



CENTRAL GORGE MASTER GARDENER

JUNE 2018

CGMGA & OMGA

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Memorial Day is here already. Is your garden ready for the long, dry days of summer? I know mine's not there yet. But after each season of Master Gardener classes, I feel a bit better prepared to take on the multitude of gardening challenges that always seem to come. I hope you do too.

Earlier in May, CGMGA celebrated a very successful plant sale. By 8 am on the day of the sale, eager Hood River gardeners were lined up outside the greenhouse ready to buy. LJ and Laurel and their great team of volunteers did a wonderful job on the sale, and we all owe them a great big thank you. For Master Gardeners the summer brings plant clinics, work parties for the different garden projects, garden visits, talks, G2 (formerly mini-college) and more ways to rack up the hours we need to graduate.

The County Fair committee is looking for a few more volunteers to help with our Fair exhibit booth. So if you want to help promote the Master Gardener program and have some fun at the same time, please contact me for more info.

Have a great summer.

Heidi Nastasi
CGMGA President

OMGA REPORT

Items needed for OMGA Silent Auction at G2 (mini college).

Our chapter needs to provide \$250 worth of items for this auction.

Please think about what you can provide or maybe you know someone who can donate an item. Do you have a vacation rental or know someone who does? Are you an artist or have a contact with an artist who could donate a work of art? Are you a craft person or a quilter. Garden art, wreaths, bird feeders or bird houses are good items.

Anything for the garden. A wine basket filled with our great wine choices in the Gorge always sells. Any other gift basket, filled with garden paraphernalia etc. Let your imagination soar,

Please contact Sandy Montag (503-869-0025) or Linda Bitter (425-417-1549)

We Need Your Help!

Scholarships for G2 (Mini College)

Scholarships are available for G2. Please do not hesitate to request one. Please contact Sandy Montag
sandyhmontag@gmail.com

or Heidi Nastasi
heidishoup@yahoo.com

Month at a Glance

June 2: Saturday 3:30: [Garden visit at Bill Sturman's garden](#)

June 12: Tuesday 10-12pm: CGMGA Exec Committee Meeting, extension meeting room

June 22: Friday 8-9am: KIHHR radio show with Master Gardeners

July 12-14: Thursday-Saturday: [OMGA Growing Gardeners](#) (formerly mini-college) at Linfield College

[Check our Website](#) for more calendar information

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EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS



The native plant, Bluebell-of-Scotland, (*Campanula rotundifolia*) attracts humming-



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Attracting Birds to Your Garden

CJ Flick has a recommendation for Master Gardeners who wants to attract birds and other pollinators to the yard, read below!

... and check out this online tool, [Bring more birds to your home with native plants](#)

[The National Audubon Society](#) has a new online tool that will inform you on native North American plants, based on your zip code, you can plant to attract birds simply by typing in your zip code.

This is the year of the Bird!

CJ Flick tested this online tool by typing in her zip code 98672 and was pleasantly surprised & happy with the plant list recommended.

Weed of the Month: Puncturevine

Puncturevine is a sprawling annual plant that forms a dense mat with very sharp, spiny seed heads. This nasty weed has infiltrated Hood River County from the east. Also known as goathead, puncturevine has

branched stems that can spread up to 6 feet wide, stemming from a single crown. Flowers are small, yellow and have 5 petals. The leaves are hairy, 1-3 inches long, and divided into leaflets, each about 1/4 inch long. The seed head is woody with very sharp spines. Seeds are easily spread by sticking into footwear, vehicle tires and animals. Puncturevine thrives in sunny, dry, rocky locations such as roadsides or gravel parking lots. This plant poses serious problems for recreationalists and agriculturalists alike.

The seeds can easily puncture a bike tire, inflatable raft or dog's paw. Puncturevine has been found recently in area orchards where seeds are being spread by tractor tires and other farming activities. Plants are actively producing seeds now and will continue to do so until we get frost.

Puncturevine has been found throughout Hood River county including along the Mosier-Twin Tunnels trail, the Hood River waterfront, the

Odell industrial area, Eastside Road, Lost Lake Road and along Tucker Rd.

If you see it, pull it and please report it to the Oregon Invasives Hotline at www.oregoninvasiveshotline.org or 1-866-INVADER. Unfortunately, Hood River County does not have the capacity to address all known infestations of this weed. Landowners should be prepared to address any infestations found on their own property. To remove it, try to get the entire taproot, all of the seeds, bag it and put it in the garbage for landfill disposal. This is one to nip in the bud!



If you see this invader please contact:
www.oregoninvasiveshotline.org
or call 1-866-INVADER

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VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

2018 Plant Sale



The Learning Garden

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped us clean up the Learning Garden this Spring. We were able to enjoy the blossoms and witness the making of a new view as the Japanese Plums were removed.

Thanks to Steve Castagnoli the trees were sawed down, stumps were pulled out, and we are officially on our own irrigation system. A big thanks to Steve for making this all

possible!

June will continue to be busy as we prepare the pollinator garden for [National Pollinator Week](#) (June 18-24), continue our general maintenance and prepare to upgrade and complete the pathways in the composting demonstration area.

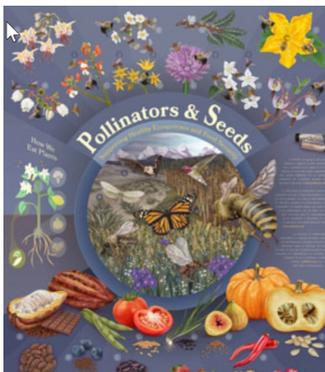
We are seeking a willing and knowledgeable Master Gardener to lead a tool cleaning and maintenance day for the public in September. If you are interest-

ed please contact Sylvianne or Laurel to discuss possible dates and content.

Mark your calendars for June work parties including a Saturday! All work parties are from 9-noon.

- June 9th
- June 14
- June 28

Sylvianne has changed her email address. Please update your email lists and contacts to the following:
sylviannej6@gmail.com



<https://www.fws.gov/pollinators/>



<http://pollinator.org/shop/poster-2018#pollinators>

UPCOMING EVENTS

GARDEN VISIT Saturday, June 2 Bill Sturman's Garden

Master Gardeners and their guests are invited to a special Garden Visit that will include a wildflower scavenger hunt and a walk in the woods at Bill Sturman's home and art studio in Parkdale. This is a potluck, so bring something to share, as well as your own table settings and drink of choice. 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 the end of a successful plant sale, and enjoy the woods and garden at Bill Sturman's place!

Directions

Address: 8495 Hwy 35 Mt. Hood

Take Hwy 35 toward Parkdale, approximately 17 miles from Hood River. Driveway is 0.3 mi south of Baseline Dr. which is the third, southern-most

turnoff to Parkdale from Hwy 35. Driveway goes to the left (east) and has a wooden "Private Driveway" sign. The driveway is 0.9 mi long and our house is at the end. At the forks follow the signs.

"Program"

3:30 to 5: Walk on trails up through the woods to enjoy the varied botanical landscape: "old-growth" forest, dry south-facing hills, creek riparian, shaded north-facing slopes.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Garden Visit to Pat Morison's Garden



5:00 to 6:00 Peruse the garden areas around the house. See the use of natives as foundational plants.

Use the printed plant list to locate/identify the native

plants. See the "workings" of an off-grid home. Enjoy watercolor paintings of flowers, foliage, etc

6:00 Potluck

Thanks to Bill for planning this event!

I've been wanting to visit his place for years. Come join me!./

Kathy McGregor
Project Leader, MG Garden Visits



[Growing Gardener's 2018](#)

Oregon Master Gardener™ Association's
Growing Gardeners Conference
 July 12th - 14th, 2018
 at Linfield College in McMinnville

Fun, friendship and fellowship plus fabulous classes await you this year at the OMGA's Growing Gardeners Conference.
 (formerly OMGA Mini-College)

Remember that this annual conference is open to all MG's and individuals interested in a variety of educational, horticultural and gardening topics, including advanced classes for recertification. Careful consideration and thought has been given to the selection of interesting and experienced speakers for the Friday and Saturday classes, workshops and educational tours.

Check out the OMGA website for detailed information:
www.omga.org





IT'S A GIRL!



Congratulations!

It's a GIRL!!

Logan Lyle Traver, born 5/15 @ 7:35pm. 8lbs 6oz, 21"

EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

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2018 a la Carte Food Preservation Class Schedule for Hood River & The Dalles

DATE	COURSE TOPIC	TIME	LOCATION	PRICE
6/5/2018 (Tuesday)	Food, Water & Waste Preparedness for Emergencies Learn about personal and household food & water storage to be prepared for the next natural disaster or emergency. Just in time for wildfire season.	1:00pm-4:00pm	The Dalles-Zion Lutheran Church	\$20
6/6/2018 (Wednesday)	Food, Water & Waste Preparedness for Emergencies Learn about personal and household food & water storage to be prepared for the next natural disaster or emergency. Just in time for wildfire season.	6:00pm-9:00pm	Hood River-FISH Food Bank	\$20
7/10/2018 (Tuesday)	Pickling Summer Vegetables: Asparagus to Zucchini Safely quick-pickle a variety of vegetables and impress friends and family with your beautiful and delicious pickled produce.	1:00pm-4:00pm	The Dalles-Zion Lutheran Church	\$20
7/11/2018 (Wednesday)	Pickling Summer Vegetables: Asparagus to Zucchini Safely quick-pickle a variety of vegetables and impress friends and family with your beautiful and delicious pickled produce.	6:00pm-9:00pm	Hood River-FISH Food Bank	\$20
7/31/2018 (Tuesday)	Preserve the Gorge Bounty: Canning & Drying Fruit Preserve the world-class produce our region grows. Discover the best ways to can & dehydrate cherries, peaches, pears, and apples.	1:00pm-4:00pm	The Dalles-Zion Lutheran Church	\$20
8/1/2018 (Wednesday)	Preserve the Gorge Bounty: Canning & Drying Fruit Preserve the world-class produce our region grows. Discover the best ways to can & dehydrate cherries, peaches, pears, and apples.	6:00pm-9:00pm	Hood River-FISH Food Bank	\$20
8/21/2018 (Tuesday)	Freezer Meals: Simplify Supper with Frozen Crock-Pot Meals You Can Cook in a Cinch Be ready for back-to-school with a freezer full of delicious, healthy crock-pot meals. Recipes, shopping lists, labels & lunch will be provided!	1:00pm-4:00pm	The Dalles-Zion Lutheran Church	\$20
8/22/2018 (Wednesday)	Freezer Meals: Simplify Supper with Frozen Crock-Pot Meals You Can Cook in a Cinch Be ready for back-to-school with a freezer full of delicious, healthy crock-pot meals. Recipes, shopping lists, labels & dinner will be provided!	6:00pm-9:00pm	Hood River-FISH Food Bank	\$20
9/18/2018 (Tuesday)	Canning Salmon: Catch to Canned Learn how to safely pressure can fresh Columbia River Salmon. We'll share tips & tricks for getting the most out of your catch!	1:00pm-4:00pm	The Dalles-Zion Lutheran Church	\$20
9/19/2018 (Wednesday)	Canning Salmon: Catch to Canned Learn how to safely pressure can fresh Columbia River Salmon. We'll share tips & tricks for getting the most out of your catch!	6:00pm-9:00pm	Hood River-FISH Food Bank	\$20
10/2/2018 (Tuesday)	Oktoberfest: Sausage, Sauerkraut & Mustard Celebrate Autumn by making your own sausage, sauerkraut, and mustard. We'll cover meat curing, fermentation, and canning sauces & spreads.	1:00pm-4:00pm	The Dalles-Zion Lutheran Church	\$20
10/3/2018 (Wednesday)	Oktoberfest: Sausage, Sauerkraut & Mustard Celebrate Autumn by making your own sausage, sauerkraut, and mustard. We'll cover meat curing, fermentation, and canning sauces & spreads.	6:00pm-9:00pm	Hood River-FISH Food Bank	\$20
11/6/2018 (Tuesday)	Canning Homemade Soups & Stocks Want to enjoy delicious homemade soup & stock all winter? You'll learn the do's & don'ts of soup making as well as how to safely pressure can.	1:00pm-4:00pm	The Dalles-Zion Lutheran Church	\$20
11/7/2018 (Wednesday)	Canning Homemade Soups & Stocks Want to enjoy delicious homemade soup & stock all winter? You'll learn the do's & don'ts of soup making as well as how to safely pressure can.	6:00pm-9:00pm	Hood River-FISH Food Bank	\$20
12/11/2018 (Tuesday)	Flavored Oils, Vinegars, & Homemade Extracts Just in time for the holidays, this class will show you how to make your own flavored oils, vinegars, & extracts. Learn the safety tips and save a bundle.	1:00pm-4:00pm	The Dalles-Zion Lutheran Church	\$20
12/12/2018 (Wednesday)	Flavored Oils, Vinegars, & Homemade Extracts Just in time for the holidays, this class will show you how to make your own flavored oils, vinegars, & extracts. Learn the safety tips and save a bundle.	6:00pm-9:00pm	Hood River-FISH Food Bank	\$20

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Pre-Registration is REQUIRED for ALL Food Preservation COURSES.

Go to:

<http://bit.ly/2018FoodPreservationClasses>

Contact Lauren Kraemer at 541-386-3343 ext. 38258 or email at Lauren.Kraemer@oregonstate.edu



Locations:

The Dalles-Zion Lutheran Church, 101 W 10th Street, The Dalles
Hood River-FISH Food Bank, 1130 Tucker Rd, Hood River

GARDENING RESOURCES



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

- ◇ [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. Thanks!

