



# CENTRAL GORGE MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2020

## CGMGA & OMGA

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

Greetings Everyone,

I want to welcome our new class of 2020, all 22 of you! Several of you live in Hood River, while others reside in Appleton, White Salmon, Parkdale and Carson. We even have one new member commuting from Portland. This class brings a variety of experience from gardening in California, Illinois, and South Carolina. Many have years of gardening from 30, 40 and 50 years. We are very excited about getting to know you and having you join our Central Gorge Master Gardener Association.

Our 2019 class will be finishing their Master Gardener Certification this year, attending classes, volunteering and staffing plant clinics. We look forward to helping you achieve your goals and in participating with you.

A big thank you to all the 2019 and 2020 mentors who have given their time, expertise and enthusiasm in welcoming and mentoring all our new trainees. You are invaluable to the continuation and excellence of the Central Gorge Master Gardener Association. THANK YOU!

Sandy Montag

## Month at a Glance

**Feb 11:** Tuesday 10-12pm: CGMGA Exec Comm Mtg, Ext Meeting Room. Everyone is welcome.

**Feb 20:** Thursday 5pm: Dinner at Three Rivers Grill (see details below)

Check our website for more calendar information: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/hoodriver/current-master-gardeners>

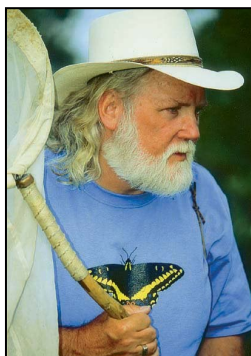
## Save The Date

OREGON MASTER GARDENER

MINI-COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Where: Oregon State University, CH2N HILL Alumni Center

When: Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25, 2020



### Keynote Speaker: ROBERT MICHAEL PYLE

Author of 17 books, including Chasing Monarchs, Where Bigfoot Walks, and Wintergreen, which won the John Burroughs Medal. A Yale-trained ecologist, a Guggenheim fellow, and founder of the Xerces Society, he is a full-time writer living in SW Washington.

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Plans are underway for an outstanding event that will include hands on workshops, lecture classes, tours, time to socialize with old friends and meet new ones and much more. Circle these dates on your calendar now and plan to attend this fun, dynamic, interesting, and educational event.

The organizing committee is hard at work. If you're interested in lending your talent to the activities please contact either Eric Bosler (ericbosler@hotmail.com) or Sue Nesbitt (sue.nesbitt1231@gmail.com).

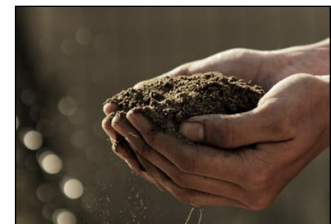
## EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

### CGMGA to offer Community Classes

Please invite your friends and family who are interested in learning more about gardening to any or all of the six classes that comprise the Central Gorge Master Gardener Community Classes. These classes are part of the 2020 Oregon State University Extension Service Central Gorge Master Gardener training program. All classes are held at the Hood River Valley Christian Church, 975 Indian Creek Road in Hood River. All of your friends and family who would like to participate in a class can just show up and pay the \$10 drop in fee. Cash and checks only please. Coffee, tea and conversation with other gardeners will be flowing before the class and at break.



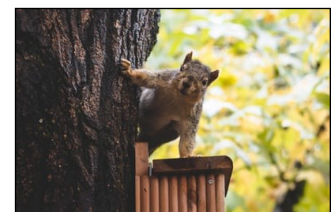
**Firewise Landscaping** presented by Oregon State University Extension Professor, Amy Jo Detweiler on Saturday, February 8, 1-4 pm



**Healthy Soils** presented by Oregon State University Extension Metro Master Gardener, Claudia Groth on Wednesday, February 26, 6-9 pm



**Vegetable Gardening** presented by Oregon State University Associate Professor, Chip Bubl on Saturday, March 7, 1-4 pm



**Vertebrate Pest Management** presented by Oregon State University Associate Professor, Chip Bubl on Saturday, March 7, 9 am-12 pm

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**Growing Berries** presented by Oregon State University Professor and Berry Crops Research Leader, Bernadine Strik on Saturday, March 14, 1-4 pm



**Herbaceous Ornamental Plants** presented by Online Oregon State University Master Gardener Program Coordinator, Signe Danler on Wednesday, March 25, 6-9 pm

Please invite your friends and family to attend this/these upcoming Community Class(es).

All interested individuals can just show up at the Hood River Valley Christian Church, 975 Indian Creek Road in Hood River and pay the \$10 class fee. Cash and checks only please. Coffee, tea and conversation with other gardeners will be flowing before the class and at break.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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The Central Gorge Master Gardener Association has two volunteer opportunities currently open.

**Historian** - CGMGA volunteers are an active group and our activities are regularly listed on Gorge-Current.com as well as published in the Hood River News, White Salmon Enterprise, The Dalles Chronicle and The Gorge Magazine through the efforts of our Publicist. The position of Historian records these published articles as well as other non published events and activities. These events could be saved in a scrapbook, electronically and/or on Facebook. In this position you can set your hours to fit your busy schedule. Two Master Gardeners could also share the position of Historian.

**Hood River County Fair** - This is a Project Leader position. The Hood River County Fair runs from July 22-25, 2020 at the Hood River County Fairgrounds in Odell. Master Gardeners have had a presence at the Hood River County Fair in different forms for many years. The Hood River County Fair Project Leader will lead committee members (to be recruited) in planning and executing what our presence will be this year.

In these volunteer positions, you will receive guidance and support from other Master Gardeners and are encouraged to put your personal style and skills into each project.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Sandy Montag, [sandyhmontag@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhmontag@gmail.com)

### CALL FOR TRAYS FOR THE PLANT SALE!

Plastic trays wanted for the plant sale. Please put them by the gallon pots, near the fence outside the greenhouse.  
Thank you,  
Laurel

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Dinner at Three Rivers Grill

As we've done for a number of years, we'll again enjoy dinner at Three Rivers Grill. This year, it will be on Thursday, February 20 starting at 5pm. We'll visit for a social hour, followed by dinner at 6. This is a 2 for 1 dinner (not free) event, so you will want to pair up with another MG/spouse or partner. We are limited to 46 people upstairs, though if there are more, we should be able to find seating downstairs. Please save the date and contact me to reserve your place. I will need our final numbers by Monday, February 17.

Shari Bosler

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### Hood River Soil & Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

February 2020

Every year the Soil and Water Conservation District hosts a native plant sale on the first weekend in April. We are currently taking pre-orders so you can be sure to get the species of your choosing! Our goal is to provide local residents with low cost native trees and shrubs. Plants cost just \$1.75 or 2.75 depending on the species. These plants provide a wealth of ecological services that we are pleased to help implement throughout the landscape. Native plants provide food and habitat for pollinators, birds, and other wildlife. They stabilize soils, provide shade to streams, and filter pollutants from entering waterways. Not to mention they will provide landowners with beautiful blossoms, shade, and privacy! We are offering some fantastic new plants such as: showy milkweed, redstemmed ceanothus, giant sequoia, pacific dogwood, and many others!

If you have any questions about site preparation, species selection, wildlife use, etc. please call ~we are always happy to talk plants with you!

Here is how to order:

Browse available plants on our website [hoodriverswcd.org](http://hoodriverswcd.org) and find information on individual species below- be sure to check out the new species!

Print out the [Order Form](#) and fill it out.

Mail or drop-off the order form and payment to our office at:

3007 Experiment Station Dr., Hood River, OR 97031.

Pick up your plants on **Friday April 3rd 1-5pm** or **Saturday April 4th 9-1pm** at the OSU Experiment Station (next door to our office).

Get those plants in the ground or potted up and enjoy the benefits of native plants!

The staff at the SWCD would like to share our deepest gratitude to all of the Master Gardeners who assisted with our 2019 native plant sale. With your help, we flagged and bundled over 5,000 native trees and shrubs so they could get planted in the ground! We could not do it without you. We appreciate all of you and the work you are doing!

~Kris Schaedel

## GARDENING RESOURCES



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

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



## 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!