

“We learn, practice and teach the art and science of gardening in the Rogue Valley.”

Seeding the garden with children

Mentors needed for Children’s Garden

Growing new gardeners. That’s what JCMGA volunteers will be doing this summer in the Children’s Garden, which aims to introduce young people to the fun of gardening.



President
Ronnie Budge
Master Gardener
2011

Meeting every other week for six weeks from mid-June to the end of August, children arrive in the morning to find “table discoveries.” These may be reptile sheds, different kinds of pinecones, oak galls, birds’ nests, or floor puzzles. Adult leaders help the children learn by having them observe and handle what they are studying.

Then they all go outside to work in the garden as a community. The children snack on their garden crops while they work or when they come back inside for lessons, which are led by Master Gardeners and guests. Lesson topics like recycling, growing food, conservation, plants, animals,



Norah says hello to a tarantula at a Children’s Garden class.

insects, birds, or soil biology help the children learn how to keep themselves and our earth healthy.

Lessons are somewhat different for each of two age groups: 5-8 and 9-12. Parents and care givers are encouraged to participate and assist. There are junior mentors too, young people older than 12 who have graduated but still want to join in by working with the younger children. Everyone looks forward to the end-of-summer harvest and celebratory

taco party.

Unlike most of our summertime garden work, which is typically done on Wednesday mornings, the children come on Thursdays, when things are quieter and there are fewer distractions. As many as 72 youngsters can enroll (and there is usually a waiting list).

Roberta Heinz is the leader and

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View from the classroom

By Anonymous

2020 Student Master Gardener

I can't even begin to tell you how much fun I'm having and how inspired I am. During the first week of classes I was thinking "I want to be a botanist", this week I'm thinking "I want to be a landscape designer!" I can't wait to find out what I'll want to be next week.

The hands on nature of the practicum is my absolute favorite (so

far). That is how I learn best and I am very grateful for that aspect of the whole learning experience. As part of the class we are watching over little seed sprouts and documenting their development each day and on day three I was pleasantly surprised. I thought "Ah, I see what they did there, there's one of each plant class and it was very clever." I am impressed by how much thought has obviously gone into the development of each lesson week and how it all fits

together.

I had a very beautiful thought while reading my landscape design chapter: I feel at home with all the new people I've been meeting and I realized it's because "plant people are long-term people." It takes patience and respect to develop and nurture gardens and that is a level of wonderfulness that I feel surrounded by at the MGA. This is going to be amazing.

It takes a lot to keep our organization moving. Here are some ways you can help. (And get your service hours.)



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

Garden Education Mentorships are available in these gardens: Birds, Bees and Butterflies; Roses; Compost; and Children's Garden. Contact [Jane Moyer](#).

Winter Dreams/Summer Gardens needs co-chairs. Contact [Kathy Apple](#) or [Rebecca Jurta](#).

Beet and committee projects need photographers and graphic artists. Contact [Kate Hassen](#).

Garden Beet needs writers. Possible stories include:
* How to start seeds.
* Pick a gardening problem and tell how to fix it.
* Good gardening practices.
* What's your style of gardening?
* What would you like to read in the Beet? Write it!
Contact [Jack Ivers](#).

Children's Garden leaders sought



John Kobal shows gardening basics at a Children's Garden class.

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coordinator for the Children's Garden, and she has brought it a long way from its beginnings 20 years ago. Unfortunately, Roberta is "retiring" at the end of the summer, and we are seeking new leaders. She has organized the work in such a way that it can be divided among many hands, with some mentors overseeing the indoor lessons, for

example, and others managing the outdoor gardening. Lessons have been written down and can be "recycled," with updates as gardening research and interests evolve.

If you would find joy in encouraging children to explore the wonder of nature and growing things, contact [Roberta](#) about helping the Children's Garden move forward into the next decade.

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Give your spring cleaning items to us

By Janine Salvatti
Master Gardener 2019

Help make our RAFFLE a success again this year!

We're looking for items to be donated to the raffle at the Spring Garden Fair, May 2 and 3.

Our Raffle Booth made about \$1,500 last year and we had some wonderful raffle prizes. We're hoping to equal or exceed the success of 2019.

We are looking for nicer quality items of any size. Large or small garden-related items for adults and children are welcome. Smaller items will be included in larger gift baskets. Larger items will be raffled by themselves.

Some popular items: Garden tools, gloves, seeds, hanging baskets,



garden art/décor, books, gift cards, bug houses, bird baths, houses, and feeders, worm bin, potting bench, garden furniture, garden cart, wheelbarrow, wind chimes, garden hats, outdoor speakers or lights. We prefer new but can consider lightly used items in like-new condition.

Please contact [Patrice Kaska](#) at or [Janine Salvatti](#) with information about your items or any questions.

We are also looking for large plastic raffle ticket jars. Thinking of the large snack jars with lids from Costco. Contact Janine if you have some you could donate.

High visibility locations needed for yard signs

By Gina Velando
Master Gardener 2018

Greetings Master Gardeners!

Believe it or not it's that time of year again, time to start our advertising efforts for the 2020 Spring Garden Fair!

The Spring Garden Fair Working Group is always looking for ways to alert people about the upcoming fair. This year we have 400 yard signs that we plan to post along highly visible locations around Jackson County. If you live in a high-traffic location (or have a business that receives good visibility) we would encourage you to participate in our advertising efforts. Signs may be picked up on Wednesdays & Fridays starting March 25. Signs will be available to checkout from the table in the potting area of Practicum. We



encourage you to post multiple signs as we know how hard it is to catch a glimpse of advertising when driving by in a vehicle. Signs should be posted by the first week of April and stay posted through the first weekend of May. We kindly ask that all signs be returned to the Practicum after SGF is complete.

Don't live in a high traffic area, but would still like to volunteer to help with the 2020 SGF advertising efforts? Gina Velando is looking for

15 volunteers to help distribute lawn signs, posters and rack cards around Jackson County. Volunteers will be assigned one of 15 locations around Jackson County to be in charge of. Volunteers should be prepared to pickup lawn signs, rack cards, posters, and location assignments from Gina the last week of March. We would like volunteers to hand out materials the first week of April.

Thanks to all JCMGA SGF volunteers! The efforts of so many continue to ensure the success of our highly anticipated Spring Garden Fair! Please contact [Gina Velando](#) if you are interested in joining the distribution team. Thank you for marking your calendars and picking up lawn signs to display on your properties. See you at the fair!!

JCMGA may get television show on SOPBS

Exciting news for JCMGA. Southern Oregon PBS, formerly SOPTV, reached out to JCMGA to see if we might be interested in doing a number of 3-6 minute gardening presentations to be run in between their regular programming. The opportunity for JCMGA to return to television is something the Board has fervently hoped for.

Our representatives met with three of the SOPBS producers Feb. 21 and took them for a tour through the

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meeting initially with SOPBS and subsequently forming an ad hoc group to discuss possibilities for this project. The ad hoc group consists of Linda

demonstration gardens and had a lively discussion about which topics would be first to air. If sponsorship can be found, we could potentially video a number of these educational segments. More information will become available as details are worked out.

A special thanks to Linda Holder, Jim Buck, and Ronnie Budge for

Holder, Jim Buck, Ronnie Budge, Lynn Kuntsman, Jack Ivers, Marcie Katz, Sandy Hammond, and Janine Salvatti.

If you have experience with public speaking and/or TV and would like to be considered for a presenter position, please contact Janine Salvatti (call/text: 541-973-7456).

Hey! Book lovers! Check this out!

By **Barbara Davidson**
Master Gardener 2004

The Jackson County Master Gardener Association will again have a book booth at Spring Garden Fair where people can find a special gardening book.

If you have too many books and need to downsize, this is perfect opportunity.

We would like donated books on gardening and related topics, home projects, travel and children's books.



Please leave books by the Plant Clinic at Extension by May 1.

Tax receipts are available; just leave your name and contact information with your donated books. Include a note describing your contribution, name and email address and I will email a tax credit receipt if needed.

Funds raised help to support JCMGA education outreach. Thank you for your help! Contact: [Barbara Davidson](mailto:Barbara.Davidson@jcmga.org), 541-601-1471.

See you all at the Jackson County Master Gardener Spring Garden Fair, May 4-5 at the Expo.

Thanks to all who help with this fun project!!

2020 OSU webinars for Master Gardeners

Dr. Brooke Edmunds, Extension Master Gardener Faculty in Oregon, is once again hosting free, advanced training webinars for Master Gardeners. While the presenters and focus tends towards Oregon, the topics would be of broad interest to Master Gardeners, in general. Each class counts as one hour of continuing education for your recertification.

Updates from the Garden Ecology Lab

Dr. Gail Langelotto
March 17 10 a.m.
Pre-register [here](#).

Gardening with Native Plants and the OregonFlora Project

Dr. Linda Hardison
April 21 10 a.m.
Pre-register [here](#).

Winter Squash Research at OSU

Dr. Alex Stone and Lane Selman
May 19 at 10 a.m.
Pre-register [here](#).

Solve Pest Problems: A New Resource for Master Gardeners and the Public

Weston Miller
July 16h at 10 a.m.
Pre-register [here](#).

Check [here](#) to see if additional webinars have been scheduled.

What to do when those garden juices begin to flow

Garden Beet – Garden Checklist for March

Can it be March already? Holy Hellebores, Hannah! It's time to get crackin'!

Great resources: "Garden Guide for the Rogue Valley" by Master Gardeners, [OSU website](#), "Sunset Garden Book", and many more.

- ♦ Plant bare root trees and shrubs.
- ♦ Yard clean-up is OK. The critters thank you for leaving them garden litter protection through the worst of the winter. Remove dead or badly diseased plants. Plants are already coming up so be careful not to trod on your green gems.
- ♦ Start mowing, if you have lawn. Oh, and keep weeding! Compost your grass clippings. MULCH, MULCH, MULCH.
- ♦ Check on your worms.
- ♦ Fertilize. Keep it organic. More is not better. Follow application directions. Organic fertilizers are absorbed more slowly and support all that very precious life in the soil and above the soil. You might consider testing your soil before applying fertilizer. There's always a possibility you don't need to add some nutrients. It's important to use the right nutrient combination

Path maintenance, garden tours on tap

We're getting ready for summer Demonstration Garden tours! To put our best foot forward, we're hoping that many of our total membership, including students, will come out for path maintenance workdays on Thursday, March 5 and April 2, 10 a.m. to noon with something yummy for lunch provided both days.

JCMGA wants to increase community awareness of our mission, our services, and our beautiful gardens to insure the



By Janine Salvatti
Master Gardener 2019

for the right plants or crops. (Example: Too much nitrogen can foil fruit and flower production.)

- ♦ Preventive Pest Management starts now, BUT most bugs are not bad bugs. Monitor problems before acting and then use the least toxic approach. Remember biologics! Birds need the bugs to thrive. Frogs love slugs, parasitic bugs feed on insect pests, ladybugs or praying mantis munch aphids and other bugs.
- ♦ Veggie garden planning continues. Have you thought about interplanting veggies in your ornamental beds to increase your garden yields?
- ♦ Don't walk on or dig soggy soil.
- ♦ Find or purchase a soil thermometer.
- ♦ Cool weather crops can be

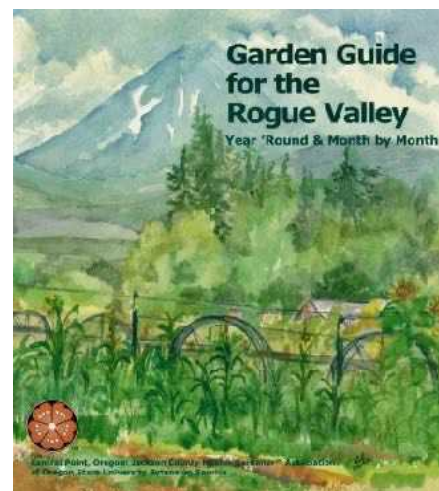
organization's future vitality and growth. The garden tours seem a natural way to invite our community to see what we do and why we exist.

We've planned six, one-hour guided tours these dates: Wednesdays at 11 a.m.: June 24, July 22, and Aug. 26. Saturdays at 10 a.m.: June 13, July 11, Aug. 8. If you know of organizations that would like to tour the gardens, please give this information to [Janine Salvatti](#).

direct planted when soil reaches 40 degrees. Check your seed packets and follow the instructions. (See the "Garden Guide for the Rogue Valley" for a long list of vegetables.) Start appropriate seeds indoors to get a jump on outdoor planting for both veggies and flowers.

- ♦ Prune roses. Prune trees and shrubs to conserve their blooms. See our February Garden Checklist.
- ♦ Clean-up your bird houses.
- ♦ If you have a pond, skim the litter, cautiously. Avoid disturbing tadpoles.

March Garden Guide



Spring is in the air!

Time to get busy:

- Plant cane fruits, set out rhubarb.
- Sow to transplant a dozen vegetables.
- Direct seed more than 20 vegetables.

You'll find plenty more on pages 92-95 of "[Garden Guide for the Rogue Valley](#)". You can buy it at the [Plant Clinic](#) or at [jacksoncountymga.org](#).

I'm looking over ... a pot o' gold, not clover

Who isn't familiar with those four leaves of clover that may bring you luck the day over? However, looking a bit beyond that ground of greenery, you might get luckier yet!

There's definitely gold to be found in those pots at the end of the gardening rainbow. Yukon Gold, that is. While Irish eyes may be smiling, those of the Yukon are pinking up our perception of this (*Solanum tuberosum*) golden-fleshed potato.

Although such golden-fleshed potatoes were most common in European and South American countries, as well as others, not so in the U.S. However, immigrants landing here from countries preferring yellow-fleshed potatoes altered that preference.

Thanks go to Dr. Gary Johnston, a lab technician in the potato development laboratory at Ontario Agriculture College. He led his team in 1953 with crossbreeding two varieties to create a new potato. It wasn't until 1959, after 66 crossings between W5289-4 (2x cross between 'Yema de huevo' and 2x Katahdin) with North Dakota's 'Norglean', that a true-breeding seed was achieved.

This new cultivar was dubbed "Yukon" for the Yukon River and "Gold" to acknowledge gold rush country in Northern Canada reflected by its rich golden flesh. This revolutionary potato was introduced to the U.S. in 1980.

Despite there being many gold-

Gardening Gourmet
by Sydney Jordan Brown
Master Gardener 2000



fleshed potatoes like Michigold, Yellow Fin, Delta Gold, Banana fingerlings, Saginaw Gold, and more, none have achieved the recognition and preference as that of the Yukon Gold. It definitely has the most versatile waxen-flesh that's favorable for baking, braising, mashing, frying, grilling and, not to leave out, that picnic potato salad.

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at the end of the gardening rainbow.
Yukon Gold, that is.*

Or, perhaps its disease resistance (even hollow core is controllable with proper watering) tips it to the top. Whatever the reason, it's surely a gardener's gold mine.

Slightly flat and oval in shape, they can be easily identified not only by thin golden-skin and yellow flesh, but also by their shallow, rosy-pink eyes. If that weren't enough, their golden color is not only attractive, but also beneficial having resulted

from the flavonoid compound Anthoxanthin (also found in apples, onions and cauliflower). They're also a good source of potassium, fiber, and vitamin C, and rival broccoli with phytonutrients.

Preferring fertile-loose soil, low-nitrogen fertilizer and even irrigation makes this potato a perfect large pot or container culture. Sowing seedling potatoes about 3 weeks prior to the last frost will bless you more than the luck of the Irish with a plentiful pot full.

If you've large pots or planters (half whisky barrel size), just waiting to be put to good use, plan to plant them for the gold by placing seedling potatoes atop about 6-8" of rich compost. Cover them with another 4" of compost watering thoroughly with a full strength kelp solution.

Once green tops appear, protect tubers by covering stems with more compost up to leaves. Continue doing this about four more times

throughout the season.

While green leprechauns are fine, similarly colored potatoes developing on sun-exposed plant stems contain toxic chlorophyll.

Keep soil consistently moist until late summer.

When plant tops yellow, cease watering. Then it's time to tip out your long awaited pot o' Yukon Golds and indulge.

**Roasting Yukon Gold for a
St. Patrick's Day treat**
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Award nominations due April 15

By Lynn Kunstman
Master Gardener 2012

Have you noticed that one or two of your fellow Master Gardeners have been doing exemplary work “above and beyond” what might be expected? Isn't it time for them to be recognized by everyone for their contributions? If so, then nominate them for a Master Gardener of the Year Award or for a Behind the Scenes Award.

The annual Master Gardener of the Year Award recognizes outstanding dedication and service in support of sustainable gardening to benefit all of Jackson County and/or the entire Oregon Master Gardener program. Describe

your nominees' contributions in education and outreach, such as work in the Plant Clinic, teaching classes, serving as a mentor, planning and organizing a major project, or other activities. Include any leadership

that!

The annual Behind the Scenes Award can also be for service just in Jackson County or statewide. It recognizes individuals who work quietly and unselfishly in ways that may not be noticed by everyone, e.g. by preparing and serving refreshments, keeping accurate records, maintaining and repairing the physical plant, or seeing projects through to completion.

In 200 words or less, describe your nominees'

activities as fully as you can with specific examples, and e-mail your nominations to [Lynn Kunstman](mailto:Lynn.Kunstman@jacksoncountymg.org). Deadline is April 15 (easy to remember, same date as taxes are due, but this is more fun!)

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roles they have held. If their work has had an impact beyond the borders of Jackson County, e.g. if other county Master Gardener programs have adopted projects that started in Jackson County, be sure to mention

Recipe: Roasted gold

Ingredients

4 medium-large Yukon Gold potatoes, scrubbed and cut lengthwise in wedges

1 1/2 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon ground chili powder (mild, medium or hot or mix of your choice)

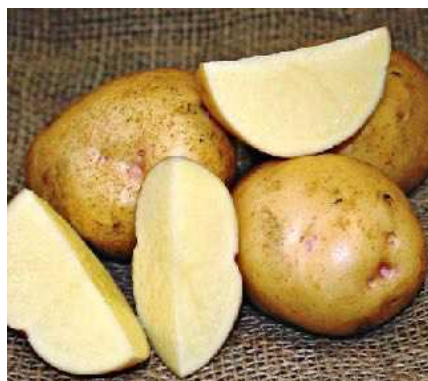
Fine zest and 2 teaspoons juice from one organic lime

1/4 teaspoon sea or Real mineral salt (Food 4 Less has Real Salt in the organic bulk food section. This salt is light pink, has less sodium and more diverse flavor than plain salt.)

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400° (or 375° if using convection).

Cover a heavy low-sided baking



pan with heavy foil and spray with pan release.

Place potato wedges in a wide flat glass microwave-proof dish. Cover with silicon top or plastic wrap and cook on high 3 minutes. Rearrange wedges from outer edge with those from middle and cook another 2-3 minutes until just starting to get soft. Let cool enough to handle then drain

off any liquid in dish.

Mix together in a small measuring cup the olive oil, chili powder, zest and juice of lime and salt then pour over potato wedges. Gently turn to coat then place wedges on prepared baking pan. Bake about 20-25 minutes until lightly browned. Serves about 4-6 depending on how large the potatoes are. Good accompaniment with roasted chicken, seafood or meat.

Sources

Johnny's Selected Seeds
www.johnnyseeds.com

Pinetree Garden Seeds
www.superseeds.com

Seed Savers Exchange
www.seedsavers.org

Ants in moderation might not be such a bad thing

Postscript to February's Garden Beet

Aah, February: a month short on days, but not short on eye candy in the form of many colorful spring bulbs blooming, as well as the visible awakening of snoozing perennials and trees, such as Cornelian Cherry (*Cornus mas*). Hardy Cyclamen coum started blooming mid-February & continues to gather "wows".

Incidentally, if you don't have any of the helpful ants doing your Hardy Cyclamen seed planting, the photo at right shows you what happens sans ants when the little seed pod opens up and drops at the base of the mother plant. Each little leaf in the



Peggy's Propagation

by Peggy Corum

Master Gardener 1989

picture has a wee tuber under it, trying to survive with no room to grow. Transplant time! Such a time-consuming and needless job this is! For that, thank you ants, for your possible one redeeming quality.

I have yet to find a good reason to welcome any visiting raccoons or ground squirrels or gophers or moles. Boo hiss to aphids. I am not particularly elated when a fragrant black critter with a white stripe comes roaming through my back yard, but did you know they will overnight clean up a whole nest of ground-dwelling yellow jacket bees? Yep. I was lucky and thankful



for that occurrence.

I'm sure there must be other pests we dread dealing with, which might have something good about them, but who knows?!



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.

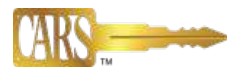
Support Master Gardeners™ when you shop here

Every time you shop at the Grange we can earn money e! 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! With that one caveat aside, this is one of the simplest and easiest fundraisers we can do.



Amazon will donate a portion of all you spend at AmazonSmile. Here's a great way to support Master Gardeners:  To get started go to smile.amazon.com and login the way you normally login to Amazon or Amazon Prime. Right under the box where you'd search for items to buy, click on the "Supporting:" button. Go down to "Pick your own charitable organization." Type in Master Gardeners Association. This will bring up a list of similar programs. Make sure to select the one in Central Point! (Typing Jackson County Master Gardeners will bring up one in Texas!)

Donate your car or truck is an easy and convenient way to support us. You'll get a tax write-off when you donate your used car, truck, SUV, motorcycle, RV, or boat on a trailer. And you'll get a tax write-off to boot! Just complete the online car donation form or call 888-227-5500. They'll need some basic information about you, your vehicle and where your vehicle needs to be picked up, then they'll schedule a pickup time.



Stop treating
us like
garbage



Help support JCMGA programs by recycling

Jackson County Master Gardener Association is trying to raise funds for projects in 2020, including the Spring Garden Fair, awards scholarships, community gardens and community education classes.



Please pick up a blue bag with the JCMGA bar code in the shoe box in Erika's office, ask Kate Hassan.

Mobilize your neighborhood – collect cans and bottles from your neighbors!

For more information Contact [Kate Hassen](mailto:katehassen@jcmga.org), roseknitterl@gmail.com



Recycle this!

Water, beer, and soda bottles and cans along with most other beverages, including tea, coffee, energy and sports drinks, hard cider, fruit juice, kombucha, and coconut water.

Take your bottles and cans to:
Medford Redemption Center, 1179 Stowe Ave., Medford
between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily

We are no longer accepting drop-offs at the Extension



2020 Jackson County Master Gardener calendar

Events, community education, classes, JCMGA meetings

MARCH

Monday, March 2 | 1 pm – 3 pm
Communications Working Group | *Kate Hassen, chair*

See what's up with the Beet, the website, Mailchimp, Facebook, and public service announcements.

Tuesday, March 3 | 5:30 pm – 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.

Thursday, March 5 | 6 pm – 8 pm
Chasing Wildflowers | *Rachel Werling, Land Stewards*

Planting natives is a powerful way to help support our local ecology, from pollinators to bird life. But how to choose what to plant? Get to know them in the wild We'll learn about some great native species, identify wild places to appreciate and become familiar with our local natives, and gain tools and techniques for identification. To register, go [here](#). Cost: \$15; Couples \$25 (\$5 discount to OSU volunteers with badge)

Thursday, March 5 | 10 am – 12:30 pm
Pathway Maintenance | *Master Gardeners*
Help bring the pathways around the Demonstration Gardens back to life! Weed abatement and pathway maintenance helps show off our beautiful gardens to their best advantage. Lunch provided. Maintenance work parties will meet again on April 2.

Friday, March 13 | 9:30 am – 11:30 am
JCMGA Board meeting | *Ronnie Budge, president*
There's always a lot going on with the Master Gardener program. Drop by and find out what.

Tuesday, March 17 | 5:30 pm – 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.)

Thursday, March 26 | 10 am
Spring Garden Fair Working Group
Meet in the Auditorium to participate in planning the Spring Garden Fair.

Saturday, March 28 | 12 pm -1 pm
Gardening for biodiversity: Planning and growing a butterfly garden | *Robin McKenzie, landscape designer*

How to grow host and nectar plants, plan a garden using basic design principles, grow milkweed from seed, use soil amendments, and select the best plants to attract butterflies. Large Meeting Room, Medford Library

APRIL

Monday, April 8 | 1 pm – 3 pm
Communications Working Group | *Kate Hassen, chair*

Drop in and check out what your Communications Committee is up to. Subcommittees include the Beet, Mailchimp, Facebook, and Public Service Announcements.

Friday, April 13 | 9:30 am – 11:30 am
JCMGA Board meeting | *Ronnie Budge, president*

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

Location unless others stated: OSU Extension Auditorium, 569 Hanley Road in Central Point, OR 97502
Pre-register and pay online [here](#) or call 541-776-7371
Classes are \$10 if pre-registered & pre-paid at least 24 hrs in advance.
Classes are \$15 at the door (unless otherwise noted)
Additional \$5 discount for MGs & other Extension volunteers. All MG classes are eligible for MG recertification education hours .
Refunds only available 48 hours before class.

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.)

Wednesday, April 15 | 12 pm -1 pm
Guild lecture: Community garden experience | *Gerlinde Smith, Talent Garden Club*

Learn how the Talent Garden Club developed pollinator gardens around Talent, the second Bee City in the country. Large Meeting Room, Medford Library

Monday, April 16 | 3 pm – 4:30 pm
Fundraiser Working Group | *Sandy Hammond, chair*

The Fundraiser WG is going to a movie and popcorn event showing a documentary called "Biggest Little Farm" about two people who start a farm. It was produced in 2019 and was in the Ashland Film Festival. Tickets are \$2 a person and popcorn and lemonade are free.

Saturday, April 18 | 12 pm – 1 pm
Fire-wise gardens and privacy screens | *Bonni Criswell, Master Gardener*
With wildfires on the rise, creating fire-resistant landscapes has become a necessity. Yet, the voracity of our local deer can eliminate many of the commonly suggested shrub and tree options. Learn your options. Large Meeting Room, Medford Library

Saturday, April 18 | 11 am – 1 pm
Native Plants: Bringing nature into our gardens and yards | *Lynn Kunstman, Master Gardener*
How growing native plants in our rural and suburban yards, cities, and common areas provides the best hope for saving our bees, birds and butterflies. Community Meeting Room, Rogue River Library

Tuesday, April 21 | 5:30 pm – 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!

Jackson County Master Gardener Association Board of Directors Meeting Feb. 14, 2020

Announcements

1. Barbara Davidson distributed a flyer concerning the 2020 OMGA Mini-College to be held July 24 and 25 at Oregon State University in Corvallis. The keynote speaker will be Robert Michael Pyle, author and founder of the Xerces Society.

2. Patrice Kaska reminded the board that dues are \$25 effective Feb.

1. Three hundred twenty-two members have renewed to date (25 more than at this time in 2019.)

Patrice can do a sort of member interests by any category if asked.

3. Ronnie Budge commented on the board reports entered on Dropbox, saying she is in awe of all that is being done by JCMGA members.

Treasurer's report

1. Sandy Hammond sold 1,134 copies of Garden Guide Vol. 1 and 86 Garden Guide Vol. 2 to the Grange Co-op.

2. As of Jan. 31, Spring Garden Fair booth registrations had brought



Recording Secretary

Jane Moyer

Master Gardener 2005

in almost \$4,000.

3. The major January expenses were Practicum supplies, the down payment of SGF equipment rented from Noel Lesley Event Services, and the SGF down payment to the Expo.

4. No payments for SGF advertising will be due until May 31.

Financial audit

Barbara Davidson moved to accept the Financial Audit for the 12 months ending Oct. 31, 2019 as prepared by Judy Williamson. Lynn Kunstman

seconded. Motion passed with unanimous approval. A note of thanks will be sent to Judy Williamson.

Bylaws (proposed revisions)

Kathy Apple moved on behalf of the Bylaws Committee that the proposed revised bylaws dated Feb. 14, 2020 be adopted as submitted to the board. Susan Koenig moved to amend the proposed revised bylaws so that the word "board" be added to the title and first sentence of Article IV Section 6. The title would read "Board Committees" and the first sentence would read "The terms of all board committees..." Kate Hassen seconded. Unanimous approval.

The Board then voted unanimously to approve the proposed revised Bylaws dated February 14, 2020, as amended.

Policies and motions (proposed revisions)

Kathy Apple moved on behalf of the Bylaws Committee that the proposed revised Policies and Motions dated Feb. 14, 2020 be adopted as submitted to the board. The motion was approved unanimously.

During the discussion, it was noted that Section 19 pertaining to scholarships states that the priority for OSU scholarships from JCMGA be given to "graduates of Jackson County high schools" and that this be brought up again for possible change to "residents of Jackson County." Ronnie Budge appointed a special committee (Barbara Davidson, chair, Kathy Apple, and Linda Holder) to review the language and return to the board with a recommendation.

Patrice Kaska moved only the Articles of Association be included in the printed JCMGA Directory with a note directing members to the website

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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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where the Articles of Association, Bylaws, and Policies and Motions will be located. Kate Hassen seconded. One vote was cast in favor with 15 votes against. Motion failed.

Patrice Kaska moved only the Bylaws be included in the printed JCMGA Directory with a note directing members to the website where the Articles of Association, Bylaws, and Policies and Motions will be located. Susan Koenig seconded. Two votes were cast in favor with 14 votes against. Motion failed.

Kate Hassen moved the Articles of Association, Bylaws, and Policies and Motions be posted on the public side of the JCMGA website only. Kathy Apple seconded. Fourteen votes were cast in favor with 2 votes against. Motion passed.

JCMGA organizational chart (proposed revisions)

Kathy Apple moved on behalf of the By-laws Committee that revisions to the JCMGA Organizational Chart be adopted as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposal to move BBB garden

At the request of the Gardens and Grounds Working Group, this was removed from the agenda to be considered at a later date.

Communications

On behalf of the Communications Working Group, Kate Hassen moved the board approve the promotional taglines "Grow the Future – Plant a Garden" and "Garden for Life" for use with young families/feed yourself groups. Motion passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Communications Working Group, Kate Hassen moved the board approve the promotional taglines "Nurture Nature – Plant Native" and "Garden for Life" for use with people interested in native

plants/pollinators. Motion passed unanimously.

On behalf of the Communications Working Group, Kate Hassen moved the board approve the promotional taglines "Master Gardeners do it in the Dirt!" and "Garden for Life" for use with the general public. Twelve board members voted in favor with two opposed. Motion passed.

Meeting with Southern Oregon Public Broadcasting Service (SOPBS)

Ronnie Budge and Jim Buck met with representatives of SOPBS to discuss having 4-5 minute gardening spots on Channel 8. SOPBS is interested in filming multiple spots at once in the SOREC gardens and would like to tour next week to get ideas. They will seek sponsors to pay for the spots. The Communications Working Group will oversee this effort with Kate Hassen as liaison. Janine Salvatti and Marcie Katz were recommended for leading the tour. Sandy Hammond (former co-chair of "In the Garden" TV spots) offered to help coordinate. Lynn Kunstman offered to present on native plants.

Business plan

Susan Koenig, chair, gave a progress report on the first meeting of the Business Plan Committee. They have started with 5 questions:

1. What are the activities of the Business Plan Committee?
2. Who is the business plan for?
3. What are the purposes of the

JCMGA working groups and committees?

4. Who will write each part of the business plan?

5. How will working group and committee purposes, goals, etc. change for 2021?

(This will lead to the 2021 budget process.)

Other follow-up to education/communications retreat:

a. Ronnie Budge reported great results already coming from the January retreat.

b. Bill Gabriel is leading the effort to have a table at SGF with computer(s) running continuous loop(s) of preK-12 schools that have received JCMGA School Grants and/or community gardens that have received JCMGA Community Garden Grants.

c. Rebecca Jurta is interested in implementing a Jr. Master Gardener Program in Jackson County.

d. **Barbara Davidson** reported the Garden Buds Program has started, pairing veteran Master Gardeners with 2-3 students and seems to be going well.

e. The next board retreat is scheduled for May.

f. Still looking for Winter Dreams/Summer Gardens co-chairs. (Suggestion from Barbara Davidson: Mini-College is changing to even-numbered years. Maybe WDSG should be changed to only odd-numbered years.)

g. A replacement has been identified for chair of the Children's Garden.

Next meeting: Friday, March 13 (9:30 in the OSU Extension auditorium)

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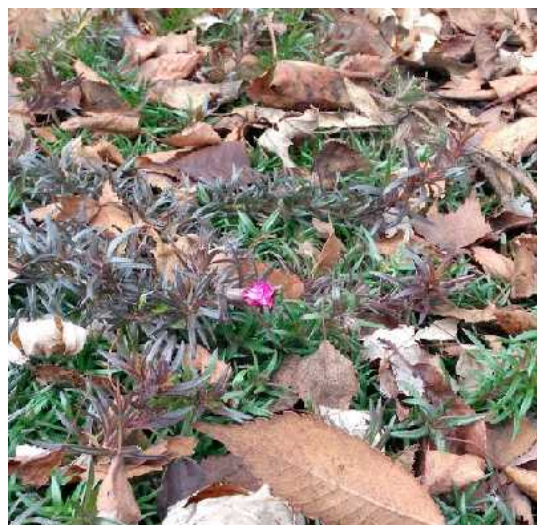
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