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THE MASTER GARDENER™



Josephine County OSU Master Gardener™ Association Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

By Terry Ruiter, President



It's amazing how some sunlight and a bit of heat can perk up the vegetable garden - not to mention the gardener. Although every year has its weather foibles, this winter and spring have been especially odd. Sunny, windless days are a treat!

Our Spring Garden Fair would have been better named the Late Winter Garden Fair this year. Peter and the greenhouse crews had a terrific selection of plants at the perfect stage for selling. The weather, however, was cold, rainy, windy and uninviting to shoppers who otherwise would have been keen to buy the tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, flowers and other garden staples. A second sale the day before Mother's Day brought the same cloudy, cool kind of day with few interested in buying plants. So, if you have yet to buy tomatoes, peppers and eggplants, we will be selling them again after the general meeting on 6 June. All members are welcome to the meeting that begins at 9:30.

The first Tuesday of July is the 4th, so we are cancelling the board meeting scheduled for that day. Ruth Reel will also get a break from putting out a newsletter that month, so look to your email for any information on Master Gardener activities in July.

The lack of a July meeting however, means that we will begin the nominations process for 2018 officers in June. The only office that will be term limited is President. All other officers can run again for their current position if they choose to do so. If you would like to run for office or think another member of the Association would be a good officer, let us know. More information on the nomination process will be coming soon. Descriptions of the positions and their requirements are on the Josephine County Master Gardener (Continue on page 4)

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NEW PROJECTS ARE SPECIAL PROJECTS

Special Projects are no more! The New Projects committee replaces Special Projects.

The five-member New Projects committee reviews all applications for Master Gardener participation in community projects. If the activity is approved, Master Gardeners earn volunteer hours for their participation.

For a project to qualify as a New Project with Master Gardener participation, "education must be the focus of these activities, and *not garden labor without education*," per the OSU Extension Master Gardener Recertification policy (August, 2015).

To submit a project for possible Master Gardener participation, pick up a New Project Review Form in the Plant Clinic.

Special points of interest:

- *2017 Elected Officers*
- *2017 Appointed Coordinators*
- *Calendar*
- *Editor Notes*
- *Birthdays*

GREENHOUSE NEWS

I again want to thank everyone involved for their hard work in the Greenhouse this season. As you are all aware, the weather was miserable for our Spring Garden Fair resulting in a 17% decrease in overall revenue from last year's sale.

Even after donating many plants to the school gardens, the Seed to Supper Program, the Grants Pass Garden Club, and numerous other nonprofit groups, we still had lots of plants remaining. Consequently, it was decided to have a second pre-Mother's Day sale. Additional tomatoes, peppers and tomatillos were transplanted into gallon pots and 30 additional hanging baskets were prepared for this special sale. Once more the weather was uncooperative, both cold and drizzling and so we staged the plants in the Greenhouse for the sale. Thanks to all who helped with this sale and everyone who came to buy more plants. Should anyone still have a need, there are still plants available for sale.

A decision was made at the last Board meeting to move our Spring Garden Sale to May starting next year. Hopefully the later date will provide more favorable weather. We'll have a Greenhouse critique in June to discuss operational improvements for next year. There will also be a work party scheduled to clean both Greenhouses. We have a new cover on hand for the large Greenhouse but it will not be replaced until the fall.

Peter Pernarelli, Greenhouse Manager



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Or call at: 541-479-7702

Please let the editor know if you have changed your address, phone # or e-mail address.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By John Etchells, Treasurer

Cash & Savings totals as of 04/28/17

Checking: \$12,691.54

Savings: \$32,226.77

CD: \$3,620.51

Total Assets: \$48,538.82**

Total Income \$10,444.16. This comes from: Plant Sales (\$7,501.36) [Annuals - \$5,017.05, Perennials, \$1,640.24 & Trees \$884.07], Donations (\$1,162.30) [Grange Co-Op \$322.30 & Restricted Donation to cover Class of 2017 Awards Banquet Dinner \$884.07], SGF (\$1,316), Member Sales [Soil & T-Shirt Sales] (\$304.50), Plant Clinic Garden Guide (\$100) & Dues (\$60).

Total Expenses \$5,051.69. These expenses come from: Educational Scholarships (\$2,000), SGF (\$895.62), "Plant Expense"

[Annuals, Perennials & Trees] (\$791.62), Class T-Shirt (\$548.60), Seeds of Spring (\$525.09) Administrative Items (\$120.63), Square Credit Card Charges (\$80.35), Newsletter (\$43.80), Seed to Supper (\$30), & Other Projects [SGF] (\$15.98)

** These figures are based on reconciling checks and deposits to the 03/31/17 bank statements.

***Reminder - While shopping at the Grange Co-Op and/or using the Fred Meyer Reward Program, don't forget to have them credit your purchases to Jo.Co. Master Gardeners. Also, if you shop using Amazon on-line, please go to Amazon Smiles and select "Master Gardener Association - Grants Pass" as a charity. Then every purchase you make will be credited to us. Amazon is a company that makes it charitable donations based upon the percentage of Smile sales from an organization. This is similar to the Fred Meyer Reward Program.

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EIGHT OSU-DEVELOPED TOMATOES By Denise Ruttan

Oregon State University's (OSU) vegetable breeding program has developed several tomato varieties over the past 40 years.

The whole idea behind the breeding program has been to breed seedless types adapted to Oregon's cooler springs and tomatoes with determinate growth so that they bloom earlier and set fruit under cooler conditions.

The program has focused on two areas in recent years - developing varieties with late blight resistance and increasing phytonutrient potential. Find these eight tomatoes in seed catalogs from Territorial Seed Co., Victory Seed Co., Ed Hume Seeds, Johnny's Selected Seeds and Nichols Garden Nursery.

Legend: Produces large fruit that is good to eat straight off the vine. Resistant to some forms of late blight. Ripens 60-65 days after transplanting. You can get a larger-sized, earlier-ripening fruit by growing them first from seeds in gallon-size pots then transplanting them.

Gold Nugget: Among the first to ripen, this prolific, variety grows cherry tomatoes with a deep yellow color and mild, juicy flavor. Ripens in 60 days.

Oroma: Makes good tomato sauce and paste. Early to mature; average ripening time of 70 days. Prolific after ripening. Fruit is meaty and thick-walled.

Oregon Spring: Ripens in 60-70 days. Slicing variety that can be eaten fresh in salads or straight from the vine. Produces high, early yields of silver-dollar-sized juicy tomatoes.

Oregon Star: Ripens in 80 days. This early-maturing, red paste-type tomato has large, seedless fruit. Good for fresh eating and for canning.

Santiam: Ripens in 65-75 days. Good for salads and fresh eating; has tart flavor.

Siletz: Ripens in 70-75 days. Reliable tomato with good flavor; ideal for eating fresh from the vine. *Not resistant to late blight.*

Indigo Rose: Ripens about 80-90 days

EIGHT KINDS OF TOMATOES

after transplanting. First of a new class of tomato that is high in antioxidants. It's purple color comes from the anthocyanin pigment in its fruit. This open-pollinated variety is semi-determinate - or larger than a determinate type but smaller than indeterminate types - and a prolific producer. Best flavor when picked at its ripest; it will turn a muddy brown, dull purple in September when ripe.

Except for Indigo Rose, these tomatoes are **determinate** types, they are bushy in form and have fruit that sets on the bud at the tip of the stem. They continue growth from side branches. All tomatoes from determinate type plants ripen in a concentrated period of time.

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2017 ELECTED OFFICERS

- President..... Terry Ruitter
- 1st Vice PresidentMark Schallheim
- 2nd Vice President..... Phylis McIntosh
- Secretary..... Cynthia Low
- OMGA State Rep..... Candace Bartow
- OMGA Alt. State Rep.....David Coon
- Past PresidentPeter Pernarelli

APPOINTED COORDINATORS

- Treasurer.....John Etchells
- Green House ManagerPeter Pernarelli
- Plant Clinic..... Wilma Christian
- SOS Garden Seminar Terry Ruitter
- CommunicationsSchallheim/Etchells
- Spring Garden Fair.....Sybil Longinotti
- Newsletter EditorRuth Reel
- Hospitality Chairman.....Breezy/Mark
.....Schallheim
- New Projects .Sybil Longinotti/Joan Seward
- Publicity.....Jeana Schorr
- Historian.....Nancy Pyle/Linda Price
- County Fair.....Vacant
- Growers Market.....Hank Smith
- K-12 Program.....Charlotte Hutt
- Mentor Committee.....Joan Foley
- Volunteer Hours Karen Pleasant
- Computer CoordinatorSteve Schoen
- Webmaster..... Pat Etchells/Darcy Heater
- PerennialsJoan Foley
- Young Master Gardeners.....Sayaka Lean/
..... Barry Burnsid
- Membership.....Ruth Reel
- Master Gardener Coord.....Karen Pleasant

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Association website.

If you have been to the OSU Extension Service office or auditorium lately, you will have noticed that construction of the demonstration gardens is underway. The Krull Memorial Garden is being refreshed with a revamped irrigation system and new plants. The area in front of the auditorium has been stripped of asphalt and the bases of the walls waterproofed. Soil samples have been collected from all of the areas and will be analyzed for basic soil information as well as possible asphalt derived contaminants in soil from the front of the auditorium. You may see calls for work parties for a variety of activities at the demonstration gardens throughout the summer. Please join when you can.

With the focus on a demonstration garden in front of the auditorium, the bareness of the grey walls behind the garden space has become apparent. So, we have proposed a contest to design murals for both sides of the auditorium walls behind the demonstration garden. The designs will have to be approved by the Association, John Panches and the county, but everyone is in favor of the idea. This is an opportunity for our artful Master Gardeners to create works of art that will welcome garden visitors and give them a feel for the purpose and intent of the space. Individual or team efforts are encouraged. The final day for plan submittals is 31 August 2017.

Several Josephine County Master Gardeners plan to attend the International Master Gardener Conference in Portland from 10-14 July. It promises to be a terrific week of classes and conversation and learning about new methods, plants and directions.

Although your gardens may just be beginning to get going, start envisioning your possible fair entries. The Josephine County Fair will be 16-19 August at the County Fairgrounds on Redwood Highway. Entry guides are available at the OSU Extension Service office on Ringuette. Participating in the fair is always fun and may result in ribbons for your produce! If you would like to work on fair set-up, registration, judging, takedown, we will have sign-up sheets at the 1 August general meeting.

We have been waiting for the summer growing season...and now it’s here! I hope you can get out and enjoy everything good that gardening brings with it, and can control anything bad...and that a prize-winning vegetable is yours!

PERENNIAL MUSINGS

Indeterminate tomatoes will grow vigorously to heights of up to 12 feet and produce fruit until frost kills them.

SOCIALS

Thanks to all who participated with the post sale BBQ and potluck, especially Hank Smith for cooking and John Etchells for assisting with the auction. Many treasures were auctioned off at the White Elephant, often with bonus plants to stimulate the bidding. With all the laughter heard, it appeared that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Our May social event was held at Schmidt’s Winery. The weather was the kind of day we want for our Spring Garden Fair - sunny and warm. Lunch, wine and camaraderie were shared by seventeen Master Gardeners.

Peter Pernarelli

***When you have bills for payment, please be sure to complete an Authorization for Payment/Reimbursement Form and have it signed by the committee head or officer responsible for the item. Failure to do so will delay payment of your expenses.

MENTORS

The mentors are enjoying a little pre-summer hiatus but still staying in touch with their trainees as needed. We had our final working group debriefing with an open session critique, positivefeedback, and recommendations for future classes. Overall, the “Jeopardy” session proved to be a big hit with the entire class and will be refined for next years “game day”. All of us are looking forward to attending the graduation dinner and ceremony in October. The theme is “Halloween” so be sure to be thinking about your costume. If I haven’t thanked you enough, I want to thank you again for being such a great group to work with as evidenced by your positive “team spirit”. I will be sending out a “call” for new mentors in September so you all have the summer to think about it.

Joan Foley, Mentor Coordinator

The Spring Garden Fair is now just a memory but the perennial sales go on each Tuesday except the first Tuesday of the month when we have the BOD meeting. I’m always available to sell something when I’m there. Our sales were approximately 14 dollars short of our last years sales for the same days but we are still not making our budget due to the weather impact on our growing operations. We just can’t predict mother nature so we happily move on. Our operations continue throughout the summer and fall. The invitation remains open to the trainees who want to join us if you need extra hours or just want to work with us and watch things grow. We never know what is going to come in to divide each week but there are always other chores to do on a routine basis and many hands make light work because 2 hours goes by really fast.

We have had some challenges with the watering system but between Peter, Lynn and Michael, it will be up and running effectively, much sooner than you read this. Thank you to Peter, Byron, Lynn, Charlie, Charlotte and Hank, collectively, who were instrumental in getting the shade cloth over the cold frame and back plant area. I hope I didn’t forget anyone.

We will be having another perennial “reduction sale on June 24th from 9am until 2pm. The purpose of this sale is to move our current inventory to make room for more. The Iris (\$3) will be blooming soon so if you are on campus, take a look and see if there is one you would like. The hostas (\$5) really look nice too. Just leave the money with the office staff and they will get it for me.

Joan Foley, Perennial Coordinator



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

POTS, POTS & MORE POTS

“Ask and you shall receive”. I want to thank all of you for your overwhelming response to my request for 1 gallon pots. We can still use them, but only 1 gallons at this time. I also want to thank whomever tidied up the pots in the back of the cold frame. Great Job! That area needed the tender loving care that you provided.

Joan Foley, 1 Gallon Pot Coordinator. Hum? I’ll have to ask Terry if there is a swinger for that position.

EMBROIDERY PROJECT

Name embroidery for Master Gardeners. Some of you noticed a lot of names embroidered on vests, aprons, and shirts at the Spring Garden Fair. Debbie Kauffman (Class of 2017) is doing these for us, at a small charge of \$5.00 per item and then donating the funds back to the Master Gardener program. If you would like your name embroidered on any of these items, give her a call at 209-489-9180. *Karen Pleasant*

FROG O’FAIRE

The Frog O’Faire Children’s Festival is on Saturday, June 17th at Riverside Park in Grant Pass.

Volunteers are needed to help children plant marigolds in small pots, teach them how to take care of them (watering) and the children will take the marigolds home. The shifts available are 9:30-12:30 and 12-3. This is an approved project, so hours will be given.

Master Gardeners have been participating in this event for many years, so wear your badge and other MG gear.

Let me know as soon as possible, which shift you would prefer and I will put you on the schedule. I can be reached at 541-955-7029 or sybillouise1@charter.net.

Thanks for volunteering.

Sybil Longinotti

Happy Birthday to Marianne Heater, Kathleen Campbell, Guy Young, Cheryl Holt, Ruth Monical, Cherrie Lynch, Fred Schlieper, Elaine Hill, Scott Wetherby, Jennifer Voris and Janet Bilich.



Thoughts for the day...Did you ever wonder why people are prisoners to their phones, think about it...their called CELL PHONES!

What happens if you are scared half to death...TWICE??

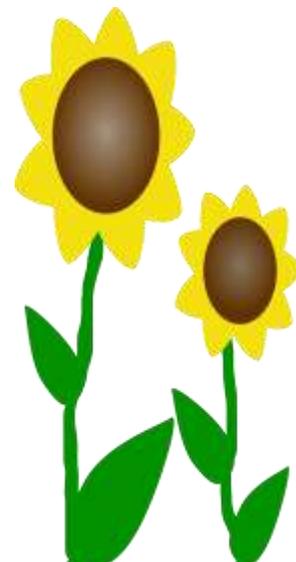
Is there ever a day mattresses are NOT on sale?

Did you know...”Dammit I’m mad” spelled backwards is still...Dammit I’m mad.

Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.

If you can read this, thank a teacher. And since it’s in English...thank a SOLDIER!

Karen Zoufal, 2007



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4	5	6 <i>9:30, MG Meeting</i>	7	8	9	10 <i>Growers Market</i>
11	12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 <i>6 to 9 pm</i> <i>Native Seed Collection Class</i>	16	17 <i>Frog O'Faire</i> <i>Growers Market</i>
18 <i>Father's Day</i>	19	20 <i>NEWS-LETTER DEADLINE</i>	21 <i>Summer Begins</i>	22	23	24 <i>Perennial Sale, 9-2</i> <i>Growers Market</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	

JUNE CLASSES

Native Seed Collection and Propagation class on Thursday, June 15, from 6 to 9 pm. Cost: \$20 per person or \$15 if Pre-Registered at least 24 hours in advance. MG \$15/\$10 if Pre-Registered w/24 hours in advance (Badge Required) OSU Ext. Josephine County Auditorium/ Pre-Registration Required. Limited to 25 paid participants/ To Register online: bit.ly/NativeSeedCollectionandPropagation Instructor: Suzie Savoie, Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds

Selecting, Using & Caring for Garden Tools class on Saturday, June 17 from 9 to 1 pm. Cost: \$25 per person or \$20 if pre-registered at least 24 hours in advance. MG \$20/\$15 if pre-registered w/24 hours in advance (Badge required)

OSU Ext. Josephine County Auditorium Pre-registration required/To Register online:

bit.ly/SelectingUsingCaringGardenTools Instructor: Bob Denman of Red Pig Tools and a world renowned garden tool blacksmith

Painting Terra Cotta Pots: Summer Sunflowers class, Saturday, June 17 2 to 5 pm Cost:\$20 per person or \$15 if pre-registered at least 24 hours in advance. MG\$15/\$10 if pre-registered w/24 hours in advance (Badge required) OSU Ext. Josephine County Auditorium/Limited to 15 paid participants. Pre-Registration Required/To Register online: bit.ly/PaintingTerraCottaPotsSunflowers Instructor: Breezy Schallheim, Master Gardener, 2014

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