



# CENTRAL GORGE MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2019

## CGMGA & OMGA

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

Thank you, Master Gardeners, for a great year. It's been a pleasure being your president this year.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2020. First, we have a great lineup of officers in 2020. A big welcome to our new officers who are:

- Sandy Montag, President
- Sandi Rousseau, President Elect
- Christie Bradley, Secretary
- Barbara Kilkenny, OMGA Rep
- Jean Bailey, Alternate Rep

Next, we have a great lineup of classes and speakers in 2020, And, just in case you haven't heard, the Executive Committee approved reducing the class hour requirement of recertifying Master Gardeners to 10 hours which is the national requirement. In addition, the Executive Committee approved changing Trainee hours to 40 classroom hours and 28 volunteer hours plus 12 Plant Clinic hours for a total of 40 volunteer hours.

We believe that these changes will help us retain our valuable Master Gardeners and encourage trainees to join the CGMGA.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at [rcitlau@gmail.com](mailto:rcitlau@gmail.com)  
Happy Holidays!

*Renee Taylor*



### Month at a Glance

**Dec 7:** Saturday 10-12pm: Holiday Wreath Event at the CGMGA greenhouse

**Dec 10:** Tuesday 10-12pm: CGMGA Exec Comm Mtg, Ext Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome.

Check our website for more calendar information: <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/hoodriver/volunteer-resources>

### 2019 Celebration



We all celebrated a year of accomplishments on November 7 at the Senior Center. We acknowledged and celebrated successful projects such as our plant sale, garden tour, Seed to Supper program, the Japanese Heritage Garden 10th Anniversary, Holiday Greenery Event, and Brassicas & Beer monthly summer seminar series. We participated in, groomed and learned from our gardens: the Learning Garden, The Water Wise Garden and the Fish Food Garden.

Garden, The Water Wise Garden and the Fish Food Garden.

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We especially celebrated our new Master Gardener Trainees: Francis Fischer, Jackie Cox, Molly Feichtel, Camille Jones, Sharon Kaplan, Jewel McKenzie, Sally Munoz, Emma Streufert, Julie Ueland and Joanne Willis.

Eric Bosler was recognized as CGMGA Master Gardener for 2019 and as Oregon's Master Gardener of the Year. Margo Dameier was awarded the Behind the Scenes Award for her work advertising and promoting our various events. The Golden Trowel Award was given to Joanne Willis as an outstanding new Master Gardener.

For exceptional service as President, Renee Taylor was acknowledged with a plant and a gift certificate to Portland Nursery. Next year she will become the Editor of the Oregon Master Gardener Association Newsletter, The Gardener's Pen.

New Officers for 2020 were nominated and elected: Sandy Montag, President, Sandi Rousseau, President-elect, Christie Bradley, Secretary, Nancy Slagle, Treasurer, Barbara Kilkenny, OMGA Rep and Jean Bailey, OMGA Alternative Rep. We toasted our successes and ended the evening with some incredible door prizes.

*Sandy Montag*



## OMGA Report

The OMGA 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Educational Forum and Board Meeting were hosted by Tillamook County on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The next issue of the Gardener's Pen will come out in January. The deadline for articles is November 20<sup>th</sup>, the topic is "Save the World through Gardening." It was asked that chapters also report on projects and activities and send in photos.

First of all, a big "Thank you" to those who donated items for the Silent Auction and to those who emailed me with their bids. Our net income was \$1,897.70! This will help OMGA provide grants and scholarships in 2020. Sue Nesbitt and Eric Bosler are the co-chairs for 2020 Mini-College. The theme chosen for 2020 Mini-College is "Grow, Produce, Sustain" with GPS as a logo. It will be held on Friday and Saturday, July 24-25, 2020 at CH2M Hill Alumni Center at Oregon State University. Housing options include the Hilton Garden Inn and Oregon State University, Bloss/West style dorm rooms. Meals will be

at the OSU Cafeteria, except for the banquet. Daily registration will be \$49.00, which includes lunch.

Mini-College will be held biannually instead of annually and the event will be held in the years there is no International Master Gardener Conference.

Funding and support was discussed for the ECCo program. ECCo stands for Electronic Client Contact, an online program being developed by Amy Jo Detweiler, Extension Agent from Central Oregon. Instead of items being recorded on paper contact sheets (Yellow Sheet), the information would be entered into a database and would be available for all plant clinic workers to access. The Annual Leadership Retreat will be held Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 am to 6 pm, and Tuesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am to 4pm, at the Hopkins Demonstration Forest in Clackamas County. All members are encouraged to attend.

*Barbara Kilkenny, OMGA Rep*

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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### 2020 Association Meetings:

We are planning our Association meetings and gatherings for next year. Please volunteer to help and make these meetings fun and meaningful. Contact [sandyhmontag@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhmontag@gmail.com)

### Mentor Program:

If you're interested in being a 2020 Mentor, please contact John Stevens at [427indogyyears@gmail.com](mailto:427indogyyears@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Annual Holiday Greenery Event

Please join us for our 10th annual Holiday Greenery Event. Our wreath and swag making project is scheduled for Saturday December 7 from 10-12pm. I've got floral wire, 14" wreath rings, ribbon and floral foam. All you really need to bring are pruners and any contributions of greenery, including cones, and ribbon. Please, as you put your gardens to bed for the winter, consider saving and/or drying anything you think might look neat in a decorative project, including rose-hips and lichen.

Recycling is encouraged and donations of any supplies including ribbon (especially 2" wired) are welcome. It doesn't even need to be holiday colors.

Even if you're unable to come to Saturday's wreath making, any contributions of greenery would be appreciated. Thanks!!

This event is a service project, as we donate many wreaths and swags to the FISH Food Bank and WGAP.

*Shari Bosler*



In case you're interested in creating a wreath or kissing ball, please see the links below:

[Making a Wreath here.](#) and [Kissing Ball here.](#)

## QUERIES

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Do you know of someone who reports to [cocorahs.org](http://cocorahs.org) (Community collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network) every day?

If you have a question to toss out to our CGMGA membership, please send it to [sharibosler@hotmail.com](mailto:sharibosler@hotmail.com).

## RESOURCES

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GardenSmart: A Guide to Non-Invasive Plants  
<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/47570>

Here is the link to “Where To Pick Up a Free Copy of GardenSmart Oregon” <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/article/197473>

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### GARDENING RESOURCES



<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/cm9027.pdf>

- ◇ [Hood River County Master Gardeners](#)
- ◇ [PNW Handbooks](#)
- ◇ [Columbia Gorge Cooperative 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](#)




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### NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

In order to allow time for formatting the CGMGA Newsletter, please submit **articles or calendar items by the third Friday of the month**. Send newsletter information to Shari Bosler at [sharibosler@hotmail.com](mailto:sharibosler@hotmail.com). Thanks!