Oh, deer!

Bulbs bloom the first year and then never repeat. In Oregon, with the longer, colder winters, I felt the need for early spring color, and bulbs are a great counterpoint to the end-of-winter blahs. The first fall of my new garden, I planted many tulips, which dutifully came up and prepared to open their blooms right on schedule. I had a lovely display — for 1 day. Then the deer found them. Every bloom was gone within a morning. To add insult to injury, when they finished with the tulips, they munched on the new growth of my roses for dessert. AAUGH!

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As I ponder plant selections for my fledgling garden, I wonder. Will I be summarily expelled from the neighborhood if I fail to plant what I’ve come to think of as the East Medford trio: barberry, nandina, and pampas grass (let me immediately state that I already have the requisite photinia)? I’m pretty sure every front garden in my neighborhood deploys these three

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Marching for the Spring Garden Fair

by Sandy Hammond
Master Gardener 2015

What a perfect day for a parade. Great weather, great friends, lots of laughs and fun.

On Saturday, April 13, a group of Master Gardeners walked the Medford Pear Blossom Parade.

There were 10 Master Gardeners and one spouse. The participants were Cynthia Thompson and husband Scott, Helyn Thomas, Pam Bos, Jane Moyer, Betty Silva, Linda Holder, Sandy Hammond, John Kobal, Ronnie Budge and Lynn Knustman.

We met at the Marshall’s parking lot at 9:15 a.m., and walked to our staging area on N. Central. We waited until 11 when the parade began to start. During our wait we were entertained by South Medford High School marching band and several other parade entrants.

We passed out approximately 5,000 Spring Garden Fair rack cards with much merriment and enthusiasm. Our route was 1.8 miles. Most made it all the way, some dropped out early because they ran out of rack cards. Four of the walkers carried or wore SGF yard signs. Ronnie Budge and Jane Moyer were the last to hit the finish line, with nothing left but a smile and flashing a yard sale sign.

How lucky we all felt to belong such a wonderful organization.

Master Gardener comments:
What I loved the best was that after Jane and I ran out of rack cards, we walked along the edges of the road holding up our lawn signs. We were strolling along (I don't know how we got so far behind the rest of you) and various bands passed us by. As each one came along, I found myself bouncing to the music while waving my sign. The people on the sidewalk seemed to get a kick out of it all and shouted out "First weekend in May" and "I'll be there!" Next year I think some of us should plan just to walk with the signs while others pass out the rack cards. Each one reinforces the message of the other.

– Ronnie Budge

Yes! It was a great day I had a blast!!

– Pamela Bos

We loved it! New friends with a great purpose! Love the wisdom and stories of better days! Helps bring our future generations something rich and amazing to carry on! I’m so very blessed to know each one of you! I am honored to be a part of something truly given freely to others with hardworking, strong, leaders in our community!

– Cynthia Thompson

It was fun!

– Lynn Knustman

I totally agree with what everyone has said – it was a fun day and we interacted with the community which is where we should be. The more we get out there the more we’ll become a household name!

– Linda Holder
40th annual
Jackson County Master Gardener Association

Spring Garden Fair 2019

Jackson County EXPO
1 Peninger Road
Central Point OR 97502

Free Parking
General Admission: $3
Ages 12 and under: free

Saturday May 4th 9 - 5pm
Sunday May 5th 10 - 4pm
Over 100 Exhibitors

http://www.jacksoncountymga.org
541-227-1358

Visitors interested in having their well water tested should bring a one cup sample
Keep the Spring Garden Fair Raffle in mind when shopping

By Kathy Detweiler
Master Gardener 2015

Everybody loves a good raffle, especially when it's for a good cause!

The 2019 Spring Garden Fair will again include a raffle booth with gardening items.

The money we raise goes into the general fund to financially support community gardens, the SOREC Demonstration Gardens, the Children’s Garden Program, Seed to Supper, scholarships, school grants and all the other worthwhile JCMGA projects.

We love giving back to our community and as our mission states, “We learn, practice and teach the art and science of gardening in the Rogue Valley.”

This year the Spring Garden Fair Raffle Booth is looking for new unique donations that are specific to gardening. For example:

- A grouping of tools
- Bird houses
- Garden art
- Lawn mowers/power tools
- Gardening gift baskets
- Grow lights for seedlings

You are all creative and probably have ideas of your own. Think about garden-focused items you would buy win, and you’ll have a good idea of what we’d appreciate receiving.

Remember that you can also purchase a $25 to $50 gift card to donate.

Please write me and share what you can donate.

Donated recently:

- Custom-built, octagonal picnic table and benches
- Craftsman 37471 21” 163cc Briggs & Stratton 3-in-1 lawn mower
- Master Gardener 2020 class tuition
- Steel mesh garden cart with pneumatic wheels and 700 lb. load capacity (42.5” x 22.2” x 6.5”)
- Red powder-coated steel patio bench (23.5” x 50.4”)
- 5-piece soil blocker kit
- Copper bird bath
- Mason bee kit
- Baseball Topiary
- Rustic birdhouse and Blue Door $50 gift certificate
- Rustic birdhouse and NW Nature Shop $50 gift certificate
- Rustic owl house and Wishing Well $50 gift certificate
- Bunnies and Manzanita $50 gift certificate
- Gardener’s hand care, gloves, and basket
- Children's gift basket: pot for planting, book, tools, gloves, seeds, organic fertilizer froggy plant ties, watering can
- Children's gift basket: Owl box and one Community Education class gift certificate
- Bird planter and one Community Education class gift certificate
- Recycled Can-O-Worms 4-level, extra large capacity worm bin, instruction books, and Worm Factory Refill Package (originally $176.00)
- Two ScienceWorks tickets

Keep the Spring Garden Fair Raffle in mind when shopping
When deer go full—Lucy on you

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munched on the new growth of my roses for dessert. AAUGH!

Determined to foil the deer and enjoy my tulips, the next spring I spread netting over the tops of the emerging growth. However, I found that the tulips grew up through the netting, leaving many blooms exposed, to the delight of the deer. AAUGH!

Undaunted, and more determined than ever, the third year I pounded posts into the corners of the tulip beds and stapled netting across the top. Aha! Success at last. The deer simply moved on to the young trees in my new orchard. AAUGH! But at least I had found a way to enjoy tulips.

With herds of deer parading through my backyard, nibbling everything they could find, I had to surround the vegetable garden and orchard with a fence. I was not happy about having a fence that would be very noticeable, so I used netting stretched between t-posts. Believe it or not, this actually worked – for three years. Until the turkeys appeared. A huge flock of wild turkeys learned that I had a very tempting tomato patch. Armed with sharp claws, beaks and flailing wings, they attacked the netting, ripping it to shreds, just as the tomatoes were in bloom and ready to set fruit in late July. They stripped the plants of every last bloom and leaf. Then they moved on to the string beans that were just beginning to set. This all happened unbeknownst to me as I was recuperating inside from cataract surgery. When I finally felt up to checking on the garden, the first thing I noticed was that the turkeys had decimated the tent of beans and dragged the stripped vines into the middle of the lawn. Then I saw the ruined tomato patch. AAUGH! I went to Seven Oaks farm stand last summer to get tomatoes for canning.

Of course, without a fence around the orchard, the deer returned and the trees lost many of their lower branches. I had to go on deer patrol every morning until I could replace the fence netting. My brother-in-law even gave me a pellet gun to scare the deer away, but don’t tell him – it didn’t work. AAUGH!

After the battles of the past three years, I realized I could not garden in the backyard without a real deer fence. The fence would separate my property from the neighbors who I am very fond of. I held off so long because I didn’t want to be un-neighborly, but I simply could not fend off the critters without a fence. My neighbors have been very kind and accepted my need for a fence. Reluctantly, I finally caved in and had one built this winter. With two gates, we can still visit each other easily.

I have two new perennial beds this spring, running along the driveway inside the new deer fence. I planted 15 rose bushes and transplanted numerous perennials from other areas of the yard, confident they would not be eaten. One morning last week, I came out to inspect the new plantings, only to find two young deer in my backyard! Oh no! The deer can actually jump that 8 foot fence? AAUGH!

Actually, they can’t jump it. I had left the gate open. Double AAUGH!

HAPPY SPRING GARDEN FAIR TO ALL!
Give your spring cleaning items to us

Need to free up space around the old homestead? Been looking for a good excuse to clean out the closet / garage / shed / storage unit / barn? Have we got a deal for you!

We are looking for items in good shape:

- Toys, wagons or sports equipment
- Furniture, decorative items or lawn furniture
- Dishes or pots and pans
- Small appliances
- Garden tools, power tools and all items garden related
- Garden art or sculpture

Please no books, clothing or electronics.

Drop your unused items off at the OSU Extension
569 Hanley Road, Friday, May 10, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The actual sale is Saturday May 11, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information contact Sandy Hammond.

“Deer-resistant” hasn’t been explained to the deer

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plants, and relies on them heavily. The secondary tier of selections is almost as restrained: conifers, heath, and rosemary, with a dollop of spiraea and/or abelia, and maybe another grassy plant or two. I assume the driver for this plant palette is deer resistance. But, really, what does that mean? Because they are so ubiquitous in local gardens and nurseries, and because they are lovely, the first plant I bought for our new garden was a nandina. Bonus, they are supposedly deer resistant (leaves and berries toxic to livestock!). Nevertheless, a couple of weeks after I planted my new baby, it was eaten by a cervine visitor. Not to the ground, in this case, but seriously damaged. I have since decided that “deer resistant” is largely meaningless. The “deer resistant” heucheras and columbines went early. The sempervivums were molested, utterly ruining their forms. The pulmonaria had initially been ignored, as had the baltic parsley, but both were eventually eaten to the ground.

So, despite the setback to the nandina, it’s back to the East Medford trio. And a fence.
I think I’m considered to be a plant collector: If there is a plant I don’t have, I want one. However, there is one plant in particular that has never been on my “bucket list” … *Amorphophallus* or *Drancunculus* (?) or what I call “the Black Lily”. I understand there are some that are gigantic.

I first saw the dwarf variety many years ago when my prankster brother-in-law gifted his mother with one, requesting it be planted at the back door. My mother-in-law was a very sharp, garden-wise lady with a good sense of humor, so she complied. I think she left the flowers intact just one day for everyone to see & then it was quickly reduced to just a bunch of pretty leaves.

As fate would have it, I now have a clump of these corms in my back yard, undoubtedly planted by previous occupants. I have also found portabella mushrooms & a whole yard full of dandelions. However, my neighbors weren’t as well blessed. Thus, I assume my yard-full were cultivated as a spinach substitute. Browsing deer have pretty well eradicated my supply.

Curious, I researched the above two names & feel more confused than before. One is not eatable, but the other has beneficial health properties. The corm can be ground into flour or made into a jelly that can be used to thicken substances, I suppose much like corn starch. Sorry, I’m not going to test which one is growing in my yard. Supposedly, Plant Delights Nursery is a source for the eatable variety.

But hey, just in case there are interested Propagation customers out there, I’ll pot up a few corms for sale. If not a gift for Halloween, there will be an April Fool’s Day again in 2020. Think ahead!

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**Transplant totals show a lot of work**

For this year’s Spring Garden Show, we have transplanted:

- 741 tomatoes
- 458 peppers
- 893 herbs
- 32 artichokes
- 200 eggplant
- 5146 annuals & perennials
- 731 natives
- 171 houseplants
- 272 storage organs
- 70 pelargoniums

**TOTAL: 8739**

(4370 sales units)
While it seems a bit sad that Peter, Peter, had a wife but couldn't keep her, all was not lost for he became a purple sweetpotato eater!

If you've never had the pleasure of this most sweetly-pleasing potato, one sampling is sure to stake their claiming a premier position in your annual garden plot. Although speculated to have originated and been domesticated somewhere in Central America thousands of years ago, plants are available today to propagate in your own garden.

It's told Christopher Columbus brought sweetpotatoes to Europe that consequently were introduced to China (late 16th century), spreading thereafter through Asia, Africa and Latin America (17th-18th centuries). Despite being unclear how this delicious root came to the southwest Pacific, it's believed to have arrived with European explorers or moved across islands by indigenous people, arrive it did to thrive here today.

While you might be wondering if you can cultivate such a spectacular root, its hardy broadly-adaptable plants grow in more developing countries than any other root crops. So why not give them a try, not only because they're delicious, but very nutritious providing an abundance of generous quantities of vitamins, minerals as well as phosphorous, magnesium, iron, copper, manganese, calcium, zinc, chromium and anthocyanins within their purple flesh.

Belonging to the Morning glory (Convolvulaceae) family, “sweetpotato” – correct spelling is one word – is neither a potato (Solanum tuberosum) or (frequently misnamed at markets) yam “nyami” (Dioscoreaceae) that doesn't grow in our hemisphere. Although potatoes and sweetpotatoes differ, their tubers both grow beneath ground unlike the yam that grows above ground.

As to that “yam” term, it's merely a marketing ploy today. It's thought slaves arriving in America found sweetpotatoes similar, so they referred to them as “yams”. When farmers created a deeper orange-fleshed sweetpotato in the 1930's, they dubbed them as yams to distinguish it from other sweetpotatoes. Continuing this linguistic confusion even today, don't be fooled thinking you're purchasing a yam when they're most likely sweetpotatoes regardless of what the sign says. True yams are starchy white-fleshed tubers growing over 100 pounds and plants growing 6 feet underground.

Thriving in warmer climates, (the majority growing in North Carolina), sweetpotatoes do well here. Two varieties, Hawaiian Molokai with purple skin and

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Recipe: Garlicky Grilled Purple Sweetpotatoes

4 purple sweetpotatoes, washed, end tips trimmed and diagonally sliced about 1/3" thick
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
3 cloves garlic, peeled and pressed
1 teaspoon ground chili powder, mild or hot
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 teaspoon very finely minced fresh rosemary
1/8 teaspoon sea salt

Layer sweetpotato slices in a large ceramic casserole. Use glass or silicone lid then microwave on high for about 4-5 minutes until potatoes are nearly done. Put sweetpotato slices in a large zip-type plastic bag. Mix together all remaining ingredients then pour in bag. Seal and gently turn bag to coat all slices.

On a medium heated grill spray grates with pan release then place sweetpotato slices on top. Close grill for about 5-7 minutes. Test a slice lifting with tongs to see if it's striped. If browned, turn slices and grill back side for about another 5-7 minutes until striped. Remove and serve immediately to accompany main course as a side dish. Serves 4-6.

A grocery store yam is probably a sweetpotato

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...flesh and the Okinawan from Japan with whitish skin and striated purple flesh will likely be what you'll find available for cultivating.

A few weeks after last-killing-frost, set plants outdoors 12-18" apart atop 10" high ridges of soil that's been well composted. Black-plastic mulch assists growth as well keeps plants weed-free and evenly moist to ensure a good root crop. Give plants 1" of water per week when it's dry ceasing two weeks before harvesting.

Leaving tubers in the ground as long as possible (before frost hits them) results in more vitamin-rich roots. A spading fork is best to gently probe tubers from ground. Storing around 55 degrees, 75-80% humidity, potatoes will keep you sweetly and purplelishly satisfied

Seed and Plant Sources:
Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds
www.rareseeds.com
They have Molokai, Hawaiian and Okinawan, Japanese varieties

Southern Exposure Seed Exchange
www.southernexposure.com
They have Japanese variety
Dear Gardeners,

I would like to begin by congratulating the Master Gardener Class of 2019 on completing the classroom training! It has been a jam packed and fun 14 weeks; we’ve learned a lot, plus had some good laughs together. It has been a pleasure getting to know all of you, and I look forward to working with you in the coming months on your way to becoming tried and true Master Gardeners!

Here are the happenings around the Extension: We are looking forward to the first Demonstration Garden work day on May 15, although many have been out and about tending the already beautiful gardens.

Upcoming classes include an in-depth, hands-on look at Landscaping with Cold Hardy Succulents by Annie Schreck of Mountain Crest Gardens on Friday, May 3, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. (yes, the day before Spring Garden Fair!) and the third class in Dr. Alec Levin’s installment of grapevine management classes on Tuesday, May 28 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., titled Grapevine Canopy Management.

Next, reflections on springtime in Oregon: I have loved watching the forests evolve, ebb, and flow with the seasons. As a newcomer to Oregon, participating in the cycle of the seasons for the first time has been rich and eye-opening. I have been astounded by the variety of wildflowers already blooming, and am looking forward to the others to come. The native varieties of trillium and bleeding heart remind me of where I grew up in Pennsylvania, though I have loved encountering new species as well. While running in the Jacksonville woodlands the other day, I came to a screeching halt when I saw the most beautiful *Fritillaria recurva*. I was even more delighted when I found a similar flower later that afternoon when I returned to photograph the former, identified as *Fritillaria gentleri* (see photos). The shooting star (*Dodecatheon spp.*) is unlike anything I have ever seen. Above all, I am completely enamored with our Pacific Hound’s Tongue (*Adelinia grande*). While the lovely April showers are a little bit dreary, the bright green foliage and patches of color from these wildflowers brightens up the wooded world, a welcomed reprieve from the darker, quieter days of winter. May is sure to coax out some more beauties!

– Erika
Hello from the Road ...

Yes, I am still in Tennessee. These crazy weather patterns have kept most RV’ers from moving north. Don’t feel too bad for us as green acres surround us everywhere. The rain/hail can be torrential here and come down in sheets, continuously pelting so you would think dents would form on the side of the RV.

On sunny days, the birds sing, the squirrels play, and the turtles are on the banks soaking up the sun. There are three ponds where we are staying in Sevierville which can go up or down as much as a foot in a single day. Living on the road like we do can be wonderful if we remember to stop and enjoy the scenery. Maybe, like you, we sometimes forget to take time to relax outside and just sit, soaking up the sun listening to the sounds of nature. The next sunny day may I suggest you do this and remember why you live in Oregon. You are truly blessed to live in the Rogue Valley.

I have had emails from readers that write “I never use Facebook.” Can I share a secret? I don’t either. However, I do have an account so I can go on and see what is being posted on the JCMGA Facebook page. If you are not aware, Janice Alderman now does all the Facebook posts. She finds the appropriate articles, post all our educational and public events, and comes up with some of the best cartoons and photos I have come across. You don’t have to post to sign up and watch our Facebook site. Please understand how time consuming what she does can be and support her. It is one of the best sites for gardening I have come across in traveling.

Janice posted the tree photo on Facebook showing that even through adversity it’s natural to want to survive. Hopefully in our lives we can come out as well as this tree.

Have fun at Spring Garden Fair May 4 and 5. Thank you to all the unselfish volunteers that are working many hours fulfilling the numerous jobs. Your team effort will ensure a successful event.

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**SGF best selling perennials**

1. Peonies
2. Rhubarb
3. Hosta
4. Hellebore
5. Dicentra (Bleeding Heart)
6. Monarda (Bee Balm)
7. Penstemon
8. Echinacea
9. Heuchera
10. Herbs (chives, thyme, oregano)
ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ronnie Budge reminded board members nominations for awards are due by Monday 4/15/19.

2. Sandy Hammonds reminded board members of the Pear Blossom Parade on Saturday 4/13. Master Gardeners are walking in the parade to advertise Spring Garden Fair.

3. Gina Velando still has lawn signs available. Board members can get them after the board meeting.

4. Jane Moyer announced the Practicum has raised 7369 plants for SGF. Because some are planted in 6-packs, it is the equivalent of 3968 containers.

5. Cynthia Thompson had extra SGF posters and rack cards for board members to take.

6. Pam Hillers led the board in congratulating Patrice Kaska for the great job she did with the 2019 JCMGA Chapter Directory.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Annette Carter reviewed the Treasurer’s Report as filed in the board reports.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION: Kari Gies moved that the board approve the removal of the old Compost Garden and the establishment of a new Compost Garden in the area north of the Daylily Garden. Unanimous approval.

2. MOTION: Ronnie Budge moved that funding for the new Compost Garden be referred to the Budget Committee and brought back at the next board meeting.

3. MOTION: Ronnie Budge moved that Dropbox access be added via the member section of the JCMGA website to allow all JCMGA members to view Dropbox documents. Kathy Apple seconded. Eighteen members voted in favor of the motion with one opposed. Uploading documents to Dropbox will remain the same.

4. MOTION: Erika Szonntag moved the board approve the vineyard modification. Approved unanimously.

5. MOTION: Annette Carter moved to change the signature cards for the CD’s owned by JCMGA at Rogue Federal Credit Union to add Susan Koenig. Unanimous approval.

NEXT MEETING: Friday May 10 (9:30) in the OSU Auditorium

Submitted by Jane Moyer, Recording Secretary
Friday, May 3 | 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Landscaping with Cold Hardy Succulents  Annie Schreck, Mountain Crest Gardens
This class will cover the unique adaptations of succulent plants, the basics of succulent care, and strategies to use them in low-maintenance, drought-tolerant landscapes.

Tuesday, May 28 | 5:30 ~ 7:30 pm
*Grapevine Canopy Management  Dr. Alexander Levin, Oregon Wine Research Institute
Improve fruitzone cluster microclimate and canopy management with proper summer pruning techniques.

Saturday, June 8 | 9 - 11:30 a.m.
You’ve Planted Your Veggies, What’s Next?  Marjorie Neal, Master Gardener
Keeping them growing, healthy, and productive are the next steps. This class will cover knowing when to harvest and how to set the stage for your next vegetable garden.

Tuesday, July 9 | 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
*Grapevine Nutrition & Irrigation Management  Dr. Alexander Levin, Oregon Wine Research Institute
Learn how to properly feed and water your grapevines to optimize yield and fruit quality.

Tuesday, July 16 | 6 - 8 p.m.
Rose Care & Pruning to Maximize Bloom  Eileen Seal, Master Gardener
Learn how to prune, train, and fertilize roses to enhance their flowering performance. This is a hands-on class, so bring pruning shears and gloves.

Thursday, Sept. 19 | 6 - 8:00 p.m.
Deer Resistant Plants  Christie Mackison, Shooting Star Nursery
See how to incorporate attractive deer resistant plants into your home landscape, plus additional techniques to keep deer from feeding in the gardens.

**Downsize your books for JCMGA outreach**

If you have too many books and need to downsize, this is a perfect opportunity. Please donate books on gardening, DIY home projects, travel and children’s books.

Please leave books by the Plant Clinic at Extension by May 1. Tax receipts are available; just leave your name and contact information with your donated books.

Funds raised help support JCMGA educational outreach programs.

Thank you for your help!

Contact:  Barbara Davidson, (MG04) 541-601-1471

**OSU Master Food Preservers yard sale & bake sale**

Get your morning “cuppa” as you shop! In coordination with the Jackson County Master Gardeners™ Association’s May 11 yard sale, the OSU Master Food Preservers Association is hosting a fundraiser. Along with the Master Gardeners “potpourri of goodies at yard sale prices,” you will be able to purchase coffee and baked goods, along with yard sale items for the kitchen and food preservation.

We look forward to seeing you all May 11, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the OSU Extension Center.
Full schedules are available at the Jackson County Master Gardener website

Week between the SGF & the after sale

Monday 5/6
Water plants in Arboretum and check plants in greenhouses for water needs.
Sort and store supplies used at SGF in Greenhouse #1. (Group by tape color and variety.) Have students retake the pretraining survey, score together, compare to their original. Celebration, lost and found, turn in evaluations
Lock up wagons – Monday mentors

Tuesday 5/7 a.m.
Water plants in Arboretum and check plants in greenhouses for water needs.
Clean and weed all outside areas around Practicum facilities
Continue sorting trays from SGF in Greenhouse #1. (Group by tape color and variety.) Have students retake the pretraining survey, score together, compare to their original. Celebration, lost and found, turn in evaluations
Lock up wagons – Tuesday mentors

Tuesday 5/7 p.m.
Check plants in Arboretum and plants in greenhouses for water needs.
Move plants from greenhouses to Arboretum (unless frost is forecast before Saturday) Clean and weed Greenhouse #1, put all supplies in there away.
Continue sorting trays from SGF in Greenhouse #1. (Group by tape color and variety.) Have students retake the pretraining survey, score together, compare to their original. Celebration, lost and found, turn in evaluations
Lock up wagons – Tuesday a.m. mentors

Wednesday 5/8
8:30 Water – Pat Dillman, Jeff Monheim, Steve Hassen, Kate Hassen
Thursday 5/9 a.m.
Water plants in the Arboretum and check plants in greenhouses for water needs.
Clean classroom floors
Clean the classroom counters.
Clean heat mats from the Prop House and Greenhouse #2. Lay them flat on classroom counter.
Move worm castings tub to the classroom.
Continue sorting trays from SGF in Greenhouse #1. (Group by tape color and variety.) Have students retake the pretraining survey, score together, compare to their original. Celebration, lost and found, turn in evaluations
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Lock up wagons – Thursday p.m. mentors

Friday 5/10
Water plants in the Arboretum and check plants in greenhouses for water needs.
Clean and weed Greenhouse #2, move all supplies in there to classroom.
Clean and weed Prop House, move all supplies in there to classroom and unplug lights
Continue sorting trays from SGF in Greenhouse #1. (Group by tape color and variety.) Put those with no tape in pot storage area. Put those with tape in COH.
Have students retake the pretraining survey, score together, compare to their original. Celebration, lost and found, turn in evaluations
Lock up wagons and shelves – Friday mentors

2-5 Expo Table/Chairs Distribution
Report to Kate Hassen at the information Booth

These volunteers need to work Sunday as well:
John Kobal, Matthew Allen (Friday), Ivonne Cruz and Barb Steely

9-3: Bring yard sale items to far end of the Extension parking lot

Saturday 5/11
8-1: After Sale in the Arboretum
7:45-11: Saturday Practicum (sales/ cleaning labels – rotate) – Virginia Brown
Customer help & student supervision: Alice Maclver, Jane Moyer
Cashier: Norma Lamerson
11: Have Saturday students retake the pretraining survey, score together, compare to their original.
Saturday celebration, lost & found, turn in evaluations
10:45-1: Sunday Practicum (sales/ cleaning labels – rotate) – Jane Moyer
Customer help & student supervision: Joe Alvord, Virginia Brown
Cashiers: Eileen Beall
12:30-2: Community Gardens pick up plants (free)
1–2: Sunday Practicum – Clean up Arboretum; move remaining plants to the FREE table.
Classroom garbage, recycling, compost out
Final cleanup of classroom
Have Sunday students retake the pretraining survey, score together, compare to their original. Sunday celebration, lost & found, turn in evaluations
Signs picked up for cleaning – XXXXXXXX
Labels picked up for cleaning – XXXXXXXX
Wagons picked up – Lucy Pylki, Marcie Katz, Linda Birch, John Groff III, Karen Layson, Lynn Boening
Lock up any wagons not picked up – Sunday mentors
8-3: Yard Sale at the far end of the Extension parking lot
Days of Spring Fair

Important!  Come in Gate 4 and park in that lot.

Saturday 5/4

Edibles Booth  Report to Jane Moyer when you arrive.

8:45-11:00  1. Trish Hart-McArthur  2. Janine Salvatti  3. Cielo De Romero
Customer help & student supervision: Carole Evans & Alice Maclver  Cashiers: Ken Thompson & Ronnie Budge
10:45-1:00  1. Jack Ivers  2. Betty Silva  3. Cony Miner
Customer help & student supervision: Pat Dillman  Cashiers: Marydee Bombok & Dec Copley
12:45-3:00  1. Matthew Allen  2. Lyn Boening
Customer help & student supervision: Pat Dillman  Cashiers: Jo Daane & Shirley Wentworth
2:45-5:00  1. Roberta Cole  2. Cielo De Romero
Customer help & student supervision: Jeff Monheim  Cashiers: Deborah Rosenberg

Ornamentals Booth  Report to Virginia Brown when you arrive.

8:45-11:00  1. Candy Steely  2. Jeanne Laird  3. Lyn Boening
Customer help & student supervision: Jody Willis & Sherri Morgan  Cashiers: Virginia Brown & Susan Koenig
10:45-1:00  1. Roberta Cole  2. Janine Salvatti  3. Sue Koury
Customer help & student supervision: Jody Willis & Lynn Kunstman  Cashiers: Rebecca Blackman & Deborah Rosenberg
12:45-3:00  1. Phil Lanni  2. Lorri Kline
Customer help & student supervision: Jody Willis & Eileen Beall  Cashiers: Alice Maclver & Virginia Brown
2:45-5:00  1. Phil Lanni  2. Barbara Hostick
Customer help & student supervision: Jody Willis  Cashiers: Jeff Monheim

Credit Card Sales

8:45-11:00  Susan Konig
10:45-1:00  Marcia Harris
12:45-3:00  Marcia Harris
2:45-5:00  Pat Dillman

Sunday 5/5

Edibles Booth  Report to Jane Moyer when you arrive.

9:45-12:00  1. Kati Tomlinson  2.
Customer help & student supervision: Kari Geis  Cashiers: Ronnie Budge
11:45-2:00  1. Cony Miner  2. Alyssa Womack  3. Zelda Lin
Customer help & student supervision: Pat Dillman  Cashiers: Ronnie Budge
1:45-5:00  1. Alyssa Womack  2. Betty Silva  3. Bea Bacher-Wetmore
Customer help & student supervision: Carole Evans & Gina Velando  Cashiers: Sherri Morgan

Ornamentals Booth  Report to Virginia Brown when you arrive.

9:45-12:00  1. Beth Capsay  2. Trish Hart-McArthur
Customer help & student supervision: Jeff Monheim  Cashiers: Kelli Cruzer
11:45-2:00  1. Lorri Kline  2. Phil Lanni  3. Janine Salvatti
Customer help & student supervision: Lynn Kunstman  Cashiers: Virginia Brown
1:45-5:00  1. Phil Lanni  2. Deborah Caponio  3. Roberta Cole  4. Jill Brenkman
Customer help & student supervision: Sherri Morgan  Cashiers: Rebecca Cohn

Credit Card Sales

9:45-12:00  Susan Koenig
11:45-2:00  Sherri Morgan
1:45-5:00  Pat Dillman

3:45 Trailers arrive— Ivonne Cruz, John Groff III, Cynthia Thompson, Alyssa Womack, Rick Evans

Flat bed for shelves— Jack Inscore

4:00 Tear Down at Expo & Load Trailers (Bring a dead blow if you have one.)— Virginia Brown, Jane Moyer*
Alyssa Womack, Zelda Lin*, Jack Ivers*, Kathryn Hoffner*, Matthew Allen
*Stay at Expo until all loading is done.

5:00ish Unloading at Extension, watering plants— Virginia Brown
Alyssa Womack, Zelda Lin*, Jack Ivers*, Kathryn Hoffner*, Matthew Allen
*Stay at Expo until all loading is done.

Shelves— Put behind the Tool Shed (Chain and lock them.)

Plants— Put in Arboretum unless there is danger of frost (then put annuals in Greenhouse #1)

Arrange the plants for the After Sale.

Equipment— Put in the classroom

Lock up wagons and shelves— Virginia Brown, Jane Moyer
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