

# The Grapevine

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The newsletter for Yamhill County Master Gardeners



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## Reminders

### ! August 3 !

ICE CREAM SOCIAL, AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS, HAYRIDE, ANIMAL VISITATIONS, AND A CREEK FOR KIDS AT DONN & NANCY'S FARM

## In August there will be no:

- ➔ Board Meeting
- ➔ Grapevine issue

### YCMGA COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

**Community Garden**  
Linda Mason

**Demo Garden**  
Gail Price

**Education Outreach**  
Rita Canales

**Newsletter**  
Donn Callahan

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Tom Canales

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**Insect Committee**  
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**Library**  
Beth Durr

**Plant Sale**  
Pat Fritz

**Propagation**  
Ruth Estrada

**Publicity**  
Tom Canales

**Scholarships**  
Susan Nesbitt

**Seed-to-Supper**  
Gene Nesbitt  
Marilyn McGregor

**Spring into Garden**  
Carol Parks  
Becky Karver

**Social Media/ Website**  
Tom Canales

**Sunshine Committee**  
Beth Durr

*Sadly, our trusty and impossibly patient Jade is moving to Eugene. It's not to avoid us: she and her husband want to buy a house, so they are going to stay with his folks for a while. She will now be the Lane County Parole and Probation Office Assistant level 2, which is one step up from her level 1 here. Will we ever find another human as tolerant as she?*



# HELP WANTED

## ***New Positions: Reorganization of Perennial Propagation***

Perennial Propagation is being reorganized to redistribute the workload and expand propagation skills to multiple Master Gardeners instead of just one or two people. To this end we need **2 Perennial Propagation Committee Co-chairs** and several leaders for our 3 activity groups: **Cutting, Growing, and Purchasing**. The great news is that the positions for the Purchasing are already filled! Brief descriptions are given below. If you are interested or want more information please contact Pat Fritz at [fffp2@gmail.com](mailto:fffp2@gmail.com) or Marilyn MacGregor at [marimacgreg4@gmail.com](mailto:marimacgreg4@gmail.com).

***Note: All positions require some prior experience with YCMGA propagation techniques and schedule.***

***DETAILS ON ALL POSITIONS ON PAGE 7 OF THIS GRAPEVINE.***



**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED YCMGA SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Corinne (OSU Horticulture), Steve (OSU Forestry),  
Clay (OSU Natural Resources Education)

**Not shown: Alba, Delphian student going to McGill Univ. in Canada.**

# YAMHILL COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CALENDAR

## JULY 2019

**3** *Wednesday*

- 🌸 **NEWBERG FARMERS' MARKET:** NEWBERG FARMERS' MARKET, 1PM TO 6PM, DOWNTOWN NEWBERG, IN TWO SHIFTS (1PM TO 3:30PM, AND 3:30PM TO 6PM)

**10** *Wednesday*

- 🌸 **YCMGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** PUBLIC WORKS AUDITORIUM, EXTENSION OFFICE, McMINNVILLE; 10AM TO ABOUT 12PM.

**ALL MASTER GARDENERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO BOARD MEETINGS**

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**17** *Wednesday*

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**18** *Thursday*

- 🌸 **McMINNVILLE FARMERS' MARKET:** DOWNTOWN McMINNVILLE, 12PM TO 6PM, IN TWO SHIFTS (1PM TO 3:30PM, AND 3:30PM TO 6PM)

**20** *Saturday*

- 🌸 **LEI-MAKING CLASS WITH REKHA:** MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN'S FARM, McMINNVILLE, 9:30AM TO 12:30PM **SEE DETAILS OF THIS EVENT ON PAGE 7**

**24** *Thursday*

- 🌸 **NEWBERG FARMERS' MARKET:** NEWBERG FARMERS' MARKET, 1PM TO 6PM, DOWNTOWN NEWBERG, IN TWO SHIFTS (1PM TO 3:30PM, AND 3:30PM TO 6PM)

**27** *Saturday*

- 🌸 **COMMUNITY GARDEN CLASS:** FLOWER ARRANGING – JANET GAHR, INCAHOOTS, OSU MASTER GARDENER. 11AM TO 12:15PM AT COMMUNITY GARDEN. \$5.00 ADMISSION

**31** *Wednesday*

- 🌸 **NEWBERG FARMERS' MARKET:** NEWBERG FARMERS' MARKET, 1PM TO 6PM, DOWNTOWN NEWBERG, IN TWO SHIFTS (1PM TO 3:30PM, AND 3:30PM TO 6PM)

**AUGUST THIRD** *Saturday*

- 🌸 **ANNUAL YCMGA ICE CREAM SOCIAL, PLUS AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS, HAYRIDE, AND CREEK SWIMMING AT NANCY & DONN'S FARM IN YAMHILL**

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**SEE DETAILS OF THIS EVENT ON PAGE 6**

# McMinnville Community Garden

Garden Club Members preparing for Planting Day



The McMinnville Children’s Garden is coordinated by the McMinnville Garden Club and the facilities are provided by the McMinnville Community Garden. On Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> this year’s version of the garden was started with 6 very eager young people along with parents and many garden club members.

This is one of several educational activities that we host at the garden. This year’s group is growing pumpkins, corn and pole beans. We provide the started plants for this activity along with keeping on eye on the watering and the pest problems.

In early July, we start the seed for our cole

crops that will be planted in the raised beds in late August or early September. We use many of Anna Ashby’s suggested varieties that she provided us during May’s class. We will be growing some 20 raised beds full of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale in addition to our other fall harvest crops.

This is done to conserve water, reduce pests and increase the production of the garden. Many of these crops have greatly improved flavor by being grown in cooler weather. We will also be planting more carrots for fall harvest as this is a great fall crop.



Alan Wenner



Extreme Topiary

# YOUR GARDEN, AKA "THE LITTER BOX"



My cat is using my vegetable garden as a litter box. "Can I still eat the vegetables?" "How can I keep the neighborhood cats out of my garden?"

Cats like to use soft soil as a litter box and cat feces can be a source of serious diseases in humans. One of these is toxoplasmosis, which can cause miscarriages, or be passed from the mother to an unborn baby, causing serious health conditions later in the child's life.



Toxoplasmosis can also be life-threatening for those with compromised

immune systems. In fact, any animal waste, not just cats', can also contaminate the soil with other parasites such as roundworm and hookworm and bacteria such as E. coli or Salmonella.

- Cat feces must be **cleaned out**, and the sooner the better.
- **Dispose of any produce** that came in direct contact with feces.
- **Wash your tools, boots and gloves** - away from the garden area.
- Always **wear gloves** while gardening.

- **Incorporate good food safety practices in all your gardening.**

There are many opportunities for bacteria and parasites to contaminate your food from your garden before it gets to your kitchen. Water, tools, animals, manure or contaminated soil may spread harmful organisms in your garden.

How can you keep cats out of your vegetable garden? There are many, many suggestions and it may take some experimenting to find what works for the cats in your neighborhood.

The most effective method is to block access. Use a chicken wire fence or wire cage around your bed, or floating row covers. If you don't have small children an electrified wire can be effective: place it about 4 inches above the edge of the raised bed and attach it to fiberglass rods pushed into the soil at each corner of the bed. The wires should run to each fence wire and then to an electric fence charger, some of which are battery-powered. **NEVER WIRE DIRECTLY INTO 120 VOLT HOUSE CURRENT!**

Once cats learn to avoid the beds, you can dismantle the fence or just turn it off. Since cats like the garden's soft soil your goal is to

make it less attractive to them. Chicken wire laid above the soil keeps them from digging. Or make the soil uncomfortable for cats to walk on by using rough-textured mulch.

Placing chopsticks or 10 inch stakes every 8 inches will discourage cats from scratching and digging, which is necessary for them to use your garden as a bathroom.

It is thought cats dislike citrus smell, so sprinkling lemon or orange peel in your garden can be a deterrent. There are many products on the market such as motion-activated sprinklers and ultrasonic devices that may (or may not) also deter cats from coming into your garden.



Information taken from UC's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources Publication 8366



# Ice Cream Social and Farm Tour

**1:00 pm on Saturday, August 3**

**Friends, relatives, kids & grandkids are all invited!**

Nancy & Donn's farm (20 minutes from Ext. Office)  
23351 NW Turner Creek Rd., Yamhill  
503-662-3983, m42oneb@gmail.com



*Beginning with...*

See farm animals, then retreat to our back porch and do what Master Gardeners do so well: enjoy ice cream & socialize!



*What's Special*

During this time the "YCMGA Master Gardener of the Year" and 2019 "YCMGA Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the Year" will be announced. A YCMGA member has also been nominated for the State "Behind the Scenes" award. We hope OMGA chooses our person and we can announce that award as well!



*And then...*

Take a hay ride across our fields on our tractor-pulled hay wagon, ending at Pat Fritz's farm. There we'll sit by cold but shallow Turner Creek where kids can wade (or just sit in the water!)



*The Details:*

Bring outdoor chairs  
Bring shoes to wade in the creek (pebbly bottom)  
Bring change of shoes/clothes for your trip home  
Please bring no pets



Steps will be provided to board the trailer; the hay ride is slow, but it will be bumpy. You can also go to "Pat's Park" in your car. Ride back on the hay wagon, or drive home from Pat's place.



## **Help Wanted, cont.**

### **Perennial Propagation Committee** (year-round involvement)

The **committee chairs** oversee Propagation as a whole. They will need to communicate with all areas of propagation and ensure they are on schedule for the Plant Sale. They will also be the Propagation POC for the BOD and the Plant Sale Committee.

Positions Available: two chairs

### **Propagation Cutting-** (late May through October)

The **Cutting group leaders** are responsible for coordinating volunteers to make the cuttings that will grow to become the plants we sell at the Plant Sale. This may involve requesting MGs to bring cutting material from home, overseeing the cutting activity, and preparing the trays and media for the cuttings. It also involves transplanting the cuttings once they root.

Positions Available: two group leaders

### **Growing Activity:** (Late May-October and again February-May, minimal needs November-February)

The **Growing group leaders** coordinate volunteers to take care of the plants as they grow and become ready for the Plant Sale. This includes scheduling checks of the automatic watering system, necessary fertilization and pruning, and watching for disease or insects. Near the time of the Plant Sale the plants will need to be tagged and "groomed".

Positions Available: two group leaders

## **Lei-Making Class July 20<sup>th</sup> (free)**



**Michael O'Loughlin's farm: 12125 S.E. Burns Rd., McMinnville  
Saturday from 9:30am to 12:30 pm.**



### **BE SURE TO BRING:**

**CHAIR to be used at a table**

**CLIPPERS**

**FLAT BASKET (to collect petals)**

**SNACKS to share with all**

**(drinks provided)**

***If Possible, please bring as many rosebuds as you can spare, and Spanish moss.***

**We also need someone to bring  
Hawaiian "Mood Music" and a machine to play it.**

### **Questions??**

**Rekha @ 971.261.7302 or keawapuhi01@gmail.com**

**Michael @ 503.880.3642 or molfamily@earthlink.net**



## DODDER HARDWIRES PLANTS

It's known as witch's hair, strangleweed, devil's gut, wizard's net, and hellbine. And anyone who sees dodder vines in action will quickly understand why they've earned such names.



This is *Cuscuta* (dodder), a genus of more than 100 species in the morning-glory family. Dodder rise from the soil as a thin tendril with no roots and no leaves (in yellows, oranges, and reds but almost never green). Their growth depends on finding a host, which they do by sniffing out odors from nearby plants. (They can even use scent to track down their favorite hosts, such as tomatoes instead of wheat.)

Once it finds a suitable host, a dodder wraps around the stem and inserts fang-like "haustoria" into the plant's vascular system and withdraws nutrients from the host. By the time it's finished, a single dodder vine can connect hundreds of host plants. At the points of contact, more dodder tendrils emerge, eventually completely covering the host plants.

Through the dodder-to-host connection RNA molecules - which play a crucial role in coding, decoding, regulating, and expressing information passed down from DNA - are being passed between the two species.

This serves the dodder well, by sending RNA messages to the plant to lower its defenses so the dodder can attack with less resistance.

But during this parasitic relationship, hundreds of thousands of memory RNA molecules are being exchanged among host plants, creating an open dialogue among the species that allows them to freely communicate. So the dodder is acting as a high-speed data transfer network.

To discover this, scientists connected two soybean plants with dodder, and infested only one of them with caterpillars. The second plant was completely free of caterpillars, but it still switched on hundreds of genes triggering anti-insect countermeasures.

When it was in turn attacked by caterpillars, it fended them off more effectively than plants that had never been parasitized by dodder. Dodder can transmit these alarm signals

very quickly, in as little as half an hour, and over distances of 30 feet or more. It can even wire unrelated species together, so they communicate with each other.

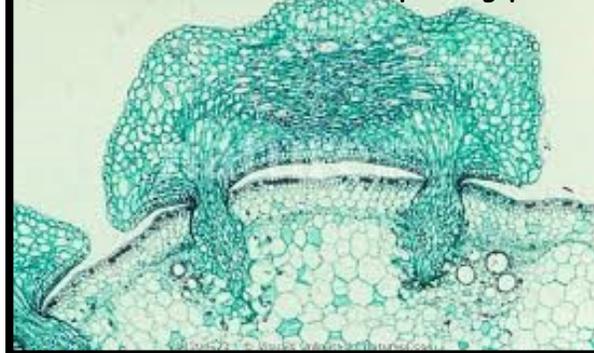
If you speed up the vines' movements with a time-lapse camera, they resemble a mass of writhing serpents, searching methodically for more victims. In fact, if you are *not* prone to nightmares, watch the video linked below. You will never forget it!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZpjKemWalk>

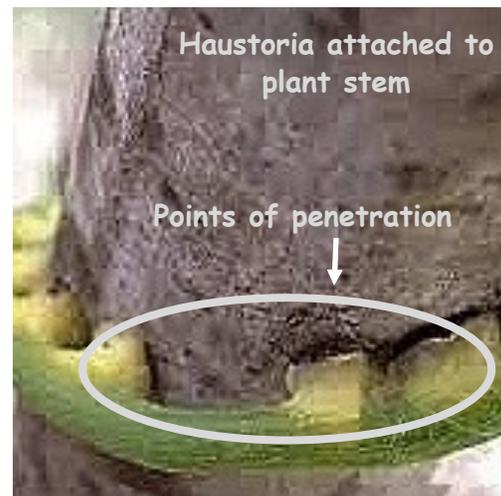
*Chinese Academy of Sciences  
Max Planck Institute*

Cross-section of haustoria piercing plant



H Haustoria attached to plant stem

Points of penetration



## Heather's Highlights

We are saddened that Jade has moved on to a new city and position. Hopefully you were all able to stop by or send Jade your well-wishes last week before she left. I appreciated her dedication to supporting the Master

Gardener program and the help she gave by answering multitudes of questions and keeping things running smoothly.

We are in the process of hiring a new individual to fill Jade's role and hope to have someone in place within the next couple of months. In the meantime, please call the main office number as before for your everyday

questions such as sign-ups and Master Gardener list serve announcements. Kelli will be handling many of the administrative questions. If you need help with VRS or questions about your volunteer hours please contact me and I will help you out.



Lantern-fly moth adult:  
PA. Dept. of Agriculture

I appreciate your patience as we move forward.



## PESKY PROFILES



By Heather Stoven

### Spotted Lanternfly: New Invasive Insect on the East Coast

During this last week I have been able to visit some lovely gardens in the Philadelphia area while at IMG. However, one new pest they are experiencing has the capability to damage many plants. The *spotted lanternfly* is actually a leafhopper, rather than a fly, and was found in 2014 in SE Pennsylvania.

The insects could be considered beautiful in appearance as their nymphs are colorful and spotted and the adults are grey and red with spots. This Asia native prefers tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), a tree that also grows in Oregon, but it also has been reported on over **70 different host plants**. This pest is capable of causing wilting, leaf curling and even tree death

when it uses its mouthparts to tap into the tree's vascular system. The insect has an interesting climbing habit, which has led to one of the recommended cultural controls for the pest, which is to attach sticky tape around tree trunks of host trees.

Note the photos of this pest from my brother's yard; the whole neighborhood's trees are wrapped in yellow sticky bands, which has definitely made the local gardens less attractive! Fortunately this pest is currently limited in distribution to mostly Pennsylvania, but this is something we do not want in Oregon. Even though this pest is far away, it is always good to be knowledgeable and vigilant for potential invasive pests in

the event a population emerges closer to home.

This pest is quite capable of hitchhiking, and those who drove to the conference were told to check cars for the insect before leaving the area.

<https://extension.psu.edu/spotted-lanternfly>



**YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes****May 8<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**The President called the meeting to order at 10:00am, on 5/8/2019**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Linda Mason	Polly Blum	<b>Carol Parks</b>
<b>Rita Canales</b>	Linda Coakley	Ruth Estrada
<b>Tonia Beebe</b>	Alan Wenner	Virginia Galt
Marilyn MacGregor	Terry Hart	Tom Canales
<b>Nancy Woodworth</b>	<b>Gail Price</b>	<b>Susanne Beukema</b>

**Secretary's notes for April:** Susanne motioned approval, Gail seconded, all voted aye.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol reported that gross income from the Plant Sale was approximately \$32,000. Booth rental was not included in this figure as well as "Square" fees. Payment was 50% cash and 50% checks. One of our customers had an issue with PayPal's charge on her credit card, but between her and Carol it was straightened out. Community Garden received \$2000 when we finalized our 2019 budget with the understanding they would receive an additional \$3000 after the Plant Sale. Motion made by Tonia to increase the line item by \$3000 to make it a total of \$5000. Seconded by Gail. Approved. Treasurer has received \$150 as a memorial to Doris Crimmins. Polly has received \$190 for the same. She and Gail will plant spring flower bulbs on Doris and her husband's graves in the fall. Any funds left over will be donated to YCMGA.

**President Elect Report:** No report

**Heather report:** No report

**Correspondence:** Received a thank-you card from Janice Stoven of the Mac. Garden Club. Polly reported that Lloyd Nisley passed away recently. He was active in YCMGA, holding the Treasurer's position.

**Awards Committee:** Nancy reported that OMGA awards for County MG of the Year, County Behind The Scenes, State Behind The Scenes have been submitted to Heather. She will forward to Gail L. Nancy will find out when the Awards Committee will get the results. Tom said he would like Cristiana's son, Josh, as well as Mike Knutz and his 4-H kids to get recognition for their hard work at the Plant Sale. Susanne

said the Plant Sale Committee already is working on that.

**Grapevine:** Nancy said that Donn gets no feedback on the content of the Grapevine and is feeling frustrated. A show of hands of who does read it was unanimous. Tom said he relies on the Grapevine for information for our webpage. "Meet the Master Gardener" feature is a hit and suggestions were made to alternate trainees with veterans.

**McMinnville Community Garden:** Their last contribution to YCAP was 84 lbs. of herbs & tomatoes. Mon./Wed./Fri. nights they are working with their gardeners to plant tomatoes. Yamhill County Mental Health group just planted their plants.

**OMGA representatives:** The month of June offered another OMGA BOD meeting & Leadership class in Roseburg.

**Web & Publicity:** Wonderful articles were in the *News Register* & *Newberg Graphic* about the Plant Sale, and publishing was timely. Kathleen Brown somehow got through the obstructing that Tom constantly encountered at both papers. Tom would like Donn to be able to place the current Grapevine on the new website, and Donn will be very happy to do so.

**Seed to Supper:** Marilyn gave us an update. 4 spring classes have finished. Reorganization is starting beginning with a steering committee to discuss the restructure. This needs to be done since up to now Gene has done everything and he is phasing out. Soon they will have a debriefing meeting with the facilitators. YCAP has contacted us, saying they may be interested in sponsoring us again. Oregon Food Bank is the originator of the program and has strict requirements for a sponsor. In the past YCAP did not fulfill their requirements. We have a list of requirements to give to YCAP. The Yamhill County Extension Office may be our new sponsor. Heather will be writing grants soon to help support this program.

**Mentoring Committee:** They are meeting monthly now. They want to be sure the mentors

are keeping in contact with the mentees.

**Perennial Propagation:** Ruth has found 2 new sources of hydrangeas. Some requests for next year from the Plant Sale were trees. Clematis may be added next year. Ruth provided a three-page "Perennial Propagation Coordinator" handout detailing the job requirements. She is not available for this position next year. It requires a weekly commitment. She will be the Chair, and would like a Co-Chair. Lengthy discussion of her document. Jobs will be assigned to others so the Chair isn't responsible for everything. "Grower & Educator" should be together. This position will entail cuttings & a small lesson each Tuesday. "Tag" category should be it's own committee. Patti Gregory has chosen not to be involved next year. Ruth requested \$200 for a deposit to hold hosta plants for 2020 Plant Sale; approved.

**Annual Propagation Committee:** Linda C. had nothing to report. Susanne told her "don't quit!" Bok Choy seed packets apparently were filled with wrong seed as they developed into a mustard-like plant.

**Policies & Procedures Committee:** Virginia is creating a "reimbursement form" to make purchase reimbursements easier for Carol to deal with. Will have BOD approve the final form.

**Job Descriptions:** Tom reported there are 47 job descriptions listed in BOX. Susanne is now the desk captain for sign-ups.

**Reorganization of Demo Gardens at Fairgrounds:** Gail P. will finish out 2019. Sue Nesbitt & Susanne will be chairpersons for 2020. The fairgrounds is removing the antique Farmall "A" tractor in front of Wiser Pavilion and planting

an unknown variety of tree, and GRASS! There will be a picnic table there. Susanne talked repeatedly to fairground staff about MG's being willing to landscape it. Always "NO". What will they do when the grass won't grow under this new tree?

**Fairgrounds Setup for Plant Sale:** We paid \$400 for the fairgrounds staff to do setup in the Leslie Lewis building. Committee was very unhappy with what we got for our money. The tables weren't set up and the ones they had available were not heavy-duty enough to hold so many plants. The kitchen was filthy. Partitions were not available because we were told there were too many chairs stacked against them. Susanne said this was not true. The reader board along the highway was to advertise our sale on Tuesday, but the ad appeared on Thursday. Setup was the responsibility of Dwight and the inmates. Dwight is paid by the Dept. of Corrections and Gary (of the fairgrounds) has no authority over him. Dwight and the boys did not follow the diagram that we gave him as to where placement should be. Considerable discussion as to our options. Conclusion: Susanne will meet with Gary & Lacy to present concerns. Follow-up with a letter covering their discussion. If our concerns are not addressed satisfactorily, will contact Board of Commissioner liaison.

**Adjournment :** Susanne motioned to adjourn.



### ***Editor's Notice:***

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