

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



It's all about the graduating class

More than 100 current Master Gardeners, graduating students and their families and friends joined in congratulating the Class of 2019 in graduation ceremonies at the Extension on Saturday, Oct. 12. Thirty-nine students made it all the way to graduation. We recognized our past mistake in trying to join the award ceremony for current Master Gardeners with graduation festivities, and this year's program was all about celebrating the accomplishments of our graduates.

Everyone was in a festive mood as the celebration got underway with an Asian-themed dinner of fried rice, chicken-vegetable stir fry, noodles, salad and berry cobbler for dessert. The auditorium was beautifully decorated by Marcie Katz and Candace Steely with fall leaf garlands, tea lights, grapes and fortune cookies on the tables.

After dinner, Erika Szonntag began the program by welcoming everyone to the day the students had all been waiting for – graduation! Three graduates – Susan Koury, Marcie Katz and Janine Salvatti – spoke for the class to thank Erika and the various JCMGA members who served as their Practicum, Plant



President

SUSAN HOENIG
MASTER GARDENER 2015

Clinic and Demonstration Garden mentors. They recalled the highlights of their training, their struggles to get through a tough program and even remembered what HOWL stands for! I spoke to the class about maintaining their membership in JCMGA and described some of the ways in which they can remain active in the association. In closing, I welcomed the graduates into the community of Master Gardeners.

Twenty-eight of the graduating class crossed the "stage" to Pomp and Circumstances to be awarded their badges by Erika and shake hands with Erika and me. The class picture was taken afterward by Jolene Monheim in front of the beautiful Betty La Duke paintings.

Student Service Awards

Each year the JCMGA recognizes graduating students for their outstanding participation, over and above what is normally expected of them.

For their outstanding participation in Practicum we recognized 10 students who contributed to a successful Practicum season. As a Practicum mentor, I know what a difference it makes to the whole class to have students with an enthusiastic attitude, students who come early and stay late to get the job done and who volunteer for even the most difficult or unpleasant tasks. Students who come prepared, having read the assignments, and who share their own experience and knowledge during class discussions help the whole group to learn. These self-starters saw what needed to be done and pitched in without being asked. Each is a hard worker with a generous spirit – the definition of a MG.

The awardees for Practicum are: **Trisha Hart-McArthur, Kathryn Hoffner, Marcie Katz, Zelda Lin, Leslee Parr, David Partridge, Margaret Saydah,**

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Class of 2019: Best class ever! (So they say)



Matthew Allen	Lois Dolan	Jeanne Laird	Jane Sawall
Bea Bacher-Wetmore	Jack Groff	Phil Lanni	Margaret Saydah
Linda Birch	Trisha Hart-McArthur	Karen Layson	Madeline Schmidt
Lyn Boening	Monette Hoffmeister	Cony Miner	Erin Scott
Jill Brenkman	Kathryn Hoffner	Leslee Parr	Betty Silva
Beth Capsey	Barbara Hostick	David Partridge	Candace Steely
June Carter	Mike Inscore	Charlotte Poulos	Zelda Lin
Sarah Catt	Jack Ivers	Lucy Pylkki	John Yunker
Roberta Cole	Marcie Katz	Marty Rosen	
Cielo De Romero	Sue Koury	Janine Salvatti	

Congratulations to the class of 2019

To the graduated class of 2019:

First of all, congratulations! I hope everyone had a great time at graduation weekend; you have all put so much into completing the Master Gardener Program. Between the extensive class time, Practicum, and all of the dedication for the demonstration gardens, Spring Garden Fair, Plant Clinic, Seed to Supper, and other programs at the Extension and throughout the county, you have really



**OSU Program
Advisor**

ERIKA SZONNTAG

made a huge impact in our Rogue Valley community. Thank you so much for your time and energy. Additionally, thank you so much for making my first year as coordinator so fun! It has been so great getting to know and working with each of you. I sincerely hope you each continue to participate with the Master Gardener Program in one capacity or another.

— Erika



Photo by Jolene Monheim

Janine Salvatti was recognized with a Service Award for her outstanding work at the Spring Garden Fair.

Class members recognized for service

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Madeline Schmidt, Sarah Catt, and Lois Dolan.

Janine Salvatti was recognized with a Service Award for her outstanding work at the Spring Garden Fair. Every student does some work with the Spring Garden Fair, but Janine really jumped into it with both feet. She helped with the raffle booth, stepping in to fill the role of the co-chair in the last weeks; she also helped in the hospitality room and the plant sale. Since then, she has become the chair of the Garden's Working Group Enhancements Committee and became the student representative to the JCMGA Board mid-year.

Three students were recognized with Service Awards for stepping up to take responsibility for a demonstration garden. **Beth Capsey** and **Barb Hostick** volunteered to be the co-head gardeners in the Entry Garden this summer. Despite it's small size it's a complex little garden with lots of plants in a small space, and it

requires a lot of careful tending.

Monette Hoffmeister was recognized for heading the Waterwise garden. She enthusiastically took over the waterwise garden and totally revamped it this spring. She critically considered characteristics of a waterwise garden, then made educated plant and design choices. Waterwise is getting a whole new look.

Three students received Service Awards for their outstanding participation in both Practicum and SGF. **Linda Birch** arrived early, stayed late, initiated what needed to be done in Practicum. Linda also worked with Roberta Heinz to create Spring Garden Fair posters and plant cards and spent two days in the money booth. **Jack Groff** approached whatever was needed in Practicum cheerfully and with an open, inquiring mind. He brought his trailer to move plants to the SGF, handled tough set up/cleanup jobs with a smile. Linda and Jack also donated a wagon for the Practicum, a much appreciated

gift. **Alyssa Womack** came to class with 100% enthusiasm, worked cheerfully for long hours helping to load the Practicum booth for Spring Garden Fair; used her trailer to transport plants and knew what was needed to keep things moving. Unfortunately, she has moved out of the county, but she will receive her award.

For his outstanding performance in Spring Garden Fair and Demonstration Gardens **Matthew Allen** was recognized with a Service Award. Matt worked full time at the Spring Garden Fair as an area manager, an exhausting job that requires long hours, a lot of tact and interpersonal skills. This summer he volunteered to head up the compost operation. The compost team under Matt's leadership, moved and reestablished the compost operation, including refurbishing the shade tents, building a new foundation for the tool shed, and starting the lasagna compost pile.

Congratulations to the entire Class of 2019!

Congrats to grads!



Photos by Jolene Monheim

Recognizing the new Master Gardeners



Photos by Jolene Monheim

Our thanks to Cindy & Melissa

My thanks to Cindy & Melissa

Thank you Cindy for being such a dedicated supporter of JCMGA for several years. You have been reliable and creative, along with bringing joy to the association by the way you made the Garden Beet articles interesting and educational. I still remember the beautiful/delicious individual cookies you brought to the board meetings. I've missed you but wish you Happy Trails.

Dear Cindy,

Thank you for all your dedicated hard work! You've helped us move into the 21st Century and you've done it all with a delightful sense of humor – “easy-peasy,” – style, creativity, and your beautiful spirit. You've been a joy to work with and we wish you nothing but happiness going forward. Travel safely and may the road rise up to meet you...

Melissa,

Thank you for your expertise, your instruction, and your patience as you led us from the Dark Ages into the light of the Electronic Age with us kicking and screaming all the way! Thank you for never giving up on us. Enjoy your coming adventures and know that we tremendously value all that you've done for us!

Linda Holder, 1989

Dear Melissa,

Where would we be without your expertise in developing our website and all of the information that members receive on a weekly/monthly basis. You have opened up the Master Gardener program and availability to educational opportunities beyond what we could ever have imagined a few



Cindy Williams



Melissa Williams

years back. Thank you for your timeless efforts in updating our databases. You will be missed and I can only hope that your travels bring you back to Southern Oregon again some day.

Pam Hillers, 2015

Cindy & Melissa,

I appreciate your years of steadfast support of our mission to learn, practice and teach the art and science of gardening in the Rogue Valley. Your willingness to share your time and talents have made a significant difference to many.

Thank you,

Jim Buck, 2018

I am so grateful for the extraordinary amount of work that Cindy and Melissa Williams have contributed behind the scenes to make JCMGA a stellar association. Cindy's publication of the Garden Beet, facilitation of Mailchimp, and art work, along with Melissa's management of our website, creation of electronic voting and donations, and so much more have been a phenomenal asset to this association. I thank you both and wish you well in your next adventures.

Kathy Apple, 2017

Cindy Williams is an amazing person, the patience of a spider waiting for prey, the beauty of a butterfly & the agility of a hummingbird. She provided guidance, encouragement & gorgeous artwork to me, as well as humor and grace when things didn't go as planned, when we worked together in the communications world for JCMGA. I'm glad she is seeing the world, but she will be greatly missed. Thank you Cindy, for everything!

Janice Alderman, 2018

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Our thanks to Cindy & Melissa

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I first met Cindy and Melissa when they both were in the Practicum class where I was a first-year mentor in 2014. Both were memorable as warm, hard working women with beautiful smiling faces.

Cindy became a Practicum mentor in 2015. Soon after she volunteered to be the Garden Beet editor. She also served on the Board first as the Beet editor and then as the Communications Working Group Chair. She has managed and upgraded our Mailchimp system, worked with numerous media outlets to publicize our events, order publicity materials and managed the questions from the website. And that is just a few of the things she has done for us.

Our website is a collaboration begun by Cindy and Melissa with Creative Design. It was their vision and determination to create a website that would take the association into the 21st Century. And they did it! We now have the capacity to vote online. Vendors from Spring Garden Fair can apply and pay online. We can advertise our classes, display our gardens and link to OSU to register our hours and students from the Practicum use the website to access additional student materials. None this would be possible if it were not for the dedicated vision of these two outstanding volunteers.

I personally do not know how to backfill the holes that will be left as Cindy and Melissa move on to other traveling adventures. I do know that we were so lucky to

have had them for such a long time.

*“May the road rise up to meet you,
may the wind be always at your
back, may the sun shine warm
upon your face, may the rains fall*

Cindy Williams is an amazing person, the patience of a spider waiting for prey, the beauty of a butterfly & the agility of a hummingbird. – Janice Alderman

*soft upon your fields, and, until we
meet again, may God hold you in
the palm of His hand.”*

– An Irish blessing.

Kate Hassen, 2013

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Dear Cindy and Melissa,

It has been such a pleasure working with you! I have always appreciated your timeliness, attention to detail, and of course all the help you've given me advertising and supporting the MG Program. You have big shoes to fill and will be missed!

Erika Szonntag

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Melissa,

Thank you for showing that JCMGA is professional and exciting through our beautiful and functional website! It is easy to navigate and has all the information one could ask for. As a Practicum mentor I appreciated the updated website you produced last spring, so much easier to use than Moodle.

And your work to enable JCMGA to conduct online voting for the first time ever was thorough, and turned out great.

Cindy,

Thank you for making Garden Beet a newsletter to look forward

to each month. With its eye-catching graphics and interesting articles it's just been fun to read. Your Mailchimps always grabbed attention and helped boost attendance whenever we had an

event. In fact, all of JCMGA's promotional materials have benefited from your graphics skills and knowledge of

what would attract the viewer's attention.

Ronnie Budge, 2011

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Dear Melissa,

We may not know all the many things you have done for our website, but the result of your hard work is unmistakable – a beautiful, functional forum that has become integral to JCMGA. Thank you!

Dear Cindy,

I don't know where to begin to thank you for all that you have done for JCMGA. Instead of a long laundry list of your many, many accomplishments, let me just mention one that stands out for me. Everything you do is beautifully artistic. It's a pleasure to see your communications to our membership. Thanks, Cindy.

Susan Koenig, 2016

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I am so grateful for all Cindy Williams has contributed to JCMGA! She was a mentor in the Practicum from the time she graduated until she and her daughter Melissa left on their

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adventure of touring the United States. During her time here she also became editor of *The Garden Beet* which led to being chair of the Communications Working Group which lead to taking our association into the 21st century with some of us kicking and screaming all the way. Even as they continued and extended their adventure, Cindy continued her Communications job from afar. She is responsible for its continual expansion. Thanks so much for all you have given to the Jackson County Master Gardener Association, Cindy! We will miss you!

Melissa Williams has truly been a “behind the scenes” Master Gardener! Her contribution to what we are able to do electronically is immeasurable! There are so many things on our website that I have come to take for granted that I know Melissa has spent hours on. She enabled us to put Practicum information for students on the website, have a master calendar to show our meetings and major events, have online access to the directory, online voting, and links to recording our hours and viewing materials from the MG Program classes. And that’s just on the

member side of the website! The public side also has a plethora of information valuable to both the public and to Master Gardeners. We are going to miss you and your expertise, Melissa, and wish you well as you continue your adventure!

Jane Moyer, 2005

I have never actually met Cindy or Melissa Williams, but over the past year they have both become very dear to me.

Our first online connection did not go well. Being a new Board member, Cindy wrote to me requesting a photo for the January 2019 *Garden Beet*. I was horrified that I was expected to have my picture in the newsletter and sent her a photo I took looking into a mirror with an iPad in front of my face. To me, it was a joke; to Cindy, it was rude, and I was rebuked. Nevertheless, we both continued on. When Cindy chose a colorful cactus plant to represent me in the *Beet*, I mentioned to her that it was an accurate depiction of my prickly nature. In response, Cindy explained that she had been born in Arizona and especially loved cactus flowers, sending me a

video of the magnificent blooming flowers to introduce me to their loveliness.

During this year we have worked together more and more closely. Cindy and Melissa are such experts in website management, Mailchimp production, and online design. Their skills and speed of work appear magical to me. With regard to my JCMGA responsibilities, they have been instrumental in keeping member information updated on the website, providing raffle mail chimp, and enabling ou

r first JCMGA online election. I value their suggestions and treasure their kind and supportive emails and tremendous generosity.

As the current Membership Secretary, I was devastated to learn of their resignations, and uncertain as to how I could proceed without them. Yet I wish Cindy and Melissa a joyous future with heaps of free time! And whenever I see a cactus flower, I will always think of Cindy and forgiveness.

Patrice Kaska, 2016

Cindy is a delightful person and it’s been a delight to work with her on *Garden Beet* articles and Master Gardener promotion. Responsive, encouraging, professional – Cindy’s all of these and lots of fun, too. Whatever adventures Cindy and Melissa find, may they be interesting and filled with people as wonderful as they are who like gardens, plants and flowers.

Maxine Cass, 2015

Cindy's work with Luigi Bogni on the Winter Dreams Summer Gardens artwork was the best yet, and we plan to use it for many years!

Rebecca Jurta, 2017



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.

Holiday Plant and Wreath Sale

Jackson County Master Gardener™ Association

569 Hanley Road, Central Point, OR



November 22, 10 AM

In Green House #2

Potted Bulbs

House Plants Bulbs

Native Plants

Christmas Wreaths

And Christmas Ornaments



Candy Floss is a *Symphony* variety. This robust jungle hibiscus look-alike is rose-pink with darker veins, a green eye and an ivory starburst edged in dark rose-pink. The large 7 1/2" flowers are borne on strong 12" stems. Bulb size: 26 cm.



Inferno is an improved double *Sonata* variety with bold, deep red 7 1/2" full lush blooms and variable white highlights. It has shorter, thick stems to approximately 8 1/2". Bulb size: 26 cm.



Blackberry volunteers battled the bushes

By Kate Hassen
Master Gardener 2013

What do Master Gardeners do when a job appears too big for one or two people? They make a workday! That is exactly what happened when Peggy Corum and Carol Evans needed the fence line behind their gardens cleared of blackberries.

On Wednesday, Oct. 2, at least 20 Master Gardeners came to tackle the blackberries along the fence. We soon discovered that merely clipping the inside of the fence was only part of the job. In order to keep the blackberries from invading the gardens again, we had to clip the outside of the fence as well.

We had been given permission to cut out sections of the fence, so it was easy to begin clipping and making large piles of blackberry vines on the backside of the fence. Soon realizing how inefficient it was to transport the vines – wheelbarrow by wheelbarrow – to the trailer near the compost garden,



we decided to make large piles and rent a trailer to haul them to the burn pile later.

By noon much had been accomplished, but it was obvious we would need another day of clipping to clear the fence line. We set Oct. 9 as our second blackberry day. This time we were better prepared.

Jack Groff brought a giant hedge trimmer! In a short hour or two he had cut out all the remaining blackberries to beyond the

Some 20 volunteers work showed up on two October workdays to clear blackberrys along the fence behind some of the gardens. Another blackberry workday is planned for February.

Children's Garden. The rest of us followed him pulling out cut vines, making piles and cutting the vines down to ground level.

Meanwhile, Joe Alvord made load after load to the burn pile. We are not quite finished with the blackberry project. But we won't have another blackberry day until sometime in February. If we have a blackberry day or two per year, we will be able to keep the fence line clear. Come and join us.

Thank you to everyone who came out to work on a job that appeared too big. Many hands make light work. And the Demonstration Gardens appreciate every single one of those hands.

Highbush bounty

Gardening Gourmet

BY SYDNEY JORDAN BROWN
MASTER GARDENER 2000

As we gather this month to indulge an annual feast for remembrance of ancestors settling upon this great land, we should give thanks not only for those born upon this soil but the sharing of their native harvest. For without their generous offerings we'd likely not have those crimson berries so traditional this season.

No matter how you've experienced them, the Thanksgiving feast just wouldn't be the same without cranberries. It might surprise you though to find that neither fruits nor sauce come solely from fresh or canned commercial cranberries we usually purchase from the produce section or shelves of our favorite grocers.

Yes, there indeed is another that's been here just as long the one we've become to expect to see this time of year. Meet the American highbush cranberry (*Viburnum opulus* var. *Americana* or old name *trilobum* or *edule* that's supposedly the best tasting). While sharing the same family as elderberries, these berries have the same size, color and similar flavor as their commercially cultivated counterparts but offer another offering from your own backyard garden-scape.

Although similar in appearance to *Viburnum opulus*, (the European cranberry), the American highbush doesn't have the astringent, largely seedy and highly acidic fruits as the aforementioned cultivar. So to



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experience a new berry on the garden block, make sure what you plant is identified as the American variety.

Despite low and high bush cranberries sharing native status in the U.S. as well appearing alike on our celebratory table settings, they're totally different in their plant size and growth habits.

While one must have a bog to grow the more commonly consumed low bush cranberry, the American highbush grows in a vast variety of conditions from zones 2-7 making it a most versatile

addition to garden and eventually the holiday menu.

This versatile bush will thrive most anywhere there's well-drained loam or a silty-loam with good moisture holding capacity. Although preferring full sun they'll tolerate some partial afternoon shade.

Growing to heights of 15 feet, (when left unpruned), highbush cranberries make a spectacular, as well as edible hedge (so move over photinia!!) with petite snowy flowers borne upon terminal cymes 3-4" across. The subsequent high in pectin fruits ripen in early autumn, making their harvesting perfectly timed for naturally thickened jellies, jams, preserves and of course that traditional spiced sauce we come to expect this month.

American highbush showy-crimson-fruits last throughout the winter well after Jack Frost nips them in to brilliant landscape additions along with their spectacular fiery-red foliage. They're easily maintained by thinning older stems at the base, weak or broken limbs and topping to a desired height.

So as you gather around with family and friends to feast upon the season's bounty, don't forget to give thanks for the original sharing of the native fruit that might just become a new tradition not only in your garden but at your next holiday meal.

**Highbush Chutney
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Blue BottleDrop bag raises funds for projects

Good morning Fellow Gardeners,

Thanks to your efforts the “BottleDrop” has already brought in well over \$200. We are going to continue the drive for the coming year. You can pick up blue bags with the JCMGA bar code from Kate Hassen. Or pick up the blue bag from the shoe box in Erik’s office.

Due to the holidays we will not be collecting blue bags at the Extension in November or December. The blue bags will still be available. And you can still drop them off yourself at the Bottle Drop at 1179 Stowe Ave. in



Medford.

The next collection day at the Extension is Jan. 29.

Thank you to all who have

participated! The board hopes you will continue to participate in our “BottleDrop” to raise funds for 2020 JCMGA projects.

The Fundraising Committee

Recipe: *Highbush Chutney*

1 pound fresh or frozen cranberries, rinsed and drained

2 organic quince or tart apples, washed, cored and cut in medium dice

1 organic red onion, peeled and coarsely chopped

1 3-4” knob of fresh ginger minced

Finely grated peel and juice of 2 medium organic oranges

½ cup organic dried currants

1 teaspoon each ground cinnamon and ginger

¼ teaspoon ground cloves

½ cup port wine

½ cup Balsamic vinegar

2/3 cup sweetener of choice

(honey, agave, organic sugar or coconut sugar)

1 ½ cup fresh apple cider or juice

Put all ingredients in a large heavy sauce pan. Bring to a boil then cover and cook over medium-low heat for about 30 minutes stirring occasionally until fruits have softened and sauce thickened. Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature then keep refrigerated. Will keep for about two weeks or freeze for longer storage. Great accompaniment for poultry, fish, pork, instead of relish and even great on peanut butter sandwiches instead of jam.

Sources

All sources below have highbush cranberries

Nature Hills Nursery

www.naturehills.com

Variety here is a compact type with the same tasting berries as larger variety

Prairie Nursery

www.prairienursery.com

They have Viburnum trilobum along with many other native plants and seeds

Brighter Blooms

www.brighterblooms.com

Jackson County Master Gardener Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Oct. 11, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Barbara Davidson announced an anonymous \$1,000 donation to JCMGA.
2. Patrice Kaska had three announcements.
 - a. Online voting is now open.
 - b. All new contact information is added to the online directory as it is received.
 - c. Membership renewal forms will be sent out mid-November along with two OSU forms. All three forms must be returned along with a check for dues.
3. Kathy Apple announced a by-laws meeting right after the board meeting.
4. Kate Hassen announced email addresses are being set up for JCMGA functions.
5. Linda Holder announced all



Recording Secretary

Jane Moyer

Master Gardener 2005

board reports were received on time.

6. Sandy Hammond distributed samples of the 2020 Spring Garden Fair rack cards.

7. Ronnie Budge announced 105 reservations have been received for the graduation. Dec. 4 is the board orientation.

8. Jane Moyer announced the removal of two apricot trees in an

effort to prevent peach tree aphids.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Susan Koenig announced due to the need to print the Spring Garden Fair rack cards in time to be included in the Winter Dreams Summer Gardens folders, the Executive Committee was convened to consider SGF price increases.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Annette Carter highlighted income and expenses for the month of September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Erika Szonntag will be presenting information on the Jackson County Master Gardener program to prospective students during the lunch hour at Winter Dreams Summer Gardens. Garden Guide for the Rogue Valley Trees and Shrubs will be given as a free promotional item to the first 10 people who sign up and pay to attend the 2020 program.

2. Linda Holder presented historical information on the JCMGA endowment fund. Barbara Davidson moved the board approve up to \$2,500 for scholarship from the JCMGA scholarship fund for an Oregon resident. Kate Hassen moved to table the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. President Susan Koenig reported Rod Bumgardner has resigned from the board.

2. Keltie Nelson, chair of the Member Services Working Group, moved the board approve a dues increase for JCMGA

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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The clock is ticking

A new year is fast approaching, which means we still have some plants potted up in a mix that includes garden soil. There is nothing wrong with the soil mix, it just goes against our new rules. These plants need homes ASAP. This double flowering white DEUTZIA has always been a favorite of mine. It was in the garden of a really good plant collector, who seemed to have the best of everything. And we have plants ready for you.

Assuming you don't have deer cavorting around your yard, we have an assortment of deer candy: evergreen AZALEAS. Some are from the Holmes Estate, some are from the parent plant on the north side of the Extension bldg. (I hope it's Rose Bud, but hard to tell since it was out of bloom when the cuttings were taken) & some are purple, like the large one beside the Jacksonville post office.



Peggy's Propagation

BY PEGGY CORUM
MASTER GARDENER 1989



I can't believe that no one has snatched up the cute little CORNUS MAS (cornelian cherry) which covers itself with pretty yellow blossoms in early

spring & bright red fruit in the fall. A nice small tree. Another nice small tree is our OLIVES. I have found out they are non-producing, ornamental, no mess on the ground.

I'm not sure if it's the variety or the exposure, but some CREPE MYRTLES are showing nicely colored leaves.

FIGS: There's Latarula, a blonde one, & then there's a couple of

large plants that started out being stakes for a fence! Since they rooted right there, that's a good thing. Be encouraged. Look on the bright side. I'm guessing they are from Desert King.

Have you thought about raising your own crooked branches for bouquets? We have one CONTORTED WILLOW. Don't forget the Holmes Estate ROSES.

For that hedge you wanted, a lot of VIBURNUM TINUS were blooming in October & we also have a couple of spring bloomers. All the eatable POMEGRANATE plants are gone, but you can still get the flowering ones.

White PHLOX anyone?

Of course, we still have a raised bed stuffed with GOLDENROD. (Free). If no one wants them, they will end up in the compost.

Come on by & discover what I've failed to write about. Oh yeah: DAPHNE ODORA.

The promise of a sweet smelling Spring.

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membership to \$25 to take effect Feb. 1, 2020. Motion passed unanimously. It was pointed out that those who pay their dues by Jan. 31, 2020 will remain at the \$20 level for the coming year.

3. Sandy Hammond, chair of the Finance Working Group, moved

the board approve a name change of the Finance Working Group to the Fundraising Working Group. Motion passed.

Submitted by Jane Moyer,
Recording Secretary

**NEXT MEETING: 9:30 a.m.
Friday Nov. 8, 2019**

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Things to do in the garden for November

BY JULIE ENGELSON
MASTER GARDENER 2012

We are lucky to live in this beautiful valley of the Rogue!

I say this for many reasons. In the spirit of gratitude and in the season of giving thanks, I will list my favorite ones here. First, with few exceptions, our county has excellent soil and water quality, making it a joy to grow anything a gardener would desire (note "few exceptions" and "almost anything")! Second, after spending the past 45 years here, I love seasonal weather!!! Watching the leaves on the trees change their color and start falling has always given me joy. The changing seasons are reminders to gardeners that we can now slow down somewhat and really inhale the beauty that surrounds us in our valley.

That being said, there are a few things a busy gardener can do if soaking up seasonal change is too slow-paced. These are a few of my favorite things to get done on crisp autumn days:

♦ Woody perennials can be pruned now. It is a great time to shape those low-growing ones into the size you'd like them to be.

♦ Continue enriching your compost pile with those lovely leaves! Don't forget the two-to-one ratio of brown to green matter. Covering the pile makes it break down faster, too!



♦ Mulch all woody perennials with your favorite mulch. This is my time of year to buy a good-sized pickup load of bark fines for the rose bushes. It will take me all month to wheelbarrow it around and work it in, but now's the time to get it done!

♦ Got a greenhouse? Lucky you! You've probably solarized the inside with the last days of hot weather, but now is a great time to use bleach water or an organic cleaner to clean pots and wash down shelves and other surfaces to prepare for the new season of planting.

It's never a bad time to clean up those well used tools! Clean and oil handles, sharpen cutting surfaces, reorganize the tool shed and make a list of things needing to be replaced or restocked.

♦ Have you thought about hardscaping? Now, while the ground is soft from the rain is a GREAT time to put in a decorative fence or trellis, put

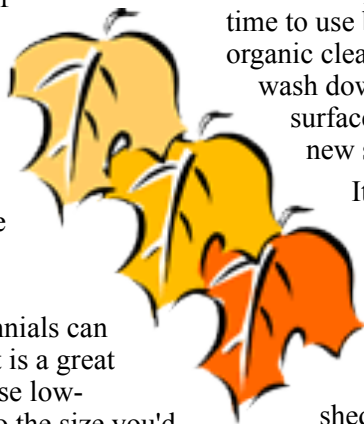
down boarders, lay down granite paths, build and replace new raised bed boxes, place decorative landscaping bricks, etc. It is so much easier to dig postholes now, too! Those natural stone paths are much easier to place while the ground is softer.

♦ Last, enjoy your fall harvest of pumpkins, kale or onions! If you didn't plant the fall/winter garden, I'm sure you'll want to next year! These veggies are so much sweeter this time of year due to the cooling of the weather. I hope you have them on your Thanksgiving table.

Find delight in the changing of the season. Take a much-deserved rest from the hyper-vigilance a gardener does all summer keeping plants growing and thriving. Enjoy the colors, the rich-earth smells of autumn and still have fun in the soon -to-be-slumbering garden.

Remember to give thanks for this beautiful place to garden we call home. Happy gardening!

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