

# THE DIRT SHEET

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## LIFE, UPENDED!

Living with the Covid-19 pandemic has changed our lives and what we can do, resulting in a suspension of our classes and cancellation of our master gardener activities for now. Here are pictures from our last class, "Propagation", taught by Neil Bell. It was a very fun, interactive class and everyone had the chance to go home with starts and divisions of all sorts of plants.

Flowering Shrubs & Trees



*Prunus armeniaca* - apricot



*Chaenomeles* cultivar - flowering quince



*Prunus dulcis* - almond



*Amelanchier alnifolia* - serviceberry



*Ribes aureum* - golden current



Garry going after a grass with his hedge trimmer(?)



Neil showing his technique for loosening a root-bound pot

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER MARILYN RICHARDSON

We had been working hard at the greenhouse, trying our best to "beat the clock" before the coronavirus caused our project to shut down for this year. We had hoped to be able to do a pre-order sale, even if we couldn't have our Spring Fair. Sadly, we were not able to do that, and the mandate came from OSU and OMGA that we needed to shut down our greenhouse. As hard as that was to hear, we knew it might be coming. And we all want to be safe and to keep each other safe, so it offers a tiny bit of relief that that decision has been made for us.

When the restrictions against meetings are relaxed, which might be a while, we will start making plans to hold plant clinics, and to complete our required education hours for the Master Gardener program. If any of our experienced MGs want to volunteer to hold plant clinics by phone, or just to be available to answer questions from the public, please let myself or Kim know. Otherwise we can refer people to "Ask The Expert" at OSU.

We will not be formally working at The DIG, as all Master Gardener events and training are stopped for this time.

I hope you are all staying safe, and staying home as much as possible. I look forward to meeting again with all of you. MGs are an awesome group of very dedicated people!

**Marilyn**

## Wasco County Master Gardeners Association Executive Board Meeting

No Board meeting was held in March. Annabelle sent minutes and Jens sent a financial report to board members.

## VEGETABLE GARDENING COURSE

Learn how to Vegetable Garden for free.

Interested in learning how to grow your own food? Through the end of April, OSU Master Gardeners are making OSU's online Vegetable Gardening course FREE!

In **Vegetable Gardening**, you will learn how to select a site, prepare soil and plant vegetables properly as well as gain skills to successfully produce food and identify common insect and disease problems.

By the end of the course, you will be able to:

- Describe what factors to consider in selecting the best site for a vegetable garden
- Prepare the soil, and plant properly, for a successful vegetable garden
- Utilize season extenders, crop rotation, watering, fertilization and other techniques for successful food production
- Identify common insect and disease problems in vegetable gardens

For details and to sign-up to get access, go to <https://workspace.oregonstate.edu/course/master-gardener-series-vegetable-gardening?hsLang=en&fbclid=IwAR1SL4PShytI-TQMgGQTdbD69gu3eGH78iS8DNz2Q4t0Kd91AaeaYglghMg>

**Kim McCullough**

"Gardening is an exercise in optimism" – Beverly Rose Harper

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## DAFFODILS!!!

There are so many different kinds of Narcissus, daffodils & jonquils are just a few of them. Breeders are busy adding colors, perianth & cup shapes, doubling, and more.



Some white perianths with different cups:



See more Narcissus on next page.

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## Calendar

May 2

Deadline for May newsletter

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## GARLIC PIZZA WEDGES

Takes 25 minutes, makes 2 dozen

1 prebaked 12-in pizza crust  
1 cup grated parmesan cheese  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 small red onion, chopped  
3 1/2 tsp. minced garlic  
1 Tbsp. dried oregano

Place the crust on an ungreased 14" pizza pan. In a small bowl, combine the parmesan cheese, mayonnaise, onion, garlic, and oregano; spread over the crust. Bake at 450 degrees until edges are lightly browned, 8-10 minutes. Cut into wedges.

**Marilyn Richardson**

