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CENTRAL GORGE MASTER GARDENER ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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CGMGA & OMGA

From the desk of your CGMGA President

Another soggy Saturday morning. Even the earthworms have fled the safety of their underground tunnels, preferring the risk of robins and Range Rovers to death by drowning. Yet up above, there's a blue-sky promise of brighter days ahead.

In May our chapter lost two much-loved Master Gardeners, Renee Taylor and Bud Lacey. Both Bud and Renee will be greatly missed, but long remembered. Please read the tributes in this and July's newsletters to learn more about the contributions they have made to our chapter.

In the brighter news department, three members of our chapter have been recognized for their commitment to CGMGA. I'm pleased to announce that Sandy Holden Montag has been selected as our Master Gardener of the Year, and Paul Matalucci and Linda Kaufman have been chosen as co-recipients of the Behind the Scenes Award. Thank you, Sandy, Paul, and Linda for your steadfast leadership, support, and dedication to the chapter. A more detailed description of their contributions can be found in this newsletter.

Our annual plant sale was a huge success despite winds that threatened to blow away both plants and people. I really enjoyed working alongside both new and seasoned master gardeners, and I was very impressed by how many of our "village" took part in making this

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Month at a Glance

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r/month/2021/12/1?tab=rc&pli=1>

June 1: Wednesday 6-8pm: Learning Garden open house (see details below)

June 7: Tuesday 7pm: Garden Tour planning meeting via zoom (details below)

June 8: Wednesday 10-12pm: CGMGA Exec Comm Mtg (via zoom, contact Christie Bradley for link)

June 12: Sunday 3-5pm: Garden Tour Pre-Tour (details below)

June 17: Friday: Deadline for submissions to the July CGMGA newsletter

June 18: Saturday: CGMGA 2022 Garden Tour

June 24: Friday 8am: CGMGA on the radio, K1HR

July 29-30: Friday-Saturday: Mini-College at OSU

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event a success. Thanks, everyone, for your hard work.

The plant sale may be over, but opportunities for volunteering still abound. The Learning Garden needs folks who would like to work in the herb garden, native garden, Japanese Heritage Garden, pollinator garden and other features. Leaders are still needed for the ornamental grasses, raised bed, compost, and small space features. If you're interested in joining the Learning Garden teams, please see Joanne's article in the newsletter for additional information.

Our chapter is looking for someone to serve as our OMGA representative when Anny VanNatta's term ends at the end of the year. Reps serve as a critical link in conveying relevant information between the OMGA, our chapter, and other chapters throughout the state. Board of Directors' meetings are held four times a year and are via Zoom, except for the July meeting which may be held at Mini College. Reps typically serve a two-year term. We are also in need of an alternate rep. If either of these positions interest you, please email me: agehrig5@hotmail.com

Finally, I'd like to remind everyone about the monthly Executive Committee meetings which are held at

Work Parties

Learning Garden: Thursdays, June 9 and 16: 9-11am

Library Garden: Friday, June 17: 9-11am

Parkdale Garden: Wednesday, June 22: 9am

FISH Garden: Tuesdays 4-7pm and Saturdays June 4 and 25: 9am-1pm

JEDI group: 2nd and 4th Mondays: 10 am via zoom



10:00 on the second Wednesday of every month. Everyone is welcome to attend either in person at the Extension Office or virtually from home. If you'd like to become more involved in the workings of our chapter, this is a wonderful place to start. I'll be sending out an agenda a few days prior to the June 8 meeting, so watch your inbox.

The sun is out— blue skies ahead!

Happy gardening! Happy volunteering!

Anne Gehrig

President

OMGA MINI-COLLEGE PRESENTS: THE JOY OF GARDENING CONFERENCE 2022

AT OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

CORVALLIS, OREGON

JULY 29 AND 30

**Attention Garden Enthusiasts, Master Gardeners, Landscapers,
and Plant Nerds**

The Joy of Gardening Conference has something for everybody and includes classes on sustainable landscaping and regenerative gardening, natives' why-what-how; fruits and veggies, bees, birds, plant and soil maintenance, tours and field trips, and much more.



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Our 2 day, 4-class session format, allows time for Q&A with the instructors and discussion among fellow participants. Master Gardeners can earn re-certification credits for all classes.

The instructors are seasoned speakers as well as topic experts. Demonstrations, outings and field trips, exhibits, book sales, awards dinner, and a silent auction are also part of the program.

A Thursday night social at Goss Stadium and a Corvallis Knights baseball game is planned. We have reserved the Omaha Room. Have a beer and hot dog, enjoy the game, and catch up with friends.

Our awards dinner on Friday offers a Marimba band, no host bar and Mexican dinner buffet.

Housing is available at the Hilton Gardens, or you can book a room in the OSU dorms.

For more information or to

Register for Mini College go to: <https://omga.org/>

OMGA

The 2nd Quarterly OMGA meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 3 on zoom from 2-4 pm. If you're interested in learning about the statewide organization, contact Anny, gardenanny2@gmail.com.

Thank you to those who have donated items for the Mini-College Silent Auction. Single items like a book, bottle of wine or something to be combined in a gift basket are still needed. Scholarships to attend Mini College 2022 are available for registration.

Anny VanNatta
CGMGA Rep



Extension Community Advisory Network seeks Hood River County

Are you a supporter of Extension Services in Hood River County? Would you like to help us better meet community needs now and in the future? Please consider volunteering as a representative to the Extension Community Advisory Network (ECAN). The purpose of the ECAN is to provide a network of geographically diverse, multi-dimensional volunteers who are willing to advocate and coordinate local advocacy on behalf of the OSU Extension Service; and to provide and coordinate local advice and counsel to Extension leadership regarding current and future direction for the Extension Service programs. ECAN representatives are appointed by the Regional Director and serve a two-year term. There are at least two meetings annually, including an annual or biennial meeting in Salem, consistent with biennial state legislature at "OSU Statewide Day" or "OSU Day" at the Capitol. These meetings have been held online in the last few years. Any travel expenses are covered by Extension.

Please contact our HR County Extension Local Liaison, Lauren Kraemer, if interested.

lauren.kraemer@oregonstate.edu

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Renee was one of a kind who not only led this organization but reached out to include everyone. I remember her emphasis on nurturing Master Gardeners and including them in the organization. She had an incredible knack for seeing the strengths in individuals and elevating them to leadership roles. She recognized the importance of social connections for retention of Master Gardeners and made that a priority. Hard work didn't faze her. When our Program Coordinator left in August of 2019 and most of us were floundering, Renee organized a transition committee, inviting a group of Master Gardeners with varied experience and skills. Her computer tech skills (along with Christie's) ushered CGMGA into the digital age. She was always willing to teach (once a teacher, always a teacher) and provided one on one tutorials. Renee's leadership style involved asking others for their opinions and rallying the troops. She is greatly missed. And... She was a good Maj Jong player. *Sandy*

Renee was not only a strong leader within our Master Gardening group, she was a joy to work with. She exhibited a spirit for living that shone through during her disease progression and was really a beacon of light for all of us. She was so appreciative of everyone who helped tend her lovely garden during her illness. She will be truly missed. *Sandi*

Renee was one of the kindest people I know; she always made everyone feel welcome. *Anne*

Renee was instrumental in transforming our newsletter to what it is today! *Shari*

Her legacy absolutely lives in in the Central Gorge chapter and Master Gardener Program. I am really sorry for this great loss. *Gail Langellotto*

Renee was someone who really went out of her way to make me feel welcome and get involved when I was a new master gardener, and I will always appreciate her for that. *Camille*

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Plant Sale a Rousing Success!!

by Sandi Rousseau

All of us should be very proud of how we learned from last year's online only sale and turned our experiences into a positive and successful sale for 2022! We planned carefully and well, engaged a lot of volunteers, had a tremendous group volunteering for seed starting and up potting, and rallied for our bundling and pick up of online orders and day of in person sale which was so nice to do again!

Our community customers did not forget us during Covid times and showed up waiting in line at 8:30 a.m. as in past years. It warmed our hearts to see this happen again. And we needed warming as the temperatures were not hot on the day of sale!

With a decreased inventory from past in person sales due to selling more than 50% of our inventory online,

we were able to adapt to the need for more and longer warmth for our plants.

I want to thank everyone for their participation and support. It takes a village to pull this off, and we certainly functioned like a village!

This sale is our main fundraising event, and preliminary tabulations show a profit of \$9,547. This is more than \$1500 higher than 2021's online only sale.

We will have had our debriefing meeting by the time you receive this newsletter. We can always improve on how we do things and if you have more thoughts on how we might change any aspect of the sale preparation and implementation, please let me know swim@gorge.net.

Thanks again.



EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

HRSWCD Weed of the Month: Knapweed

Hood River County has many kinds of knapweed, but the three most commonly found are Spotted, Diffuse and Meadow. Although slightly different, they all have similar impacts on the environment.

Knapweed readily out-competes grasses and other pasture species thanks to a toxin produced in its foliage and roots that slows the growth of surrounding vegetation. Knapweed prefers full sun and well drained soils. It will invade native prairie, oak savannah and even clear-cuts. It can be found on roadsides, sand and gravel bars, riverbanks, irrigated pastures, moist meadows and forest openings. This invasive weed threatens wildlife habitat, causes significant loss of grazing forage and increases erosion.

Knapweed is a perennial that grows from a deep taproot. The branched upright stems can grow 1 to 5 feet tall when flowering. Leaves can be up to 6 inches long and 1.25 inches wide. They become smaller as they advance up the flowering stem. The flower heads can be pink, reddish purple or white. They can be oval or almost globe shaped and about one inch wide. Flowering begins in the early summer and can last into the fall. Knapweed reproduces by seed and can also re-sprout from root crowns. Seeds can remain viable for up to 8 yrs. Seeds are

spread by water, animals, humans and vehicles.

Although there are several methods for controlling knapweed, it is best to know which of the three varieties you are trying to eradicate. Check with the OSU Master Gardeners for publications about knapweed identification.

Knapweed is easiest to find and ID once it starts flowering. Small infestations can be hand-pulled or dug up. It is important to pull as much of the tap root as possible. If there are too many plants to remove manually, an herbicide labeled for knapweed can be used. Knapweed can also be mowed before flowering to lessen seed production. This will not eliminate the plant but will slow its spread.

When disposing of pulled plants, be sure to bag flowering plants. Bagged plants should not be composted but placed in the garbage.

For more information visit the website:

www.columbiagorgecwma.org



EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS



Bird Flu: Should You Take Down Your Feeders?

<https://www.birdsandblooms.com/birding/birding-basics/bird-flu/>

Vicki Jauron, Babylon and Beyond Photography/Getty Images

Bird flu may sicken wild waterfowl as well as domestic birds. Click the link above to read more!

Cj Flick

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Library Garden

The Library Water Wise Garden work group meets on Friday, June 17, 2022, from 9-11. Bring a bucket, gloves, and typical pruning and clean-up tools. It might be blazing hot by then, and if so we'll move the time to 8-10.

Please put that date on your calendar if you are available, and we'll see you then! If the third Friday time slot doesn't work for you, let us know what times would work, and we'll try to add another work session.

Also, look for an opportunity to help develop the QR Project. For more information, contact Norma Benson at benson.norma@gmail.com, and help us develop the websites we need, create the map and plant list, and put it all together. Christie Bradley provides the brains and experience, and we'll roll out part by part over the next months.

Here's to books and beautiful plants!

Norma Benson 509-969-2187, text or call



Learning Garden Open House

The Learning Garden is a demonstration garden located at the OSU Extension Office whose purpose is to provide educational opportunities for formal and informal events that increase the gardening knowledge of the Central Gorge community. Features include native plants, herbs, bioswales, Ecolawn, pollinators, compost demonstration, raised beds, the Japanese Heritage Garden as well as several smaller areas. To provide an opportunity to view the different gardens, ask questions and socialize with Master Gardeners we

are holding an open house on Wednesday, June 1st from 6 to 8 PM. Light refreshments will be available.

In 2022, our goal for the Learning Garden is to revamp some of the garden features and expand the educational opportunities available to the public. Several individuals that have offered to lead specific areas and we have a few areas that are still in need of a coordinator. Many of our new Master Gardeners have expressed interest in

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working on specific garden features.

If you have a particular interest or just want to familiarize yourself with The Learning Garden you can attend the Open House or directly contact one of the people below:

Native Garden: Sally

Munoz sallyjmunoz@gmail.com and Margo Dameier margodameier@gmail.com

Herb Garden: Anne Gehrig agehrig5@hotmail.com

Pollinator Garden: Sandy

Montag sandyhmontag@gmail.com

FISH Garden

We have been busy in the FISH garden prepping beds, watering, seeding, transplanting and weeding. We could use your help growing healthy food for FISH food bank clients. Our work parties will now be every Tuesday from 4 p.m. - 7p.m. We will also be having Saturday work parties from 9 a.m. - 1p.m. on June 4th and June 25th. Feel free to stop by for 30 minutes

Garden Tour 2022

Early June: Social Media Blitz & More Fliers:

Please help us continue to share information about the June 18 Garden Tour across the Gorge. Megan will email out in early June a social media sharable jpeg file that directs everyone to the CGMGA Blog where they can purchase tour tickets online. Please share this on your own facebook/insta-gram/twitter pages. Also, let me know if you need any fliers to post at your favorite community bulletin board. Tickets are on sale online and at Dickey's, Waucoma Books, the OSU Extension office and at Good News Gardening.

Japanese Heritage Garden: Sandi Rousseau swim@gorge.net

Rain Gardens/Bioswales: Joanne Willis joanne.cgmga@gmail.com

Garlic Raised Bed: Barbara Spezia barbaraspezia88@gmail.com

Curb Garden: Karen Jenkins karenblackjenkins@gmail.com



Compost Demonstration Area: TBD

In addition, we have one raised bed, a small space garden and ornamental grasses that can serve as a small projects if someone is interested in planning and coordinating an educational activities on a smaller scale.

or 3 hours. Every little bit of help makes a difference for the garden and in the lives of food bank clients. If these work party times do not work for you but you would still like to volunteer, please contact Amelia at fishgardenvc@gmail.com and we will find another time for you to come by! Hope to see you soon!"
Amelia (she/her)

June 7: Committee Meeting, via Zoom, 7pm

Sunday, June 12: PREVIEW TOUR

The Garden Tour preview tour will be Sunday, June 12, from 3 - 5 pm. During this time all Master Gardeners will have a chance to see all of the gardens on tour, in advance of the actual tour. Please try to carpool as the gardens are on residential streets without wide shoulders, and do not block other driveways. Also, please be respectful of getting through the gardens and

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onto the next in a timely manner.

The preview tour timeline is:

3:00 pm -3:25: Heather and Bob Weisfield, 533 NW Spring St.

3:30-3:55: Rebecca Connor and Jade Erickson, 70 Rio Vista

4:00-4:25: Morgan Viggers, 160 Palos Verde

4:30 -5:00 pm, Morris and Barbara Miller, 136 NE Green

VOLUNTEER SHIFTS: We still need a few volunteers to help out on tour day. If you are free from 8:30 to 11 or 11 – 1:30, PLEASE let me know and I can assign you to a garden. The volunteer signup reminders will be emailed out 2 weeks before, 1 week before and Thursday before the tour. Please contact me if you cannot work your shift.

JUNE 18: TOUR DAY!

A few reminders for garden volunteers:

Please plan to arrive a few minutes early for your volunteer shift.

Pack your water and snacks. We will have water at each garden, but plan to bring what you need for the duration of your shift.

Check with your Garden Leader about the best place to park during your shift.

Wear your OSU name badge.

Come prepared for any kind of weather!

Any questions or comments please reach me at 912-210-6603 or karenblackjenkins@gmail.com

THANK YOU!



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 3rd Friday**. Send newsletter information to Shari Bosler at sharibosler@hotmail.com. Thanks!