



The newsletter for Yamhill County Master Gardeners

OCTOBER 2017

Saturday October 14th YCMGA Planning meeting/retreat.

Begins at 9:00 a.m., lasts until at least 3:00 p.m.

NO dedicated day for board meeting: board meeting will take place as first item on agenda of "retreat."

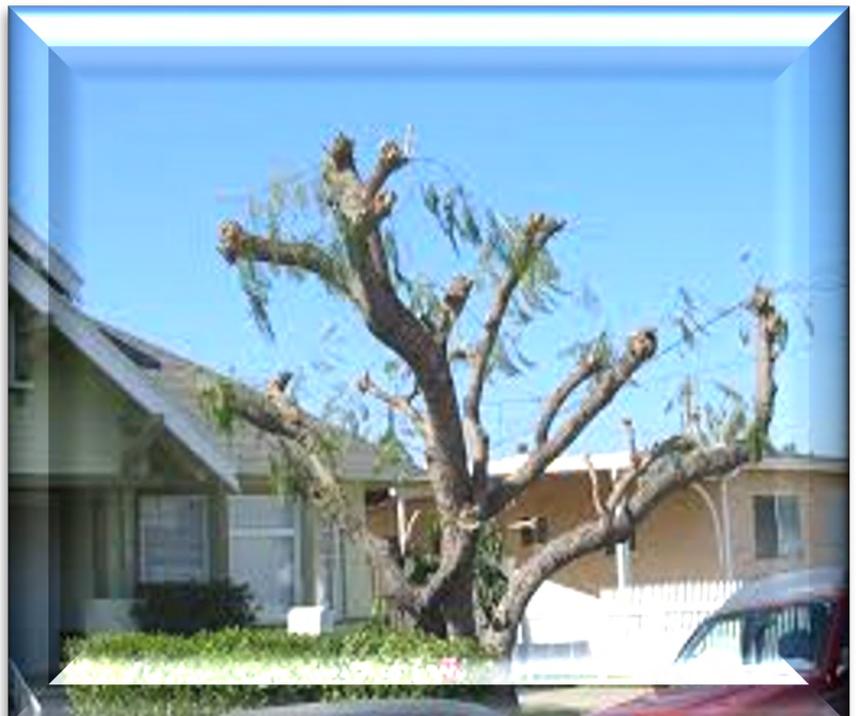
Wednesday, November 15th Awards/Recognition Ceremony & Master Gardener Graduation, plus banquet.

Every Monday & Saturday Picking produce at Community Garden from 9:00 to noon. Casual work, breaks promised.

Want credit for VRS hours?? Please fill in your hours sooner than October 31st

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Malpruning: the "Open Look"



Polly & Pat



Saturday picking crew from Linfield College, helping at Community Garden.



"Hold it right there, young lady! Before you go out, you take of some of that makeup and wash off that gallon of pheromones!"



Extreme Topiary

Yamhill County Master Gardener Calendar

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- 3** **Status of Boxwood Blight in Oregon**, 1:00 p.m. <https://learn.extension.org/events/3137http://calendar.oregonstate.edu/event/128916/>
- 4** **Newberg Farmers' Market**, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. + setup & takedown.
- 5** **McMinnville Farmers' Market**, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. + setup & takedown.
Insect Committee meets, 10:00 am to noon, in the auditorium.
- 7** **Mason Bee Clinic**, Marion County. Details & link page 4.
- 10** **Spring-into-Gardening meeting**. 10:00 to noon, Public works Auditorium
- 11** **Newberg Farmers' Market**, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- 14** **YCMGA Planning retreat**. Public Works Auditorium. 9:00 a.m. to about 3 p.m. **ALL MASTER GARDENERS ARE INVITED.**
- 12** **LAST DAY! McMinnville Farmers' Market**, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm.
- 19** **Insect Committee meets**, 10:00 am to noon, in the auditorium
- 21** **Backyard Wildlife & Pollinators**, Marion County MG's, details page 4.
- 31** **Volunteer hours due on VRS**

Community Garden Work Sessions, 1:00 p.m. Every Monday & Saturday during October. Casual work with breaks promised.



'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

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

Here are some great opportunities to gain more continuing education credits for those of you that are recertifying Master Gardeners. The [Marion County Master Gardener Association has several events coming up in the next month that I wanted to provide you the information for.](#) Below are the list of classes/tours coming up in Marion County.

Mason Bee Clinic - Oct 7, 2017

Backyard Wildlife and Pollinator Habitat - Oct 21, 2017

Keep in mind that the educational classes, not the tours, are the ones that would count towards continuing education for recertifying Master Gardeners.

***To register for these events, here are links to their online descriptions and registration.

<https://learn.extension.org/events/3137><http://calendar.oregonstate.edu/event/128916/>

AWARDS CEREMONY & YCMGA BANQUET

We are currently gearing up for [the Master Gardener Graduation and Award ceremony taking place on Wednesday, November 15th](#). After some consideration, at this time we plan to not hand out paper copies of the Recertification certificates to recertifying veterans. However, we can print them upon request for those that would like a paper copy. This is a way for us to save on paper and supplies costs. Trainee's will still receive Graduation certificates and Appreciation award, One-of-a-Kind award, etc. recipients will also receive paper certificates. Again, we will print recertification certificates for anyone that would like one. Please let Jade know prior to November 15th if you would like one .

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING WEBINARS

Recordings are available for these webinars (count as one hour educational credit each)

NEW '**Japanese Beetles in Oregon**' by Rachel Suits & Heather Stoven <https://learn.extension.org/events/3138>

'**Never doubt how a small, thoughtful and committed pollinator habitat (in your garden) can change the world**' by Dr. Andony Melathopoulos: <https://learn.extension.org/events/3139>

'**Managing the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug with Biological Control**' by Dr. David Lowenstein: <https://learn.extension.org/events/3140>

'**Organic Pesticides in Home Gardens**' presented by Kaci Buhl: <https://learn.extension.org/events/3141>

And coming up...

10/3 **Status of Boxwood Blight in Oregon, 1:00 p.m.**, <https://learn.extension.org/events/3137>

Heather's Highlights

Happy Fall & Harvest Season!

I always enjoy the weather change; it is nice to get the first rains and have the landscape refreshed again. It's also nice to bring in the harvest for the season and think about wrapping up the year. With that comes the end of the Master Gardener year and graduation. Remember that

your volunteer reporting is due on October 31st. If you can enter your hours early, please do so: that will help give Jade enough time to prepare for **graduation** which is earlier this year on **Wednesday, November 15th**.

It will once again be at the Yamhill Valley Heritage Museum in McMinnville on Hwy 18. As always, it will be a potluck with a ceremony celebrating the accomplishments and efforts of our volunteers. I hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or need help with entering your hours for graduation or recertification please contact Jade or myself.



PESKY PROFILES



By Heather Stoven

Pesky Weed: Purple Deadnettle

Now that the rains have begun it is time to keep your eyes peeled for winter weeds and start to remove them when they are small.

One weed you may encounter in your yard or garden is the purple deadnettle (*Lamium purpureum*). This is a winter weed that will germinate in fall and die off as the heat of summer arrives. It grows close to the ground and has fuzzy, spade-shaped leaves which can have a purple hue and small purple tubular flowers. It is not related to stinging nettle and in fact is in the mint family.

So fortunately it does not have hairs that "sting", but rather is quite soft. Purple deadnettle has square stems which can be quite important for identification of this group of plants. It does not, however, have much of a fragrance compared to some of the other mint family members.

This weed is susceptible to tillage and is not overly difficult to pull, especially if caught early. It also can be managed with herbicides if necessary.

For more information:

<http://www.msuweeds.com/worst-weeds/purple-deadnettle/>



Mature plant with flowers



Typical growth habit

Gene Nesbitt: Seed to Supper program creating more gardeners

Yamhill County families are learning to become more food secure through a joint program of the Oregon Food Bank and the Oregon State University Extension Service.

The Seed to Supper program is a comprehensive gardening course that gives novice gardeners on a limited budget the tools and confidence needed to successfully grow a portion of their own food. The course is offered at no charge to the participants.

Participants in the Seed to Supper classes attend a series of six weekly classes of two hours each. The course curriculum consists of garden site and soil preparation, garden planning, planting, container gardens, caring for a growing garden and harvesting and using the garden bounty.

The focus is on growing vegetables in a small area using raised beds and containers. The classes are taught in both English and Spanish. Comprehensive gardening manuals are provided to class participants.

Approximately 100 English and Spanish-speaking residents have attended the course with a 65 percent completion rate. Typical comments of the course attendees are: "I had never grown any vegetables, but now feel confident to try"; "The kids were excited and helped plant the garden"; and "I learned so much about eating healthy and even how to cook some veggies I never had tried."

On a post-class visit to several of the participants, an instructor observed how it "made her happy to see them succeed at gardening." Another instructor, who visited the home garden sites, reported nearly 100 percent success in growing some vegetables in their containers and raised beds.

Several Seed to Supper partic-

ipants have raised beds in the Community Garden with significant success in growing their own food.

The Seed to Supper program was developed for adults on limited incomes interested in developing food gardening skills. It is a first step in helping families become more self-sufficient in vegetable gardening. The Yamhill Community Action Partnership and the extension service administer the program. The Yamhill County

Master Gardener volunteers are instructors for the classes.



Raised beds full of produce from a Seed to Supper participant's garden.

Robert Mason: Enhancing food security in Yamhill County

The McMinnville Community Garden (at Parkview) is a local response to food insecurity. The Garden is a cooperative enterprise among volunteers who operate the Garden; the Yamhill County Master Gardener Association, which provides gardening expertise; the Yamhill Community Action Partnership, which provides fiduciary services and liability insurance; the McMinnville Cooperative Ministries, which provides the land on which we garden; and the McMinnville Garden Club, which oversees the Children's Garden.

The Garden is a genuine community affair. It is comprised of five areas.

- Raised beds, which are rented for a nominal fee — \$13 to \$25 for the gardening season — to community gardeners. For the fee, gardeners receive amended soil, water, the use of gardening tools and some starts. They also receive guidance from Master Gardeners on

sustainable and organic gardening practices. We have 47 raised beds available for rent. There is a waiting list for beds. Gardeners who grow more food than they need donate the excess to YCAP.

- Raised beds (31, plus another 18 under construction for 2018) that are dedicated to growing produce for the YCAP food bank. In 2016, we donated 14,625 pounds of produce to YCAP, which provided 12,188 meals.
- An all-access area for wheelchair bound folks;
- A childrens' garden;
- One raised bed dedicated to a horticultural therapy program conducted by Yamhill County Adult Mental Health (Yamhill County Early Assessment and Support Alliance) for young adults diagnosed with early psychosis, depression or bipolar disorder. Some members of the group have dual diagnoses.

With the help of a Master Gardener, each participant in this program is learning all aspects of gardening, from soil preparation to harvesting. There will also be a segment on container gardening so participants will be able to continue to garden even if they do not have a patch of dirt available to them.

Also, there are follow-up cooking classes so that the

participants will be able to prepare their produce.

The raised bed they use is large enough so each participant has his own growing space, but compact enough to foster helping among the participants as well as socialization and community building.

One little community garden is not going to put the economy right, but it can help to ameliorate the suffering caused by a lack of food.

The number of families living from paycheck to paycheck is growing. These families are one debilitating illness or accident away from falling into poverty.

There are many examples, like George (not his real name), a long-haul truck driver recently diagnosed with cancer and knocked out of his cab.

He came to the Garden to grow fresh produce, which is part of the diet required by his treatment regimen. Now funds he does not need to spend in the grocery store for produce are available for other

essential items, like housing, clothing and medical care.



COMMUNITY GARDEN IN AUGUST

We are now in the midst of fall harvest and it looks very good with large amounts of great quality fresh produce being delivered to the Food Bank (YCAP). We are now over 10,000 pounds with many crops remaining to be harvested.



Great help from many sources, including: YCMGA members, the McMinnville Garden Club members, Linfield College students and Coop Ministries members. Never have we had such a great response to our requests for assistance. We are super thankful for this awesome support and hope that it continues.

Fall planting is under way with garlic, lettuce and spinach being the primary crops now planted or growing. The lettuce and spinach are in the greenhouse to protect from the rain. These will be harvested through the end of October or later.

begin using in the spring of 2018. In the spring, the raised garden portion of the expansion. If we can obtain the funding, we will add automatic drip irrigation to these 56 beds in the spring.

We have just added 18 new raised beds that we will we hope to add our final 38 new beds to complete

It has been a summer of great progress and achievements due to the incredible efforts of our volunteers and sponsors!



Community Garden produce all for YCAP, including still life on next page.



Alan Wenner



A REQUEST FROM THE COMMUNITY GARDEN

We, at the Community Garden, would greatly appreciate some help in harvesting produce for the YCAP Food Bank. All the produce harvested will go to feed the hungry. We are harvesting approximately 1000 pounds per week and we would like to be a little easier on our stalwart group of volunteers, many of whom work up to 10 hours per week harvesting. The tasks are simple and you will not get overly dirty and we try to socialize while working. The weather is cooling now and it will make the work more enjoyable.

We work on the following schedule:

Monday – 9 AM to Noon

Saturday – 9 AM to Noon

We don't ask or expect anyone to work 3 hours as 1 or 2 hours will help us considerably.

We hope to complete all harvesting by the end of October as we are now over 6000 pounds and counting.

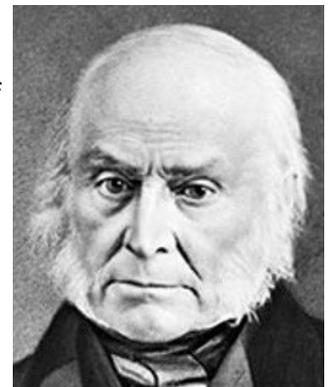
Put on your garden clothes, bring your coffee and join in this very useful effort. We supply bottled water and lots of raw veggies to eat.

Alan Wenner and the rest of the gardeners!

For Master Gardeners, these hours all count as volunteer service

Garden History: U.S. Presidents and Their Gardens

John Quincy Adams (1825-1829) launched the country's first forestry project, as a renewable supply of lumber for the Navy. The next generation of shipbuilders would, given his plan, have access to hundreds of acres of oaks growing in Florida. (He had negotiated the acquisition of Florida from Spain in 1819 while he was secretary of state under Monroe). The coastal live oak, *Quercus virginiana*, was his species of choice. It was prized for the tensile strength of its wood and an angled branching structure. In 1827, a tract of land in Florida's panhandle near Pensacola was cleared and planted. Politics soon sidetracked the effort and iron soon overtook wood for warships. But some of the live oaks planted for President Adams still grow today.



YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes September 13, 2017

Meeting called to order by Nancy Woodworth at 10:02 a.m. on above date.

July Secretary's reports: Approval of minutes was motioned by Donn, seconded by Apryl, and agreed upon by everyone.

Treasurer's report: Carol Parks reported that at the end of August YCMGA possessed \$46,642.39. All financial reports will be emailed. Everything has been completed to activate the YCMGA checking account, and authorized signers are now authorized. Also, First Federal Bank sent a check for \$500 to YCMGA, for volunteer hours (which is the maximum amount given per organization).

President-elect report: Only Nancy was present and she ran the meeting temporarily. Due to interruptions the start was delayed, but once Nancy cleared that up the meeting proceeded well.

The Heather report: A new type of sign-up calendar is being introduced in 2018 and will streamline the process immensely. Gaps in the scheduling for the desk will be obvious; people can sign up once for as long a shift as they like; and it is in living color!

Later it will be coordinated with the Public works calendar (auditorium). Change: 5 hours manning or womaning the desk or a Farmers' Market will be required (not just requested) for requalification as a Master Gardener, which will be calculated as direct hours. From the Karl Carlson Memorial fund, an award of \$250 for the Community Garden "Therapeutic Gardening" program; we also received the "Search for Excellence" award for making labels for all the plants at the plant sale. (See last month's *Grapevine* for a full description of this program).

"Greenhouse" Clarification: Re: the greenhouse, Ruth will be doing the ordering and is the head of perennial propagation, but *not* of the greenhouse itself. Linda is now in charge, and Gail has retired from that position. The term "Greenhouse" will now pertain to the physical structure itself, not to the plants within. A new category is "Annuals & Vegetables Propagation," run by Linda. Gail is in charge of the Demonstration Garden (at the fairgrounds) and greenhouse maintenance, Ruth in charge of "Perennial Propagation," and Sharon is the "Irrigation Department." She will be training Donn to be the Chief Irrigation Assistant. Suzanne and Pat will be in charge of the plant sale.

Education/outreach committee: There will be no "Lunch & Learn" in November or December. In fact, turnout for "Lunch & Learn" has been markedly paltry, and obtaining speakers has been very challenging in spite of the \$50 offered to speakers. Nancy requested suggestions re: what would get more people to come to "L & L", and received some ideas. Ideas were: 4 hours is too long; there are too many opportunities for learning; it should not be tied to board meeting (though that was the original intent); it could be at 7 p.m., with the board meeting at 8:00 p.m.; the presentation could be before the board meeting. The committee will decide what changes to try, or possibly just cancel the program. The ice cream social was enjoyed by everyone who came, though attendance was much less than hoped.

Community Garden: Linda Mason reported that the Carl Karlson Memorial Fund award received by YCMGA for the Community Garden will be used to provide gardening supplies to the participants in the horticulture therapy program who planted a raised bed under the direction of Master Gardeners and their Yamhill County Mental Health Coordinator. This year's harvest is now at 9,180 pounds and is progressing at a feverish pace. Even non-MG's have been helping with the harvest, and there is already a waiting list for 2018 for raised beds. Lettuce and spinach have been started in the greenhouse. Tom arranged for the *News-Register* to publish two excellent articles on the Garden; one by the Garden's Treasurer and the other by the Seed-to-Supper Coordinator.

Seed-to-Supper: One of the articles (by Gene Nesbitt) mentioned above described the Community Garden and was excellent publicity for it. A class in Newberg will begin on 9/30, this fall there will be a class in Sherwood, and in the spring classes in McMinnville and Newberg. There are 4 new instructors, 2 of whom speak Spanish. In fact, more *English*-speaking instructors are now needed.

Propagation: Gallon pots are now being filled, the back of the greenhouse has been painted white, and 3

new shelf units are being built by Patti and her husband Art, in Newberg. They are of treated wood, 3' tall, 6' long, and 30" deep. Each will include plastic storage bins and drawers. Help will probably be needed to transport them from Newberg to the greenhouse.

Plant Sale Committee: The first meeting will be in October, and one vendor is already lined up.

Mentoring: We now have 3 experienced mentors and one junior mentor, plus 4 people willing to sub. Wanted are educational displays that will tie in with the daily topics, and more mentors.

Policy & Procedures Committee has now received 15 responses from committee chairs, describing the tasks of that committee. Eileen and Tara will put all the reports into a uniform format, then it will go back to the committee chairs for proofreading, then back to the "P & P" committee, and then finally to the board for final approval.

Inventory Status: Donn is still working to locate and identify articles worth \$100 or more, and the irrigation system in the greenhouse was recommended to add to the inventory.

OMGA: The next board meeting will be in Medford, on the last weekend of the month.

Plant Data Base Development: Robert now has 800 plants listed in the database he is compiling; each listing will include Latin and common names, sourcing (for YCMGA), who has adopted what (and promises to return it), and tracking. All plants will be included, but the database is not on the member website.

Fall Planning Meeting: (also referred to as a "retreat"). This will take place in October and will include the board meeting. If anyone wants to change or begin a project, they need to fill out a project sheet. Check with Carol if you want a significant amount of money, before assuming that it will be available. The meeting is open to all Master Gardeners.

VRS hours must be submitted on or before October 31st to be included this year.

Incorporation Guidebook: Pat has taken all the information she learned when she incorporated YCMGA, and written the book on the processes needed for an incorporation. Jade will keep one hard copy, the secretary will keep one, and one will be delivered to Kathryn at OMGA. Pat motioned that the Secretary instead of the Librarian will keep a copy; Linda seconded it, and everyone said "Aye."

Nominating committee: The committee, consisting of Nancy, Rita, and Donn has begun work pleading with people to be future officers. They must have results by graduation. Even if someone is willing to stay in office, a competitor is supposed to be created for the office.

Resource Manual: Updating is in progress, thanks to Tara and Eileen. The President will edit it.

Graduation: This will be held on November 15th at the Heritage Center on Highway 18. Seamus (pronounced "Shay'mus") Ramirez of the OMGA will hand out the awards at about 7:00 pm. Katherine Johnson, OMGA treasurer, may possibly attend as well.

YCMGA judged the flower arrangements at the fair, and we received effusive thanks from the participants. A letter was all hearts and smiles, and Sue described the contestants' hyper-bubbly outlook, a welcome respite from grim oldsters.

Trainee Status: More publicity to recruit trainees would be pleasant. Jade is helping to collect information re: people who might be interested, sending letters to those people, and sending applications at the same time. Someone may be writing a piece for the *News-Register* to publicize the opportunity to become a Master Gardener.

Nancy made a motion to adjourn at 11:28, seconded by Susanne. Again, everyone voiced their agreement with a chorus of weak "ayes."





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