



# CENTRAL GORGE MASTER GARDENER

APRIL 2019

## CGMGA & OMGA

### CGMGA

*From the desk of your CGMGA President . .*

A special welcome to the new Master Gardener trainees. It will be nice to get to know you as we begin our core classes this week.



On April 10, you will learn about various Master Gardener projects that not only contribute to your volunteer hours but are fun and educational too.

One of the primary ways we communicate is through this newsletter. In it, you will find CGMGA information and events as well as other community events that you might find interesting.

If you haven't already done so, please follow us on Facebook, [Central Gorge Master Gardeners - OSU](#).

On another note, if you're a Master Garden and would like to know more about serving on the Executive Committee, please let me know. The Executive Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month from 10 am to 12pm at the OSU Extension Office.

rcitlau@gmail.com or 714-595-9158.  
Thank you! *Renee Taylor*

### Greetings Gardener!

Spring is well on its way and you know what that means...plant clinic is starting to ramp up! Fortunately, we haven't had a lot of box elder bug questions for a month, but the questions are starting

to roll in slowly. I'm not putting on a plant clinic training this winter so **your homework for this week is to read the [2019 Plant Clinic Manual](#)**.

Once our core classes start next week, there will be more regular homework assignments from the Sustainable Gardening Handbook and I will keep you posted about those through the newsletter and mid-month newsletter reminders.

Even though we have had a few adjustments this year because of weather, I look forward to seeing you more often during the year. And on that note, please see the most updated schedule. There have been a few changes recently.

Kind regards,  
Rachel Suits

### Nominations for Master Gardener of the Year & Behind the Scenes

Please consider nominations for these two awards and submit names to Rachel. Decisions need to be made in May so time is short.

Master Gardener of the Year should be a Master Gardener who exhibits outstanding dedication and service to the program.

Behind the Scenes should be a Master Gardener who works quietly and unselfishly behind the scenes to further the Master Gardener Program.

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### Month at a Glance

**April 4:** Thursday, 9 am, Japanese Heritage Garden Anniversary Committee Meeting – Experiment Station Library

**April 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 & May 2,** 9 AM-noon, [Learning Garden Work Parties](#)

**April 9:** Tuesday 10-12pm: CGMGA Exec Comm Mtg, Ext mtg rm, everyone's welcome

**April 3, 10, 17, & 24:** Wednesday 3-5pm: [Seed starting in the greenhouse](#)

**April 10:** Wednesday 6-7pm [Brassicas & Beer](#) Details p3

**April 26:** Friday 8-9 am: K1HR radio show with CGMGA Master Gardeners

**May 11:** Saturday: CGMGA plant sale

**May 17:** Friday 3pm: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Japanese Heritage Garden

**June 22:** Saturday 9-4pm: Central Gorge Garden Tour

For additional calendar information visit the [CGMGA Website](#)



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MASTER  
GARDENERS

PLEASE READ  
THE [PLANT  
CLINIC MANUAL](#)

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### Baby's Breath Needed

I am seeking two large bunches of Gypsophila for two tall vase arrangements for early June.

If anyone grows Gypsophila ( Baby's Breath) and would have some flowering at that time and willing to share, please let me know.



Thank you,  
Jennifer Harty

## Extension Gardener 2019 Class Schedule April & May

All classes meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Date	Topic	Presenter	Homework	Location
4/3	Extension Volunteers	Rachel Suits	None	OSU Extension
4/10	Master Gardeners in the Community	Project Leaders	None	Field Trip: Meet at OSU Extension
4/17*	Understanding Plants	Chip Bubl - Associate Pro-	Chp 1, Botany	HRVCC
4/24	Insects in the Garden	Rachel Suits	Chp 14, Basic	OSU Extension & Learning
5/1*	Building Healthy Soils	Victoria Binning - Program	Chp 2, Soils &	HRVCC
5/22	Plant Problem Diagnostics	Brooke Edmunds	Chp 16, Diagnosing Plant Problems **	OSU Extension & Learning Garden

\* Rescheduled class

\*\* *Sustainable Gardening, The Oregon • Washington Master Gardener Handbook*

## EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

SEED TO SUPPER  
PRE-  
REGISTRATION IS  
REQUIRED.  
CONTACT OSU  
EXTENSION  
AT 541-386-  
3343  
OR  
RACHEL.SUITS@O  
REGONSTATE.EDU

### Seed to Supper



Free Gardening Course

If you know anyone interested in learning economical ways to grow vegetables, please let them know about Seed to Supper. Seed to Supper is series of 6 free classes that are open to the public. Classes are scheduled for Tuesdays from April 23 to May 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the Fish Food Bank. Registration is required (See sidebar). Topics include how to build healthy soil, plan your growing space, care for your growing garden, and harvest your bounty! Participants also get a free gardening book. Classes are taught by Central Gorge Master Gardeners.

If you have questions, please let me know.  
Sincerely  
Renee Taylor  
rcitlau@gmail.com or  
714-595-9158

### Brassicas and Beer

Please join us at Volcanic Bottle Shoppe (1410 12th Ave Hood River) from 6 to 7



pm for the following gardening seminars:

- April 10 , What can the OSU Extension Service Do for You? with Rachel Suits
- May 8, Bats and Bat Houses with Patricia Paige
- June 12, Container Gardens with Glenda Ryan
- July 10, Managing Risk and Health of Veteran Trees with David Braun
- August 14, Waterwise Gardening with Sue Sanchez and Sue Stender
- September 11, Enhancing Habitat for Wildlife with CJ Flick

### Basics of Pruning

*Pruning Ornamental Plants* is



a FREE public program to be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:30pm in the conference room of the Fire Department/EMS building at 1785 Meyer Parkway in Hood River (next to the Hood River Pool).

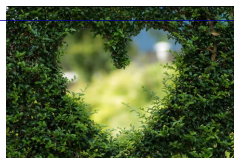
Oregon State University Master Gardener Volunteer and local Orchardist, Cindy Collins, will explain proper pruning cuts, in-

cluding what will happen to your ornamental plant after a cut is made and why. Collins will also talk about the variety of tools available and how to select the right tool for the cut you're about to make. This program is sponsored by the Hood River Valley Evening Garden Club. Refreshments will be served following the program. For more information, contact HoodRiverGardenClub@gmail.com Margo Dameier

### Hardy Plant Society of Oregon, Columbia Gorge Interest Group (HPSO CG)

Lorē Sampson, of Rarity Gardens nursery in Odell and President of the American Peony Society, will give a presentation on peonies at the Hood River Library at 7 pm on Wednesday, April 3rd. In 'Rediscovering Peonies', Lorē will discuss the newer peony varieties that have been specifically developed for today's smaller, low maintenance gardens. These aren't your grandmother's peonies! Lorē will share everything you need to know including peony selection, flower forms,

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### EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

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## Wild About Nature VIII

A Natural History Series  
coordinated by  
Joy Markgraf



Displays created by Joy Markgraf  
will be on view during the month of April.

Refreshments provided by Suksdorfia Chapter of the  
Washington Native Plant Society and Friends of the  
White Salmon River

planting, propagating and care. In addition, she will discuss how to use peonies as cut flowers including tips on storing peonies for later use in flower arrangements. Bring your questions and get ready to rediscover these incredibly beautiful and majestic landscape aristocrats.

Zoe Nielsen

### Wild About Nature VIII at the White Salmon Valley Community Library

Joy Markgraf has another great line-up of programs and art.

- April 5, 5-6 pm
  - \* :Saving Bats, Birds and Beavers –My 100 Acre Sanctuary
  - \* “Last of the Best” –

The Rare and Remarkable Zumwalt Prairie

- April 12, 6:30 –9 pm
  - \* Lichen Lessons and Lore
  - \* Living with WA’s Large Carnivores
- April 19, 6:30 –9 pm
  - \* The Biogeography of Fish in the Columbia River Gorge and WS River
  - \* SDS Forestry/ Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Forest Herbicides
- April 26, 6:30 –9 pm
  - \* The Burke Museum Herbarium and New Flora of the Pacific Northwest
  - \* Snakes of the Columbia Gorge

For further details, check

out [www.fvrl.org](http://www.fvrl.org).

### Advanced Master Gardener Class/ Adapting Dry Farming Techniques to



### Vegetable Gardens

April 30 @11am PT

[Register Here](#)

In this advanced Master Gardener webinar, Amy Garrett (OSU Extension Small Farms) will share research results on dry farmed crops including tomatoes, squash and melons. This webinar is the first in a series exploring efficient water use in gardens.

CJ Flick

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

#### Mentors Needed

If you are interested in being a mentor this year for the incoming class of Master Gardeners, please email John Stevens at [427indogyears@gmail.com](mailto:427indogyears@gmail.com) to get on the list. This is a great opportunity to share your enthusiasm and knowledge about the program with someone new!

#### CGMGA Plant Sale

The plant sale team is looking forward to our

2019 season. Our focus this year will be on beneficial plants to our environment. We are using a variety of successful plants that have proven to be winners. We have added more annual flowers, edible flowers and herbs that will be a delight to any chef. We are excited to add the propagation of plants which will be educational and fun. There are lots of things to be done to make another huge success come May 11, 2019, our plant

sale day.

Now it's time to roll up our sleeve and adorn your favorite garden gloves get to work in our beautiful greenhouse! Here is the schedule for seed plant start parties: April 3rd 3-5pm, April 10th 3-5pm, April 17th 3-5pm, April 24th 3-5pm.

We will be setting the May schedule when we determine how much needs to be done before May 11th.

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MENTORS NEEDED

CONTACT  
JOHN STEVENS

427INDOGYEARS  
@GMAIL.COM



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS FOR  
CGMGA EVENTS:

PLANT SALE 5/11

JAPANESE GARDEN  
CELEBRATION 5/17

GARDEN TOUR  
6/22



We will need committed volunteers to water the plants in the am and pm daily. We will be posting sign-up sheets at each of the scheduled classes. If you are interested in making the greenhouse sing with green or have any questions, Please feel free to contact me:

Co-Plant Sale Leaders:

- Lj Johnson  
541-288-8256, gardeningwithlovehrv@gmail.com
- Laurel DeTar  
541-387-2116, detar@gorge.net

### Japanese Heritage Garden Celebration

Planning continues for the 10th anniversary celebration of the Japanese Heritage Garden. Mark your calendars if nothing else for Friday, May 17th, at 3 PM. Contact Sandi if any questions ..

swim@gorge.net

or 503-806-7020.

### Central Gorge Garden Tour

Volunteers are needed for the June 22 Garden Tour.

Please contact Heidi Shoup or Renee Taylor to volunteer or if you have questions.

- Renee Taylor  
rcitlau@gmail.com  
714-595-9158
- Heidi Shoup  
heidishoup@yahoo.com  
703-946-6451

Hood River Soil and Water Conservation District

Volunteer Opportunity

In order to prepare for the SWCD's Native Plant Sale we need lots of help! At our sale we offer dormmate bareroot seedlings which end up being hard to tell one species from the other. We need help to flag all the plants as well as bundle the orders for the presale orders. This is a fun couple of days and has been a great way to earn volunteer hours! We will need help on Tuesday April 2nd and Wednesday 3rd from 9am -12pm and 1-3pm on both days. More the merrier, come join us and spend time learning about native plants, their different characteristics, and the benefits they add to the landscape! Every year we are so grateful for the help the Master Gardeners provide, we hope you will join us again...there might even be a free plant of your choosing in it for you!

Call or email Kris if you are interested: 541-386-4588 or kris@hoodriverswcd.org

The Learning Garden

The Learning Garden is thawing, so we will be starting work parties in early April to do a winter clean up and plant some new plants in the Japanese Heritage Garden and entry area. At each work party we will have a brief educational session on a topic of interest in the garden. The first week (two sessions), we will talk about development of a Japanese Garden, elements required for a Japanese garden, and how we implemented these in the Learning Garden. The Japanese Heritage Garden will be our first focus for clean up as we have a goal to have it looking tip top for our 10th anniversary celebration on Friday, May 17th at 3 PM.

The Learning Garden is located on the grounds around the OSU Extension building and is a demonstration garden consisting of 11 different garden features. If you come to work sessions you will have a chance to learn a lot about identifying plants, pruning ornamentals, native plants, herbs, drip irrigation, bioswales, and labeling plants with a little raking and weeding thrown in too! Plus you will be able to see some

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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awesome plants blooming!

The scheduling of work sessions in April will be more frequent than usual due to our anniversary celebration coming up. So tentatively they are planned for every Tuesday

and Thursday from 9 to noon starting on Tuesday, April 9th. (I announced the wrong start date in class on March 13th.)

For the work session, it is good to dress warmly in layers, use sunscreen, wear a hat, and bring work

gloves, hand pruners, a weed container, and your favorite small or bigger rake if you have them. This is a great opportunity to start on your volunteer hours, so hope to see you there.

Sandi Rousseau and  
Laurel DeTar

LEARNING  
GARDEN WORK  
PARTIES

TUESDAYS &  
THURSDAYS

APRIL 9, 11, 16,  
18, 23, 25, 30 &  
MAY 2

9 TO NOON

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TreeFest 2019

Saturday, April 13th  
9am to 12pm  
Rheingarten Park  
170 NW Lincoln, White  
Salmon, WA

- Plant Sale Choose from a variety of native, locally-sourced trees, shrubs, and wildflowers
- Planting and Forestry Demos Learn new skills for planting, maintaining, and managing your trees!

- Celebrate with live music, kid's activities, food, merriment, and more!
- Get to know UCD's programs and meet some of their partners. They'll have informational booths from local organizations and nurseries.

## GARDENING RESOURCES

- ◇ [Hood River County Master Gardeners](#)
- ◇ [Growing Your Own](#)
- ◇ [OSU Publications](#)
- ◇ [Monthly Gardening](#)
- ◇ [Calendars](#)
- ◇ [PNW Handbooks](#)
- ◇ [HortSense](#)
- ◇ [UC IPM](#)
- ◇ [OSU Gardening](#)
- ◇ [WSU Gardening](#)
- ◇ [Week Identification](#)
- ◇ [Columbia Gorge Co-operative Weed Management Area](#)



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## NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

In order to allow time for formatting the CGMGA Newsletter, please submit articles or calendar items by the last Thursday of the month.

Send newsletter information to Shari Bosler at [sharibosler@hotmail.com](mailto:sharibosler@hotmail.com). Thanks!