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Josephine County OSU Master Gardener™ Association Newsletter

PAST PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By John Farias, Past President



I would like to update everyone on what happened in the December Board Meeting, what has happened since then, and what the future holds for our Chapter.

First of all, during our regular December meeting, our newly elected 2016 President, Candace Bartow, resigned stating in her resignation letter: "The on-going malcontent within the ranks and the, in some cases, antagonistic, relationship with OSU Extension only serve as a means to sabotage all our great intentions." Her entire resignation letter was read at the Board Meeting and is available on request. Anna Demeduk, 2016 First Vice President elect, also resigned.

Following their announcement, several members at the meeting aired their frustration with the current tension and conflict (see December minutes). It was also alluded to at the meeting that the current Board was discouraging new ideas, made some people feel unwelcome, and was holding executive Board meetings without including all members.

During my presidency, the only executive Board meetings exclusive of the membership at large are as follows. In 2015, an executive meeting was held to address the proposed OMGA Bylaws changes to be voted on at OMGA's August Board meeting. (Those results were presented at our September Board meeting.) An emergency Board meeting was held December 4 to address the current officer openings.

To address concerns expressed in December's meeting, I personally spent over 10 hours on the phone over the next two days attempting to understand individuals' concerns. My understandings as well as the thoughts of existing 2015 and 2016 (Continued on page 4)

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SEEDS OF SPRING, MARCH 5, 2016

The 27th annual Seeds of Spring will be held March 5, 2016, at Rogue Community College Redwood Campus. Josephine County Master Gardeners should have received a brochure and registration form in early January. Information can also be found on the website at www.jocomastergardeners.com Registration will be open from January 4th through February 25th. Registration will also be available on a space available basis the day of the event. This year, 39 classes will be offered in a variety of areas from basic gardening to new perspectives in landscape design to tips on growing perennial flowers and fruits to consumables, as well as the ever popular hypertufa. The cost for a day of four classes remains at \$25. Lunch can also be provided at \$10 if ordered with early registration. Kick off the winter blahs and join us for a day of learning and inspiration!

Special points of interest:

- 2016 Elected Officers
- 2016 Appointed Coordinators
- Calendar
- Editor Notes
- Birthdays

NEW MASTER GARDENER CLASS

Thursday, January 14, 2016, is the first day for the Master Gardener class. As in many years past, the senior MG's have provided morning and afternoon snacks (finger foods, fruit, veggies, muffins, coffeecakes, etc.) and lunch the first day of class. For lunch we need soups, chili, bread, butter, salads and desserts. Lunch will be served at noon, so we can take all the cold foods anytime but would appreciate not getting the hot foods until closer to the noon hour as we always seem to blow breakers at the building.

Thanks, in advance, for all the goodies that will be brought for the first day of the new class.

See you there!!



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TREASURER'S REPORT

By John Etchells, Treasurer

Cash and savings totals: As of 11/30/15

Checking: \$9,115

Savings: \$31,364

CD: \$3,614

Total Assets: \$44,093

Total Income: \$294. This comes from Garden Guide Sales, (\$65), Donations to OSU Class of 2016 Scholarship Fund (pass through) (\$200), Member Sales, soil (\$29).

Total Expenses: \$5,134. Expenses SOS for brochure paper (\$20), G.H. Supplies, repairs & soil purchases (\$2,474), Donations to OSU Class of 2016 Scholarship Fund (pass through) (\$200), Equipment (New Laptop) (\$899), OMGA Rep Travel (\$587), Newsletter (\$204), Banquet & swinger expenses (\$750).

Board approved transfer from checking to savings: \$10,000.

**These figures are based on reconciling checks and deposits to the 11/30/15 bank statements.

Reminder - 2016 Dues are now due & payable as of January 1, 2016 and are \$20 per member. Please make checks payable to Jo. Co. Master Gardeners, **NOT OSU EXTENSION. You may mail checks to OSU Extension Office or drop off in Treasurer's In Box.

**Reminder #2- When shopping at the Grange Co-op &/or Fred Meyer Rewards Programs, don't forget to have them credit your purchases to Jo.Co. MGA.

GARDEN PONDERINGS BY KAREN PLEASANT, MG COORDINATOR

The Master Gardener Training for the Class of 2016 will begin on Thursday, January 14. An enthusiastic group of fifty-two students are anxiously awaiting the start of the training! I have enjoyed meeting all of them during orientations and I know they are going to be a great group of volunteers. Please note that since the training day is starting earlier this year (8:30 am), to accommodate a variety of hands-on learning experiences, the announcements and reminders have been moved to the end of the day. (Please see the daily schedule later in this article and the full program schedule on a separate page). The change in the time slot for announcements also allows you retired veterans the luxury of sleeping in if you're so inclined and to head on down to the Extension Office at your leisure! You can also email me any information (by Tuesday each week) that you want to share with the trainees and I will list it on the morning welcome screen. We won't get into the full swing of the schedule until the third

week of classes since there are so many fundamentals about the program to cover during the first couple of weeks. As in the past, veterans can attend any of the training classes and count the continuing education hours towards recertification. You'll notice that there are several new presenters and topics this year as well as many of our favorite standbys.

Please come on down and participate in the potluck during lunch on the first day of class and meet some of the new trainees. Don't forget to bring some food to share and car pool if you can as parking can be a problem. Also please label the ingredients of the food you bring to share as several people have food allergies. I hope to see you on January 14th: Let's give the Class of 2016 a hearty Master Gardener welcome!

***NEW MG TRAINING CLASS
STARTS JANUARY 14***

CLIFF'S GoFundMe ACCOUNT

A GoFundMe account has been set up for Cliff Bennett who had a massive stroke which has disabled him. If you would like to donate, please add a comment that you are a Master Gardener and express appreciation for all his support in the past. The web site is https://www.gofundme.com/22eegmSw?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=email&utm_content=cta_button&utm_campaign=upd_n



2016 ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Vacant
1st Vice President	Vacant
2nd Vice President.....	Terry Ruitter
Secretary	Pat Etchells
OMGA State Rep	Linda Dean
OMGA Alt. State Rep.....	Jim Porter
Past President	John Farias

APPOINTED COORDINATORS

Treasurer.....	John Etchells
Green House Manager	Peter Pernarelli
Plant Clinic.....	Wilma Christian
SOS Garden Seminar	Terry Ruitter
Communications.....	Brad Florance
Spring Garden Fair.....	Vacant
Newsletter Editor.....	Ruth Reel
Hospitality Chairman.....	Vacant
Special Projects	Sybil Longinotti
Publicity.....	Art Reel
Historian.....	Nancy Pyle
County Fair.....	Charlie Newsom
Growers Market.....	Vacant
K-12 Program.....	Lilly Pattee
Mentor Committee.....	Joan Foley
Paint Your Heart Out.....	Sybil Longinotti
Volunteer Hours	Karen Pleasant
Computer Coordinator	Steve Schoen
Webmaster	John Farias
Perennials	Jean Kitchen/Joan Foley
Young Master Gardeners.....	Cally Baker
Membership.....	Ruth Reel
Master Gardener Coord.....	Karen Pleasant

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Executive Board members were discussed and the following actions were recommended by those at the emergency meeting:

1. The attendees recommended a special election for all officer openings. To expedite Board consideration, the recommendation was put in the form of a motion stating, "MOTION. A motion was made by Charlie Newsom, seconded by John Etchells. We will forego the by-laws in an emergency situation and will hold a special election at a general meeting on January 5 for the vacant elected positions for the 2016 Board of Directors (President and First Vice-President). By e-mailed vote, it has been approved by the full 2015 Board.
2. At this January 5 General Meeting, I will initially chair it as Past President. Members will be asked to volunteer to run for open officer positions. If we have volunteers, the meeting attendees will vote on candidates to fill the positions. If we do not vote to fill the president position, it was recommended by the Executive Board and our state OMGA that a committee be set up to run the Chapter with its primary goal to fill the officer positions.

In addition to the 2016 president and 1st vice president positions, there are committee chair person positions open. The existing 2015 Board will attempt to appoint or recommend action for the following openings. Filling these positions will make an easier transition for the new Board. I cannot stress enough that if you want our Chapter to continue that you attend meetings and seriously consider volunteering.

- Growers Market - Peter Pernarelli has asked Wilma Christian to address finding a member to fill this position with a main emphasis on scheduling students.
- Spring Garden Fair - Several candidates will be approached by end of 2015.
- Hospitality - If not filled, the biggest impact is the refreshment service provided for the Thursday classes for Master Gardeners Trainees and class attendees.

To address the current feeling of lack of communication, a website query box has been added for members to ask questions to express concerns to the Board. Answers will be made available for all members unless requested to be kept confidential. This may not solve all the problems but it is a start. As Past President, I would like to conduct a membership survey in the near future to get a true picture of what the attitude is of all members.

I strongly believe there are issues between our Chapter and

OSU . However, I am confident that we can work together for successful resolution because of our members' passion and dedication to the Master Gardener program and to making positive contributions to our community.

PERENNIAL MUSINGS

The perennial greenhouse is hunkering down for the winter and will re-open mid January. Most of the "mother plants" and tender perennials have been relocated inside the cold frame, while the remaining inventory is "roughing and tuffing it" outside.

In the spirit of the season, we both want to offer you our heartfelt thanks for your commitment to the perennial program. There are so many behind the scenes activities that are required to produce a successful outcome, and with your help, you made it happen!

What's new? The cold frame has new locks and will now be locked when no one is on site. In an effort to streamline, the locks are identical on the cold frame, the small greenhouse, and the shed. This will eliminate the need for 3 separate keys. An additional set of keys will remain in the large greenhouse which has it's own lock and key.

This is just a reminder that we are not accepting plants or other donations at this time, however, if you do have an urgent need, please contact Jean or Joan to make prior arrangements because the volunteers have a well deserved break during the winter months. Thank you again as we approach this holiday season. *Jean and Joan, aka J. & J.*

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Billie Townsend (2), Barb Larson (3), Leslie Orr (4), Deborrah Dunham (13), Debi Ashton (14), Pat Siler (18), Terry Ruitter (19), Wilma Christian/Jim McManus (23), Rosemary Eichorn (25), Kathy Delano (26).



2016 CLASS MENTORS

Joan Foley - Mentor Coordinator

Coleen Anderson, Candace Bartow, Jeffrey Bellamy, Mary Florance, Cheryl Holt, Nancy Pyle, Mark Schallheim, John Struzik, Michael Zerwer

The Substitutes include:

Anna Demeduk, Barbara Larson, Susan Morrison, Patti Phenix, Lilly Radbourne, Terry Ruitter, Janet Stanley, Diane Wickstrom, Karen Zoufal

IN THE GREENHOUSE

Things are coming together for our startup in January. The OBC supplies and soil have been delivered. Seeds and plugs have been ordered from various vendors and some of the seeds packets have already arrived.

A preliminary cleaning was done last month and we'll need to dust off the surfaces once more just prior to the first greenhouse event. I plan to have a meeting with all the greenhouse leaders early in January to discuss our goals. An email will be sent to all leaders when the date can be confirmed.

We can still use some help on the weekend, especially on Sunday. If you are interested in working in the greenhouse on either of these days, please let me know either by phone or email. *Peter Pernarelli*

MG COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

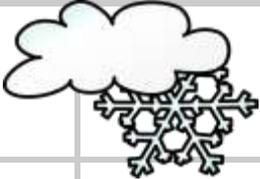
Soil Alchemy: Preserving Soil Food Webs class will be held on Saturday, January 23 from 1:30 - 3:30pm. Instructor: Scott Goode, ACCESS Head Gardener. Explore the role and interaction of the biological and mineral components of rich, healthy soil. Cost: \$10/MG free with badge.

Painting Terra Cotta Pots: Sunflowers (Limit 15) class will be held on Saturday, January 30 from 1:00 - 4:00pm. Instructor: Breezy Schallheim, Master Gardener. A fun & easy class, no experience necessary. Bring a 6" or 8" terra cotta pot or 9x12" canvas; all other materials provided. Cost: \$15/MG \$10.



MG Tentative Thursday Training Schedule- JoCo	
Plant Families Introduction & Review (begins week 3)	8:30-9:00 a.m.
Let's Think!: Morning Presentation	9:00-10:30 a.m.
AM Break	10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
Let's Apply!: Educational activities to reinforce morning presentation	10:45 -11:30 a.m.
Plant Clinic Exercises & Plant Diagnostic Scenarios (begins week 3)	11:30 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.
LUNCH	12:15- 1:00 p.m.
Mystery Plant Challenge & Review (begins week 3)	1:00-1:15 p.m.
Let's Think!: Afternoon Presentation	1:15-2:45 p.m.
PM Break	2:45-3:00 p.m.
Let's Apply!: Educational activities to reinforce afternoon presentation	3:00- 3:45 p.m.
Announcements & Reminders	3:45-4:00 p.m.

January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5 9:30, MG Meeting	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 1st day of Class	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 Class	22	23 Soil Alchemy Class
24	25	26	27	28 Class	29	30 Painting Terra Cotta Class
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CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2015 POSTER WINNERS!

The wonderful educational posters that the Class of 2015 Table Groups made last year are being used in a variety of ways to teach people, young and old, about gardening topics. Soon there will be a list compiled of all the posters in our archives thanks to volunteer Elizabeth Maler. The posters will be available to use for any public presentations or classes. Let Karen Pleasant know if you are interested in having a copy of the list or checking out any of the posters.

Most Creative: *Color Wheel your Garden* by Table Group 7

Cheryl Holt, Nancy Pyle, Lynn Kelly, Linda Price, and Lily Radbourne (mentor)

People's Choice: *Odd and Amazing Plants* by Table Group 3

Bev McCarten, Rebecca Hove, Judy Epperly, Karen Ramsey, Bobbie Jones, and Megan Beasley (mentor)

All of the posters created by the Class of 2015 are a great addition to our bank of materials to use in a variety of educational activities, but special kudos go to the winning table groups. Congratulations Table Groups 3 and 7! If you have a need for a poster about a specific topic, please let Karen know so a special request can be made to the Class of 2016.

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