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THE MASTER GARDENER™



Josephine County OSU Master Gardener™ Association Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

By Terry Ruiter, President



Well, the fair is over for another year and the tables and decorations returned to storage. Whether it was the long, wet spring or the intense, hot summer, the number of entries this year was down. The produce was still beautiful, but whole categories were empty. Because we are gardeners, there will be another opportunity next year!

The first total eclipse to be seen from coast to coast of the continental United States since 1918 (World War 1) showed a whole different look than a lunar eclipse. It was terrific to experience in Grants Pass, even if a few percentage points from 100. I hope you were all able to take a couple of minutes to just enjoy.

September always feels like the beginning of the year. School is back in session, daylight is shorter and the days are somewhat cooler (I will not miss 100+ degrees for another year). The Josephine County Master Gardener Association (MGA) is also getting ready for the year. The September board meeting will be 5 September at 9:30 am in the OSU Extension Auditorium. All Josephine County MGA members, including the class of 2017, are welcome.

You will receive a ballot of candidates for Josephine County MGA officers for 2018 in early September. Completed ballots should be mailed or returned to the ballot box in the plant clinic at the OSU Extension Office, 215 Ringuette St, Grants Pass, OR 97527, no later than 30 September 2017. Ballots received after the 30th will not be counted. The nominating committee (Terry Ruiter, Phylis McIntosh, Cindy Low, Pam Geye and Breezy Schallheim) will tally the results and the winners will be announced at the 3 October general meeting. The new officers will then be plunged into the 2018

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MENTORS NEEDED FOR 2018

Hello friends. We still have an opening for a few more mentors for the 2018 class. Please contact me if you are interested. Joan Foley, 541-660-6379 or 541-471-2103, or email me at joanfoleygp@gmail.com. If you do not have caller ID on your phone, I will not answer the call, however, you can leave a message and I will call you back.

Joan Foley, Mentor Coordinator

Special points of interest:

- *2017 Elected Officers*
- *2017 Appointed Coordinators*
- *Calendar*
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WILMA CHRISTIAN RECEIVES THE OSU DIAMOND PIONEER AWARD

The Diamond Pioneer Award is given by the College of Agricultural Sciences to honor people whose lifetime contributions to agriculture, natural resources, and the people of Oregon and/or Oregon State University (OSU) have been significant. Wilma Christian, MG Class of 2006, is one of the 2017 recipients of the award for her volunteer service at the Extension Office in Josephine County and to the Master Gardener program, in particular the Plant Clinic. Each year, at the Josephine County awards banquet, Wilma, who has volunteered over 1000 hours annually since 2009 (the first year of our recordkeeping system), is recognized for having the highest number of volunteer hours.

The award criteria requires that recipients be 74 years of age or older-and still living. In particular, it is for individuals who have pioneered in some area of Oregon's agriculture and natural resources, or have made innovative changes or performed public service that has helped make Oregon a better place to live. Wilma is extremely dedicated in her role as the Plant Clinic Director. She thrives on the challenge of providing a great experience to the trainees and veterans who work in the clinic, as well as providing outstanding service to the community members who bring their questions to the plant clinic.

Wilma, who will be 93 on January 23rd, will be publicly recognized for her contributions to OSU at a luncheon in Corvallis in early October, where she will receive a certificate and a lapel pin. She will become a permanent member of the Diamond Pioneer Agricultural Achievement Registry in the College of Agricultural Sciences. Wilma takes her work seriously, but she always has a smile on her face. Wilma is truly a treasure and deserves this special honor.

Congratulations Wilma and thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

By *Karen Pleasant, MG Coordinator*

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EDITOR NOTES

Please submit notices and articles to the editor, Ruth Reel.

You can always e-mail to the editor:

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Or mail to: 3990 Galice Rd., Merlin, OR 97532.

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

For the month of July:

Cash & Savings totals as of 06/30/17

Checking: \$13,907.82

Savings: \$32,230.78

CD: \$3,621.86

Total Assets: \$49,760.46**

Total Income from July 1st through July 31st: \$48.50. This comes from Member Sales [Soil] (\$28.50), Garden Guides (\$20).

Total Expenses July 1st through July 31st: \$183.02. These expenses come from: Demonstration Gardens (\$89.97), General Advertising (\$49.25), Newsletter (\$43.80).

**These figures are based on reconciling checks and deposits

to the 6/30/17 bank statements.

***Reminder– While shopping at the Grange Co-Op and/or using the Fred Meyer Reward Programs, don't forget to have them credit your purchases to Jo.Co. Master Gardeners. Also if you shop using Amazon online, 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 its charitable donations based upon the percentage of Smile sales from an organization. This is similar to the Fred Meyer Reward Program.

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

GARDEN PONDERINGS BY KAREN PLEASANT, MG COORDINATOR

Winding up the MG Year

Change is in the air and we'll soon be seeing the beautiful fall colors everywhere we look and putting our gardens to bed. That means we're also completing this year's volunteer activities and recertification, planning a new round of activities and getting ready for the 2018 Master Gardener training to begin in January.

We've been receiving many inquiries about next year's Master Gardener training. Many of our participants join the program because they have friends like you who have already completed training and are active volunteers. Make it a point to let people know about the 2018 program and encourage your friends and colleagues to participate. Sometimes people feel shy about joining because they feel they don't know enough about gardening. Remember no prior experience is necessary to become an OSU Master Gardener. Registration begins October 1 and is limited to about 40 participants (first come, first serve), so tell interested people to sign up

early. Application materials will be available in the office and online beginning October 1. If people want to find out more about the MG program they can also drop by the public library during September and view the bulletin board display created by MG volunteers Coleen Anderson and Lillie Radbourne. Interested people can also ask questions at our booth at the Growers Market or drop by the office anytime.

The \$150 (for residents of Josephine County) Master Gardening Training will run for 13 weeks in 2018 and will still be held on Thursdays from 8:30 am to 4 pm. The series of classes begin on January 11th, and continue through April 5th. Many great classes and instructors are included in the schedule, so remember as a Master Gardener you are always welcome to attend any of the training classes which count towards continuing education hours for your recertification.

Hopefully you are all thinking about completing your volunteer hour requirement. For the Class of 2017, that means 70 volunteer service hours with

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at least 32 of these in a plant clinic (24 of which are in the Plant Clinic/Hotline at the Extension Office). For recertifying veterans, it means at least 20 hours of volunteer time and 10 hours of continuing education. If you are in the Class of 2017, you are certified as an OSU Master Gardener through 2018, assuming you complete this year's requirements. However, you will have to begin recertifying for 2019 during 2018.

Report all of your hours, both volunteer time and continuing education at the Volunteer Reporting System website

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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 Burnside
- Membership.....Ruth Reel
- Master Gardener Coord.....Karen Pleasant

budget discussions.

September also marks the end of the Master Gardener booth at the Growers Market. Students who still need plant clinic credit can get 4 hours for working at a market plant clinic on a Saturday through September. Let Hank Smith know of your interest and join the fun. October will be too late for working at the Growers Market!

The idea of demonstration gardens is closer to implementation. The Krull fruit garden irrigation system is in and various fruits are being planted. Soils are being mixed for the pollinator/native/xeric garden. And, the containers are being collected and filled for the vegetable/herb garden. If you are interested in being involved, look for the next demonstration garden meeting announcement in your email.

Don't miss our final perennial sale on 16 September. Joan Foley, Lynn Hon and their crew have some lovely plants ready for this sale, which is also the perfect time to plant them. If that day does not work for you, you can buy perennials any Tuesday but the first one of the month from 9:00-11:00 into November.

The greenhouse management team is putting together the plan for the 2018 greenhouse program. If you are interested in being in the program next year, please let David Coon, John Etchells, Michael Engstrom or Terry Ruitter know and we will make sure you are on the schedule. Also, let one of us know if you have suggestions, including plants to grow.

Southern Oregon will have two opportunities to go to Oregon Master Gardener Association (OMGA) leadership forums and board meetings this fall. The first will be the leadership the afternoon of the 22nd followed by the board meeting all day on the 23rd of this month, at the Southern Oregon Research and Extension Center on Hanley Road in Central Point. The second will be a leadership forum the afternoon of 3 November followed by the all day board meeting on 4 November in Grants Pass at the Josephine County OSU Extension Auditorium, 215 Ringuette. These provide terrific opportunities to see how the statewide organization operates and may intrigue you to become involved in the state program. As are the chapters, the state organization is run entirely by volunteers and is always looking for new individuals to participate. If you would like more information, please contact Candace Bartow or Terry Ruitter.

I hope September finds you able to enjoy your gardens more without the intense heat of the summer and rain of the spring. It also may provide a second crop of figs, a few

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pomegranates or new salads. It's also a great time to plant for winter and start planning for spring. Enjoy everything it offers!

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(<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/yrs>) or report them on paper in my office. Remember that the Master Gardener reporting year started on November 1, 2016 and will end October 31, 2017. Please have all your hours reported before the end of October. This is especially important for trainees so they can graduate with their class and become a certified Master Gardener and receive their official MG badge at the October banquet.

It's been a great year for the Josephine County Master Gardeners. You've all accomplished an amazing amount. I am proud to be associated with such a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers. Keep up the good work...you really make a difference in our community and do a wonderful job representing OSU Extension and the Master Gardening program.

PERENNIAL SALE

The last perennial sale of the season will take place on Saturday, September 16th from 9 to 1 pm. Anyone who is in need of volunteer hours, please feel free to join us. October 1st will be here before we know it. Our group will continue to work on Tuesdays until November. Think about us when you divide your perennials in the fall because we are always in need of replacements. Currently, we have an ample supply of iris and daylilies, but if you have an unusual variety, please bring them in on Tuesday mornings. I will be leading a class on beginning plant propagation on Saturday, September 23rd. It will cover propagation techniques and share what we do every Tuesday to keep our program going.

Joan Foley, Perennial Manager

In 1923, jockey Frank Hayes won a race at Belmont Park in New York despite being dead - he suffered a heart attack mid-race, but his body stayed in the saddle until his horse crossed the line for a 20-1 outsider victory.

A U.S. spinning penny is actually *slightly* more likely to end up tails because slightly more material is used to make the heads side.

Redondo Beach, CA adopted the Goodyear Blimp as the city's official bird in 1983

COUNTY FAIR

The 2017 County Fair is over and many thanks need to be given to all the Master Gardener volunteers who helped to make this year successful.

Once again, thanks to the artistic talents of Ida Toro, Pam and Dan Zaklan and their creative helpers Lesley Orr, Jean Carroll and Jennifer Voris the interior of the Horticulture building was transformed from the "Charlie Brown" Square Dance Room to the theme "Hometown Pride County Wide". Many compliments were received on the "barn" that was constructed in the rear of the building. Thanks also go to Jeana and Jerry Schorr for acquiring the corn stalks from Fort Vannoy Farms and to Barry Burnsides for loaning the ornamental pepper and coffee plants that were used as decorations.

The Tuesday helpers for Fair entries included Tom Elliott, Jessica Schwarz, Pat Siler, Dianne Wickstrom, Kimberlie Lehman, Terry Ruiter, Evie Perry, Phylis McIntosh, Lesley Orr and Ida Toro. Thanks also go to Nancy Pyle for finding and donating a scale which was used to weigh the many monster zucchinis that were entered for the Fair entries.

The late night verifiers were Pat, John and Sean Etchells, David Coon, Mark and Breezy Schallheim, and John and Carolyn Farias. Special thanks also go to our judges - Candace Bartow for judging the Greenleaf entries and Phil Damewood for judging the Open class entries.

Regrettably, only seven Master Gardeners entered any produce in the horticulture exhibit. Three of those seven, Barry Burnsides, Evie Perry and Pam Zaklan, were all big winners. Perhaps we can get more Master Gardeners to enter something in next year's Fair.

Thanks once more to all the hard working people who turned out to help us with this event.

Charlie Newsom and Crew



CONTINUING EDUCATION OPTIONS

Native Tree Walk, Thursday, September 14, 9-noon, Grants Pass with Max Bennett

Learn how to identify our common native trees ranging from oaks and maples to pines, firs, cedars and others. Following a short classroom introduction, we'll head outside for an easy walk and hands-on practice. We'll also talk about best practices for native tree care. \$25/person or household, includes a copy of Trees to Know in Oregon, a wonderful 151-page guide with many color photos. Pre-registration required. \$10/person or household without the book. Call the office at 541-476-6613 to pre-register.

Forest Health Field Day, Friday October 6, 9-4pm, Central Point.

Join us for a day of forest updates. The morning focuses on invasive forest pests and the afternoon will cover common insect and disease issues with Douglas-fir, ponderosa pine, white and black oak, and madrone. Both morning and afternoon will have a hands-on field component. This free training is for arborists, natural resource professionals and landowners. Space is limited. There is a short, self-paced online course that must be completed before the field day. Call Max Bennett at 541-776-7371 x221 for more information. Registration and online course: pestdetector.forestry.oregonstate.edu.

Thought for the day...

Worrying won't stop the bad stuff from happening, it just stops you from enjoying the good stuff.

Definition of a friend...

Someone who says nice things about you when you aren't around!

Every two minutes, we take more pictures than all of the humanity did in the 19th century.

Anne Frank and Martin Luther King Jr. were born in the same year.

In the mid-1980s, Fergie of the Black Eyed Peas was the voice of Charlie Brown's sister Sally.

NEW WEBINARS

The recording of the MG advanced training webinar "Organic Pesticides in Home Gardens" presented by Kaci Buhl can be accessed here:

<https://learn.extension.org/events/3141> (1 hour of continuing education)

Upcoming:

September 5, Never doubt how a small, thoughtful and committed pollinator habitat (in your garden) can change the world:

<https://learn.extension.org/events/3139>

September 19, Japanese Beetles in Oregon:

<https://learn.extension.org/events/3138>

October 3, Status of Boxwood Blight in Oregon:

<https://learn.extension.org/events/3137>

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to Phil Damewood, Cindy Low, CarolAnne Durante, Phylis McIntosh, Katy Dalke, Lilly Radbourne, Trish Hepburn, Noah Barnett, Joan Seward, Vetta Steel, Robin Little, Kitty St.Ives-Barron, Elliott Goldstein, Kathleen Bartlett, George Moulton, Wil Scarrow, Charlotte Hutt.



Catnip is ten-times more effective at repelling mosquitoes than DEET. The main substance used in insect repellents.

Nowhere in the Humpty Dumpty Nursery Rhyme does it say that Humpty Dumpty is an egg.

In 2015, more people were killed from injuries caused by taking a selfie than by shark attacks.

September 2017

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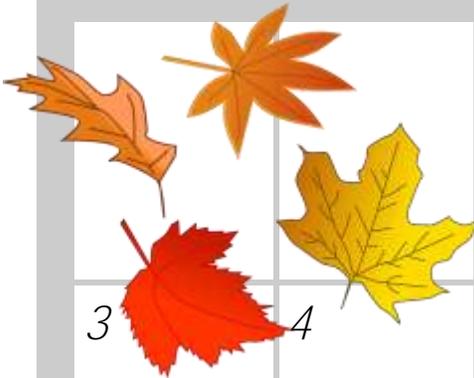
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3	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5 <i>9:30, MG Meeting</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Growers Market</i>
10	11	12	13	14 <i>9-noon, Native Tree Walk class</i>	15	16 <i>9-1, Perennial Sale</i> <i>Growers Market</i>
17	18	19	20 <i>NEWS LETTER DEADLINE</i>	21	22 <i>Fall Begins</i>	23 <i>10-noon, Beginning Propagation class</i> <i>Growers Mark</i>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Growers Market</i>

SEPTEMBER CLASSES

Saturday, September 2, **Painting Terra Cotta Pots: Sweet Violets** class will be held from 1-4 pm. Cost: \$20. Instructor: Breezy Schallheim, Master Gardener. (Limited to 15 participants)

A fun & easy class, no experience necessary. Bring a 6" or 8" terra cotta pot or 9 x 12" canvas; all other materials provided. To register online: <http://bit.ly/Paintingsterracotta-sweetviolets>

Saturday, September 23 **Work & Learn: Beginning Propagation*** class will be held from 10-Noon. Cost: \$15. Instructor: Joan Foley, Master Gardener. (Limit 15 participants)

This class will offer a general overview of plant propagation techniques that you can do at home, with the emphasis on stem cuttings and perennial divisions. We will be offering some "hands-on" demonstrations, so please bring a pair of gloves and some small gardening scissors (optional) if you have them. Please dress casual and wear something that you don't mind getting dirty, or bring an apron if you wish.

- \$5 discount for pre-registration at least 24 hours in advance.
- Additional \$5 discount for Master Gardener volunteers
- Class marked with an * are eligible for Master Gardener Continuing Education recertification hours

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