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From the desk of your CGMGA President



The Finale Coming Up!

Hey Everyone, hope you have been enjoying some of our beautiful weather about to change as I write this, but some of our seed starting weather has been great.

We have completed all of our seed starting for the plant sale and the last of those planted are eagerly coming up. Now we have the next challenge of preparing the orders for our customers. We have plans on how to accomplish this and below are the basics.

Please keep time in your volunteer schedule to help on Thursday through Saturday, May 6-8. We need all hands on deck those days!

Wednesday, May 5th: The plant sale committee will organize the plants in the order that they are numbered, so it is easy to find each plant as we fill orders.

Thursday, May 6th: We hope many of you can plan to come at 9 a.m. to prepare your own order (over 30

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Month at a Glance

May 3: Monday: 6-7:30pm: Seed to Supper class via zoom

May 6: Thursday: 9-12pm, 12-4pm: Prepare plant sale orders for pick up, sign up on SignUpGenius

May 7: Friday: 9-1, 1-6pm: Prepare plant sale orders, sign up on SignUpGenius

May 8: Saturday: 9-1pm: Sign up on SignUpGenius to help with plant sale customers

May 12: Wednesday 10-12pm: CGMGA Exec Comm Mtg (via zoom, contact Christie Bradley for link)

May 13: Thursday 9-12pm: Learning Garden work party

May 15: Saturday: 9-10:30am: FISH garden work party

May 21: Friday: Deadline for submissions to the June CGMGA newsletter

May 24: Monday 9am: Parkdale Garden work party

May 27: Thursday 9am-12pm: Learning Garden work party

May 27: Thursday: 5-6:30pm: FISH garden work party

Check our website for more calendar information:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/hoodriver/current-master-gardeners>

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of us have ordered plants). Then after you have done your own, you will be experienced in how to prepare the customers' orders. We are planning to prepare the very large orders first for pick up Thursday afternoon, and we will continue to fill orders for those picking up on Friday.

There will be two shifts to sign up for from 9 a.m. to noon and noon to 4 p.m. SignUpGenius is already set up, so please go here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094fa5ac22a0f49-plant1> to sign up.

Friday, May 7th: Two shifts again and we will be filling orders in the AM for orders to be picked up on Saturday and serving customers in the afternoon as they drive through. So shifts are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Use the same sign-up link above.

Saturday, May 8th: This is totally a pick-up day for customers. The shift is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Your plant sale committee has a process figured out to serve the customers, and we will orient you all to that process on site. We think it will be fun!

Seed to Supper: I also want to mention the ongoing Seed to Supper classes. They have been great with 20-30 participants. Megan, Christie Bradley, Eric Bosler, Anne Gehrig and Marly Beck have been presenting the material to some very excited new gardeners. This is a wonderful outreach to our community.

Covid: We need to stay vigilant even as more of us are vaccinated. Hood River County risk level has just gone up. We will be wearing masks at all of our plant sale preparation parties and when we interact with customers. We want to stay safe and set a good example for others.

Thanks,
Sandi
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www.mastergardenerminicollege.org

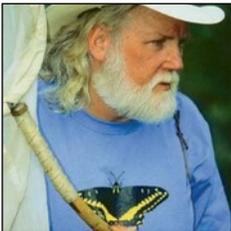
CONNECT with Master Gardeners from all around the state of Oregon as we share glimpses of the beauty of our surroundings and the bounty that our gardening passions have produced.

COLLABORATE with researchers, scientists and educators as we learn about some of the latest knowledge and tools developed regarding our gardens, our environment, and the educational mission we provide.

CULTIVATE your abilities in an interactive workshop designed to create new skills and to improve on the tools which we use to grow food, expand our expertise, and serve our community with educational outreach.

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Mini College 2021 will be a unique, educational, and fun virtual experience offering 10 classes on a wide range of topics from soil microbes to organic vegetables, with special focus on pollinators. 4 interactive workshops on subjects from hydroponics to plant and insect identification.



Enjoy the unique opportunity to hear from Robert Michael Pyle, a renowned author and researcher with an engaging and humorous style, whose address, “People, Plants and Pollinators of the PNW” will be the Keynote opening Friday morning July 16th.



On Saturday July 17th one of the excellent class offerings will be “Invasive Species in Oregon!” Dr. Jessica Rendon, Entomologist of the ODA, talks about Japanese beetle, Gypsy moth, Asian giant hornet, Southern pink moth, Spotted lanternfly, Houdini fly, Lily and Viburnum leaf beetles, and the Allium Leafminer!

Visit our website...mark your calendar...register now.

<http://mastergardenerminicollege.org>

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Plan to join us for this year’s best virtual educational experience.

EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

Plant Clinic Education

We are encouraged to use our most local resources first at Plant Clinic such as OSU Ext, WSU Ext, UC-Davis. Recently, while answering a Plant Clinic question, Megan & CJ located this Clemson University (South Carolina) .edu fact sheet that expertly & simply explains the process of transplanting plants. It is so good in fact that it was decided that it MUST BE SHARED with our Central Gorge Master Gardener group.

<https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/transplanting-established-trees-shrubs/>

Native Plant Landscaping Plans

This weblink from the Benton County, OR Master Gardeners has great plans for using native plants in your landscape including **rain, shade, butterflies & beneficials, wildlife, edible, pollinators.**

<https://bentonswcd.org/native-plants-landscaping/>

Asian Giant Hornet

See below for the link to an informative flyer that describes a new invasive species occurring within a western WA county & potentially other western counties like Skamania. The flyer is intended to alert us about what to look for when in the species' nesting habitat & to be on the lookout for this species in order to report & control its spread. An example of a western Columbia Gorge Asian Giant Hornet habitat is the seasonally flooded bottomland hardwood forests that occur between SR14 and the Columbia River. WDFW sent me this flyer along with my Scientific Collection Permit for a project in Skamania County so I can be on the watch-out for this species.

<https://cms.agr.wa.gov/WSDAKentico/Documents/Pubs/834-AsianGiantHornet-FactSheet-OutdoorWorkers.pdf>

Humble Roots Nursery - Plant of the Month



Wild ginger

Asarum caudatum

Beneath a dense layer of leathery, heart-shaped leaves, wild ginger hides strange, maroon flowers that attract pollinators like beetles and flies. With thick rhizomes this low-growing perennial creeps slowly through moist forests of the Pacific Northwest, remaining evergreen in mild winters. The entire plant has a distinct aroma of ginger when crushed, though it is not related to culinary ginger. Wild ginger is a paleoherb and in an order of plants considered to be relicts related to the earliest flowering plants.

Humble Roots is a native plant nursery located in Mosier, OR.

Visit the website at www.humblerootsnursery.com/

Here's What to Feed Your Summer Bird Feeder Visitors

Sure, winter is a prime time for feeding birds—natural foods are less abundant and cold weather makes window-side birding that much more inviting. But birds flock to feeders in summer, too—especially in mid-summer, after they've fledged a brood from their nest and they've got new mouths to feed."

This ALLABOUTBIRDS' article includes these SUBJECTS:

- Nectar for Hummingbirds (very different in mid-summer compared to winter)

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- Oranges for Orioles
- Sunflower Seed for Grosbeaks (we have Black-headed Grosbeak in summer)
- Mealworms for Bluebirds (property with open grassland habitat)
- Safety Tips for Feeding Birds Seed in Summer
- More Resources for Bringing Birds into Your Backyard
https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/heres-what-to-feed-your-summer-bird-feeder-visitors/?utm_source=Cornell%20Lab%20eNews&utm_campaign=d81ddc87de-Cornell-Lab-eNews-2019-07-11&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_47588b5758-d81ddc87de-306525021

FISH Food Garden

Hello friends of the garden,

We are suddenly in full swing! We are transplanting and direct seeding our favorites, like broccoli, peas, green onions, and greens.

There's lots of work to do in the garden, so feel welcome to join us! We have new weekly sessions that are open to all of our volunteers, on **Tuesdays 5:15-6:15 pm** and **Thursdays, 9-10 am**. We are preparing beds still, weeding, and planting. We also have two Master Gardener specific work parties scheduled in May; **May 15th, 9-10:30 am** and **May 27th 5-6:30 pm**. We hope to see you soon! If you plan to come, let us know at fishgardenvc@gmail.com or let Kathy McGregor know!

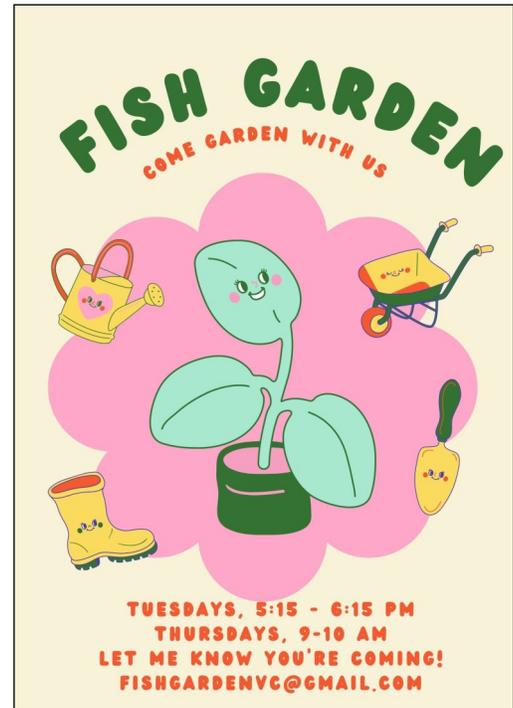
Marly Beck

Virtual Plant Clinic photos requested



CGMGA Virtual Plant Clinics are up and running again this year. The local public has been sending in questions and Master Gardeners have been, and are in the process of answering them. However, we want to make sure that everyone knows about our free service. Since we currently don't have clearance to hold our Plant Clinics at Ace Hardware in Hood River and White Salmon, and local festivals remain on hiatus due to COVID-19, we must rely on the media to inform our local public. The publicity crew needs your help to keep our promotions fresh. We're inviting each and every Master Gardener to submit a photo of themselves working a VPC. But... there's no need to wait until you're actually working a VPC, just set it up to look like you are. Sign into the VPC online, put on your badge and smile for the camera. Be sure that the screen and your face are visible in the photo. Select the best one and send it, at the highest resolution possible, to Margo Dameier, margo@gorge.net. You'll be featured in one of our weekly social media posts, and possibly in the Columbia Gorge News for our monthly VPC promotions in the paper. Show off your volunteer efforts

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and learn which of your friends reads the paper, visits Facebook, or has an Instagram account. Then bask in the glory of being the current CGMGA VPC star of the week!

On the previous page are a few examples of how to set up your shot. Thanks to Kelly's partner, Bob, and Sandi's husband, Tom for taking these photos. If you

live alone, secure your camera or phone to a stationary object and set the timer to take a photo of yourself.

Thanks from the publicity crew,
Margo Dameier, Paul Matalucci, Jewel McKenzie and Deb Traver



GARDENING RESOURCES

- ◇ [Hood River County Master Gardeners](#)
- ◇ blogs.oregonstate.edu/cgmga/
- ◇ [Growing Your Own](#)
- ◇ [OSU Publications](#)
- ◇ [Monthly Gardening Calendars](#)
- ◇ [PNW Handbooks](#)
- ◇ [HortSense](#)
- ◇ [UC IPM](#)
- ◇ [OSU Gardening](#)
- ◇ [WSU Gardening](#)
- ◇ [Weed Identification](#)
- ◇ [Columbia Gorge Cooperative Weed Management Area](#)
- ◇ [GardenSmart: A Guide to Non-Invasive Plants](#)
- ◇ [Where to Pickup a free copy of GardenSmart](#)
- ◇ [Oregon Flora](#)
- ◇ <https://blogs.oregonstate.edu/mgcoordinators/>
- ◇ [Transplanting Established Trees & Shrubs](#)



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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. Thanks!