

January 2020

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



Ronnie Budge takes the helm

By Jane Moyer
Master Gardener 2005

Happy New Year! A new year is recognized as a time for new beginnings. This is true for the Jackson County Master Gardener Association as well as for life in general. The year 2020 will see a new board of directors, including a new president. We'd like to congratulate Ronnie Budge as she assumes the presidency of our association.

Ronnie grew up in New York City where her first garden was a window box over a fire escape. It can be said that all of gardening is an experiment, which was Ronnie's way for many years. In that New York City window box, Ronnie's eureka moments included discovering that portulaca (moss rose) can survive for two weeks without water and marigold flowers produce seeds just like the ones that come in a seed packet.

Ronnie credits her father for a love of nature, the outdoors, and gardening. He took her for long walks in the Connecticut



countryside during summer vacations and helped her attend nature camps. She learned about compost at one such camp when she was taught to pile the weeds from the vegetable garden in a corner.

Ronnie attended Barnard College (Columbia University), receiving a degree in library science from the University of Michigan. While interning at the

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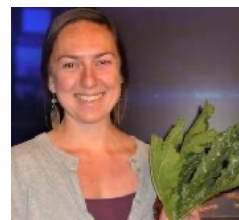
Scott Goode receives OSU award

Dear Gardeners,

Please join us in congratulating Scott Goode, who was awarded the 2019 OSU Extension Association Cooperator Award. These awards honor folks who have made significant contributions to Extension in Oregon. This is a competitive award and only seven people were selected from all of Oregon State University Extension. The SOREC Land Steward program was joined by the Master Gardener program in nominating Scott for all of his amazing support. Scott was invited to the 2019 OSU Extension Annual Conference to receive his award.

Here is the abstract of his nomination:

"Scott Goode took the Land Steward training in 2011 and the



**OSU Program
Advisor**

Erika Szonntag

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Membership renewals due

Now that we've begun the new Master Gardener year, membership renewals for 2020 have been mailed. In fact, you may have already returned yours by now.

When you do return your renewal, it is very important that you include all three completed forms with your check or cash: 1) the JCMGA contact information/interest/expertise form, 2) the OSU Waiver of Liability form, and 3) the OSU Code of Conduct form. You have also been sent a second Code of Conduct form to retain for your own information.

In 2020, dues remains at \$20 until January 31st. Beginning on Feb. 1, 2020, dues will increase to \$25. If you renew before the end of January, you will save a bit of money and be sure to have your contact information included in the 2020 Chapter Directory.

The Member Services Working Group is planning even more activities for Master Gardeners this gardening year: more group tours, the introduction of the Garden Buds program and single topic interest groups. We hope you will join us!

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A Tribute to Linda Holder

By Pam Hillers

Master Gardener 2015

After growing up as a farm kid in Lawrence, Kansas, Linda graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in nursing. Her nursing education eventually led her to sales in the medical equipment field in the Midwest and on the East Coast.

Linda's father was a hard-working farmer with a full-time job in town. Her mother had a large garden where she taught Linda basic gardening skills, but mostly showed what generosity meant by sharing the bounty of what she grew with friends and family that visited their home.

The legacy of hard work and generosity along with a love of gardening was not lost on Linda. After being aware of Master Gardener programs in different parts of the country she finally retired and planted her roots with her husband Jim in Jacksonville. It was in 1998 when she graduated from our OSU horticulture course that you might say she "hit the



Linda Holder: Master Gardener 1998

gardening path running", beginning as the student leader developing the greenhouse (our only greenhouse at that time).

Linda has been actively involved in Jackson County Master Gardeners Association (JCMGA) since those 1998 classroom days. She served our association as chair of the greenhouse and as publicity chair while not being on the board, and then from 2001 – 2006 she became a member of the board as chair of publicity, co-chair

and editor of the Garden Beet (when articles had to be typed and pasted to the pages and then mimeographed), represented Scott's Garden, and was the leader for our outreach efforts with the Speakers Bureau and our Winter Dreams program.

She took a break from the board from 2007-2012 while continuing to work in Scott's Garden, and then back to serving on the board in 2013 as archivist, leadership for "In the Garden", and has been a Spring Garden Fair Co-Chair

since 2017. Oh ... and on top of all this, in 2005 Linda served as president of JCMGA.

Linda is leaving the board in 2020 but will still be around to help with archives, and no doubt we will see her beautiful smiling face in the ongoing activities of the association.

We all thank you Linda for sharing your time and talents to make JCMGA the wonderful community of "scientific" gardeners that we all enjoy being a part of.

Rebecca Jurta is new Speakers Bureau coordinator

By Jim Buck

Master Gardener 2018

Rebecca Jurta, Master Gardener 2017, has been named the new coordinator for the Speakers Bureau. Rebecca moved to the Rogue Valley in 2014 and became a Master Gardener in 2017.

She grew up in New Hampshire and moved to Silicon Valley during the tech boom in the 1990s. She and her husband, John, decided to retire to Southern Oregon to be closer to his family and escape the big city.

As a kid, she worked alongside her

dad in their very large vegetable garden. When she lived in the Bay Area, she and her husband designed and built formal gardens on two small urban lots. Now they garden and tend four rural acres in Ashland.

The Speakers Bureau seems an appropriate segue from her coordination efforts with Kathy Apple on the 2019 Winter Dreams Summer Gardens (WDSG). Based on feedback from WDSG attendees, she would like to expand the topic



selection and grow more speakers.

Heads up: Anyone who checked interest in teaching community education classes on their membership renewals can expect to be contacted in the new year!

She gives her thanks to those already involved in the Speakers Bureau.

Ronnie Budge takes the helm

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Library of Congress, she met her husband, Ed. It didn't take much for him to persuade her to move to the West Coast where he grew up. After spending three years in Berkley, Ronnie, Ed, and their one-year old son moved to the Rogue Valley in 1971. Ronnie has said this is when she started to garden in earnest. She claims the results of her gardening efforts for the next 40 years could charitably be described as "mixed."

Meanwhile, Ronnie became head of the reference department of the Jackson County Library System in 1974 and retired in 2007 after spending the 20 years as director of the 15-library organization where she oversaw 99 employees. During her tenure, all fifteen branches were remodeled, expanded, or replaced with the new central library in Medford becoming a showpiece of the downtown core.

When Ronnie became the director in 1987, there was no way for any branch to know what was included in the collection of any other branch. (Remember card catalogs?) Under Ronnie's leadership, Jackson County libraries partnered with the libraries in Josephine County and Rogue Community College to make over a million books readily available to all branches through the use of an online catalog. By the time she retired, storymobiles were bringing books and storytime to child-care centers. Classroom book talks were available. After-school and toddler programs had been initiated. Teen libraries, teen summer reading programs and Senior Project Days (Sunday help sessions for high school seniors working on their senior projects) had been created. Is it any wonder Ronnie was named the 2004 Oregon Librarian of the Year by the Oregon Library Association?



Ronnie Budge sowing seeds with KDRV host Gio Insignares for an episode of "In the Garden" in May 2018.

Searching for her purpose in the next phase of life, Ronnie joined AAUW (American Association of University Women) where she became active helping to organize their spring garden tours, book groups, and social activities. In 2011, she took the OSU Master Gardener class and became an active JCMGA member. She has been a Practicum mentor ever since, leading the Curriculum Team this past summer in reviewing, renewing, and reorganizing the information imparted to students. She is also a Speakers Bureau presenter, appeared on "In the Garden" TV segments, and works tirelessly at the Spring Garden Fair. During the past year, as president-elect, her duties included organizing both the summer picnic and the graduation banquet. She chaired the Awards Committee and

the Nominations Committee. She organized and facilitated an orientation for the 2020 board members and is now busy preparing to hit the ground running with an all-day retreat this month for the 2020 board.

When Ronnie retired, she traded in her business attire for her now recognizable flannel shirts. She thought her biggest decision each day would be which shirt to wear. Little did she know when she became a Master Gardener how addicting it can become! However, something that most likely won't change in 2020, is her perennial beds will have something blooming in them eleven months of the year and her vegetable garden and small greenhouse overflow with more produce than she can possibly eat.

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Master Gardener Training in 2012. He joined the Land Steward Advisory Council and has been a tireless mentor, instructor and all around inspiration for both programs ever since. Scott combines a background in engineering, hydrology and geology with a passion for sustainability to help mentor and educate both land owners and gardeners. He is a frequent and inspirational instructor for soils and composting topics for both programs and has helped hundreds of trainees discover their previously un-identified love of soil. He is a valued mentor for both programs helping problem solve issues



Scott receiving his award at the awards banquet at OSU in Corvallis.



Scott, at left, takes a rest after installing the compost shed last summer with Matthew Allen, Steve Hassen and Doug Kirby.

on topics from hydrology to soil building and permaculture. Scott is part of the working group creating the new Land Steward online hybrid course. Scott is a wonderful cooperator with OSU Extension and represents a caliber of volunteer we are fortunate to have involved.”

Thank you Scott for all you have contributed over the years, to OSU Extension, the Rogue Valley community, and beyond!

— Erika, Rachel, and
your MG and LS
communities

New Year! New class! New program!

By Gina Velando

Master Gardener 2018

Member Services Working Group

The Member Services Working Group is pleased to announce the pilot year of our “Garden Buds” Program. This program has been developed with the goal of assisting new students to navigate the program and have a “buddy” to help them grow and blossom towards continued involvement with JCMGA.

A similar mentor program was run in previous years (this was before I arrived at JCMGA) and we are excited to get this going!

Garden Buds will be assigned 2-3 students from this year’s new class. The main focus is to be a friendly, welcoming face on behalf of the association. We are seeking interested Master Gardeners to help us kick off this program!



MSWG is looking to recruit 20-25 Buds. Buds will commit to a calendar year and we aim to keep it simple. Interested MGs can expect the following:

- ♦ Be assigned 2-3 students before first day of class
- ♦ Attend a one-time orientation on Jan. 9th from 10 a.m. -12 p.m.
- ♦ Attend first-day lunch on Jan 22 at 12 p.m. and eat with your students
- ♦ Read monthly email from Garden Buds coordinator (this will

be sent out on the first of each month) and relay relevant information in the email to your students

- ♦ Be available throughout the calendar year to answer questions/ concerns your students may have or help navigate them to the right person to answer that question.

And that’s all!

Please contact Member Services Working Group via [this email link](#) if this sounds like something you may enjoy or for any additional questions!

Thank you for helping us build what we see as a beneficial program to our new students and the association as a whole.

Best to all as we head into the New Year.

HELP WANTED

*It takes a lot to keep our organization moving.
Here are some ways you can help.*

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Spring Garden Fair needs four area managers to help with floor management before and during the fair. Contact [Kate Hassen](#) if interested.

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Garden Beet needs writers. Possible stories include:

- ♦ How to start seeds in winter.
- ♦ Basics for beginners and those having issues.
- ♦ Good gardening practices.
- ♦ What to do in your garden every month.
- ♦ How do you manage your garden?

What would you like to see in the Beet? Let us know. Contact [Jack Ivers](#).

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Photographers and graphic artists are needed for the Beet and committee projects. Contact [Kate Hassen](#).

Blue BottleDrop bag raises funds for projects

Good morning Fellow Gardeners,

The next blue bag bottle collection day is at the Extension on Jan. 29 from 9 a.m.-noon. But remember that you can also drop them off yourself at the Bottle Drop at 1179 Stowe Ave in Medford.

Thanks to your efforts the BottleDrop has already brought in well over \$400. 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 Erika’s office.

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

Sorreling to new heights

With the last guest gone and sampling one last too many sweets, it's time to trowel for something tart and green.

Seek ye no further than your latest spring seed catalog for *Rumex acetosa*, sorrel (or sour dock). Not familiar with this plant? You're not the only one. North American gardeners really need to cultivate sorrel so it might be shared among all unfamiliar with its "tartful" tastiness.

A perennial herb, sorrel belongs to the knotweed family (the term knotweed is derived from small nodes along the stems of some of these plants) along with rhubarb and buckwheat.

Although dating back to 1700 growing in grasslands in Europe and Central Asia, there are many varieties native to our American soils. English colonists were thrilled to find Native Americans using sorrel in their cookery. Sheep's sorrel, wood sorrel, spinach dock, and Belleville are a few that while edible for humans, seem more nutritious for livestock than our culinary recipes.

The preferred cultivated varieties are derived from European origins but may be easily propagated here. The main three culinary varieties are French, red-veined (prized for its crimson veins), and broad leaf sorrel. Another, *Hibiscus sabdariffa*, (used in some medicines) while similar in appearance shouldn't be confused with *Rumex acetosa*.

While all three culinary varieties have different appearances, their similar tartness are prized by chefs for their sauces and soups, since sorrel's

Gardening Gourmet
by Sydney Jordan Brown
Master Gardener 2000



tender leaves dissolve easily. It's also great minced for adding to marinades, casseroles or mixing in salad greens.

Although dating back to 1700 growing in grasslands in Europe and Central Asia, there are many varieties native to our American soils.

Sorrel spiffs up potatoes, eggs, whole grains, seafood, poultry, and permeates sour cream, Greek yogurt or cream with vibrant green, while taming its tartness to a pleasant subtleness.

Packed with vitamins A and C and potassium, this plant of mouth-puckering pleasure also provides protein and a pleasingly very low calorie count to counteract all those addictively consumed over the holidays.

And such a wonder it will be early each spring once you've cultivated sorrel as it's one of the first brilliant green shoots to sprout from the ground. With leaves smooth to crinkled, both garden and French sorrel may be sown ¼" deep in individual cells in sterile seed start mix 4-6 weeks prior to the last killing frost.

Have only wet or dry soil? Not a problem since garden sorrel prefers its feet wet and French like its feet dry. Both with persistent tap roots grow with little attention and may also be propagated by root division. How much easier could you want for to have such a sprightly-tart sprig to spruce up your every-season supper meals?

As with lettuces, harvesting sorrel leaves may begin when plants are 4-6" high using the "cut and come again" method.

While plants will want to bolt when weather gets too warm, removing flowers will extend leaf harvesting so you can savor that sought-after sourness for the entire season.

Despite its sharp flavor, sorrel leaves are fragile, so they last only two weeks refrigerated.

However, to satisfy your sour senses, sautéed in olive oil until soft it may be frozen for savoring later.

If you're sold on sorrel, you'll surely want to sow your own since it's seldom sold at markets. So pucker up and plant some sorrel to brighten your seasons with sour-sprite tartness.

Savory ideas for *Rumex acetosa*, Page 10

Holiday fun with neighbors and birds

Perplex your neighbors!

Around October a friend gave me a very weird, interesting looking plant. Tall purple stems, big poinsettia type leaves, thorns, with little pumpkins dotted all over like Christmas decorations. Do you know what it is?

Well, it's known by many different names. The common ones are Pumpkin Stick, Pumpkin Bush, or Pumpkin Tree. Right on target, I thought. However, it's really an ornamental eggplant! *Solanum Integrifolium*.

I persist in thinking of this plant as a Pumpkin Stick because it LOOKS like that. It's an heirloom annual, usually grown from seed, growing to about three feet tall requiring sun and moderate water, the thorns are sneaky though so be careful! Grows fine in containers. Mine lived nicely for a couple of months on my kitchen counter to bring Autumn inside. It declines interestingly, too, as the pumpkins shrivel, and the leaves remain until frost hits.

Solanum Interifolium is a conversation starter so plant it where you can entertain and perplex your neighbors.

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Pinecone birdfeeders

I love to attract birds to our garden. On a recent trip to one of our local friends and supporters, Wild Birds Unlimited, I noticed a bag of untreated pinecones for sale. I'd been trying to think of some small thing I could make for holiday "hostess" gifts and stocking stuffers. This thought and the pinecones collided on the spot. I remembered the simple craft of making birdfeeders from pinecones stuffed with peanut butter and wild bird food.

So far this season I have enjoyed making many, especially after seeing how quickly the birds flocked to it! Surprisingly the birds don't want to



by Janine Salvatti
Master Gardener 2019



land on the cone itself, but once hung by branches to serve as a perch they

mobbed it. I'm hooked now. I have been refilling mine every few days now. The pinecones tend to reclose after the food is gone and it has been out in the rain. The cure for this is to pop it in the microwave wrapped in a newspaper or paper towels for a couple of minutes. It reopens as it dries and I am hoping the microwaving is killing any harmful bird diseases.

You Tube offers a variety of DIY pinecone birdfeeder food options. I like my simple one however, I encountered one I'm itching to try called Zick Dough or Zick Dough Improved created by Julie Zickfoose, a bird expert I heard interviewed by Margaret Roach. The recipe for the winter suet is simple but with a few more healthy ingredients and needs no pinecone.

This is a fun and kid-friendly winter project. This kid is really enjoying it!

Recipe: Ideas to savor

Here are several simple ways to incorporate sorrel in your meals for an uplifting addition:

- *Place whole sorrel leaves on chicken, turkey or tuna sandwiches;

- *Sauté 1 cup sorrel cut in chiffonade strips (roll leaves and cut thinly across roll to make strips) in ½ tablespoon olive oil and 2 pressed garlic cloves until limp then mix with a creamy pasta sauce to pour over pasta, poultry or fish;

- *Put torn leaves in any green salad;

- *Add to spanakopita with spinach filling;

- *Puree 2 cups sorrel leaves with ½-2/3 cup extra virgin olive oil, ½ teaspoon sea salt and 6 cloves peeled garlic to make pesto for fish, pasta, appetizers, top pizza or make in to vinaigrette.

Sources

French sorrel is often known as Oseille

Pinetree Garden Seeds

They have French Oseille and micro greens

www.superseeds.com

Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds

They have both red veined and green

www.rareseeds.com

Territorial Seeds

They have French and red veined

www.territorialseed.com

A brand new year



Peggy's Propagation

by Peggy Corum

Master Gardener 1989

I'm speechless... 2019 so speedily moved right along and here we are starting a brand new year: 2020. Sounds like a good report from your favorite optometrist, hmmm?

This year the Propagation People will be concentrating on new, and old, visions of loveliness. You know how it is when you look at those seed packets and dream of blooming perfections in your own garden. Sometimes your imagination is better than the actual results, but we have to keep trying just in case the stars all line up, water is plentiful and



drainage is just right in the garden, and who knows.

Meantime, outside plants have gone into hibernation and our attention goes toward what we have that is showing promise in "Neva's Greenhouse": small citrus starts of course, peanut cactus, orchid cactus and right now some blooming Xmas cactus.

Good news is that we have rooted

cuttings of *clareadendrum thompsonii* that are currently trying to burst forth with new growth. Now that's a tender vine that can just pop your eyes open when it blesses you with white & red blossoms, (white calyces with dark red corolla) but don't deadhead those spent blooms because you will have a second treat when you see the shiny black seeds with a fuchsia backing behind them. Aah!

In the past we have had a grower at Spring Fair who sold blooming specimen plants. Our plants are a do-it-yourself project: small size, but the price is right!

Oh, for just a little more growing space! (Have you ever met anyone who doesn't wish that??)

Here's to the start of a great growing season!

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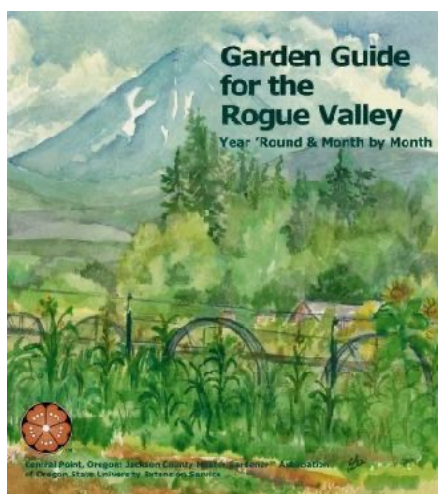
Recover from the holidays by browsing through the seed catalogs that are finding their way to your mailbox. While you're at it, take the ideas you got at Winter Dreams/Summer Gardens (You did go, didn't you?) and start planning the garden.

That's enough to keep you busy.

Here are a few other things to do this month:

- * Sow for transplanting: Cabbage, lettuce, parsley,
- * Direct seed peas
- * Fertilize and prune grapes
- * Control pests and diseases like bacterial canker.

You'll find plenty more on page 87



of Garden Guide for the Rogue Valley

Peggy's propagation garden

Drop by Peggy's Propagation Garden and see what's blooming in our little greenhouse!

The garden has plants for sale every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon. If the greenhouse is locked, look around for Peggy.

Growth was expected

By Lynn Garbert
Master Gardener 2014

Autumn had arrived a month ago, almost to the day. I shivered as a chill filled the air. Rain threatened, then kept its promise.

October 2017:

My assignment was simple: collect branches from a rose and willow to propagate for my friends who had recently sold their home and needed to leave within a few weeks.

I leafed through garden books and watched YouTube videos, so with lopping shears in hand, I headed first to the Corkscrew Willow tree (with its gracefully curly leaves), then I strolled to the house to collect



samples from the rambling rose bush that climbed up to their 2nd story bedroom balcony (so whether my friends dined on their patio or sipped coffee on the balcony, delicate lightly scented peach blooms adorned their view).

Plant nitty-gritty:

♦ *Corkscrew Willow: SALIX matsudana 'Tortuosa* has a fast



growth rate so it can even be used as a living fence; it's not native to North America, but its uniquely contorted branches are more noticeable when grown in pronounced winter areas.

♦ *Roses: ROSA*. Best loved and most widely planted shrub or climber.

Back at home:

I made 6-10" long cuttings, and left the top two leaves on each stick, then:

- ♦ I pushed about twenty 1/8" width willow twigs into potting soil of two 6" pots. These pots were moved between indoors and my patio (I secured a clear plastic bag over one).
- ♦ I distributed possibly forty 1/4" width twigs between four glass jars filled with water (two jars each of willows and roses). These I set in my east and west facing windows.
- ♦ I put seven 1/2-5/8" width cuttings in a 3-gallon insulated pot (it was too heavy to budge so those rose and willow cuttings remained outdoors).

All cuttings received a similar water schedule and light fish-based feedings.

Discovery:

Willows have natural rooting hormones in order to root FAST in

water, but, do NOT put other plant cuttings with willows because the other plant cuttings will die.

Final outcome:

1) All 1/8" willow twigs *failed* to grow the first season. 2) A few 1/4" cuttings *flourished*. 3) All 1/2-5/8" branches sprouted and were *healthiest* of all (even with being unprotected through two unusually snowy winters on the Rogue Valley floor).

2) Eight willows and six roses thrived and were transplanted into individual pots. I kept one of each.

Mystery and intrigue filled those two-years. I was recovering from head trauma, so I did minimal care, yet I was determined to provide viable plants for my friends.

August 2019:

Although my friend's move was bittersweet, the rose and willow she



treasured could travel with her (via new starts from cuttings) as she settles into her new life.

I'll bet you could take cuttings from the bushes and trees in your vicinity to have some new starts in a couple years. Why not give it a try today or this spring or next fall?



Master Gardener 2019-2020 Events & Community Education Classes

Workshop information unless otherwise stated:

: OSU Extension Auditorium, 569 Hanley Road in Central Point, OR 97502

Pre-register and [pay online](#) or call 541-776-7371

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JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, February 18 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Capturing Carbon for the Climate:

Part 1 | Scott Goode , Master Gardener
Improve climate conditions right in your own backyard! Learn carbon cycling in the environment and theories behind carbon sequestration, which can be applied at home as a practical and empowering way to mitigate climate change. (Part of a series.)

MARCH

Tuesday, March 3 | 5:30 – 7:00 pm
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, March 17 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Grapevine Pruning | Dr. Alexander Levin , Oregon Wine Research Institute
Learn the basics of grapevine pruning for home hobby or small-scale grape production in the Rogue Valley. (Part of a series.)

APRIL

Tuesday, April 14 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Grapevine Pest and Disease Management | Dr. Alexander Levin , Oregon Wine Research Institute

Identify common grape pests and diseases in the Rogue Valley, plus innovative techniques to both treat and prevent them in your home vineyard. (Part of a series.)

Tuesday, April 21 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Innovative Weed Management | Scott Goode , Master Gardener

A weed is just a plant in the wrong place. Learn how to identify weeds, then apply creative management plans to make “weeds” work for you!

MAY

May 2-3: Spring Garden Fair

May 8: Yard sale/Plant sale donations:
Extension parking lot 9-3

May 9: Yard sale/Plant sale: Extension parking lot 8-3

Tuesday, May 12 | 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 for your home or small-scale vineyard. (Part of a series.)

Tuesday, May 26 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Month-by-Month Insect Pests in the Garden | Marsha Waite , Master Gardener

This class will provide a calendar type look at what insect pests to look for in your garden month to month, plus appropriate management strategies.

JUNE

Wednesday, June 24 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
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 in your home or small-scale vineyard. (Part of a series.)

JULY

Tuesday, July 14 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Inviting Nature into our Yards and Gardens | Lynn Kunstman , Master Gardener

Growing native plants in our yards, cities, and common areas provides the best hope for saving our pollinators. Based on the work of Dr. Doug Tallamy, this presentation will teach you why and how to add native plants to every yard.

AUGUST

Tuesday, Aug. 11 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Capturing Carbon for the Climate: Part 2 | Scott Goode , Master Gardener
Build upon what was taught in the first class by looking at outcomes from

various carbon sequestration techniques. Scott will discuss results of research performed with the Desert Research Institute and Tikkun Olam Research and Teaching Farm. You will also have the chance to see carbon sequestration in action at the Master Gardener Carbon Sequestration Victory Garden at SOREC. (Part of a series.)
Saturday, Aug. 22 | evening
Member Picnic and Awards Ceremony

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Sept. 9 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm
Dive into Composting | Matthew Allen , Master Gardener

Learn how to create multiple styles of compost systems and find which style works best in your home. You will have the chance to see some of these compost systems in action at the Master Gardener Compost Demonstration Area at SOREC.

OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 10 | evening
Student Graduation Ceremony

NOVEMBER

Winter Dreams/Summer Garden

DECEMBER

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pam Hillers, our archivist, presented Linda Holder with a Christmas cactus in appreciation for her many contributions to JCMGA, both as a board member and a member.

2. Kari Gies' email address has been changed to
kgies2001@gmail.com

3. Lynn Kunstman's name has been added to the JCMGA Paypal account to replace Cindy Williams.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Due to Susan Koenig's absence, her final President's Report will be moved to the January meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Due to Annette Carter's absence, the treasurer's report was accepted as shown on Dropbox. Linda Holder noted that 2019 was a tremendously successful financial year for JCMGA with more income than expenses.



Recording Secretary

Jane Moyer

Master Gardener 2005

Both Winter Dreams Summer Gardens and the Holiday Gala exceeded their projected incomes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In order to fulfill our mission to provide scholarships, Kathy Apple moved the Board approve the following:

1. JCMGA will provide at least one annual scholarship award in the amount of \$2,500 to an OSU student at the junior level or above, majoring

in a field of study related to the plant kingdom. Priority will be given to OSU students who have graduated from a Jackson County high school. Scholarship awards will be awarded to graduates of an Oregon high school when there is not a qualified applicant from a Jackson County high school.

2. JCMGA will annually deposit \$1,000 to the principal of the OSU Endowment Fund.

3. The annual scholarship award of \$2,500 will be funded by the payout earned from the OSU Endowment Fund, supplemented by funds from the JCMGA annual operating budget when needed.

4. A qualified applicant must be a currently enrolled OSU student, at the junior level or above, with at least a 3.0 GPA majoring in a field of study related to the plant kingdom.

Pam Hillers moved the motion come from the Scholarship Committee rather than an individual. Patrice Kaska seconded the motion as amended. Eleven board members voted to pass the motion as amended.

Barbara Davidson announced there is enough in the expendable portion of the OSU scholarship fund for JCMGA to award a \$2,500 scholarship in 2020, 2021, and possibly 2022. Increasing the yearly contributions to \$1,000 per year, as the board voted, will eventually enable JCMGA to provide the annual scholarship entirely from the interest.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The 2020 budget was presented with no discussion. It will be sent to 2020 board members before the January meeting when the vote will be held.

2. Ronnie Budge reminded board members of the Jan. 24 board retreat.

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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 morning will be dedicated to discussion of JCMGA educational efforts (history, how success is measured, any needed changes). Communication will be the topic for the afternoon to include the JCMGA message to the public, any needed adjustments in education plans, any additional publicity methods that could be added.

3. The Practicum Committee, represented by Jane Moyer, moved the board approve a garden modification application to add the new summer Practicum propagation program to the demonstration gardens with the Native Plants Nursery being the public face. This application has already been approved by the Gardens Working Group, Erika Szonntag, and Rich Roseberg. Second by Barbara Davidson. Unanimous approval.

4. The Compost Garden, represented by Jane Moyer for Scott Goode, moved the board approve a garden modification application to add a 10' x 14' area taken from the northeast corner of the Daylily Garden for the purpose of adding a carbon sequestration demonstration. This application has already been approved by the Gardens Working Group, Erika Szonntag, and Rich Roseberg. Second by Bill Gabriel. Unanimous approval.

5. After concern was expressed about the numerous complex duties assigned to the president-elect, Ronnie Budge appointed an ad hoc committee to examine the matter and make any needed adjustments. The committee will meet after New Year's and will be made up of President Ronnie Budge, Past President Susan Koenig, President-elect Lynn Kunstman, Barbara Davidson, and Kate Hassen.

6. Kathy Apple reviewed updates

to the JCMGA Articles of Association and Bylaws that will be proposed by the ad hoc By-laws Committee. Pam Hillers moved the Articles of Association remain in the JCMGA Directory but the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures be moved to the JCMGA website and no longer be published in the directory. Patrice Kaska seconded. The motion was approved with eleven votes. The entirety of the changes will be presented to the board in January and voted on in February.

7. The Member Services Working Group moved the board approve the commencement of the Garden Buds program. Garden Buds will be advisors for 2-3 students each to help guide them through the first year of being a Master Gardener. Patrice Kaska seconded. Unanimous approval.

8. Ronnie Budge announced changes in the monthly premeeting schedule:

- ♦ The link to Dropbox will be sent out on Thursday, the week prior to the board meeting.

♦ The draft agenda will be sent out on the Friday before the board meeting.

♦ Additions to the agenda will be due to Ronnie by the Tuesday before the meeting.

♦ Dropbox reports will be due the Monday before the meeting.

♦ The final agenda will be sent out on the Wednesday before the board meeting.

Ronnie Budge reminded the board there is a link to Dropbox available on the JCMGA website in the member section under "Board."

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January board meeting: Friday, Jan. 10, 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Board retreat: Friday, Jan. 24, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. potluck

*Submitted by Jane Moyer,
Recording Secretary*

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