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Plant Clinics at Local Libraries – Started in April!

By Paul Maree

The in-person Plant Clinics at our local libraries began in April! These monthly clinics take place from 10 AM to 1 PM at the following locations:

- **Chetco Community Public Library** in Brookings – 3rd Monday of each month
- **Curry Public Library** in Gold Beach – 3rd Wednesday of each month
- **Port Orford Public Library** in Port Orford – 3rd Thursday of each month

The first clinic in Port Orford, April 17th also featured a Seed Distribution, offering the last of the seeds from the recent donation round. Volunteers can sign up to staff a Plant Clinics event through our [TEAMUP calendar](#). Be sure to check it out and reserve your spot for the dates you can attend! These clinics are a great opportunity to connect with the community and share your gardening knowledge.



News From Your Co-Presidents

By Laura & Martin Teague

Hello Master Gardeners, Welcome to Spring time on the Oregon Coast!

I would like to give a warm welcome to the Master Gardener Volunteer Training class of 2025. I believe there were 15 students who completed the courses and passed the final exam, so congratulations to them. We are excited for you to begin your volunteer hours and participate with upcoming events.

As most of you know, the arduous task of moving everything from the GB High School greenhouse to the new greenhouse at the Community Center this past month is now behind us! We had a large group of volunteers to help out; thank you to all who participated. Between loading vehicles with all the plants, equipment and supplies to the unloading and bringing everything into the new greenhouse it was



quite the task, but it was all done in record time! And a HUGE shout-out to Ali, Ginny, Debbie, Cindy and Lori who worked tirelessly sorting, labeling, indexing all the inventory, assembling all the tables and shelves, getting the new greenhouse ready and overseeing the move from beginning to end.

Hope to see everyone at the Annual Plant Sale Saturday, May 10th. And don't forget that we need lots of volunteers the day before with set-up and, of course, the day of the sale. The event is on the [TEAMUP](#) calendar so please sign up and come help if you can. Until next time... Laura - Co-President

Photo credit Sarah Mocas

News Briefs and Announcements



2025 Seed to Supper Program for Port Orford

By Kim Foster

Seed to Supper was a free, six-week gardening course from OSU Extension, offered at the Port Orford Public Library and hosted by Curry County Master Gardeners and community partners over the winter. Designed for adults gardening on a budget, Seed to Supper empowers participants to grow their own food while building confidence and community.

Each 2 hour Sunday class included lectures from local experts, discussion, and practical tips tailored to our unique coastal climate. Participants received a free textbook to keep, seeds, starts, coupons, compost, and more. Lessons covered garden planning, soil health, planting techniques, pest control, seed saving, fruit tree pruning basics, and designing a personalized planting plan based on what participants enjoy eating and what grows well on the Oregon



coast. Students also went home with grow bags, seed starting mix, fertilizer, and even free composting worms from local vermiculturist, Earthcraft Worm Farm. It was a very successful six weeks and we had 22 graduating students!

Seed to Supper Co-Facilitators: Kim Foster, Diana Kaboos-Gorman, Ann Schmierer, Sarah Snow, and Stephanie Polizzi

Photo credit: Kim Foster



Master Gardener Volunteer Training 2025 Class Update

By Paul Maree

We are excited to announce that the 2025 Master Gardener Volunteer Training Class has officially concluded! Fifteen dedicated students completed the six in-person sessions that wrapped up on March 15th. We're proud to share that all class members have passed their final exam and are now embarking on their volunteer journey!

Throughout the six classes, we were fortunate to have a variety of knowledgeable speakers from OSU and our very own Master Gardener

Volunteers. The classes also included site visits, allowing students to learn about the many impactful projects and initiatives we offer to benefit the community.

The final class was a wonderful celebration, featuring a delicious potluck provided by the students, along with a fascinating presentation by Maggie Daly on creating a Native Plant Garden. We also heard from several volunteers about the various exciting projects and volunteer opportunities available within our community.

We look forward to seeing these new Master Gardeners contribute to our programs and continue growing their knowledge and passion for gardening!

Photo credit Jeffrie Hall

Friends of Curry Campus Speaker Series: Southwestern Oregon Community College, Curry Campus

April 10: Monarch Butterflies in Our Backyard

Dennis Triglia (CCMGA volunteer) explored the fascinating life cycle of monarch butterflies and ways to support their conservation. He talked about his love of monarchs, and the petition to have Brookings, Oregon become the first Monarch City in Oregon (approved in 2017).

In 2018, he applied on behalf of Kalmiopsis Elementary School for status as a Monarch School USA. This was in conjunction with having set up a pollinator garden in the MG supported Little Bear Patch Garden at the school.



April 24: "Why Native Plants?"

Maggie Daly (CCMGA volunteer), representing the Native Plant Society of Oregon, gives a thoughtful, informative, and interesting talk on the importance of native plants in our south coast landscapes and ecosystems.





DragonFly Nursery Port Orford Grand Opening & Earth Day

March 22nd MG volunteers had an information and plant clinic booth at the Grand Opening for the Dragonfly Nursery Port Orford Location. Several people from the 2025 CCMGA class helped with staffing, and there were lots of great questions from local gardeners.

April 26th was another great event at DragonFly, this time to celebrate Earth Day. Our booth attracted crowds of interested gardeners who needed advice or just wanted to know more about CCMGA. All in all, we recorded over 50 direct contacts, not counting kids who came by for crayons and coloring sheets. A great opportunity to connect with the Port Orford community.

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Seed Distribution & Plant Clinic – Brookings

March 8th was the Brookings Seed Distribution and Plant Clinic (held at the Chetco Activity Center). Once again, MG volunteers answered questions and

helped people find seeds for this spring.

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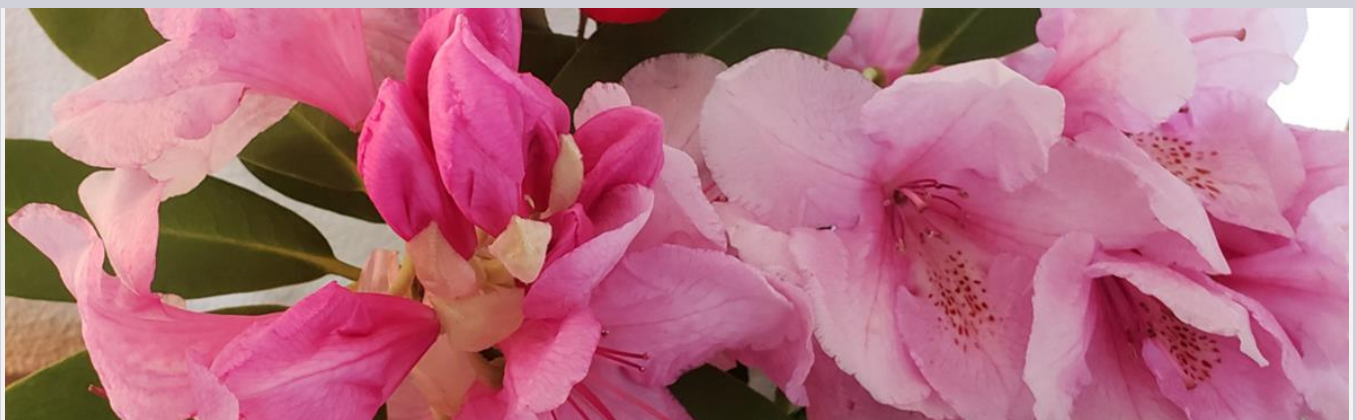
Curry County Master Gardener Association

Board Meetings are monthly on the 3rd Tuesday at 10am, at the OSU Extension Service office, 2930 Ellensburg Avenue, Gold Beach. Past meeting minutes:

[CCMGA Minutes 2-2024](#)

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Monthly Garden Tips



By Sarah Mocas

This material is based on information from the Oregon State University Extension Service's [Monthly Garden Calendars](#).

Spring is here, and, if you are planting vegetables like tomatoes, squash and peppers, it's time to monitor the soil temperature looking for a consistent 70 degrees. By mid-May summer flowers like dahlias can also be planted.

In addition, this is the time of year to fertilize many plants and pest monitoring/management needs to be taken seriously to get the upper hand. Per OSU's advice: *Practice preventive pest management rather than reactive pest control. Identify and monitor problems before acting, and opt for the least toxic approach.*

These links contain helpful tips for spring gardening, pest monitoring and management, and timing for many plantings.

- [May garden calendar](#)

- [June garden calendar](#)

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Upcoming Events and Training

May Events



Annual Plant Sale

May 10th, 10am to 2pm

Our annual plant sale is just about here. This year it will be held at the new greenhouse, located at Gold Beach Community Center, 29841 Airport Way. We need your help for set up on Friday, May 9th, and for the sale on Saturday, May 10th. Please go to the [Teamup](#) calendar to sign up. If you have already signed up, thank you!

On Friday May 9th at 2 pm, we need several people with trailers or pickups to bring borrowed tables from the library to the greenhouse. The rest of us will be moving tables and plants, and placing signage. After our preparations, volunteers will be able to shop for plants before the sale opens to the public on Saturday.

Saturday volunteers will start at 9:00 with an orientation. We will provide water, coffee, and light snacks on Saturday for our volunteers. The sale opens at 10:00, and if you've been there, you know it is **really** busy for the first couple of hours. The sale ends at 2:00, and we will need people with trucks and trailers to help return the cleaned tables to the library after the sale.



This is our main fundraiser for the year and we can't do it without you! You can sign up for either Friday or Saturday or both! On [Teamup](#), please use first and last name, and indicate if you have a truck or trailer and can help with the tables.

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Training Event: Nocturnal Pollinators Presentation

May 8th

There's an opportunity coming up in Port Orford that you might be interested in — and it's a chance to earn CE and volunteer hours toward your Master Gardener requirements. Dave Kollen will be at the Port Orford Public Library to present on May 8th from 1pm - 3pm about Nocturnal Pollinators. Everyone is welcome! A small donation of \$2-\$3 would be appreciated.

Azalea Festival Booth at the Botanical Garden

May 24th and 25th

Sign up to help staff a CCMGA booth to offer educational information, and hold a plant clinic, at this year's Brookings Harbor Garden Club's event. Held at the Botanical Garden, the Memorial Day Azalea Festival is a wonderful community event.

June Events



4H Camp Day!

June 19th

Master Gardener volunteers can sign up now to come out to Lobster Creek Camp and support our local Curry County 4H! Help campers do their Nature Journals (pictures above), and, if you would like, join them for lunch.

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May/June Training Offered by OSU Extension Services

The popular [Growing Oregon Gardeners: Level Up Series 2025](#) has new courses available and OSU Extension Master Gardener volunteers can receive 1 hour of Continuing Education Credit for each class.

May 13: [Grow Shade: Why Cities Need More Trees, Please](#)

June 10: [Vast and Curious: Explore Your World with iNaturalist](#)

These online seminars are free with advanced registration but you can also view recording 2 days after the class.

Also available at [OSU Gardening Projects and Events](#) are:

May 7 [Debunking Gardening Myths](#)

May 14 [Boost Biodiversity in Your Garden with Insect-Friendly Habitat](#)

An even deeper dive into topics can be found at:

[Elevated Master Gardener Series](#) (Grow your community garden educator skills with people and technology.)

[Reading research-based sustainable gardening publications](#)

[MG Advanced Training webinar series \(ongoing & recorded\)](#)

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July Events

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July 11th and 12th

The **OMGA 2025 Joy of Gardening Conference** registration is now open!

Treat yourself this summer to a 2-day educational event at this year's Oregon Master Gardener Association Joy of Gardening Conference, July 11-12 at the OSU Alumni Center in Corvallis.

Dr. Leslie Madsen, OSU Master Gardener™ Statewide Program Manager, will deliver opening remarks on Friday July 11 at 9 AM: The Master Gardener Program 2025 and Beyond!

Next, we are lucky to have two fantastic Keynote speakers lined up.

Saturday, July 12 at 9 AM features: Garden Future: Dr. Brooke Edmunds and LeAnn Locher.

Many of us see firsthand the impact of extreme weather events and climate change in our gardens. To help Oregon's gardeners, the OSU Master Gardener Program has launched a new statewide climate resilience education and outreach project called Garden Future. Learn about the resources available to support Master Gardener volunteers to lead this project.

The Joy of Gardening Conference has something for everyone. Over 30 instructors are scheduled to speak on a variety of topics from Drought

Tolerant Landscaping and Houseplants to Home Orchards and Lilies. There is something for everyone.

NEW this year OMGA is offering sessions to help Master Gardener Associations welcome new members, obtain grants and sponsors, improve websites and social media outreach, employ best practices for Demonstration Gardens, promote Seed to Supper Programs, and improve leadership skills.

For Fun there will be a **Garden Trivia Live** with prizes! Join in the fun and test your garden knowledge.

Master Gardeners can earn recertification credits for all classes.

To register visit our website at: <https://omga.org/joy-of-gardening-2025/>

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