



# CENTRAL GORGE MASTER GARDENER

APRIL 2018

## CGMGA

Let me begin by saying that some really big "Thank You's" are in order this month. First of all we all owe Sandi Rousseau and Eric Bosler and their mighty crew of intrepid Master Gardeners an enormous thank you for their efforts to build the MG greenhouse over the past several months. Great job!

Another thank you goes to Shari Bosler and a small committee whose efforts resulted in two new banners for the Plant Sale and the Garden

Tour. These will enhance our outreach efforts and last for years. Now that classes are over, the project activities lie ahead as we begin to accrue our volunteer hours.

The seeding parties are underway in our brand new greenhouse, and early work parties have begun at several of the garden projects. When planning your volunteer hours schedule, remember that all Master Gardeners are required to participate in the Plant Sale project in some

way. There are many options - seed planting parties, watering, sale prep and the sale day itself. This activity is our main fundraising effort, so everyone's support is needed, to ensure continued success, and appreciated. So please, sign up and do your part. Working together with your fellow MG's is fun and we learn so much from each other.

Happy Gardening!  
Heidi Nastasi

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## Month at a Glance

- April 3:** [Tuesday 9-12pm 1-3pm: flagging trees at SWCD](#)
  - April 4:** [Wednesday 9-12pm, 1-3pm: bundling customer orders at SWCD](#)
  - April 9:** Monday 9-12pm: [Learning Garden and SWCD perennial potting parties](#)
  - April 10:** Tuesday 10-12pm: CGMGA Exec Committee Meeting, extension meeting room, everyone's welcome
  - April 11:** Wednesday 9-12pm: [Perennial potting party at Laurel DeTar's garden](#)
  - April 11:** Wednesday 3pm: [Seed starting party in the greenhouse](#)
  - April 11:** [Wednesday 6-9pm: make-up class on Weeds](#)
  - April 13:** Friday 9-12pm: [Perennial potting party at Pat Schmuck's garden.](#)
  - April 15:** Sunday 10am: [Parkdale Memorial Garden work](#)
  - April 16:** Monday 9-12pm: [Perennial potting party at John Steven's garden.](#)
  - April 19:** Thursday 5:30-7:30pm: Garden Tour planning meeting
  - April 20:** Friday 5:30-8pm: [Garden Visit to Pat Morrison's garden](#)
  - April 21:** Saturday 10am: [Seed starting party in the greenhouse](#)
  - April 25:** Wednesday 6pm: [Seed starting party in the greenhouse](#)
  - May 12:** Saturday 9-1pm: **CGMGA Plant Sale**
  - July 12-14:** Thursday-Saturday: OMGA Growing Gardeners (formerly mini-college) at Linfield College
- Check our website for more calendar information: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/>

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## A NOTE REGARDING THE OSU EXTENSION RECYCLING BIN



The blue recycle bin located at the back of the Extension office is NOT to be used as a garbage can as it is only for recyclable materials such as office paper NOT black plastic, cups or napkins.

If you find garbage outside the office and the office is open please bring it in and

use one of the many trash cans in the office. If the office is closed please use the dumpster located in the small out-building along the drive to the greenhouse.

Thank you.  
Joanne Kiyokawa

## April Training Schedule

Day	Time	Topic	Presenter	Location	Homework
4/11	6-9pm	Weeds	Jordan Kim	HRVCC	Chapter 17

This year, it was a **requirement to attend the class presentation on Plant Clinic**. If you missed it, please read the PowerPoint on [The Plant Clinic](#) located on our [Central Gorge Master Gardener website](#).

### EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

#### Advanced Webinar Training



CHAP survey results stated that:

1. Many veteran MG volunteers expressed frustration at not having options to maintain their MG certification
2. Many veteran MG's didn't know Advanced Training Webinars by Brooke Edmunds which meet the continuing education requirement( 1 hour per class)



[Spring 2018 Webinars for Master Gardeners](#)

[2017 Advanced Training Webinars](#)

You can also access the [Spring 2018 Webinars](#) and the [2017 Webinars](#) on YouTube.

Note that additional spring Webinars will be added after they're recorded.

These webinars, together, carry 9 hours of continuing education credits . . . just one away from meeting the continuing education recertification requirement.

*Gail Langellotto*



**Course Time /Credits**  
Summer term, 25 June – 7 Sept. 2018 3 credits

**Course Description**  
Serves degree- and non-degree-seeking graduate learners who seek soil science knowledge but have minimal science experience or background. Understanding soil physical, chemical, and biological properties a) promotes informed soil use and management and b) supports individual to global societal values.

**Enforced Prerequisite**  
Graduate standing, or anyone with an accredited undergraduate 4-year degree.

**Co-Requisites** None.  
Find information for online graduate admission requirements at: <http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/online-degrees/graduate/>; *Tel 800-667-1465*

**Why Take SOIL 511?** Curriculum facilitates graduate degrees or certificates, continuing education, professional certification, and self-

improvement goals. A highly -interactive online Discussion framework supports weekly learner-learner and instructor -learner interactions.

**Course Rationale** The course provides practical information about how soil management influences world food production, fosters sustainable agriculture and forest crop production, provides clean water, and allows proper waste disposal and water recycling. Learners discover activities that positively or negatively impact soils in natural and disturbed environments.

**Major Learner Outcomes**  
Identify and compare factors motivating individuals, landowners, land managers, politicians, and other stakeholders to favor use, protection, or enhancement of soil resources.

**Information/Instructor Contact** Leon H. Liegel, PhD; Oregon State Univ., Crop and Soil Science Dept.; [leon.liegel@oregonstate.edu](mailto:leon.liegel@oregonstate.edu)



## CGMA

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### CGMGA Chapter Awards

It is the time of the year to nominate your fellow

Master Gardener volunteer to be recognized as the Master Gardener of the Year or Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the Year.

You can use the guidelines outlined on the [OMGA website](#).

Nominations need to be in to Rachel Suits by Friday, April 27th



### Scotch Broom

The evergreen shrub grows 3 to 10 feet high, and produces up to 20,000

## EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS (CONTINUED)

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### Scotch Broom: Weed of the Month for April 2018

Scotch broom was introduced as an ornamental along highway corridors and in western Oregon as a dune stabilizer. It is now one of the most extensive forest weed species.

Scotch broom is an attractive evergreen shrub. It has many slender, erect, dark green branches with small leaves up to half an inch long. It grows from 3 to 10 feet in height.

In May it is covered with bright yellow pea like flowers. The flowers mature to flattened seed pods that contain up to a dozen seeds each.

Dried pods will crack and pop open in mid-summer and eject the seeds a short distance. A single plant can produce well over 20,000 seeds that last in the soil for more than 30 years (some estimates are as long as 80 years).

Scotch broom easily invades disturbed sites, natural areas,

dunes and forest lands. This weed displaces native and beneficial plants and smothers tree seedlings, hampering reforestation efforts. It causes loss of grassland and open forest habitat.

Flowers and seeds are toxic to humans and most animals.

Scotch broom creates highly flammable fuels increasing wildfire danger. Control costs for this weed exceed \$47 million annually.

Scotch broom can be controlled by various methods depending upon the severity and the location of the infestation. Plants can be pulled when they are small and dug when they are larger. They can be cut between flowering and seed production and stumps can be treated with herbicides (check with the OSU Extension Master Gardeners for advice).

Do not put plants with seed pods in compost or yard waste. They should be bagged and placed in the garbage.

Do not burn plants with seed pods; when exposed to fire, its

seeds burst from their seed pods.

If you are looking for a yellow blooming bush for spring color, rather than planting Scotch broom consider the native Tall Oregon Grape or the ornamental Forsythia hybrid



Native Tall Oregon Grape

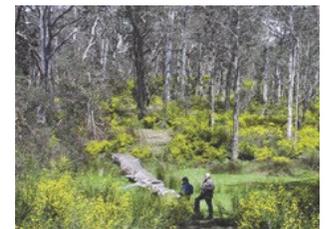
[OSU Landscape Plants](#)

<https://>



Ornamental Forsythia Hybrid

[Tree and Shrub Alternatives for Eastern Washington](#)



Scotch Broom is one of the most extensive forest weed species that was introduced as an ornamental along highways and as a dune stabilizer.



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Plants should be bagged and placed in the garbage or treated with herbicides.

**Do not compost or burn plants or seed pods**



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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Potting Parties.

Hi all you Perennial Potting Party enthusiasts.

Here is the complete schedule for digging this month.

**Monday, April 9th** from 9:00 to noon, Learning Garden and Soil and Water Conservation District both on the Extension Grounds.

**Wednesday, April 11th** from 9:00 to noon. Laurel DeTar's Garden at 2116 Eugene St. Hood River.

**Friday, April 13th** from 9:00 to noon Pat Schmuck's Garden 2980 Reed Rd Hood River. With her usual generosity **Pat is going to serve us lunch** when we're finished digging. We need to have a count for this party only. **If you plan to attend, please contact Laurel at [detar@gorge.net](mailto:detar@gorge.net) or 541-387-2116.**

**Monday, April 16th** from 9:00 to noon John Steven's Garden at 589 Eastside Rd Hood River

John, Pat and Laurel have wonderful gardens, all of which are very different from the others. Join us for fun in the dirt together. Bring your own tools.

Dress in layers since we're not omniscient and have no idea what the weather will be in 2 weeks.

If you have questions, please contact Laurel at [detar@gorge.net](mailto:detar@gorge.net) or 541-387-2116

### Seed Planting Parties

- March 21st- Wednesday @3pm
- March 28th- Wednesday @6pm
- April 7th-Saturday @10am
- April 11th-Wednesday @3pm (before make-up class)
- April 21st—Saturday @10am
- April 25th -Wednesday @6pm

We are asking MGs to bring clippers and scissors to the seed planting parties. Please put your name on them.

### Parkdale Memorial Garden work party

The second spring work party for the Parkdale Memorial Garden will take place on Sunday, April 15th at 10 a.m. Nancy

Slagle and I would love to have you come up and help us "whip" the Garden into shape for this year's growing season. Bring pruning and weeding tools.

Bill Sturman

### HR SWCD Plant Sale Needs our Help

Master Gardeners! As many of you know, every year the Hood River SWCD hosts an annual native plant sale and we rely on volunteers to help us prepare for it. If you are looking for volunteer hours for the Master Gardener program or just want to participate in a fun day of playing with and learning about native plants, we could use your help!

Preparations for the sale take two days and are done at the cold storage building next to the extension office. On Tuesday April 3rd we could use lots of people to help us flag individual trees so that customers can easily distinguish between plant species. There are two shifts: 9am to noon and 1pm to 3pm. We also need people on Wednesday April 4th to help us bundle customer orders. Again, there are two shifts: 9am to noon and 1pm to 3pm. If you are interested in helping with any of these shifts please contact Kris at [kris@hoodriverswcd.org](mailto:kris@hoodriverswcd.org) or at 541-386-4588. We are grateful for any help and will provide you plenty of doughnuts, coffee, and music to keep you going!

Thank you in advance and hope to hear from you!



Parkdale Memorial Garden



Our new Greenhouse!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Spring Garden Visit

The 1st Garden Visit of 2018 will be held on Friday, April 20 from 5:30 to 8, at Pat Morrison's garden in Stevenson.

The person who suggested this garden to me described it this way: "Pat has a forest garden: a Douglas-fir over story with shrubs and ground covers that are shade tolerant. For example, her garden has a delicate first-of-spring flowering native plant called 'Snow Queen' and native trillium – it takes a very special place for native trillium to grow as it does not transplant well. These two March plants alone say a lot about her garden and sense-of-place. Pat includes her artistry, creativity, and passion for human inclusiveness and peace. It is my favorite place to be."

This is a potluck, so bring something to share, as well as your own table settings and drinks. No need to RSVP, but please wear your MG badge so we all know each other's names. Family is welcome to join

you, and you'll get one payback hour for this fun educational event. Come ready to socialize, celebrate spring, and enjoy Pat's garden!

Directions follow this article. I did find the address on Google Maps also, but I recommend following Pat's instructions below. (Don't forget to print them out!)

Kathy McGregor, 541 806 0958

Pat Morrison, 530-220-2914, mmapesstevenson@gmail.com

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Bridge of the Gods (\$2.00 toll both ways). Turn right on Highway 14 (East). Drive almost all the way through Stevenson; Make a left on Frank Johns Road (Just after you see the Hardware Store on the right and the motel on the left). Follow Franks Johns to the blinking yellow light and stop sign and turn right on Loop Road. Stay on Loop til you come to Montell Terrace. Turn left on Montell Terrace. We live at 229 Ridgecrest Drive, the 3rd street up. The house is on the corner to the left. There is some parking in front of the house on Ridgecrest. There is much more parking on

El Paso which is the street behind us. There is a gate into the garden from El Paso. If you come from White Salmon on 14, look for The Cabin, a coffee shop on the right just as you enter town. Franks Johns is the next right hand turn (comes up quick). Then follow instructions above.

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### COMMUNITY RESILIENCY SERIES 2018

# Plant and Seed Swap

## plus Walk-in Plant Clinic with Central Gorge Master Gardeners

Be ready for spring! The community is invited to come and exchange/pick up available seeds and plants. Patrons can bring their seeds and plants before 10 am but all leftovers must be picked up by 2 pm. There will be a table available for local producer brochures and information to advertise local garden and farm products and contact information.

Bring your questions, plants or samples of plant problems and ask the Master Gardeners for help in solving gardening issues.



Saturday, April 7 • 10 am–2 pm



For program information, please contact Mary Repar at 509-427-7153 or [repar@saw.net](mailto:repar@saw.net)

[www.fvrl.org](http://www.fvrl.org)

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### Friday Farm Film Fest

Gorge Grown and the Rockford Grange have our final Friday Farm Film Fest movie on Friday, April 20 at 5:30 pm at Hood River Rockford Grange. The movie Sustainable is "A vital investigation of the economic and environmental instability of America's food system, from the agricultural issues we face — soil loss, water depletion, climate change, pesticide use — to the community of leaders who are determined to fix it. Sustainable is a film about the land, the people who work it and what must be done to sustain it for future generations." Louisa Pavlik

### Annual Spring Garden Fair

Here's a great "field trip" opportunity to find those unusual plants and garden ideas!

The [34th Annual Spring Garden Fair](#) is presented by Clackamas County Master Gardeners, see website for details. It's well worth the drive out to Canby May 5 & 6, Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Clackamas County Event Center (Fairgrounds) 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby, Oregon

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\$5.00 admission/under 16 free • FREE Parking ATM on site • No Pets and No Over 150 vendors from local plant nurseries, garden art, pots, supplies, Raffles & Prizes and Food Court. New Plant introductions to view and bid on silent auction Potting station will pot your new plant(s) for free if you purchase a pot from the Master Gardeners. Take several soil samples for free pH testing.

**10-Minute University™** Each class is around 30 minutes long and comes with a handout. Schedule on webpage.

Educational displays (and usually discounted Garden Books sold by Multnomah Co, MGs).

This event is planned, organized and hosted by Clackamas County Master Gardeners. 300 Master Gardener volunteers work at this event. Profits support Master Gardener educational activities, grants for community gardening projects and College Scholarships for Horticulture students at CCC.

<https://springgardenfair.org/>

### May 21: Speak for Urban Gardening

Hood River residents who love urban gardening appreciate how much it adds to the beauty of our town and reorients us to things that matter. That may soon change, however, unless we speak up.

To promote construction of more housing, the city is considering making lot sizes smaller and encouraging more closely-packed and multi-family housing. In this planning model, single-family homes with yards will be disfavored. Maximal coverage of lots with buildings will be encouraged.

The end result, for those who care about urban greenspace, will be that there will be much less soil to cultivate. In this new version of Hood River, there will be less open ground for plantings, trees, and gardens.

Come and speak to the city Planning Commission in support of providing open ground around all housing for domestic gardens and greenspace. The first hearing will be on Monday, May 21, at 5:30 in City Hall.

More compact housing can



Clackamas Spring Garden Fair



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A recent photo of Hood River housing that illustrates the issue of maximal ground coverage

co-exist with carefully planned domestic green space around it. But that focus will get lost unless those of us who love urban gardening speak up. Planning and zoning issues can sound technical, but you are the technical

experts when it comes to the importance of access to the soil. The Planning Commission will be interested in your perspectives. For more information, please feel free to call at 541-386-2686 or drop a note to [sgcrowley@earthlink.net](mailto:sgcrowley@earthlink.net). -- Susan Crowley, Hood River

*Susan Crowley was a member of the Project Advisory Committee to the Hood River Westside Area Concept Plan, which provided residential density recommendations to the city in December 2017.*



Clear-cut of a formerly wooded lot at 13th and Eugene



<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/cm9027.pdf>

## GARDENING RESOURCES

- ◇ [Hood River County Master Gardeners](#)
- ◇ [Growing Your Own](#)
- ◇ [OSU Publications](#)
- ◇ [Monthly Gardening](#)
- ◇ [Calendars](#)
- ◇ [PNW Handbooks](#)
- ◇ [HortSense](#)
- ◇ [UC IPM](#)
- ◇ [OSU Gardening](#)
- ◇ [WSU Gardening](#)
- ◇ [Week Identification](#)
- ◇ [Columbia Gorge Co-operative Weed Management Area](#)



## 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](mailto:sharibosler@hotmail.com). Thanks!

**FISH Food Bank/ Spirit of Grace Church**  
**Position: Outreach /Volunteer Coordinator**

**Job Summary: Part time, temporary position**

Recruit, train and coordinate volunteers to grow fresh produce for the FISH Food Bank on the property surrounding Spirit of Grace Church. Position is approximately 10 hours/week from February 20-August 20 2018. Schedule may vary widely depending on season and garden needs. Salary is \$15/hour with a total of approximately 250 hours.

**Education & Experience:**

1. Basic knowledge of plant needs and experience working in and/or managing organic farms
2. Experience with successful volunteer coordination, community organizing or management
3. Ability to speak Spanish would be helpful but is not require.

**Application Process:**

Send a cover letter explaining your interest, background, and qualifications for this position, your resume, and contact information for 2 references to:

Spirit of Grace Church  
1140 Tucker Rd  
Hood River, Or 97031

Or email to [office@hoodriverchurch.com](mailto:office@hoodriverchurch.com)

For a copy of the full job description contact [chenowethd@gmail.com](mailto:chenowethd@gmail.com). Questions call Debby at 541-399-2384