



# CENTRAL GORGE MASTER GARDENER

AUGUST 2019

## CGMGA & OMGA

### CGMGA

*From the desk of your CGMGA President . . .*

I hope you're having a wonderful summer. Now is a good time to calculate your volunteer and training hours if you haven't already done so and to make a plan to catch up if needed.

As a reminder, first year Master Gardener trainees need 45 volunteer hours and are expected to attend all of the classes. Veteran Master Gardeners need 24 volunteer hours (12 of which are plant clinics) and 24 class hours.

#### Ways to Earn Volunteer Hours

If you need additional volunteer hours, you can earn them in a variety of ways *including*:

- Executive Committee Meetings
  - See "Month at a Glance"
  - Everyone's welcome!
- Garden Parties
  - Earn 1 hour
- Summer Picnic/ Association Meeting
  - Earn 1 hour
  - [Details page 4](#)
- Learning Garden
  - Laurel; [detar@gorge.net](mailto:detar@gorge.net)
  - Sandi; [swim@gorge.net](mailto:swim@gorge.net)
- Hood River Library
  - Beth; [elfio@yahoo.com](mailto:elfio@yahoo.com)
- Japanese Heritage Garden
  - Sandi; [swim@gorge.net](mailto:swim@gorge.net)
  - Ellen; [ellenpen69@gmail.com](mailto:ellenpen69@gmail.com)
- Graduation Committee
  - Sandy
  - [sandyhmontag@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhmontag@gmail.com)
- Fish Food Bank
  - Sidney; [sraxtell@gmail.com](mailto:sraxtell@gmail.com)

- Plant Clinics
  - Sling
  - MG Trainees contact mentors

If you still need volunteer hours, please see Rachel. Sometimes she has special projects that will count towards your volunteer hours.

#### Ways to Earn Class Hours

If you need additional class hours, in addition to the classes listed on page 2, you can earn 1 hour for attending Brassicas & Beer ([page 3](#)) or by watching any of the following videos:

- [2019 Master Gardener Advanced Training Webinars](#)
- [2018 Master Gardeners-Webinars](#)
- [2017 Master Gardener Advanced Training](#)

#### Summer Picnic & Association Meeting

I hope you can make it to the Summer Picnic & Association Meeting on Thursday, August 8. See [page 4](#) for details.

One of the discussion points at the Summer Picnic & Association Meeting will be on two proposed changes to our current CGMGA By-Laws

Please review Article V Sections 1 and 2 along with the proposed changes and we will discuss and vote on them at the August 8 Summer Picnic & Association Meeting

#### Month at a Glance

**August 8:** Thursday, 5:30 to 8:30 pm [CGMGA Summer Picnic & Association Meeting](#)

**August 13:** Tuesday 10-12 pm: CGMGA Exec Comm Mtg, Ext mtg rm, everyone's welcome

**August 14:** Wednesday 6-7 pm Brassicas & Beer

**August 8 & 22:** Thursday 8-11am: Learning Garden work party

**November 7:** Thursday 6-8 pm [CGMGA Graduation](#)

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

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## CGMGA/OMGA

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### Proposed By-Law Changes

Article V, Section 1 currently states:

The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers and five additional members from the organization at large. These additional members will be appointed by the elected officers. “

Section 1 proposed changes:

The Executive Committee shall consist of all elected officers, five additional members from the organization at large and a recent past president. Members at large are appointed by the elected officers. The past president will be appointed each year by the incoming president with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Article 1, Section 2 currently states:

The Audit Committee shall consist of the President, the President Elect, and a member at large designated by the Executive Committee. The audit committee shall conduct a quarterly audit and re-

port results to the Executive Committee

Section 2 proposed changes:

The Audit Committee shall consist of the president, the president-elect, and a member at large designated by the Executive Committee. The audit committee shall conduct an audit at least annually or upon request of the Executive Committee and report results to the Executive Committee.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at [rcitlau@gmail.com](mailto:rcitlau@gmail.com) or 714-595-9158.

*Thank you, Renee Taylor*

## OMGA

**Please complete**

### [Mini-College Feedback Form](#)

OMGA has requested our input on Mini-College. Per a recent survey, Master Gardeners statewide showed strong support for continuing Mini College. However, in the past, only about 10% of Master Gardeners participated in Mini-College and there wasn't a lot of support for organizing

or managing it. Please complete the form by August 15, 2019. Thank you!

If you have questions, contact Barbara Kilkenny

[barbarakilkenny@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarakilkenny@yahoo.com)

### **From Rachel:**

**Volunteer Hours:** You can track your volunteer hours by using the excel spreadsheet attached or you can find it and previous newsletters on the [CGM-GA website](#).

**Plant Clinics:** Many of you have expressed interest in plant clinics. I'm willing to open plant clinics to you and will add you to the online format so you can sign up for them. Because you are not fully trained in plant clinic, you are welcome to join your mentor or another experienced Master Gardener at any plant clinic. They are super fun and will count as volunteer service hours.

*Rachel Suits*

## 2019 Class Schedule

August to October

Date	Time	Topic	Presenter	Homework	Location
8/28	6-9 pm	Managing Pests	Rachel Suits	TBA	HRVCC
9/25	6-9 pm	Plant Diseases	Ashley Thompson	TBA	OSU Extension
10/9	6-9 pm	Pesticide Safety	Steve Castagnoli	TBA	HRVCC
10/16	6-9 pm	Introduction to Plant Clinic	Rachel Suits	<a href="#">Plant Clinic Manual</a>	OSU Extension
10/23	6-9 pm	Potluck, Adult Learners & Final Exam	Rachel Suits		HRVCC

## EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

### Propagation Class



Thanks to all of you who showed up for the propagation class put on by Patti Gregory and Linda Coakley from Yamhill County Master Gardeners.

They brought so many things for us to work with and as giveaways. Their generosity was amazing. The class itself really charged up many of us to start on the process right away. There was a lot of laughter and sharing going on. Patti and Linda were blown away by our setting and our facilities.

We should all be extremely grateful for what we have.

Thanks for participating. I think it was a great experience for all of us.

Laurel DeTar



*Weed of the Month  
Canada Thistle*

### August Weed of the Month Canada Thistle

The Hood River County Weed Board asks all landowners to control Canada thistle on their property. Canada Thistle is a wide spread invasive perennial that's a common problem in cultivated fields and pastures. It spreads by both seed and creeping horizontal roots. This weed is difficult to kill. Canada thistle has pink to purple bristly flowers. The 3-5' tall plants have lobed green leaves with sharp spines. Control Canada thistle by hand-pulling early in the season or by tilling the soil every 3 weeks for the entire growing season. Occasional tilling will only spread the plant. You can also control it by using herbicides labeled for thistle control. Timely mowing can prevent the plants from going to seed.

Thanks for your help controlling Canada thistle. For

more information, visit the [Columbia Gorge Cooperative Weed Management](#) Web site.

### Practical Food Safety in the Garden

In the video, "[Practical Food Safety in the Edible Garden](#)", OSU Extension will help you understand how to minimize the risks related to specific edible garden practices such as composting, water sources, harvesting and more.

### 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:

- August 14, Waterwise Gardening with Sue Sanchez and Sue Stender
- September 11, Enhancing Habitat for Wildlife with CJ Flick

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Learning Garden Needs a New Leader

Laurel and Sandi are stepping down from the leadership of the Learning Garden and would like to pass this

on to someone else. It is time to pass the torch as new people, new ideas, new energy, etc. are healthy for a project. We will still have our core group to help at work parties and Sandi and Laurel can totally orient any-

one taking the helm. Please contact either Sandi [swim@gorge.net](mailto:swim@gorge.net) 503-806-7020 or Laurel [detar@gorge.net](mailto:detar@gorge.net) 541-387-2116 with your interest/questions.

## UPCOMING CGMGA EVENTS

CGMGA  
GRADUATION  
COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED

CONTACT  
SANDY  
sandyhmontag@gmail.com

CGMGA  
GRADUATION  
  
NOVEMBER 7  
  
6 TO 8  
HOOD RIVER  
ADULT CENTER

### CGMGA Summer Picnic & Association Meeting

The CGMGA Association Meeting and Summer Picnic is scheduled for August 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at Dennis Carlson's garden on 3801 Belmont, Hood River (4th driveway west of Windmaster Corner)

- Bring a dish to share and your own beverage of choice (wine, beer, non-alcoholic)
- Please supply your own table settings and wear your badges
- Outdoor chairs are advised.

Carpool if you can, or meet up at the OSU Extension Office before the event. (The empty lot was sold so parking isn't as available as it was.)

Google link to Dennis's is: <https://goo.gl/maps/p5AzTJLFeAScHN7DA>

### Central Gorge Master Gardener Graduation

We have scheduled the Graduation for Thursday, November 7th from 6:00-8:00 at the Hood River Valley Adult Center, 2010 Sterling Pl, Hood River. A Pot Luck is planned as well as our 4th quarterly meeting. Come and help cele-

brate our recent graduates and enjoy the delicious food.

Put it on your calendar!

Sandy Montag

### Graduation Committee

We need volunteers for the graduation committee (you will earn hours). Please e-mail Sandy at [sandyhmontag@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhmontag@gmail.com) if you can participate.

## GARDENING RESOURCES



<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9027.pdf>

- ◇ [Hood River County Master Gardeners](#)
- ◇ [PNW Handbooks](#)
- ◇ [Columbia Gorge Co-operative Weed Management Area](#)
- ◇ [Growing Your Own](#)
- ◇ [HortSense](#)
- ◇ [GardenSmart: A Guide to Non-Invasive Plants](#)
- ◇ [OSU Publications](#)
- ◇ [UC IPM](#)
- ◇ [Where to Pickup a free copy of GardenSmart](#)
- ◇ [Monthly Gardening Calendars](#)
- ◇ [OSU Gardening](#)
- ◇ [WSU Gardening](#)
- ◇ [Weed Identification](#)



## 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!