

The Grapevine

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The newsletter for Yamhill County Master Gardeners



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YAMHILL COUNTY MASTER GARDENER AWARDS (presented at MG Ice Cream Social)

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Yamhill County
Master Gardener 2019:

Carol Parks

Yamhill County
Behind-the-Scenes:

Glenda Hulett-Wenner

Nominated for State
Behind-the-Scenes:

Michael O'Loughlin

PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!

**Master Gardener Graduation
and Banquet will be at 6:00pm
Wednesday, November 20th.**

We regret to inform Master Gardeners that Bob Grossmann, our resident entomologist, passed away recently. Bob was a Master Gardener in Yamhill County for over 23 years, making him a life member of YCMGA. He operated our Insect Committee, and in 2000 he was named Yamhill County "Master Gardener of the Year."

Bob also faithfully wrote monthly entomology articles for his "Buggy Bits" column in the *Grapevine* newsletter.

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Master Gardener Metamorphosis



My original intentions for taking the Master Gardener class resulted from the disappointment of my feeble attempt at growing edibles and just wanting to know how the heck to care of the beautiful mature landscape at our new home.

I grew up in the Rocky Mountains of Montana, where it is extreme, vast and raw beauty! I always appreciated nature, but took it for granted. I humbly admit my ignorance on the subject! The Master Gardener class gave me a more profound respect for nature, with a perspective from a microscopic level to the grand worldwide effects. It opened my eyes wide, with a plethora of welcomed useful knowledge.

When asked about the classes, I developed my "Trainee Testimony": the Master Gardener class has changed my life in a positive way forever. I just wanted to know how the heck to take care of landscaping at our new home and grow a decent garden with my

Testimonial from a Trainee

daughter.

But it is so much more than that! All the information seems overwhelming at first, but the Master Gardener instructors use different methods of learning: book, online, class lectures, hands on, fellowship with like-minded souls and

lovely mentors to guide your way.

It's amazing how much you learn, with a passion for more. Then you have the opportunity to 'pay it forward' by sharing with your community how to grow their own food and incorporate knowledge in their own world.

Over-the-top? Yes, it was more than I ever expected and I

stand true to my testimony!

It's a satisfying feeling to share such a good thing!

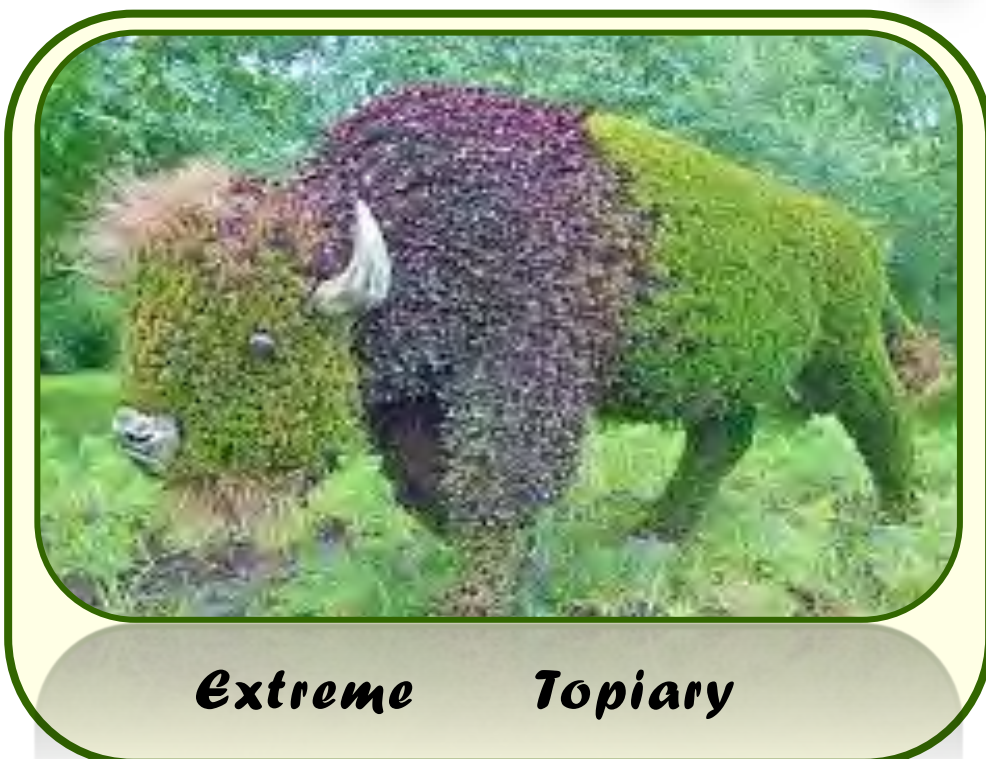
I shall spread the good news of my newly discovered treasure and enlightenment like Morning Glories and inspire others to 'catch the gardening bug'.

Thank you all, novice to veteran, for your selfless acts of kindness and sharing: your love for horticulture shines and I walk away with not just food to eat, but food for my soul!!

-Annie Dobb

Let us be Grateful to the people who make us happy! They are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.

Marcel Proust



Extreme Topiary



YAMHILL COUNTY MASTER GARDENER CALENDAR**OCTOBER 2019****2** *Wednesday*

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


3 *Thursday*

-  **INSECT COMMITTEE DOES NOT MEET:** THIS PARTICULAR MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED, BUT FUTURE MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE.

9 *Wednesday*

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

-  **"TOWARD SUSTAINABLE ROADSIDES":** SPEAKER SUSAN ALDRICH-MARKHAM AT MCMINNVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY, CARNEGIE ROOM, 7 PM.

26 *Saturday*

-  **YCMGA PLANNING MEETING:** MCMINNVILLE PUBLIC WORKS AUDITORIUM, BEGINNING AT 9:00AM. POTLUCK LUNCH, AND ENDING IN EARLY AFTERNOON.

ALL MG'S ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND HELP US PLAN FOR 2020!**30** *Wednesday*

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McMinnville Community Garden



On August 24th, we held our first annual tomato tasting (free) and silent auction fundraiser plus garden tours at the garden. A great success and we found that some of our

weather at the garden.

As you read this, we are closing down our summer gardens but are in full production with carrots, cabbage, cauliflower, swiss chard, kale, broccoli, radishes and the fall plantings of garlic.

lot about building raised beds.

Flower production was excellent this year as many of the production issues have been resolved and the plants are enjoying their new beds and huge amounts of compost.

We now have a new official aerial photo of the garden showing the 230 raised beds. Yes, we do sweep the aisles for appearance sake and to reduce the spread of pests.



About 30 raised beds are now planted and we will continue harvest as necessary. Close to 20% of our Food Bank production will be harvested in the fall.

We have now reached

Alan Wenner

favorites were not favored by others. This will change our product mix for both the YCMGA plant sale and what we grow for the Food Bank.



On September 14th, Heather presented a class at the garden on Plant Problem Diagnosis with emphasis on the 37 problems of tomatoes. Close to 20 attendees enjoyed the class and the great

replacement time for the raised beds built our first and second years at the garden. This allows us to do a better job than we did the first time around. Eight years of experience taught us a



The Official Aerial View



BRONZE BIRCH BORER WIDESPREAD

I am losing my backyard shade in the next month, but not due to leaf fall. Last spring I noticed that some of the foliage on my birch trees was a little thin on the top. The other trees looked fine. The tops of the affected trees never filled out. These trees I planted 12 years ago are *Betula utilis* var. *jacquemontii* (Himalayan White birch).

I put my research skills to work and came up with the little varmint – Bronze Birch Borer (*Agrilus anxius*). The larval stage burrows into the tree, feeding on the cambium layer. The mature beetle is a slender, metallic coppery color, about 3/8 of an inch long and rarely seen.

Apparently all birches are susceptible to one degree or another, so it is important to keep them in good health. Birches are water-loving, so this means regular watering and fertilizer. Otherwise, you too may need to have your trees cut down and removed as I have to do.

There are chemical controls, but they are something that is required every year for the life of the tree, applied only by a licensed applicator. I am not choosing this option due to the expense, and the desire not to put bees at risk.

So next summer “happy hour” will be under the shade of an umbrella, rather than a tree. Look around Yamhill county and the Portland metro area, and you will quickly see many exam-



ples of birches in various states of decline, or even dead. It has become quite an epidemic.

As you probably know, all parts of infected trees must be burned as soon as possible. They cannot be composted, but they also cannot be cut up to be used for firewood. Even taking them to the dump is risky, though at this point the infection seems to be throughout Oregon.



[References to help you learn more.](#)

Pacific Northwest Insect Management Handbook

<https://pnwhandbooks.org/node/6790>

Homeowner Guide to Managing Bronze Birch Borer in the Upper Klamath Basin.

Oregon State University Extension. March 2018. Excellent photos and drawings that can help decide if the tree is worth saving.

University of Illinois Extension Bug Review:

Bronze Birch Borer. This site is nice for having both [English](#) and [Spanish](#) language versions of their fact sheet.

University of Minnesota Extension: The Bronze Birch Borer and Its Management

This has a nice chart listing the susceptibility of various birch trees to bronze birch borer.

Purdue Ornamentals and Turf: Bronze birch borer

pdf downloads with link



Ruth Estrada

The MG 12-step Program...

"H ello. My name is Beth. I am an OSU Master Gardener. I have been coming to these meetings for 20 years. It is one of the best things to happen to me! I'd like to share my '12-step' journey through the years". **As a Master Gardener I have:**

1. -Volunteered to chair the Pricing Committee for the Plant Sale.
This was my first 3-year commitment.
2. -Helped plan and plant the Native Plant Garden at the McMinnville Public Library.
3. -Was elected for 3 years as 'Member-at-Large" on the Board.
4. -Coordinated the Plant Clinic at the Amity Daffodil Festival for 8 years.
5. -Was co-editor of the newsletter for 3 years. Back in those days, it was called "The Tiller."
6. Spent one year as the flower coordinator at the Community Garden when it was at the Salvation Army, the last year before the garden moved.
7. -For 2 years was the co-chair of the Plant Sale with Linda C. and Sylvia C.
8. -Was chair for the McMinnville Farmer's Market for 2 years.
9. -Have been the chair of the Library Committee for 11 years.
10. -Regularly contribute articles to the newsletters.
11. -18 years being the "Sunshine Committee." This entails sending cards, flowers, etc. to Master Gardeners when needed.
12. -Found fellowship and kinship with people who want to make a difference and contribute to the community.

I 'm hoping these steps I have taken will inspire a few of you to not be afraid of taking on new challenges. Being a Master Gardener doesn't have to be addictive, but it's pretty easy to "drink the Kool-Aid." Receiving the awards of "Behind the Scenes" in 2004, and the "Yamhill County Master Gardener of the Year" in 2013, was just icing on the cake!



Beth Durr

*"If you are not killing plants,
you are not really stretching yourself as a gardener."*



*YCMGA
Picnic*

*August
2019*



Jade Wilson with photo of "Baby Wilson" who is under development and due in March of 2020.



*"CRIMES
AGAINST
NATURE"*

Heather's Highlights

With the arrival of fall, it's time to think about the end of the Master Gardener year. Remember that your volunteer reporting is due on October 31st. If you can enter your hours early, that will help give Carla and me enough time to prepare for...

one who wishes to attend **RSVP for the event** to help us plan the evening. You will receive an e-mail from Carla with a link that allows you to RSVP: look for it in the next month or so.

This year we will have a new location at the Palmer Creek

Graduation at 6:00pm Wednesday, November 20th.

Also note that again this year we are going to have every-

Lodge Community Event Center in Dayton. 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 Carla or myself.

**Palmer Creek Lodge
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PESKY PROFILES



By Heather Stoven

Cabbage Aphids in the Vegetable Garden



Typical infestation on cabbage

For any of you growing winter veggies, many of which include brassicas, you may have noticed some waxy aphids on your plants.

The cabbage aphid (*Brevicoryne brassicae*) is very common in our region this time of year on cabbages, kale, Brussels sprouts, broccoli and cauliflower. The cabbage aphid looks

and behaves similarly to other aphids; however it can look more greyish in color due to the waxy bloom that covers their exoskeleton.

They also can tend to cluster and form dense colonies under leaves or on other plant parts. Like other

aphids, the cabbage aphid uses its needle-like mouthparts (stylet) to suck out plant juices.

In order to help reduce cabbage aphid populations, be sure *not* to over-fertilize and *do* utilize insectary plants to encourage natural enemies. Aphids can also be washed off using a strong stream of water.

For more information:

<https://pnwhandbooks.org/insect/vegetable/vegetable-pests/hosts-pests/collard-kale-aphid> <https://>

extension.oregonstate.edu/news/how-control-aphids-less-toxic-methods



Cabbage aphid: various life stages



YCMGA Board Meeting Minutes

June 12th 2019

The President called the meeting to order at 10:00 PRECISELY on 7/10/2019

IN ATTENDANCE:

Linda Coakley	Gail Price	Carol Parks
Tonia Beebe	Pat Fritz	Virginia Galt
Marilyn MacGregor	Susanne Beukema	Polly Blum
Nancy Woodworth	Terry Hart	Sue Nesbitt
Gene Nesbitt	Alan Wenner	
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Secretary's notes for April: Carol read aloud the changes she had submitted for the notes, as the Secretary had not sent out a final copy of the notes. (He thought no one really cared, but Carol proved him wrong). Those changes had been made to the notes, so Tonia motioned to accept the notes, Carol seconded, and there didn't seem to need for a vote for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Reports have already been emailed out, and Carol informed us that the issue with the IRS (see June 2019 Secretary's notes) has not been solved, as was originally thought. By chance an MG found, when trying to guide a contribution to the YCMGA, that the IRS still lists YCMGA as being "under investigation." As mentioned last month, the IRS was sent a copy of the papers for OMGA, which we were told would include YCMGA. The OMGA staff had informed us that this letter would be all the information needed by the IRS. In actuality every corporation must individually apply. Yamhill and Marion counties are the only incorporated Master Gardener Associations, so are not included under OMGA. So YCMGA must now apply to the IRS as an independent corporation: Carol has emailed the OMGA treasurer on this topic and is still trying to figure out whether we need to apply for tax-exempt status separately from OMGA. Got all that?

Heather Report: Graduation is usually at the Heritage Center, but other venues are now being considered because of rising costs for renting the Heritage Center facilities. For 2019 at the Heritage Center we would be required to rent an additional room to operate crockpots, costing \$75 for half a day, \$150 for a full day. (Warming kitchen is \$100). Renting tables and chairs is an additional expense. We will check into alternate venues. More specifically, Polly and Sue will be doing that. Newberg and McMinnville Community Centers and the McMinnville Senior Center were offered as possible alternatives. Plans are still to (hopefully) have the graduation on Wednesday, November 13th.

Announcements/Correspondence: A card of thanks (for the scholarship) was received from high school student Stephen Irving, and read aloud.

Education/Outreach Committee: We have not decided yet whether or not to participate in the Newberg Lavender Festival next year. Nancy asked members to "spy" on the Festival this year and give their opinions on the viability of entering it next year. To date, impressions have not been favorable. (Low attendance, inconvenient booth location, no need for us there because of all the lavender experts already present).

Community Garden: So far this year the Community Garden has donated 3000 pounds of produce to YCAP, and expects to end the year having donated over 4000 pounds. On June 16th the Children's Garden opened.

OMGA Reps: Although there is no Mini-college this year, the OMGA still needs (and wants) money, so is planning to have a silent auction of sorts. So every chapter is expected to contribute at least 3 items worth \$25 each (or more, of course) to the auction. These will be photographed, estimated value attached, and put online where Master Gardeners may bid on the items. Donations can be anything desirable, and need not be garden-related. However, it is asked that no baskets be donated— apparently the auction was "basketed out" last year. Garden art is encouraged though. Auction items historically sell for about 60% of list price. There are two very strong detrimental factors to how this auction will proceed: one is that only Master Gardeners will be aware of it and bidding. Worse is that online there will be no indication of how much other bidders are offering, thus eliminating the possibility of people competing for an item and upping their offers near the end of the auction bidding time. OMGA is still discussing the feasibility of Mini-college, and a questionnaire has been sent to presidents of each Master Gardener chapter. The presidents are to distribute this to all their chapter members. The questions ask for opinions on the structure of classes, what would make the Mini-college overwhelmingly compelling to attend, should more money be invested to hire a professional event planner, and choices of venue (including whether or not members would accept a casino as the setting). For questions re: the auction contact Sue Nesbitt.

Hospitality: Polly is concerned because she is already over budget, and she has no guidelines as to what events require her services, and what is

expected at each event. (For instance, whether or not to provide more than just hot beverages). Right now Hospitality is about \$150 over budget, and may have 3 more events to cover. Also, Polly has been given too-short notice on some events. Susanne promises to work with the Propagation Committee to determine what refreshments are needed and when, and Sue will help.

Perennial Propagation: Inventory and purchasing are completed, but cuttings are needed. There is a photo of all the people at a recent meeting: the photo will be labelled with the peoples' names, then each person's interests will be listed. Major flattery is required, sincerity is not.

Propagation Committee problems: Gail brought up the problem of the propagation classes (for other Master Gardener chapters) cutting severely into time doing actual work at Propagation, as the classes have been on Tuesdays. Right now each individual county is coming to a propagation class for just that one chapter, and it was generally decided that there should instead be one class, once per year, to which all chapters are invited. To date Patti and Ruth have been giving the lectures and leading the classes, but both of them are not going to be doing that after this year. The question is, *Who will take over??* The Propagation Committee chairs are deeply frustrated because no one has volunteered to head the "departments": there was not even one reply to the detailed and encouraging ad for help in the last *Grapevine*. The board of directors is being asked to help, and 1:1 contact is a must. The problem is that there are plenty of people working manual labor, but no one willing to supervise the various departments. People are reminded that they do not need to be there every week. At present the committee has **only 25%** of the plant material needed for the sale, and members agreed that if we have even one lousy plant sale, future sales will be dead-on-arrival. To summarize: the structure and human worker bees are there, but the supervisory volunteers are not.

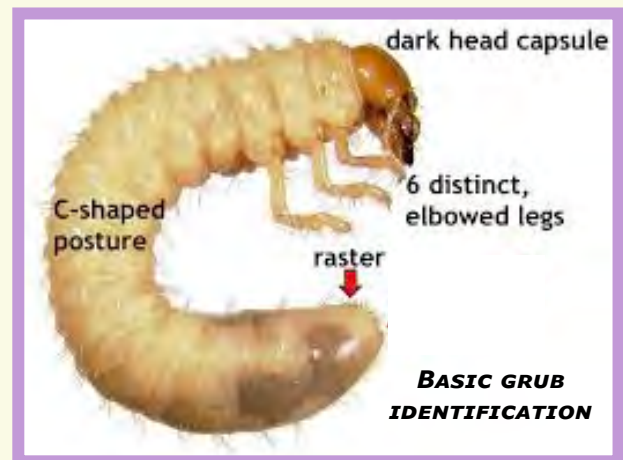
Web, Mentoring Committee, and SIG are all on hold for the summer.

Hospitality Budget Discussion: Expenses for the Budget Meeting and Graduation are already covered. Donn motioned and Gail seconded a motion to add \$500 to the hospitality budget; division and assignment of costs to various functions will be decided at the October Budget Meeting. Perhaps having class attendees pay \$5 or \$10 per class will help.

Fall Planning Meeting: (deceptively referred to as a "retreat.") This will take place on October 26th, beginning at 9am at our usual hangout, the Public Works auditorium. It will be potluck as usual.

Seed-to-Supper: 27 people took the spring courses, though they were needed in English only. Restructuring should be complete in 2 or 3 weeks, with 15 people signed up as instructors. Willamette Valley Medical Center is giving \$5000 for the program.

Tonia motioned to end the meeting, Gail seconded it, and the meeting ended surprisingly early at 11:33 am.



Editor's Note:

The Secretary's notes *in the Grapevine* are edited for brevity, space, and timeliness of contents. References to events that have already occurred have been removed. If you want to see the unexpurgated notes, contact the Secretary (who is also the Grapevine editor) at m42oneb@gmail.com to have a copy of the original complete notes emailed to you personally.



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