



CENTRAL GORGE MASTER GARDENER NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO THE 2018 MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM!

You all may not realize this, but I start planning for the next year's Master Gardener program in September. That's four months of anticipation! This year, the speaker lineup is exciting with some returning favorites as well as some newer faces. For the new trainees, I'm looking forward to getting to know each of you better and for re-

turning Master Gardeners, it is always a pleasure to see you so often during our dark winter times. I want to remind you all of a few logistics. All the trainings, except for the Mentor Meeting and the Project Field Day will be held at the Hood River Valley Christian Church (HRVCC) located at 975 Indian Creek Road in Hood River. Please plan

to arrive on time as we do start and end on time. I'm a firm believer that we create culture over meals so the first and last Wednesday evenings we spend together start with a potluck. Bring a dish to share and contribute to our unique and delicious potlucks. In addition, bring a place setting including utensils. There

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Month at a Glance

1/ 3, Wednesday 5 pm: Kick-Off Dinner at Three Rivers

1/9, Tuesday 10-12 pm: CGMA Exec Committee Meeting, Extension Meeting Room

1/17, Wednesday 6-7:30 pm: Mentor Meeting with Mentors and MG trainees

1/24: Wednesday 6-9 pm: Master Gardener Classes begin

7/12-14: OMGA Growing Gardeners (formerly mini-college) at Linfield College

[More Calendar Information](#)

CGMGA AND OMGA

From the desk of your CGMGA president

As we begin the 2018 Master Gardener (MG) training year, I would like to thank my predecessor,



Shari Bosler, who served

as president of the CGMGA for the past two years. She, and her husband Eric, are stalwart supporters of the MG

program and have provided many significant contributions to the success of the MG program in Hood River.

A special welcome to the 2018 MG class of eighteen trainees who are signed up for classes. Hopefully by now, you have heard from your assigned mentors and are excited to begin the program. You will be joining a large group of re-

turning Master Gardeners for a series of classes filled with useful and interesting information and taught by experts in several related fields

We kick-off the year with an informal dinner at Three Rivers Grill on Wednesday, January 3rd at 5 pm. We especially encourage mentors and mentees to attend together. A more structured,

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Our new Greenhouse!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kick-off Dinner at Three Rivers Grill

Dinner on January 3 is scheduled for 5pm in the room upstairs at the Three Rivers Grill, 601 Oak St in Hood River. As of January 1, our numbers are firm! If you are unable to join us this year, please look forward to joining us next year.

Shari Bosler



(<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/em9027.pdf>)

RESOURCES

- ◇ [Hood River County Master Gardeners](#)
- ◇ [Monthly Gardening Calendars](#)
- ◇ [UC IPM](#)
- ◇ [OSU Gardening](#)
- ◇ [Growing Your Own](#)
- ◇ [PNW Handbooks](#)
- ◇ [WSU Gardening](#)
- ◇ [OSU Publications](#)
- ◇ [HortSense](#)

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are some food allergies out there, so it is nice to have a notecard with ingredient list attached. Let's look forward to another fantastic year of learning about gardening and teaching our fellow community members on sustainable gardening techniques. Happy gardening!

Rachel Suits

January Training Schedule

Day	Time	What	Who	Where	Homework
1/17	6-7:30pm	Mentor Meeting	Mentors & Mentees	Extension Conference Room at 2990 Experiment	
1/24	6-9pm	Master Gardeners in the Gorge	Everyone needs to attend	HRVCC	Read Introduction to Being a Master Gardener
1/31	6-9pm	Beekeeping 101, Charlie Vanden Huevel		HRVCC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify 10 plants that require pollination 2. Identify 5 pollinator species

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all mentor/mentee meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, January 17, 6-7:30 pm and classes begin January 24th.

Returning Master Gardeners are looking forward to opportunities to utilize our brand new greenhouse, completed this fall and ready for the seed planting

parties that will begin this winter.

Vegetable starts (along with potted perennials) are sold at our eagerly awaited annual Plant Sale that returns this year.

I am looking forward to a year of learning, community service and fun-filled activities.

See you soon
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Passing of Mildred Goe

Mildred Goe, former Master Gardener from the class of 2000, passed away on November 29 at the age of 94. Services were held on December 9th in Odell at the Wy'east Community Church. Here is a link to her obituary at [Anderson's Tribute Center](#).



2017 Holiday Wreath Making Event
43 items were created for the Fish Food Bank!

HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING

On December 9, a very cold morning in our greenhouse, 22 of us including 3 members of the public, created many swags, wreaths, and centerpieces. And we created 43 items to donate to the FISH Food Bank!

Thanks to Barbara Kilkenny and Pam Crider for their creating beautiful bows. We were even joined by the president of OMGA, Seamus Rameriz.



CGMGA

Wreath Making Event

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

In order to allow time for formatting the CGMGA Newsletter, please submit articles or calendar items by the last Thursday of the month.

Send newsletter information to Shari Bosler at sharibosler@hotmail.com. Thanks!



Flowering Grass
Widow

EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

BE the first to find the 1st **flowering Grass Widow** in the NEW 2018 YEAR

January is the month to start watching for this flower !

Cathy Flick

JOIN THE RANGERS FOR THE EAGLE WATCH'

Saturday, January 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Dalles Lock & Dam Visitor's Center
EASY Directions: Exit 87, I-84 – east on
Brett Clodfelter Way

BRING: Binoculars, Camera, Chair, and
lots'o warm, toasty layers of clothing



JOIN THE RANGERS AT THE DALLES LOCK & DAM FOR OUR EIGHTH ANNUAL
EAGLE WATCH
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 FROM 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

The event is **free** to the public and **accessible** to visitors with disabilities.

Visitors are encouraged to bring their own binoculars and cameras. In case of inclement weather, the event may be rescheduled.

Can't wait to see the eagles? The visitor center will be open every Saturday and Sunday in January from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bring your family to **The Dalles Lock & Dam** and join our **park rangers** for eagle viewing!



The Dalles Lock & Dam Visitor Center is conveniently located off of I-84 at exit 87, east on Brett Clodfelter Way.

