The Anticipation is building:

Anyone who has worked the Spring Garden Fair in the past remembers the doors opening at 9am and the hundreds of attendees rushing in to find their favorite vendors to purchase plants, artifacts, services and supplies. No one can deny the power of anticipation.

#47 is the Mother’s Day Booth:

This is the first year the Jackson County Master Gardener Association will dedicate a booth to Mother’s Day, featuring gifts from $5. As usual, the money raised funds scholarships, community projects and Master Gardener Extension programs.

We need Volunteers:

Did you know that in one day it takes 23 volunteers just to monitor the doors at the Spring Garden Fair? You might ask how many volunteers does it take for a two-day event? Hundreds of volunteers and thousands of hours. Volunteer now to sell tickets, monitor isles, sell plants and join the fun. Contact: Jane Moyer janemoyer@connpoint.net
Strawberry-Rhubarb Pie and Gardening Talk

by Kate Hassen
President
Master Gardener 2013

As I took a turn in our garden this morning, I noticed the rhubarb poking up through the mulch. Can’t wait for the first slice of strawberry-rhubarb pie. I might make it a social occasion and invite a few friends and serve good coffee! And we can talk gardening, or not. Just being together and eating pie will be the fun, which brings me to my point. We need to remember to have fun together.

Now that the weather is improving and we are all itching to talk gardening, wouldn’t it be wonderful to meet at a winery or brewery! Maybe later in the year, we could have a tour of member’s gardens. Or plan a day trip to visit other public gardens in the area. If you are a creative thinker and would like to work with other inspired people to plan social activities for the organization, please contact me. Stop me in the hall on Wednesdays, or email roseknitter1@gmail.com if you would like to serve on the Social committee. Let’s plan some fun together.

Speaking of fun, I hope that you have visited our new website. Cindy and Melissa Williams deserve a colossal shout out for collaborating with a web designer, Laurel Briggs, to create the new JCMGA website at jacksoncountymga.org. I love the new look; it is bright, bold and beautiful.

The public side of the website gives access to the OSU Plant Clinic, archived videos from Channel 12 series “In the Garden,” and the Garden Beet. Additionally, it features a community calendar for JCMGA events, a connection to register and pay for Community Education classes and other garden related links. But this is just part of our new website.

We now have a password protected Members Only section with the 2017 Directory, a 2017 calendar for posting our events and meetings, and a section for payment and renewal of your membership. It also has a link to the OSU site to report your volunteer hours! Please login and spend some time browsing. Thanks to Cindy and Melissa we now have a 21st Century website.

And yes, we are nearly finished with our state-of-the-art greenhouse. A heart felt thank you to Victor Chieco for leading the construction team. To all of you who have contributed time and energy to complete this project, I offer my gratitude. It has been arduous two-year journey. To celebrate we will have an open house this summer.

I also love the new M.A.S.H. style signposts sprouting up through the demonstration gardens. Finding a garden should be a snap with these new color-coordinated signs. Thank you to Kari Gies and Linda Greenstone for leading the group effort at making our gardens more visitor friendly.

Finally, to every Head Gardener, thank you for the time you give to the demonstration gardens. A quick walk around on Wednesday mornings is proof of the hours you spend getting ready for spring. We all appreciate the beauty you have created and maintained. Saying thank you is something we need to do more often and I wish my house was big enough to invite all of you over for strawberry-rhubarb pie and coffee.

Who loves a garden loves a greenhouse, too. – William Cowper

Eat Dessert First
What lies ahead for the vineyard will be more pruning and tying and training the new growth. A lot of leaf thinning will be done. Problems will need to be solved. Look at the wet/snowy winter. What will be the consequences of all this wetness? There is a good probability that rain will continue well into spring. Some of us see powdery mildew as a looming challenge that must be dealt with. Last year in my vineyard, every spring morning the vines were dripping with moisture. Good pruning here and in my own vineyard was very important. Perhaps this year, it will be more crucial and not just in vineyards and orchards but in your home garden as well.

While I have mentioned opening the centers of your vines so that air and light can enter and exit efficiently, don’t over do it. Particularly if you have southern exposure you must leave some leaves to shade and protect the fruit. Too much hot direct sun will burn your grapes. Also think about the prevailmg breeze and wind pattern and how that will influence the vines. When you begin thinning leaves, and you will thin a lot, will what you do enhance or curtail air flow?

Some of the fun in gardening is the challenge in providing about new plants, whether by seeding or various methods of division. Grape propagation by using cuttings is a fun procedure for me. My best success with cuttings has been with the buds a hands-width apart, with two buds below the soil and two buds above. Personally, I like about a 3/8 inch thickness for the cutting. I keep hearing how successful this whole operation can be. We’ll, it’s not! My first year of planting cuttings, I lost 50% of them. So even a sure thing might not be a sure thing if you make a mistake. Here the problem was excessive drying out of the cuttings. However, mistakes are great teachers aren’t they?

From working in the vineyard that first pruning day, a few things occurred to me that I would like to share with you. First, by attending our classes and working in the practicum together, I see camaraderie and friendship taking place. I think working together and sharing experiences and common goals has brought us together as a group. It has defined what a Master Gardener really is to me. Besides the work this program entails, I realize that we are sharing in such fundamental values as sustainability, concern for our enviroment and hope for a better future for generations to come. On behalf of all of us trainees, thank you Master Gardeners and to everyone who makes this Master Gardener program possible. The Class of 2017 will be one of the best yet, thanks to you.

From the Vineyard

by Howell Estes
Master Gardener Student 2017

Howell has been restoring his own wine grape vineyard for the last three years. Also, in the past year he has attended many OSU Extension classes.

A group of us met at the OSU vineyard with head gardener Laurie Warren. The task: the first pruning of 24 varities of table grapes. Somewhat a daunting endeavor, judging from my own past experience but very crucial to the future of a successful vineyard. Besides myself, two other MG trainees, Marie Poland and Zack Alexopoulos took part with experienced Master Gardeners. After pruning instructions from Laurie, we all began.

With good weather to bolster our spirits we began the pruning. Keep in mind that the fruit some seven plus months in the future will be born on new wood, now just an unopened bud. The challenge is to envision what the new growth coming from the existing spurs and cordons will be like in the weeks and months to come. Even further, using your crystal ball, what will the vine be like when the fruit is ripe and harvest time finally arrives. Although Laurie will assure you that “you can’t kill the vine,” some precision is needed. We leave two buds at the juncture of where we want the new growth to take place, usually a hand’s width apart (at the inner nodes) as these will be your spur. When the explosive vine growth begins in the spring, this is when you will know if you pruned the vine correctly. So ask yourself at the first cut, am I leaving enough buds . . . or too many?

In a few hours that day, the vineyard was completely pruned. It looked good. I was pleased what all of us had accomplished, and I pass along Laurie’s THANK YOU to all participants. There will be a lot more work in the future, but we have laid a good foundation for what lies ahead. To have the initial pruning done this early is very gratifying.
If you have read any of my past articles, you know I have great respect for the work ethic and creativity of the Master Gardener community. Watch how they complete assigned tasks efficiently and with an almost obsessive determination for the greater good.

Sandy Hammond takes her volunteer involvement seriously yet made time to design and construct a yard full of surprises. Sandy and her husband Dennis have created a paradise with yard art using either found objects or a collage of repurposed materials only they could pull off. As you walk through the yard each step is filled with treasures such as frogs and birds, however, the best part is the outdoor kitchen called “The Shelter” that has a fire pit made of rock.

This year for Sandy’s birthday Dennis built a redwood potting station. Like everything he does, it’s well built and has those special finishing touches (like a nearby sink.)

Sandy is a Monday mentor, handles the Garden Guides, is on the SGF committee, has an “in the Garden” segment, will work both in the Mother’s Day booth and Accounting at SGF, supports the yard sale plus volunteers for any classes that might need a hand. Sandy is extraordinarily special and an asset to our JCMGA community.

The 2017 class has many talented gardening enthusiasts willing to step up and work at the Spring Garden Fair this year. I was asked on Wednesday if all the positions are filled and as you can guess my answer was a resounding “NO.” There are many areas to volunteer and we welcome you all to join in and experience the fervor and fun of working at such a large event. You will make friends like Sandy, which will last a lifetime. Please volunteer today. Email Jane Moyer at janemoyer@connpoint.net
It’s Spring and “In the Garden” is back on the air!

by Maxine Cass
Master Gardener 2015

Teresa Reavis inaugurated the fourteenth season of JCMGA’s collaboration with KDRV-TV (Channel 12) with a March 22nd segment on “Frost Hardy Vegetables.” Each year, as TV Studio Garden head gardener, Teresa designs, plants, and tidies up the Extension’s only off-site demonstration garden. Look for her cheerful flowers and vegetables as the “In the Garden” backdrop when she’s not in the raised beds demonstrating a planting technique.

“In the Garden” broadcasts live with host Erin Maxson every Wednesday and Friday on “NewsWatch 12 Midday” shortly after 11:00 AM. Rebroadcasts can be viewed Saturday and Sunday at 8:00 AM on “NewsWatch 12 This Morning”. Previously aired segments are available on the JCMGA website, www.jacksoncountymga.org.


2017 topics this season include pollinators’ host plants, culinary and ornamental herbs, plant buying tips, economical do-it-at-home garden projects, succulents, African violets, marigolds for kids, and many more.

“In the Garden” reaches 50,000 households in the Southern Oregon broadcast area! So, how do the 15 or so Master Gardener speakers prepare to meet the host and thousands of eager, but unseen viewers?

Recently, Robin McKenzie shared meeting the public’s needs in just two to three minutes on air. “I was thinking about a "test" that I do for my subjects. I ask myself, ‘What benefit will this segment provide to the viewer?’ Or, from the viewer’s viewpoint, ‘Why should I care?’ As with her currently scheduled May 24th “Host Plants for Butterflies” segment, Robin says, "It’s just something fun that you may not have known about that you can do in the garden—making more butterflies! So many of the things we do in the garden benefit ‘the environment’ in general, but relating those things as a direct benefit to the viewer can affect more folks to take action.”

Tune in to see your thoughtful, insightful and inspiring Master Gardener colleagues show you what’s fun to do and know about your garden or watch segments on the KDRV website at www.kdrv.com/features/in-the-garden

If you would like to participate as an “In the Garden” speaker or a gardener, we would love to talk to you!

Linda Holder, Co-Chair lholder@charter.net
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• Garden tools
• Horse Equipment
• Power tools
• Tables and lamps
• Yarn and craft items
How Can Grazing Horses Make April Gardening Easier?

by Julie Engleson
Master Gardener 2012

It’s April already...where did the first quarter of the New Year go? Now it will be a race to get everything ready for the summer/fall harvest. Quite frankly, I’m making myself nuts trying to keep up with the weeds! When the weather cooperates I’m out there on patrol, and there is no end in sight! Thus, the need for “distraction” work. I’ll explain this concept, which has kept me from getting lost in the tedium of garden work while still getting things done.

Have you ever watched a horse graze in a pasture? They eat the grass in a circle pattern. When the circle is complete, they make a nearby circle, which usually takes out the grass left in the middle of the first circle (think Spirograph here), and this continues on until all the grass has been consumed in the area where the horse is standing. Then it moves to a different location and begins this process again. This grazing technique is very energy conserving and the horse catches every mouthful of available grass while making circles. My point here is, sometimes being able to move from task to task without feeling a “commitment until finished” to one task works more effectively. You might think you’re “going in circles,” but you eventually get back to the first task, finish it and be happy, without getting bored!

My garden is starting to wake up from its winter slumber, and the daffodils are a lovely sight! There’s only so much I can do with the soil, as it is still too wet. Weeding is making me crazy and I realize it’s an ongoing job, so instead of obsessing about it I’m moving on to other tasks with plans to circle back. So far, this is working for me, and here’s what I’ve decided to do this month:

- It’s time to plant summer and fall bulbs! Plant now for lovely colors later
- Planting grapes? Canes go in now
- Vertical potato bins can be planted now
- Mulch more! This prevents weeds later
- Did you have erosion in your garden due to heavy rains? Repairs happen now

- Divide perennials and share (plant swap?) or plant extras in different locations
- REMEMBER THE SQUEEZE TEST: if a fist-full of soil when squeezed has water run out of it, it’s too soon to turn the soil. If it holds shape and crumbles a bit, you’re ready to plant
- Time to restock garden supplies and clean/sharpen tools

Of course, the minute it warms up we’ll all be outside planting in a mad fury. This will be when so many spring seeds can go into the ground. But don’t forget the last frost, as it can be sneaky. Keep those row-covers, old sheets and towels handy, and remember this above all: GARDENING IS FUN! If you’re not having fun in your garden, consider switching out your chores. Sometimes that’s all it takes to keep up the momentum and still get it all done. Happy gardening!
Rhizom-zilla and the Student Master Gardener

by Karen Finnegan
Master Gardener Student 2017

As a novice Master Gardener you will be constantly upended by ah and aha moments, the wonder of it all. So be prepared, around week six you will be introduced to yet another OMG moment secreted in the examination of the bulb family.

Among the bulbs, the corms, the tubers...the rhizome! If you have been led to believe the rhizome is merely a root structure, an underground stem that runs parallel to the ground, stores nutrients and directs the growth pattern of a plant—you are right, but it is that and much more. It is the support system for many of our edibles (ginger, turmeric, rhubarb, asparagus). It is the underpinning for legions of flowering perennials (Irish, Lily of the Valley, Hosta, Canna, Agapantha, to name just a few).

But hold on. The rhizome family spectrum is wide and varied. It includes the lowly Ajuga (seen as a beautiful bronze ground cover 6 inches tall with purple flowers to some, but an invasive garden intruder to others). And, wait for it...the rhizome family includes the magnificent Pando.

At Fishlake National Forest, Utah, the Pando (Latin meaning: I spread) is a colony of poplar trees made up of 47,000 tree trunks, covering 106 acres and weighing some 13 million pounds and is a single organism. It is a quaking aspen that began as a single seed and spread by sending up shoots from an expanding root system (dah-dah: the rhizome). Each trunk is genetically identical and no more than 150 years old, but the root system may be the oldest living organism on the planet. The Pando is thought to be 80,000 years old.

1 Truly awesome

1 National Geographic, March 2017, “The Wisdom of the Trees,” pg.71
Majestic Rhubarb

Rhubarb Red breast
When the robin struts out in spring
To the rhubarb it begins to sing
“You’ll only be pie”
But the rhubarb knows why
It shall be no less than king

by Sydney Jordan Brown
Master Gardener 2000

Rhubarb’s crimson red isn’t only competition for spring robins, but a most brilliant sight for all to behold. Along with all that’s blooming, leaves and petioles unfold into miraculous rhubarb crowns.

Rhubarb has been grown for medicinal uses since 2700 BC in China. Many species grow wild in the Western/North-western mountainous regions of China and Tibet. It is also cultivated in Europe and the US. However, it wasn’t used for delicious desserts until the 18th century.

Although sweet when sugared, this superb plant isn’t a fruit but a vegetable. It is often confused with burdock, spinach, Monk’s, and wild rhubarbs, or giant Gunnera. A member of the buckwheat family, rhubarb is high in vitamin C and fiber. Although many species are available, common rhubarb or Rheum x cultorum is the consumable variety. While some say the finest comes from Michigan, Ontario and northern US, rhubarb from one’s own garden is surely the sweetest.

Commercial production in the US is mostly in WA, OR, and MI, where cooler seasons offer good areas to grow rhubarb. Plants often produce for 8-15 years due to being relatively disease and insect free.

Though it tolerates most soils, rhubarb does best in well-drained conditions with slight to moderate acidity, high in organic matter, in full sun or with some afternoon filtered shade. Seeds are inconsistent and raised beds recommended. Space plants 2’-4’ apart, with roots 2”-3” below soil level in oversized holes filled with composted manure. Firm the soil over roots but not the crowns. Water thoroughly.

Keep your rhubarb happy with regular watering and generous compost mulching. Mulch will also keep it weed free. This majestic plant will thrive for years.

Harvest no stalks the first year, (they’re needed for plant nourishment), but come second spring loyal garden servants may tug out them out. Remove leaves (toxic to humans and animals) before consuming. Store stalks by refrigeration 2-4 weeks, freeze, can or dry.

The mighty Rhubarb plant has many uses. It’s even an additive in handmade paper. Cut stalks can be used to clean pots and pans and leave them gleaming. For hair color, simmer 3 tablespoons of root in 2 cups of water for 15 minutes and then strain after leaving to sit overnight. Pour over hair for a golden tone in light brown or blonde hair. For an insecticide, simmer 2 pounds leaves in 2 pints of water for 15 minutes, strain and mix with a bit of liquid soap then spray to ward off cabbage caterpillars, aphids, and other leaf-eating insects.

Rhubarb has inspired paintings, music, (The Rhubarb Tart Song) and poetry. But, what about that pie?
French Rhubarb Pie

Crust:
1½ cups white whole-wheat flour
½ teaspoon salt
3/4 cup chilled butter or coconut shortening
6-7 tablespoons ice water

By hand or food processor, mix salt with flour then cut in fat just until pea sized clumps form. Sprinkle over ice water and mix until it holds together, adding another 2 teaspoons of ice water if needed to hold together. Roll half of dough to fit a 9” pie plate then fit in bottom. Roll out remaining dough and cut in ½” wide strips. Set aside.

Preheat oven to 425

Filling:
About 2 lbs rhubarb stalks, washed, trimmed and cut in 1” long pieces
1 pint fresh strawberries, washed, hulled and cut in halves or quarters
1 cup organic sugar
¼ cup organic quick cooking tapioca or cornstarch
¼ teaspoon of salt
¼ cup heavy cream
Extra cream or milk

Combine all, except cream, in a bowl and gently mix together. Let sit for about 20 minutes then pour in to lined pan. Drizzle cream over filling. Top with crust strips weaving in a lattice design then sealing by crimping edges together. Brush top with cream or milk then sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon. Bake 30 minutes. Then bake for another 25 minutes at 350. Cool completely on a rack. Serve warm or cold with fresh whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.
Thank you for the hours spent building our Greenhouse tables.

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Doug Kirby
Steve Hassen
Dennis Jackson
Joe Alvord
Pat Dillman
Susan Koenig
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Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7:00 pm
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Register on-line at:
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Follow the registration instructions:
We need your decorated or cleaned pots for our Mother’s Day booth at Spring Garden Fair. We need 200 more. Please bring to the Extension office and place outside the Plant Clinic. Thank you for your generosity!

Do you have “unusual” plants or divided perennials you would like to donate for the Spring Garden Fair?

If so, bring them to the Extension next week

Or email janemoyer@connpoint.net
In order for you to keep up with the latest calls to action or calendar of events please log onto the new website.

Mailchimp sometimes get lost in the shuffle and as a dedicated gardener you don’t want to miss your next opportunity to get volunteer or take an exciting class.

If you have items to post to the public or member calendar please send to info@jacksoncountymga.org.

Don’t forget we now have a classified section that you can post your garden art, tools or soil mixes for sale.

For Students, we have added Moodle and for all members we have “report your hours” sections.

If you are having trouble logging in to the Member section please write for assistance. We need you to log in to test the site and please complete the Survey.
Dear Super Master Gardeners,

I’ve noticed ya’all like munching on goodies when you are working so hard at the Spring Garden Fair.

Seems some of you also like to bake or donate goodies to share, if last year was any indication.

So this year again, we need 6 batches of goodies each day to provide our snack room and the vendor snack room treats. We are looking for batches of 2-dozen cookies, slices of breads, muffins, slices of cake, bars, or doughnuts per volunteer. Another option could be cheese and crackers, or dip and chips. Gluten or sugar free items would be welcome too.

Please bring your goodies to the snack room the morning of your day to volunteer.

Call, text or email with a day you would like to bring your delectable edibles.

Thank you,

Cheryl Foster  
Master Gardener 2014  
caketwin@yahoo.com
While various plants are waking up in the propagation garden, we can’t do a lot of bragging about flowers blooming beyond all the beautiful daffodils, and the promising buds & blossoms on our newly propagated Daphne Odora. However, there are some nice things in our “Neva’s Greenhouse” next to the tool storage trailer. Citrus blossoms smell wonderful, there’s a couple of scented geraniums blooming, Martha Washington geraniums & a real eye-opening red Orchid Cactus. Although we don’t have young clones of all available today, at least you'll have an idea about them when they appear later in our sales area. To gain entry for a curious look-see into this teeny tiny overcrowded greenhouse, just let us know on any Wed. & we’ll be glad to show you through. Nothing we like better than to talk about our favorite subjects.

To all veteran Master Gardeners out there who would like to work in the Propagation Garden, come by and join up! Cloning trees and shrubs is a very rewarding and fun endeavor. The benefits will do your heart good.

We work in the Propagation garden every Wednesday from 9-noon. Come on by!
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Sue announced our onion starts have arrived and the members who ordered onions will be able to pick them up at the Extension in the next few days. Jane showed our Spring Garden Fair posters and they are truly beautiful. In addition to the smaller posters, we will have three extra-large posters, which can be moved, around the valley to different locations as needed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
Among other items, President Hassen informed us Hazel Smith will be attending the International Master Gardener Conference, which is in Oregon this year. She said Hazel is willing to do a ride-share with any other attendees. If they are interested they should contact Hazel. One of the other Master Gardeners who won a scholarship to attend the conference is unable to go, so Bill Hunt will go as the chosen alternate. It was suggested the Master Gardeners who are attending the conference this year should exchange cell numbers so the group can share a lunch or dinner together.

WEB SITE REPORT
Melissa and Cindy introduced our brand, new JCMGA website, and it is impressive. Melissa went through several key areas to show the Board how user-friendly our new site has become. Among several features, there are over four hours of videos, gorgeous plant and flower photos, the Garden Beet Newsletter is in flipbook form, there is a public calendar as well as a private Master Gardener calendar, there is a donation button, a place to shop, there is a volunteer section along with voting and survey capabilities, and the list goes on and on. The time, effort and skill this energetic mother/daughter team expended while creating this incredible website is astounding. After the presentation was completed the Board of Directors gave Cindy and Melissa a much-deserved standing ovation along with our profound thanks for their admirable dedication to this project. This new and improved website will surely enhance all aspects of JCMGA.

CLASS OF 2017
Rhianna said Wednesday, March 15th is the time when all Committee Chairs and veteran Master Gardeners will speak to our new Master Gardener class. Every presenter will have 5 to 10 minutes to introduce their goals, their projects and how the new students can get involved. Rhianna added, once the presentations are finished the students can walk around to different tables to ask questions and get more information about each volunteer opportunity.

TECHNOLOGY
Regina said the Board should think about creating a Technology Committee. She suggested a technology team could focus on building a framework for position succession by following already drafted committee specs. Regina also noted there are many aspects concerning technology that can be developed via committee, rather than using Board time. Once the Technology Committee researches certain practices, products and technology related issues those ideas could be recommended to the Board for adoption. Thoughtful discussion followed, and a motion was made and seconded to form a Standing Technology Committee.

NEXT MEETING: April 7th, 2017
Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Tilley Case
Recording Secretary
Master Gardener 2015

Photos by Cindy Tilley Case
April 2017

Beet Box

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9:00am-12:00pm

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Top 10 Beneficial Insects to Know & Love

April 11

3:00-5:00pm

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April 18

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Sydney Stuckey

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