

Garden Beet

Newsletter of the Jackson County Master Gardener™ Association

"This morning as I sit writing, the scent of flowers perfumes the air and fetches long forgotten memories."



Snowballs, Lilacs and Irises

by **Kate Hassen**
President
Master Gardener 2013

I grew up in a rural farming community. Our small town had several churches, a couple grocery stores, a hardware store, and two gas stations. But no flower shop. For weddings, showers, graduations, and funerals the local gardeners provided flowers as decorations. And at this time of year, the flowers were always snowballs, irises and lilacs.

At my high school graduation, which this year will be 50 years ago, the gardeners of the town provided countless bouquets of this triple threat of posies. Their delightful fragrance wafted throughout the gym covering nicely the sweaty gym-sock smell it usual sported. And although our school colors were red and blue, every year the graduation flowers were always the purple and white of irises, snowballs and lilacs.

The donation of those flowers confirmed to me that my community was proud of my accomplishments and supported my entry into adulthood. My love affair with flowers took another turn that graduation day. I fully recognized that flowers have meaning beyond beauty and scent. When given freely, they represent love and generosity.

Generosity abounds in JCMGA as well. The Spring Garden Fair is a superb example. Although I would love to list all the members who so generously gave of their time to make the Spring Garden Fair successful, it would not make for an interesting article. It is a fair estimate to say that hundreds of you stepped up to help out. However, there are a few who I would like to personally thank.

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Thank you

Co-chairs My Co-chairs, Linda Holder, Jane Moyer and Kari Gies are certainly first on the list to thank. Since January they have been meeting, sometimes weekly, working towards a successful event. Their generosity of heart has been an inspiration.

Volunteers To those who rounded up volunteers, who kept us fed, who sold tickets or took tickets or watched doors, managed the money, swept the floors and all the others who gave so generously of your time and energy.



Plant flowers in others' gardens and your life becomes a bouquet! – Unknown

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Our site manager and his assistants, Scott Goode, Joe Alvord, and Chris Hjerrild represent another example of bigheartedness. They, along with the area managers, Jan Carlson, Marty Kaminker, Juliette Van Weeghel, Heidi Martins, Sue Van Hoose, and Helyn Thomas, organized and kept the show rolling. Not an easy job considering we had over 110 vendors.

The behind the scenes work done by Marcie Kaminker and Kathy Detweiler to ensure that vendors came to the fair was beyond generosity. There would have been **no** fair without their energy and dedication. At the fair, they handled last minute cancellations and entries with aplomb making sure the vendors were happy.

Cindy Williams and our publicity committee worked long hours beginning in January to ensure that our event was well publicized. Jolene Monheim was extremely generous to donate the lovely artwork that was our Spring Garden Fair poster. The talent of these extremely talented individuals brought the touch of class to our event.

At the risk of sounding corny, it takes a village to put on the Spring Garden Fair. And like the town with no flower shop, we all stepped up to donate when the need arose. The beauty and scent of our time spent working together is filling the air. We, at JCMGA, have more than irises, snowballs and lilacs – we have a generosity of spirit.



PEGGY'S PROPAGATION GARDEN

In the **tents**, we have dwarf Lawrence Crocker Daphne, Mozart Rosemary (the darkest blue you've ever seen,) flowering Pomegranate, 2 kinds: orange blossoms (one a 2-tone,) evergreen Azaleas



(purple in color,) Andromeda, another name is Pieris Japonica or Lily of the Valley Shrub. Our pink Crepe Myrtle is just barely starting to leaf out. For a photo op, our columbine has been blooming in the garden... all colors: blue, pink, white, singles and doubles like Grannies Bonnet type. We have lots of hydrangeas: pink lace cap & a variety of mop heads from Sharon Mauren's garden.



by **Peggy Corum**
Master Gardener 1989

We want to encourage members to peruse our sales area often. This is the season when we are transplanting rooted goodies from our tents, to make room for the new cuttings. Needless to say, every week we are adding to the sales area. And then we need customers to empty out our sales area to make room for the new transplants. Does this sound like a vicious circle? It really isn't, because we are enjoying every minute of it. We offer good prices, then those monies are turned in to provide working funds for all the beautiful gardens around the Extension area. There is always work in progress here providing good walks for interested Gardeners.

MESSAGE TO Old.....no,
VETERAN MASTER GARDENERS: If you would like to join us, working in the propagation gardens 9 am till noon on Wednesdays, we would love to have you. There's no such thing as pay, but if you are lusting for a particular plant, just ask the Head Gardener, Peggy Corum. If it has not already been promised to someone else, the answer would probably be "it's yours", or we would try to propagate one, or help you propagate one. Such a deal, right?!

See you soon!

Saturday, June 10 Growing and Cooking with Herbs 10:30-3:00pm Rosenelle Florencechild & Ellen Scannell,
MGs In the morning, learn about lavender (growing, harvesting & pruning). In the afternoon, learn to cook
with lavender & culinary herbs.

Pre-register and pay online <http://bit.ly/JacksonMG2017>

Spring Garden Fair SUCCESS!

by **Tenise Jackson**
Master Gardener 2017

Wow! Yet another successful Spring Garden Fair has come and gone. I can't believe it's all over. Did you get a chance to come by and check it out? I have to say it was a totally different experience for me this time around. Normally, I bolt out of bed on opening day and beat feet to the Expo just to shop 'til I drop. However, this time around instead of being a customer I actually had the pleasure of working at the fair as a Master Gardener. What a giant undertaking this event entails. Watching it all come together was quite amazing.

The Spring Garden Fair takes months of planning and organizing. There are so many people involved to make it all possible. I felt like I was just a teeny tiny little piece of the puzzle. The Thursday before opening day I helped to set up the Master Gardener plant booth. The weather was quite warm which made it very humid inside the Expo. It felt like summer was coming on real fast, but as we hauled and put together shelving we discussed how the weather would bring cooler temps in the next day or two. Thank goodness! We continued to move tables to fit inside the booth just right. Myriads of plants were transported, placed and rearranged in their specific spots. As the hours went by, you could see how our hard work was paying off. To watch the booth go from completely empty to full of greenery was awe-inspiring. Booth set up success!

Opening day of the fair, weather predictions were true with the lower temps. It was cool with a slight breeze. Clouds hung in the air with the threat of possible rain later in the day. Many people I noticed were wearing jackets or warm vests, long sleeves and pants. I personally thought the weather made for a very pleasant fair actually. If any of you have experienced an event at the Expo during real hot summer days you know it can be a tad unpleasant. I felt like it was perfect weather for a perfect spring time fair. Weather success!

I had a cool job of being a door host for a lot of Saturday. I got to greet all kinds of people with a smile and "Welcome to the Spring Garden Fair!" I had so many fun conversations about what customers intended to buy or what they had already purchased. I found myself "ooing" and "awing" over some of the absolutely amazing plants and décor that was leaving the Expo that day. I think my most favorite part of my job was holding the door open for those that had arm and wagon loads



of plants. "Happy gardening and thank you for coming to the fair. Hope to see you again next year," I'd say. I won't ever forget the responses from the folks that would say, "Next year? Are you kidding me? I'm coming back TOMORROW!" Haha! Now that is Spring Garden Fair success right there, don't ya think?

Near the end of the day, my door host shift came to AN end. It was finally time to go shopping. I didn't have much time to detail every single booth like I have in the past but the cool thing is that since I helped set up for the fair and was there for most of the day I knew exactly which booths I wanted to check out. Want to know what I got? I bought an Old Mans Walking Stick plant! What is that, you say? It has many different names, but it's a European filbert! Did you know that? I sure didn't. I love how gnarly and twisty the branches are. I also love that I learn something new every year at Spring Garden Fair. I purchased some comfrey for a great chop and drop amendment for my soil, too; and I decided to also buy a vintage spade and pitchfork, which I learned how to clean up and sharpen in Master Gardener's class. How cool is that? More success!

I left the Spring Garden Fair feeling a sense of satisfaction and fulfillment. I am very proud to have been a part of such an amazing event. It was not only just a success for me, but for the Jackson County Master Gardeners Association, and our community, as well. As gardeners we all want the same thing, right? To grow successful gardens, yards and landscapes. The Spring Garden Fair brings us all together in one place to obtain and learn how to do just that. With great anticipation, I look forward to next year's fair. I really hope to see you there. Until then, friends, happy SUCCESSFUL gardening!

Saturday, June 24 *Seasonal Maintenance: Summer Spruce Up 12:30-3:00pm This Seasons Color Learn what to plant, how to deadhead, and what seasonal maintenance should occur in Summer to pump up the color. 4-part series

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by **Cindy Williams**
Editor
Master Gardener 2014

Can we all take a deep breath? Breathe in.... Breathe out at least four times. Studies show that four is the magic number to calming your heart rate and in turn calming yourself in stressful situations.

During the pre-Spring Garden Fair six months, yes, it takes a minimum of six months to publicize an event this size. I had the opportunity to work with Jolene Monheim. The artist, that for the past two years has created the



beautiful artwork for our advertisements, Spring Garden Fair Guide, posters, t-shirts, and totes. I have dealt with artists for 30 years and there is always that one thread that makes them great, their ability to transform their vulnerabilities, ideas and thoughts into pictures and make us feel through their artwork. Many don't

understand what it takes to be an artist and put your creative talent up for criticism or praise. This makes you vulnerable in a ways few comprehend.

I asked Jeff Monheim, Jolene's husband to write a few sentences about his wife and within a few minutes he came back with these beautiful words:

"Jolene is a person of many talents, interests and passions. She's a physical therapist, who ran a successful private practice for 17 years in Great Falls, Montana. She is also a yoga instructor and Watsu practitioner. She loves dance, especially Argentine Tango, and wellness activities of all types. My wife is one of the most creative people I've ever known. She is a fine art photographer who photographs dancers underwater, evoking dreamlike images using Photoshop to composite various images together. She can visualize and make manifest a lovely garden out of a nondescript barren space. She is most at home in our backyard garden, surrounded by flowers, butterflies, humming birds, and dragonflies,

She was born in Montana and has lived in Alaska and Mexico. We met in Great Falls Montana 33 years ago, when I was a special ed teacher and she was a PT working in the same school system. She and I moved to the Rogue Valley in 2012 and were part of the 2014 Master Gardener class. We have two grown sons and four delightful grandchildren.

Both of us love animals of all kinds, and we have a houseful! One of Jolene's great passions is connecting with others on a deep



level. This not only includes the special people in her life, but also with our two dogs, our parrots and even the koi in our pond. She was the only one of my girlfriends who actually wanted to meet me because of my exotic animal collection, and that has been my good fortune!"

My hat is off to Jolene Monheim for sharing her creative talent and vulnerabilities with the Jackson County Master Gardener Associations Spring Garden Fair two years in a row.

The Spring Garden Fair is past so let's revel in a well-organized and well-attended event. All volunteers did their jobs with enthusiasm and dedication.

Master Gardeners are special people trying to give back to a community well deserving of their time. If we change the life of even one person by teaching them how to grow their own food we have been successful. I have written many times that I love the Rogue Valley and being apart of the Master Gardener Association. It was a pleasure being part of publicity and marketing team and thank all the volunteers for their valuable time.

I hope you realize that without your help we are nothing; with you we are everything.

Saturday, July 1 *Summer Cover Crops (2 of 3 series) 12:30-3:00pm Scott Goode, Master Gardener
 This is a special, educational work party for the food security garden. Learn to prep the soil, and then plant summer cover crops.

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Gardening is Exercise

by **Bruce Mendelson MSPT, Ph.D.,**
Master Gardener 2017



Some have described gardening as the ultimate mind-body workout. Gardening gets us moving, builds strength, endurance and, if performed correctly, increases flexibility and balance. Gardening also sparks creativity and helps us decrease stress and relax (as long as your loving dog doesn't dig up all of your hard work). However, as we all know, that Monday after the first weekend of heavy gardening activity can leave us sore, stiff and even grumpy. It

can be beneficial to prepare your body for gardening. Proper preparation can make you a more efficient gardener and enable you to use the gardening experience as productive exercise for your body and mind.

For overall cardiovascular health, the American Heart Association recommends at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic activity at least 5 days per week. This should be combined with some vigorous aerobic activity and strengthening. Gardening is considered moderate-intensity exercise. When gardening, we use all of the major muscle groups that do most of the calorie burning in the human body. Your legs, buttocks, shoulders, stomach, arms, neck, and back all get a workout. Recent research indicates that efficient gardening can lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels, help prevent diabetes and heart disease, and help prevent osteoporosis. You may even live longer. This is all good news for gardeners.

Typical calories burned in 30 minutes of:

Sitting quietly: 40
Mowing (push with motor): 182
Mowing lawn (push mower): 243
Raking: 162
Planting seedlings: 162
Planting trees: 182
Trimming shrubs (manual): 182
Weeding: 182
Digging, spading, tilling: 202
General gardening: 202
Hatha Yoga: 178
Bicycling: 311
Hiking: 266

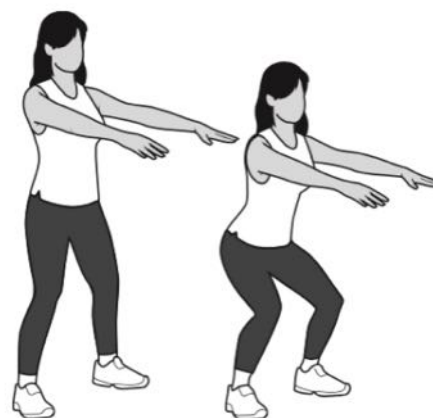
Prepare your body for Gardening:

Get at least 20 to 30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise per day. Most people who work in the garden work for at least 45 minutes to an hour at a time. In the off season, and on days that you aren't in the garden, find a way to walk, swim, use an elliptical trainer or bicycle to keep your heart and lungs trained in good shape. Strengthen and stretch your lower body and core to prepare for shoveling, weeding pushing a wheelbarrow etc. Some good exercises are:

• Body Weight Squats:

- Stand with your feet shoulder distance apart.
- Look straight ahead, and keep your back straight.
- Lower yourself by pushing your butt backwards.
- Keep your knees over your heels as you descend.
- Push back up by driving through your heels.
- Stop if you have any knee pain
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Perform 2-3 sets of 5-25 repetitions, at least 3 times per week



Tuesday, July 18 Summer Survival Tips 3:00-5:00pm Master Gardeners
It's hot, and your garden is stressed. These tips will help you and your plants cool off and enjoy the sun.

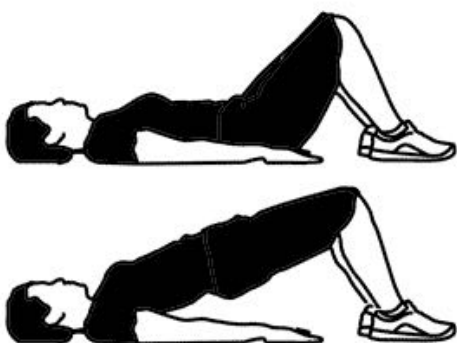
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Gardening is Exercise cont'd...

• Bridges:

- Lie flat on the floor on your back with the hands by your side and your **knees** bent.
- Your feet should be placed around **shoulder** width apart
- Pushing mainly with your heels, lift your **hips** off the floor while keeping your back straight.

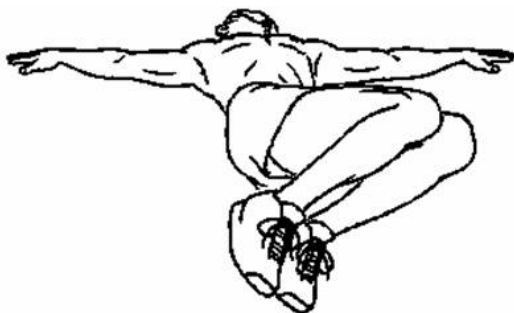
Perform 2-3 sets of 10-15 repetitions at least 3 times per week.



• Lower Trunk Rotations:

- Start on your back with your knees bent and your feet flat on the floor
- With your knees together, bring them to one side until you feel a good stretch. Hold for 10-20 seconds
- Contract your abdominal muscles while moving your legs to the opposite side, again holding for 10-20 seconds.

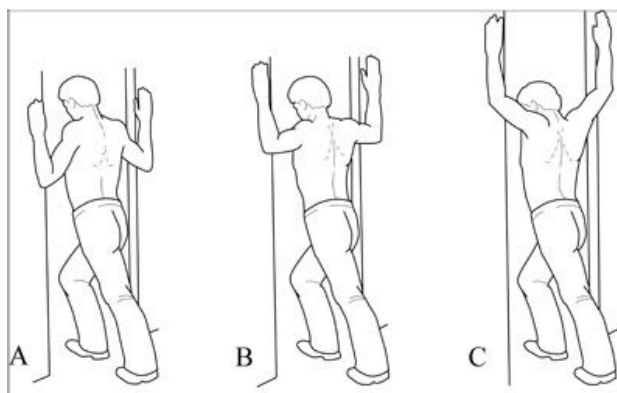
Perform 3-5 repetitions on each side, at least 3 times per week



• Chest Stretch:

- Stand in a doorway and brace your forearms against its sides
- Keeping your upper arms at shoulder level, tense your stomach muscles and straighten your back
- Now lean your *upper body* forward so you feel a stretch inside your chest. Hold this position for 10-30 seconds.

Perform 3-10 repetitions on each side, at least 3 times per week



Some other helpful hints to help prevent gardening injuries:

- Do one or two sets of the exercises described above before gardening.
- Don't do one activity for too long. Try to limit the time spent on any one activity to 20 minutes.
- Lift correctly (back in neutral, bending knees) and use your legs and abdominal muscles.
- Keep hydrated, as dehydration leads to poor musculoskeletal and mental performance. Drink a glass of water before you begin gardening and another glass every 30-45 minutes that you working in the garden.
- Try to use both sides of the body when working in the garden, for example when digging, change the digging foot routinely.
- Do some post-gardening stretches and keep stretching regularly.

These practices should lead to more pleasurable experiences before, during and after working in the garden. Have fun!

Tuesday, July 25 *Guided Garden Tour: Summer Bloomer Buffet 10:00-11:30am Master Gardeners
Take a guided tour of the Extension demonstration gardens to see first-hand what perennials still look great in the heat.

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by **Sydney Jordan Brown**
Master Gardener 2000

June is such a sensually satisfying time of year. Pedaling my bike along in the predawn stillness, a hint of the first rays of morning sunlight penetrates the skyline by 4 am. It's a time when multitudes of alluring perfumes permeate the air and stimulate the senses.

While whiffs of sweet pea and evergreen clematis still linger, it's that oh so sweet aroma of ripening strawberries that starts the onset of summer's sensational stage. "Doubtless God could have made a better berry, but doubtless God never did". Dr. William Butler definitely said it all with that quote I wholly believe. But who named them strawberries?

While there are many theories about the naming of this berry, the following two are more likely true with both deriving from the first syllable "straw". Straw as a particle, chaff, or mote easily describes the achenes (tiny yellow seeds) scattered over the berries' surfaces. The second theory is "stray" or "strew" refers to spreading runners straying all over and seems the most popular

view. Whichever you choose, the runners of this plant are yet another benefit for bringing us new plants to replace their predecessors. Perusing as I ride along, I recollect how these remark

able berries were well known by early Greeks and Romans. Wild American and French strawberries were crossbred by 1624 and commercially grown in eastern American cities by 1800. Moving west with the pioneers, strawberries grew at the Hudson Bay Post in Vancouver, WA by 1836. However, we Oregonians didn't get a taste of their rich, red, heart-shaped sweetness until 1846 when Henderson Luelling and his family arrived from Iowa with two extra wagons carrying fruit and nut trees along with berry plants.

Although we likely can't smell those long ago berries still growing so prolifically in the Willamette Valley, we can smell those thriving right here in our own back yard. Since the 1880's, starting with a chance discovered seedling found near Mt Tabor, varieties have been developed and improved upon allowing us to savor these delicious fruits.

A "Five Ton Club" was developed to encourage Oregon growers to harvest five tons per commercial acre during the 1950's. Although California is the leading grower in the US with some 20 tons per acre, Oregon is a distant

third behind Florida with Totem, Tillamook and Hood varieties making up 70% of production. Given competition, some Oregon growers are looking to the Far East markets as well, offering berries now offered fresh at farmers' markets instead of being shipped elsewhere.

Beyond their consuming, Shakespeare had Desdemonda's handkerchief decorated with strawberries in Othello, and Madame Tallien of Napoleon's court bathed in strawberry juice. In parts of Bavaria some folk practice a rite in spring of tying baskets of strawberries to cows' horns as an elf offering hoping for healthy calves and milk production. American Indians already consumed strawberries before colonists arrived, and the first botanical strawberry illustration was in Herbaries in 1454.

However, for all the lore, there's still nothing like those growing in our own gardens, especially day neutral varieties that usually bear until the frost nips them in late autumn. So as they redden towards their peak ripeness, who can resist plucking at least one dew-dripped berry even in the wee hours of the morning or sharing strawberry custards warm from the oven?

Fresh Strawberry Custards

Makes four (recipe easily doubles)

2 cups fresh smaller sized strawberries, washed, stemmed and quartered

¼ cup white whole wheat flour

4 tablespoons of organic sugar

¼ teaspoon salt

Zest from one lemon (Meyer is preferable)

2 extra large eggs

1 teaspoon good quality vanilla extract

½ cup low fat vanilla Greek yogurt

¼ cup low fat sour cream

2 tablespoons sweet cream butter (unsalted) melted

Ground mace

Preheat oven to 400°. Spray 4 low-sided, 4" wide, single serving ceramic quiche dishes with pan release. Gently mix strawberries with 1 tablespoon of the sugar then spoon in dishes dividing evenly between them. Stir together the remaining sugar, flour, salt and lemon zest in a medium bowl. Whisk in the eggs, vanilla, yogurt, sour cream, and melted butter until all is thoroughly mixed. Top berries with custard mixture, dividing equally between dishes. Lightly sprinkle with mace. Place custards atop jelly roll pan then place in oven and bake for about 22-25 minutes until tops are golden. Remove from oven and let cool for 10 minutes before lavishly adorning with fresh whipped cream and a whole strawberry.



Tuesday, August 8 Soil Building with Cover Crops 3:00-5:00pm Scott Goode; Master Gardener
Plant a cover crop to boost the tilth in your soil over the fall and winter. Know what and when to plant for soil health.

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Things to do in The Garden for June



by **Julie Engleson**
Master Gardener 2012

First things, first:
CONGRADULATIONS to ALL
THOSE HARD-WORKING
MASTER GARDENERS that
made the SPRING GARDEN
FAIR SUCCESSFUL!! A HUGE
THANK YOU to you all...you
ARE what makes our whole
program work, and YOU are
ALL ROCK-STARS!!! This IS
also why the Jackson County
Master Gardeners Association is
such a great place to volunteer:
we put the TEAM in

TEAMWORK!! Now, onto much needed vacations...

Or, time to focus on planting your own garden, now that the Fair is behind us. Fortunately, as we are having a late spring this year, you've still got lots of time to plant and grow those fruits, flowers and veggies! June is "The Growing Month," as this month has the longest days and the most gravitational pull on the planet – said to aide in rapid plant growth. Just about everything else can be planted in the garden this month, with many plants doing excellent from direct seeding. If you haven't tried to grow cucurbits from seeds, try it this year. For some reason, these plants experience 'transplant shock' much longer than other plants do, so it becomes easier to just pop the seeds into the soil. The experimenter that I am, I actually had a growth "race" with cantaloupes a couple of years ago. I started seeds in peat pots, and then four weeks later, I planted the same seeds in hills. One hill had my seed starts planted in them, and the other I direct-seeded. It took the same amount of time for the seeds to germinate and grow true leaves as it did for the transplants to come out of their shock. In other words, there was no time gained (for the peat-potted plants) in the "growth-race" experiment.

It is an excellent time now to plant for pollinators and beneficial insects. Planting pink flowers attracts hummingbirds and butterflies (zinnias, petunias, sage, bee-balm) while the bees just love poppies, lavender and borage. Other favorites are Black-eyed Susan's, cat-mint, and other various flowering herbs. The most surprising herb I've planted that was COVERED with bees was a lime-scented thyme plant. This plant also works well to repel mosquitoes...which leads me to the next garden tid-bit. This year we WILL have a problem with mosquitoes, as we've had so much rain. It's now time to check for standing water in pots, tires, buckets, plastic and any planter tray that fills up. These become

ideal places for mosquitoes to lay egg larvae. If you get rid of their breeding source, you won't have as many around. This also includes tall blackberry bushes and teasel plants. These plants' leaves form cups where water collects and stagnates...perfect place for mosquitoes to lay eggs.

On top of planting, if you have lettuces coming up, it'll soon be bolting (when the heat comes around). Don't forget to pick lettuces often, share if you have to. The more you cut these plants the more they'll produce until it becomes too hot. Right now is also the *perfect time* to cut and dry any herbs you'll be storing for winter use. Just before herbal plants flower is when the oils in their leaves are the highest, lending to excellent flavor when dried. Your Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners will appreciate this tip, not to mention giving these dried bundles away as gifts to your favorite cooks...they'll love getting those!

The three last things I plan to do are: hill my potatoes (keep mounding up the soil for more potatoes later), mulch thoroughly around all your plants now for water-conservation later in the hot summer, and double-check your irrigating system! Whether you use garden hoses, soaker hoses, sprinkler system or drip irrigation system, a quick but thorough check will keep your water bill lower and your plants happier. There's nothing worse than going on vacation, and not checking the timer on your garden watering needs. I have come home to "All Things Dead" before, and it's devastating! A new battery would have been an easy prevention. Live and learn, experiment A LOT, and HAPPY GARDENING!!!



Saturday, September 9 *Seasonal Maintenance: Fall into Place 12:30-3:00pm This Seasons Color
Learn what to plant, how to deadhead, and what seasonal maintenance should occur in the Fall. 4-part series

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by **Maxine Cass**

Master Gardener 2015

The merry month of May danced on KDRV-TV air with two Spring Garden Fair previews, watched by doves sitting a second brood on nearby broadcasting equipment!



Maxine Cass

Jane Moyer advised viewers how to care for Fair-bought plants and Laurin Parker showed off the Fair's Mother's Day booth basket and boot pots. Sandy Hammond followed up with the basics of frost date planting.

Teresa Reavis tackled hanging baskets and cosmos. Ronnie Budge

planted tomatoes and Erin Krenzer previewed her "Eating Weeds--and loving it" class.

Robin McKenzie talked about host plants for butterflies and Maxine Cass followed with pollinator-attracting native plants.

The In the Garden team rolls up its summer gardening sleeves this month with single plant spotlights on dandelions and marigolds (for kids!), colorful shade plants, and previews of Summer Spruce Up and Summer Cover Crops Master Gardener Classes.

Tune in to KDRV Channel 12 Newswatch Midday on Wednesday and Friday between 11:00 to 11:30 or stream "In the Garden" on your computer (<http://www.kdrv.com>) to see your fellow Master Gardeners. Segments repeat the following weekend.



Saturday, September 16 *Guided Garden Tour: Flowers of Shakespeare 10:00-11:30am Rhonda Nowak, MG Tours would include historical facts and stories about particular plants, famous literary references, as well as practical tips for growing

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Children's Garden Program: Growing Gardens, Growing Minds

Summer 2017 classes begin after school ends in June and continue through August.

Two classes meet once a week on alternate weeks, offering six sessions for each class. The program consists of age-appropriate gardening activities for children 5-8 years old and 9-13 years old, with a maximum of 36 students in each class. The number of children accepted is limited to the number of adult group leader volunteers for groups of 6 children. Our goal is to provide a high-quality, enjoyable gardening and learning experience. The program received the Award of Excellence in 2003 and 2013.

Each session begins at 9:30 a.m. with "hands on" time in the garden, beginning with planting seeds and starter plants, and continuing with watering, weeding, learning how to problem solve plant problems as they arise and harvesting as the season progresses. Around 10:15, a light snack is served (veggies, fruit, popcorn), and then it's time for crafts and exploring garden-related topics, such as garden safety, recycling and earth stewardship. Classes end at noon. The last session is a pizza party, during which participants make their own mini-pizza with produce grown in the garden. Parents are welcome to stay throughout the program and are encouraged to assist with activities. Cost of the program is \$10 per child. Children are accepted into the program as completed registration forms and checks are received.



Children's Garden Classes – 2017

Class 1	Class 2
June 22	June 29
July 6	July 13
July 20	July 27
August 3	August 10
August 17	August 24
August 31 (Harvest Party)	August 31 (Harvest Party)



For more information, contact Patches at 541-857-0357 or robertaheinz1@msn.com

Saturday, September 30 *Fall Cultivation Techniques (3 of 3 series) 12:30-3:00pm Scott Goode, Master Gardener
This is a special, educational work party for the food security garden. Learn to cultivate the soil without tilling for fall cover crops.

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SOU YOUTH Summer Better Than Others

is delighted to be hosting a unique opportunity for young nature lovers interested in Botany!



Summer Better Botany Investigators Day Camp

Did you know that there are about 400,000 plant species on planet Earth? Plants that provide food, flavor, resin, oils, rubber, medicine and more so that we can survive directly influence the daily existence of human beings. You'll conduct field and laboratory research through hands on activities like preparing slides, looking at the inner workings of plant cells through a microscope and gathering plant specimens for identification. Explore the power of plants in this amazing new camp!

Session I: Ages 10-13, July 10-14, M-F, 9:00-12:00

Session II: Ages 10-13, July 24-28, M-F, 9:00-12:00

Instructor **Shelly Bursick** holds a Ph.D. in Forest Ecology and a Ph.D. in Space and Planetary Sciences, Quasar Astronomy from the University of Arkansas. She has 15 years of experience sharing her love of science and mathematics with youth in a variety of educational programs across the United States and Canada.

Registration and information

at: <https://inside.sou.edu/youth/summer/index.html>



Monday, October 9 Deer Resistant and Still Beautiful 3:00-5:00pm Bonni Criswell, Master Gardener
Just because you have deer, doesn't mean you can't have an incredible garden. Learn what to plant despite the deer.

Pre-register and pay online <http://bit.ly/JacksonMG2017>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MAY 12TH, 2017



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Hammond is currently setting up for JCMGA's Annual Yard Sale. This year we will be selling all the leftover Spring Garden Fair plants at the yard sale for half price. Susan Koenig said we are moving forward with writing a grant requesting funds from the Oregon

Master Gardener Association. Rhianna shared our new Plant Clinic business cards. Cindy Tilley Case announced the JCMGA Clothing Committee sales are nearing the \$2,500.00 mark, and she added she is still getting clothing items to Master Gardeners. Cindy said the Clothing Committee will be doing a second clothing order in a few months. Kari Gies informed the Board she would be sending out an e-mail inviting all participants to the Spring Garden Fair Wrap-Up party. John Koebel said the Outreach Seed to Supper Program at his place went well.

GARDEN GUIDES

Regina Boykins reported our revised *Garden Guide* is finally finished and ready for a final proofreading. Regina also volunteered to spearhead the effort to get our other *Garden Guide* book revised. She asked for volunteers who are willing to help with that new project. President Hassen took a moment to formally thank Regina for her endless hours of work and attention to detail in bringing the *Garden Guide* project to completion. The Board gave Regina a hearty round of applause.

SPRING GARDEN FAIR

Co-Chairs; Linda Holder, Jane Moyer and Kari Gies said, "We survived!" There was much positive feedback and the Chairs promised a complete report for SGF will be given at our June 2nd meeting. Kari reminded the Board there will be a wrap-up event next Friday. Kendra took many photographs at SGF and she is creating a slide show especially for the event. We had our SGF vendors

fill out a feedback card before they leave on the last day, and one vendor gave us a wonderful suggestion. They wrote we should create vendor space card numbers that can be placed on our future vendors' dashboards. That way, if a vendor's vehicle is blocked, they can ask the information booth to announce the vendor number. Most vendors were extremely pleased and said they'd be back in 2018. President Hassen said all of our Master Gardeners did a phenomenal job and should be proud of their work at SGF 2017.

PEANUT

Rhianna delighted the JCMGA Board by making the surprise announcement that she and her husband are expecting a new baby! She has affectionately nicknamed her little, son-to-be ~ Peanut. No doubt he'll be a mini Master Gardener in the making. Congratulations Rhianna from your Master Gardener family.



NEXT MEETING: June 2nd, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Tilley Case
 Recording Secretary
 Master Gardener 2015

Thursday, October 26 *Guided Garden Tour: Fall Color Must Haves 10:00-11:30am Master Gardeners
 Take a guided tour of the Extension demonstration gardens to see first-hand what trees, shrubs, and perennials still look great in Fall.

Pre-register and pay online <http://bit.ly/JacksonMG2017>

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