

*"We learn, practice and teach  
the art and science of gardening  
in the Rogue Valley."*



## Demonstration Garden move planned

In my August Garden Beet article, I mentioned the five year plan the Board is developing, and I described the plans for enhanced member services. This month I want to share another major component of the plan – moving the demonstration gardens to the back of the Extension building. The idea for this was first raised by Rich Roseberg, the director of SOREC. One of Rich's primary goals is to build a three season pavilion in the field to be used for educational classes, conferences and social events. He asked JCMGA to come up with a plan to provide a garden setting for the pavilion.

This idea fits very well with our future needs. Many GEMS have been wanting to move their gardens to a location that would better suit their garden. For example, the kitchen garden and the succulent garden are shaded much of the summer and could use more sun. The parking lot, where most of our demonstration gardens are, is not a desirable backdrop for a garden. The ACCESS garden could be better integrated into the demonstration gardens if it was moved closer. There are many ways we could improve the flow of the gardens by moving



### President

SUSAN HOENIG  
MASTER GARDENER 2015

them to a new location. We could also combine similar gardens, giving them more space than they now have.

The Garden Working Group took on the responsibility for developing the new demonstration garden plan. A small group met four times last year to come up with big picture concepts for new gardens to the north of the Extension Building, to surround a new three season

pavilion structure with retractable walls. In December JCMGA members were invited to participate in a planning session where they were divided into groups and asked to contribute their ideas for the new gardens. Each group listed its ideas on a flip chart and presented to the whole group. There were many innovative ideas, some of which include: moving the arboretum to the north side of the field, setting aside space for a photovoltaic system to power the campus, installing water catchment systems to collect water from the roofs, installing a pond or water feature, growing a "food forest", grouping gardens by cultural requirements, incorporating garden art, building an arbor to shade a picnic area, incorporating berms, and improving the entrance to the gardens and the flow among gardens.

GWG has met with Rich several times. The last meeting in May 2019 it was decided preliminarily that the pavilion would be located to the north of the daylily garden, fairly close to the back of the Extension. The gardens that now surround the parking lot would be moved back to the new garden area, leaving that space for additional parking, and the

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See Page 2 for details.***

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# October = JCMGA elections

It's October, and that means it's time for the election of officers to the 2020 JCMGA Board of Directors. Voting will take place from Friday, Oct. 11 through Friday, Nov. 1.

This year, for the first time, the election will be held electronically. In fact, you will be voting on the JCMGA website in the "Members" section. The ballot will look very similar to last year's and will again include candidate statements. For each race you will be able to vote for the listed candidate, enter a write-in candidate, or choose "Prefer not to vote for this position."

Directions for voting will be emailed to members shortly before Oct. 11, and contact information will be provided for Patrice Kaska, Jane Moyer, and Kate Hassen who

## Election's coming!

**Who:** The Jackson County Master Gardener Association

**What:** Election of the officers for the 2020 Board of Directors

**When:** Friday, Oct. 11, through Friday, Nov. 1, 2019

**Where:** At your computer, tablet or phone

**Why:** To elect representatives to serve on the JCMGA Board

**How:** Online

will be available to answer questions or concerns you may have during the voting process.

For JCMGA members who do not have or have chosen not to provide us with an email address, paper ballots will be sent through postal mail and are also due at the Extension Center on or before Nov. 1.

Although there is often some discomfort with a new process, we hope that voting online will be a positive experience. Not only does it mean the Association will not have to pay to mail over 350 ballots, even better is the convenience for voters: Instead of being responsible for mailing or driving the ballot to the ballot box, with one click of the SUBMIT button the process will be complete.

See how easy voting can be: PLEASE VOTE!

## No paper waste or waiting for your ballot to arrive!

### Big News Voting Online

The Jackson County Master Gardener Association is holding its election of officers for the 2020 Board of Directors online. Voting will take place between Oct. 11 and Nov. 1 in the Member section of the JCMGA website. Directions will be emailed to members shortly before Oct. 11, and support will be provided for voters who have questions or concerns.

If you do not have an email address, a paper ballot will be mailed to you. Return the paper ballot to the Ballot Box at the Extension Center by postal mail or hand delivery.

### PLEASE VOTE!

#### How do I vote?

- **Login** to the member area of



the JCMGA website

- **Click** *member login* on the green bar at the top of the home page.
- **Enter** your username/email address. For 99% of JCMGA members, your username is the email address that you provided on your 2019 membership or student application.

- **Enter** your password. If, by chance, you have forgotten your password you can email [info@jacksoncountymga.org](mailto:info@jacksoncountymga.org) for a temporary password that you can change at your convenience.

- **To vote**, once logged in you will arrive at the member home page you will find member links on the right. Click on *voting/survey*. Don't forget to click on *submit* to finish!

Voting for the 2020 JCMGA Board of Directors will open on Friday, Oct. 11, 2019

We strongly encourage you to tour the members area of the website. There is a vast amount of information that is updated regularly.

Questions about voting online? Email [info@jacksoncountymga.org](mailto:info@jacksoncountymga.org)

# Medford becomes a Bee City

BY LYNN HUNSTMAN  
MASTER GARDENER 2012

On April 4th, 2019, Medford became an official Bee City, by decree of the city council. For those of us who have been advocates for pollinators, this was wonderful news. Now the work of educating the public begins. Why do we need pollinator gardens in yards and public spaces? Bees, both native and wild are in decline, as are all insect populations world-wide. Aquatic insects are especially at risk. If you are a fisherman, you have noticed the decline of these organisms in streams – the direct result of run-off from over-fertilized and pesticide sprayed lawns, yards and golf courses.

So what can individual home and business owners do? First, stop using chemical fertilizers and pesticides, which burn our soils and poison our waterways. Second, plant some native plants in your yard. These plants are adapted to host our native insects, and provide many necessary ecological services – food for humans and wildlife, carbon sequestration, water filtration, host and nectar plants for



pollinators, air purification and greenhouse gas mitigation, maintenance of biodiversity, decomposition of wastes, soil and vegetation generation and renewal, to name a few. Third, remove all or part of your lawn, and replace with native trees, shrubs and/or perennials. Lawns are the most irrigated crop in the U.S. – consuming more water than agriculture and municipalities. Lawns provide no ecological services. Lastly, leave your leaves. Many of our native butterflies and moths overwinter, in chrysalis or cocoon, in fallen leaves. So don't bag and discard them, but place them as mulch under trees and shrubs.

How will you know you are having an impact? You will see more bees, birds and butterflies in your yard. Birds **MUST** have caterpillars to feed their nestlings in spring. Chicks cannot eat hard seed, even if adults can. Our native trees and shrubs grow these caterpillars in abundance, without disastrous damage to the plant itself. Native plants provide insects, berries, seeds, shelter and nesting sites for our native birds.

Even planting a small area with native wildflowers can help. No garden is too small to make an impact. Our native bees can only forage about 300 feet from their nest sites, so if every home had even a small wildflower patch, our bees would be in much better straits. Bees and other insects need to drink water. Just a shallow pan with pebbles or marbles, a handful of soil and water can provide for that.

You, your children and your grandchildren will learn so much about nature, even from a small area. Planting native flora in your garden and yard is by far the best thing you can do as an individual to make a BIG difference to local wildlife and insects. Your neighbors will be curious, and great conversations are begun when a pollinator garden is in bloom.

There are many local nurseries that sell native plants. To get started with natives, visit Native Plant Finder at <https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder/Plants>. This site is run by the National Wildlife Foundation and is based on the work of Dr. Doug Tallamy, an entomologist at the University of Delaware, who warns us that we must "garden as if life depended on it." It does, and we must!

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## Demonstration Garden move planned

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entrance to the new gardens would be where staff parking now is located. More handicapped parking would be created along the access road behind the Research building, and that road would be connected to the main entrance road. This would put handicapped parking near the new pavilion.

The next step in the process is to find a professional planner who will take the concepts and features we

have come up with and develop 3-5 design scenarios for us to consider. The time frame for this step is 2019-summer 2020. The desired outcome would be a more detailed plan of the whole field area that will enable us to estimate costs for both the pavilion and the demonstration gardens.

We have made a lot of progress on the foundation of a plan. Stay tuned next year for more.

# WINTER DREAMS



# SUMMER GARDENS

**20th ANNUAL GARDENING SYMPOSIUM**  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019  
9:00 am to 4:30 pm

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DIGITAL WORK: LUIGI BOGNI

# Congratulations to the class of 2019

Dear Gardeners,

I want to begin by congratulating the 2019 Master Gardener Class – you have made it through a rigorous, and hopefully fun, program and are official Oregon State University Master Gardener Volunteers, congratulations! Thank you for your service to the community by working in the Plant Clinic, volunteering with school programs and community gardens, facilitating Seed to Supper and keeping the demonstration gardens on our campus beautiful. Thank you also for all of the hours contributed to Spring Garden Fair, joining JCMGA committees, and bringing great ideas and fresh energy to the program. I know I can speak on the behalf of current Master Gardeners that we are all so lucky to have you as part of the program; thank you!

I hope everyone had a great summer; with the cooler days and little rain spells we have had, it looks like it's time to welcome



## OSU Program Advisor

ERIKA SZONNTAG

autumn. I was so thankful to have such a beautiful summer; there was plenty of sunshine and great weather for some fun adventures. I was fortunate enough to mountain bike often and hike to some beautiful places.

August turned into the month of peak bagging, when we hiked Mt. McLoughlin, Mt. Thielsen, and Mt. Bailey. After backpacking to the Devil's Punchbowl earlier in the summer, I was lucky enough to stumble upon another beautiful alpine lake, this time in the Three Sisters Wilderness,

where I took a week long camping trip. Of course, that trip was complete when I spotted some of my favorite mycotrophic plants blooming on the forest floor, this time *Monotropa hypopitys*, or pinesap.

I climbed Mt. Bailey on the way home from the Three Sisters Wilderness. It was a much mellower hike compared to McLoughlin and Thielsen, with some very cool flowers. Near the summit of Mt. Bailey up along the ridgeline, I stumbled upon a small spread of *Anemone occidentalis*, or western pasqueflower. There were so many all of a sudden with such a perfect spherical shape that one could have mistaken them for a small stand of Dr. Seuss's Truffle trees! These were the fruit, or seed dispersal unit, of the flower. *A. occidentalis* (alternatively known as *Pulsatilla occidentalis*), ordinarily blooms from mid-spring to mid-summer, with fruit persisting into the fall.

More to come this autumn!

– Erika



Dr. Seuss' Truffle tree lookalike (really *Anemone occidentalis*, or western pasqueflower) at left, and *Monotropa hypopitys*, or pinesap above.

# Autumn clusters

As the autumn air crisps it sends a new seasonal sensation through the system.

One usually finds they don't linger longingly for those last few melons but lust for long ebony clusters draped like black pearls within the fiery foliage of their vined necklaces.

Although the long awaited annual-appearance of these grapes signals the last of summer's latent offerings, there's nothing like the succulent-sweetness of those bluish-black orbs of the Thomcord grape sliding across your taste buds.

No tough skins or seeds need apply here or spit there to leave you embarrassed when caught trying to discretely dispose of what's neither desirable nor easily dispensed without notice.

Ah, but there's nothing like the taste of just clipped from their vine Tomcord table grapes. Classified as a hybrid (*Vitis labrusca* X *Vitis vinifera*), this unique grape is a cross between the Thomson seedless and the long time classic Concord grape. So we have each time this year the pleasure of feasting upon most superior seedless grape.

The resulting combination is just short of miraculous. When that long expectant wait at last reveals those clusters of bluish-purple-black with a bloom of satin white film covering each berry we

## Gardening Gourmet

BY SYDNEY JORDAN BROWN



know it's autumn. It's no wonder these little beauties send us seeking their ripened clusters after summer's last showing.

Like most gifts we've received from the earth's incredible offering, grapes shouldn't be taken

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***Like most gifts we've received from the earth's incredible offering, grapes shouldn't be taken for granted.***

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for granted. We wouldn't have them today if not thought worthy of cultivation. So today we enjoy the fruits of what was first cultivated in what's currently the country of Georgia in the Caucasus region of Eurasia, around 6,000 BCE. Grapes have also been found pictured in hieroglyphics back to 5,000 BCE. So we have much to be thankful for what we have to dine upon today.

So, now we have these delightful pop-in-the-mouth conveniences for a healthy as well

tasty snack and more. If you've never partaken of Thomcords you'll find their juicy translucent

flesh and high sugar content, has an intense plummy flavor with slight astringency with hints of red wine and perfume. Their thin skins and lack of seeds also makes them perfect for main dishes, relishes accompanying meat, poultry, or seafood, vinaigrettes for salads, as well toppers for desserts.

Best suited for indulging raw, they're included with other

members known as table grapes. The only downside is, as with many good things in life we would want to prolong, Thomcords last only about a week refrigerated (preferably in a perforated bag). But cheer up since that makes

them even more special to enjoy with the season's soft cheeses, paired in salads with pistachios or almonds, or with other fruits such as figs, strawberries, apples

and pears.

So next time you notice those ripe satin-bluish-black bunches, either upon your own vines or at your favorite farmer's market, you'll know autumn is truly here when you pop a fresh-picked Thomcord in your mouth and experience its ultimate sweet explosion of flavor.

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recipe, Page 7**

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# Are vacations over?

First off, I want to thank all those responsible for the Lifetime Achievement Award which was presented to me at the August 24th picnic. I shared the spotlight with some very impressive & incredible ladies, so it was a very heady & mind-blowing experience. Thank you!

And then I left town! Well, yes, it was a family thing, attending the wedding of one of my nephews in the midst of the Temecula avocado orchards. Beautiful scenery, beautiful weather & I got to meet & PET the cutest, softest little alpaca named Ted. What's a wedding without an alpaca, hmmm? Spent some time in Vista & also Running Springs in the San



## Peggy's Propagation

BY PEGGY CORUM  
MASTER GARDENER 1989

Bernardino Mtns. Remember Santa Claus Village? They've done & are still doing a lot of fun renovations, so naturally we attended Concert in the Trees ... & couldn't resist one morning attending a nearby native

plant sale in the mountains. People there stood in line 30 & more minutes before the opening, in order to get their 1st choice selections. Wow. Frankly, our Zauschneria at Extension is better looking! But who is prejudiced. Impartial or non-judgmental? Since that time I'm back at the Propagation Garden trying to get reprogrammed. Thanx to a great gardening crew (Sharon Mauren, Rod Kolkow, Becky Baleu & Jack Thompson) my first Wed. back was spent in a supervisory stance (sitting) while they continued making our area look spiffy. Come visit. Remember our plant sales, any & every Wed. 9:00 to noon. C. U.

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## Recipe: *Thomcord pizza*

### Dough:

1 package of active dry yeast  
1  $\frac{3}{4}$  cups white whole wheat (or gluten free) flour  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup warm water (105-110°)  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tablespoon olive oil  
1 teaspoon finely minced fresh rosemary

Sprinkle yeast over  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup water and let sit until foamy, about 15 minutes. Mix together flour, salt and rosemary then add olive oil and yeast. Mix together until a soft dough forms. Knead on a floured surface about 10 minutes (or in stand mixer or food processor) until smooth and elastic. Cover and let rise until doubled in bulk.

### Topping:

$\frac{1}{4}$  cup sweet vermouth

1 tablespoon honey  
2 cups Thomcord grapes, halved  
5 oz shredded fontina  
5 oz fresh grated parmesan  
4 oz crumbled goat cheese  
1 teaspoon fresh minced rosemary  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  cup sliced almonds

Bring wine and honey to boil in small saucepan and continue simmering over medium heat until reduced about 5 minutes. Add grapes and stir to coat then remove from heat to a bowl.

Preheat oven to 500°. On a jelly roll pan lined with parchment paper, pat out dough to form a 12" circle that's higher on the edges. Arrange grapes, cheeses, nuts and rosemary atop then bake 14 to 18 minutes until cheese is bubbly. Transfer to a

cutting board to cool 5 minutes before slicing. Servings depend on number of slices. Good for an appetizer or accompanied with a salad.

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## Master Gardener™ Education Classes

**Tuesday, Dec. 11 | 5:30 - 7:30**

p.m.

### Planting in a Post-Wild World

*SherriMorgan, Master Gardener & Landscape Designer*

This class focus on recreating natural plant communities, supporting native flora and fauna, enriching the microbial life in the soil, all with an eye to basic design practices.

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Or take your redeemable cans/bottles in Blue recycle bags with the JCMGA bar code to:

Medford Redemption Center

1179 Stowe Avenue

Medford OR 97501

7 am – 7 pm daily

(Bags can be picked up from Kate Hassen)

Pick up a Blue bag from Kate Hassen and collect from your neighbors.

For more information or to pick up bags

Contact Kate Hassen

[roseknitter1@gmail.com](mailto:roseknitter1@gmail.com)



water



soda



beer

## Master Gardeners beat the ACCESS Challenge goal



### Collections continue Wednesdays in the arboretum

BY GINA VALENCE  
MASTER GARDENER 2018

We reached out 1,000 pound ACCESS Produce Challenge goal today with garden fresh produce collected totaling 1737 pounds to date.

We will continue collecting donated goods every Wednesday until 11 a.m. in the arboretum. We encourage Master Gardeners to join us at our weekly garden work break from 10:30-11 a.m. and bring any garden good you would like to contribute.

A big thanks to ALL who donated! We have really gathered some gorgeous food this year!

## Winners of the 2019 Taste-Off

Grand Champion: Shirley Wentworth, for her giant onion.

Shirley Wentworth also won for large tomato, hot pepper, tree fruit, and ugliest tomato.

Ronnie Budge and Shirley Wentworth tied for best small tomato.

Virginia Brown won the cane fruit category for her blackberry puree.



JCMGA can earn money every time you shop at Grange! How cool is that? Whenever you shop at any of the Grange Co-Op locations, tell the clerk you are a Jackson County Master Gardener and they will credit our account with the amount of your purchase. At the end of the year, JCMGA will receive a percentage of all out accumulated credits back in the form of cash! This is like free money since we all buy plants, tools, and garden supplies!

If you have a personal account with Grange, you cannot receive the credit for both your account and the Master Gardener account; you will need to make a choice. With that one caveat aside, this is one of the simplest and easiest fundraisers we can do.

**Jackson County Master Gardener Association  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Sept. 13, 2019**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The board retreat will take place 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20, 2019 in the OSU Extension Auditorium. President Susan Koenig asked that board members be there by 8:45.

2. The graduation of the 2019 class will take place at a catered dinner at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 12 in the OSU Extension Auditorium. There will be both vegetarian and meat entrées. Attendees are asked to bring their own place setting. All board members are urged to attend to support the graduates.

3. The Winter Dreams Summer Gardens Symposium online registration opened Sept. 1.

4. The new board orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4 in the OSU



**Recording Secretary**  
*Jane Moyer*  
*Master Gardener 2005*

Extension Auditorium. All 2020 board members are urged to attend.

5. Kate Hassen announced the new Bottle Drop fundraiser has earned \$152.20 to date.

6. Ronnie Budge announced 5 servers are needed for the graduation dinner. Patrice Kaska, Roberta Heinz, Annette Carter, Kathy Apple, and Marcia Harris

volunteered.

7. Ronnie Budge announced AAUW will be having a hoedown at the Bayer Family Estate (11663 Agate Rd., Eagle Point) 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 to fund scholarships for women in Jackson County. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite for \$65 per person.

8. Barbara Davidson announced The Gardeners Pen comes from OMGA (not from OSU). Kate Hassen will notify Cindy Williams.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Lynn Kunstman was introduced as a candidate for 2020 president-elect.

**AGENDA**

Amendments to the Agenda:

1. Erika Szonntag asked to have "MG Program 2020" moved from New Business to Reports.

2. Kate Hassen asked to have Jane Moyer present the Fundraising items.

**MINUTES:** Changes were made in the August minutes: Log into the Member section of the Website for complete board minutes.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** President Susan Koenig presented a certificate to Jim Buck for his work on the Outreach Working Group.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Annette Carter reported the addition to the 2019 income of \$200 from the Karl Carlson Memorial Grant, \$275 from sale of the Garden Guides, and \$218

**Roberts Rules of Order Cheat Sheet**

We are a decision-making body. Although we do have reports listed on the agenda, most reports are filed on Dropbox to conserve time. To keep the focus on decision making, we need to understand the following procedure:

To speak in the meeting, you must be recognized by the Chair (and/or be on the agenda.

To discuss something, you must make a motion about it. (Usually best to write the motion out or prepare something ahead of time.

To make a motion, say "I move to \_\_\_\_\_" The motion needs a second. Say, "I second the motion."

Debate should be on the subject and not personal.

Or someone says, "I move the previous question." If this happens, we vote on calling the question. We need 2/3 vote to stop the debate.

The chair will repeat the motion and a vote will be taken.

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from Les Nimmo, winner of the 50/50 raffle at the picnic who returned his winnings to the association.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. By-laws Chair: **Patrice Kaska moved and Kate Hassen seconded that Kathy Apple be appointed chair of the By-laws Committee. Motion passed with unanimous approval.**

2. Budget Committee Members for 2019: President Susan Koenig appointed Treasurer Annette Carter, Keltie Nelson, Ronnie Budge, Roberta Heinz, Kate Hassen, Jane Moyer, Pam Hillers, Patrice Kaska, Linda Holder, and Susan Koenig to develop the 2020 budget for JCMGA.

3. JCMGA Board Election: **Ronnie Budge moved the slate of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee for the elected 2020 board positions be approved:**

**President-Elect: Lynn Kunstman**

**Treasurer: Annette Carter**

**Assistant Treasurer: Roberta Heinz**

**Archivist: Pam Hillers**

**Recording Secretary: Jane Moyer**

**Membership Secretary: Patrice Kaska**

**OMGA Representative: Barbara Davidson**

**Members-at-Large:**

**Kathy Apple  
Sandy Hansen  
Jack Ivers  
Rebecca Jurta  
Janine Salvatti**

**Approval was unanimous.** A nomination for WDSG chair is still needed.

4. JCMGA Board Election  
Timeline: Patrice Kaska presented the election timeline:

Sept. 13: The JCMGA board approves the slate of candidates

Sept. 20: Deadline for candidate biographies

Sept. 20: Mailchimp sent to JCMGA members explaining online voting

Oct. 1: Election article in The Beet

Oct. 10: Mail ballots to members without email

Oct. 11: Online voting starts (Help available from Patrice Kaska, Jane Moyer, Kate Hassen if needed)

Nov. 1: Voting deadline

Nov. 4-6: Patrice Kaska, Jane Moyer, Kate Hassen (tellers) count ballots

Nov. 8: Election results reported at November board meeting

Working Group chairs are elected by their Working Group and are also announced to the board at the November board meeting.

5. JCMGA Dues: tabled until the October meeting

6. Scholarship Fund: Linda Holder reviewed the JCMGA Scholarship Fund information on Dropbox. Barbara Davidson explained how recipients are chosen: the scholarship is available only for OSU horticulture-related students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher, going into their junior year or higher, with

preference going to Jackson County residents.

7. Fundraising:

**Jane Moyer moved the board authorize the Finance and Fundraising Working Group to enter into an agreement with AmazonSmile on behalf of JCMGA.**

**Jane Moyer moved the board authorize the Finance and Fundraising Working Group to enter into an agreement with CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services).**

Meetings and Events on the MG Calendar: Jane Moyer noticed that many events and meetings are not being put on the calendar on the member side of the JCMGA website. The board recommended that all working groups and committees post their events and meetings.

## REPORTS

1. Mini-College: Barbara Davidson reported that OMGA will be having Mini-college in 2020.

2. MG Program: Erika Szonntag reviewed the program report in Dropbox listing changes for 2020 to bring the JCMG Program more in line with other Oregon MG associations and the national standards.

## NEXT MEETING:

Retreat: Sept. 20, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Auditorium

Board Meeting: October 11, 2019: 9:30 in the Auditorium

*Jane Moyer, Recording Secretary*

***Complete minutes are on the website.***

## Beet Box

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## Just one more thing ...



Peggy Corum took this photo in front of a grocery store in Jacksonville. "I'm reminding all turkeys that Thanksgiving Day is just around the corner!"



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