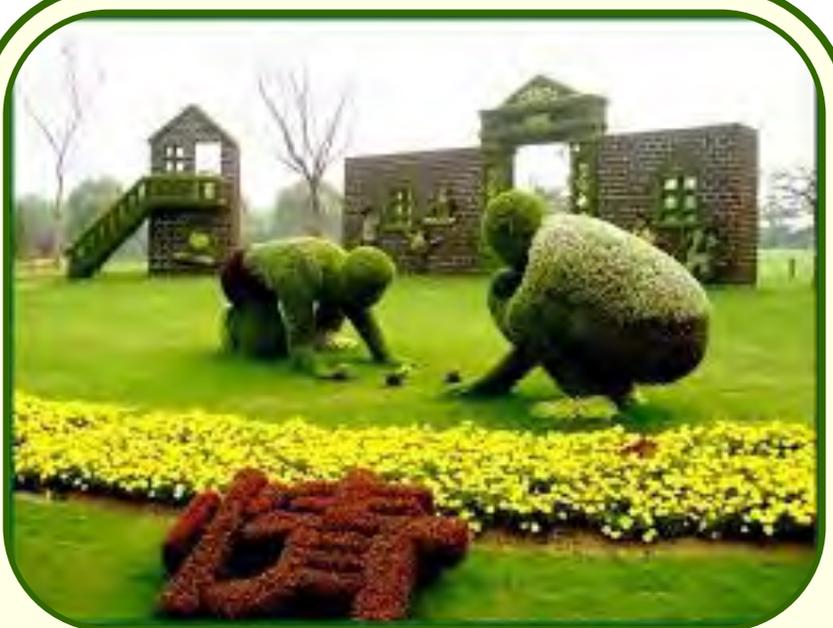
Portland Iris Society shop

Sales of New & specialty plants

100+ vendors (growers, artists, and specialty

### "Extreme Topiary"

New addition: Each  
Month a photograph of  
dramatic real topiary, in  
the Grapevine.



**Extreme Topiary**



Becky & Patti at Fuchsia Day booth



**“CRIMES AGAINST NATURE”**



Remember Pacman?



Lunchables-size wood-boring larva (found in rotting log)



Master Gardener booth at Farmfest

## YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes for April , 2017

**Incorporation update:** Pat Fritz briefly explained the incorporation notes from our secretary: the board members need to accept or reject them. To that purpose, Pat also passed around the notes. Linda moved to accept them, Tonia seconded the motion, and the board members unanimously agreed to accept the notes as is.

**Introduction** of board of directors' representative for 2017 MG class: Tara Townley volunteered to fill this position. She also is guaranteed a place in history as being the only Yamhill MG to actually write a thank-you note for being "allowed" to volunteer.

**March Secretary's report:** Though members were all asked to read the final copy of the report in the *Grapevine* or on the YCMGA website (both available 2 weeks prior to this meeting), some did not. Since they did not read it, they would not okay it. To make it even simpler in the future, Secretary will (in addition to still including in every issue of *Grapevine* and on website) email it. Another problem was that several people didn't send corrections until 2 weeks *after* the deadline, delaying the entire process.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol Parks has emailed all finished reports, which are now in the Secretary's notebook. YCMGA now has \$21,698 in the bank. She explained that accounting is by the calendar year, making it difficult to determine SIG profit or loss before the end of the year. There were also some one-off expenses such as yard sale sign conversions. All non-OSU speakers were paid, except for one from Lane County. There was a misunderstanding resulting in one speaker being paid twice (for 2 talks). Heather said that the OSU speakers requested mileage expenses, for which we will have to budget.

**President-elects' Report:** Both members claimed they are just doing what they are told to do.

**Announcements:** Heather alerted us to "open days" for a public rhododendron garden (see details in *Grapevine*). We have an abundance of nursery maps to give away. We need to rewrite the "Memorandum of Understanding" with the Yamhill County Fair Board (because of incorporation), but Heather found the old one, saving effort and time. We are waiting for a new tax i.d. number.

**Education/Outreach Committee:** Nancy was rather garrulous this time. Even though we had 4 clinics on 4/08, Nancy said they all looked professional and approachable. Sue described the Camelia festival: 500 entries, all Pacific Rim countries were represented, and it was fun and LOUD. (She really likes it LOUD). Newberg has a new stand-up sign for clinics; Rita informed Tom that he would be building more of these for our clinics. The Newberg High School plant sale will also have an MG clinic every week (Saturdays), and there will be one at Kraemer's on June 10. Nancy reminded people to sign up for the Chehalem Park event, and Mary Murphy will not be able to do her presentations on 6/14 and 7/29. No tours have yet been planned: our worn "After the plant sale" mantra was invoked. On 8/17 Heather will do a walk-and-talk at the Community Garden.

**Community Garden:** Alan Wenner reported that all the drip irrigation systems are installed now. 100 truly massive tomato cages have been fabricated of 3/8" rebar, each cage 5' tall and 1.5' wide. No tomato will escape this year! Cascade Steel donated all the rebar needed. There is a waiting list of 8 people for raised beds, so some food-bank beds may be appropriated for them. 10 families are signed up for the June 3 "Family Planting Day," Linfield helpers will be present on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 72 large containers of lettuce have already been donated to YCAP.

**OMGA representative:** Linda had nothing to say. The second weekend in July 2018 has been reserved at Linfield College for mini-college, but this time the Yamhill MG's want another county to host it. Sue has requested help in stuffing participant bags in June for the National convention, and said she will notify people when the help is needed.

**Web/Publicity:** There is no new information, though Tom again reminded everyone that he needs members to supply him with information about events, so he can keep the website current.

**Spring into Gardening:** Registration was down this year; Gene suggested that might have been because the

theme of "gardening for the infirm." Perhaps people were too infirm to get there. Sponsors and general support were successful and finances strong. There were many more non-Master Gardeners in attendance, but also very few walk-ins. Planning for 2018 will begin in August. People agreed that duplicate classes were probably not necessary, that reserving 3 rooms is a good plan, and to have it on the third Saturday of March to avoid conflict with other popular McMinnville events. Online registration was a success, but unfortunately very few trainees attended even at ½ price.

**Seed-to-Supper:** Classes are now all in progress. Numbers of attendees are: 15 for Mac English, 10 for Mac Spanish, 15 for Newberg Spanish, and 8 for Newberg English. Sheridan would like to begin soon, Department of Juvenile Correction plans to start in July and August, and Habitat for Humanity is considering sponsoring classes.

**Awards Committee:** 6 nominations for state awards have been received. Re: the awards, we don't have anyone meeting the "State Master Gardener" qualifications; "Behind the scenes" will be submitted; "Search for Excellence" (a project) will be submitted; we have too much money to submit "Send a Friend," and no one meets the McNeilan Scholarship qualifications. Much to the chagrin of members, Nancy steadfastly refused to reveal any nominations. She is good at guarding her secrets! The state awards will be presented at the Graduation Ceremony this year, which should be in early November. The onerous updating of Extension Office hall plaques (for hours earned) has been completed, and the plaques now embellish the hall again. Pat cautioned anyone doing this job in the future to *take photos before they remove the plaques* (to determine placement).

**Propagation Committee:** In order to maintain the Plant Sale reputation for high quality, this year small plants were bought from Peoria Nursery to replace plants damaged by this winter weather. They cost \$1.60 each, and retail for \$3.00, still leaving an adequate margin. They also require no transplanting and no watering, a welcome bonus for the propagation laborers.

**Plant Sale Committee:** Stickers to update the signs were purchased and installed.

**Greenhouse Committee:** Tomatoes and peppers are still struggling, more or less hibernating. We are hoping for some non-rain.

**Scholarships:** We are now waiting for scholarship applications to be submitted. The students must be earning a degree with a major in Horticulture to qualify for the scholarship.

**Incorporation Progress:** We are now incorporated and waiting for our new tax i.d. number (which is now due). Carol, Pat, Anna, and Eileen will form a committee to modify policies and procedures. They plan to pilfer ideas from other counties to save time and effort. We are waiting for the new tax number to close our current bank and PayPal accounts and open new ones.

**Inventory Status:** Secretary Donn recently sent out the request for listings of items belonging to YCMGA valued at \$100+. He has already received 2 responses. Yet to be recorded are the laptop, label machine (which the secretary didn't know he had), microscopes, insect box, herbarium cabinet, and \$100+ books. Donn will follow up on these items, and asks people to notify him if they think of other items that should be on the inventory.

**YCMGA Generosity:** Cathy Burdett calculated the total amount of money that YCMGA has donated to various causes since 2004. (2004 is the first year of complete record-keeping). The totals are astounding: \$71,000 in scholarships, \$2,039 in grants for MG classes, and \$11,446.62 in other donations. The 15-year total is \$84,462.64!

**Greenhouse Chairwomen:** Patti and Gail will no longer be chairing the greenhouse, beginning this year. Unfortunately, there are no people in training to take their places, though they would be glad to mentor someone. They are considering buying (rather than raising) more plants than previously, but must analyze the costs and profits. They both point out that the job really needs more than just 2 people, and that the stress of running such an involved empire is the worst part of it.

**Tentative dates:** Graduation this year is planned to be before Thanksgiving, weather permitting. The "Retreat" will be in October, the actual date being flexible. Heather and Pat will decide the timing. The graduation will again be at the Heritage Center, probably during the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>.



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