



CENTRAL GORGE MASTER GARDENER

JANUARY 2019

CGMGA & OMGA

CGMGA

From the desk of your CGMGA President . . .

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday! The new year brings with it new CGMGA officers as well as new events.

A big thank you to Heidi Shoup for serving as president last year.

Besides me, the 2019 officers are:

- President Elect: Sandy Montag
- Treasurer: Nancy Slagle
- Secretary: Christie Bradley
- OMGA Rep: Barbara Kilkenny
- OMGA Alternate Rep: Linda Bitter

2019 CGMGA events to calendar include:

- [2019 Plant Sale](#), May 11
- [Japanese Heritage Celebration](#), May 17
- [2019 Garden Tour](#), June 22

More information on each of these events can be found in the "[Upcoming Events](#)" section of this newsletter.

To stay informed, please "Follow" and "Like" the [Central Gorge Master Gardeners - OSU Facebook](#) page.

Also, watch for the January issue of the Gardener's Pen on [The Gardener's Pen](#) page of the OMGA Web site.

Reneé Taylor

Annual Calendar Submissions

I need to get dates from everyone so I can prepare the 2019 calendar. It usually takes until March to have the final version ready but I'd like to have it done sooner. It would need to catch the eye of the board and project leaders and the like.

Kathy McGregor

Holiday Greenery



While only a dozen of us came out on December 8 to create holiday greenery items for ourselves and our community, we made 35 items to distribute at the FISH Food Bank and WGAP. A special thanks to Barbara Kilkenny and Pam Crider for the beautiful bows!

Shari

OMGA

Dear MG Volunteers,

If you happen to get an email, inviting you to add your name to the Master Gardener registry, please know that this invitation and website is not University-affiliated or sanctioned. Since the website is operated by a commercial en-

Month at a Glance

January 8: Tuesday 10-12pm: CGMGA Exec Committee Meeting, extension meeting room, everyone's welcome

January 8: Tuesday 12pm: Japanese [Heritage Garden celebration planning meeting](#), extension meeting room (p 3)

January 17: Thursday 5pm: Plant [Sale planning meeting](#) at Laurel DeTar's (p 4)

March 6: Wednesday 5pm: Dinner at [Three Rivers Grill](#) (P4)

May 11: Saturday May 11, Plant Sale

May 17: Friday 3pm: 10th Anniversary Celebration of the Japanese Heritage Garden

June 22: Saturday CGMGA Garden Tour

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deavor that charges to add your name and information to their site, it also goes against the terms of use of 'Master Gardener'.

Should you receive this invitation, or a similar invitation, please delete / ignore the email.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Expressing Extension's Impact

Perhaps you saw the newspaper article that came out where Hood River County has announced a plan for the May ballot. This is good news as the County is now on the path to finding new revenue streams. As an Extension office, we will be coming up with a plan to help support the County in their efforts, which includes YOU! If you are interested in learning how you can help in the next 6 months before May's election, write letters to the editor, and help with some marketing, then contact Sandy Montag (sandyhmontag@gmail.com) and myself (rachel.suits@oregonstate.edu) to get on our list.

Coordinators ~ please pass this information on to your MG volunteers.

Gail Langellotto

2019 International Master Gardener Conference

Penn's Woods: Digging into our Roots

June 17-21, 2019

Valley Forge Casino Resort, Valley Forge, PA

Registration is now open for the 2019 International Master Gardener Conference!

You can register on the ["International Master Conference Web Site"](#).

We will be coming up with a plan to help support the great work that Extension does. We will be creating more of a plan after the first of the year and would like to include you in that.

If you want to know more about 2018 Master Gardener statistics, you can find that below:

- Number of client questions answered by MG volunteers: 247
- Number of contacts in the community between markets, festivals, community gardens, and Brassica and Beer: 750
- Number of volunteers: 85
- Number of education hours: 1920
- Number of volunteer hours in the communi-

ty (garden outreach and education): 3747

In-kind volunteer value using the \$24/hr national volunteer value standard: \$90,000 (That's more than half our county budget! You all are amazing!)

Survey to Access Public Perceptions about Classical Biological Control to Control Pests and Weeds

WSU Extension, the University of Alaska, and the Washington State Department of Agriculture are conducting a survey to assess public perceptions about classical biological control, or the use of natural enemies to control pests and weeds. The survey should take 15 to 20 minutes for most participants, and includes an introduction and some background information to orient participants.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**Japanese Heritage
Garden Anniversary
Celebration**

The 10th anniversary of the Japanese Heritage Garden in the Learning Garden is coming up in 2019, and we are planning a celebration to mark this occasion. The JHG was created as a lasting tribute to the Japanese community in Hood River and their sacrifices during World War II. Please see

the 'Save the Date' card we are sending out to community members for details, but put the date of Friday, May 17th on your calendars.

We have a planning committee formed and will be meeting periodically during these next few months. Our next meeting in Tuesday, January 8th at noon in the Extension meeting room. If you have interest in help-

ing with this, please let Sandi Rousseau swim@gorge.net know. Everyone is welcome to be involved.

Sandi Rousseau

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS FOR
THE JAPANESE
HERITAGE
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MAY 17
3:00 PM

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**Central Gorge Master Gardeners
invite you to**

**'Save the Date'
Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the**

Japanese Heritage Garden

**Friday, May 17, 2019
3:00 p.m.**

**The Learning Garden
at the
OSU Extension Service Office
2990 Experiment Station Drive
Hood River**

Portland Taiko will be featured

Reception to follow

UPCOMING EVENTS

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MEETINGJANUARY 17
5 PMAT LAUREL DE
TAR'S**2019 Plant Sale**Greetings To All Master
Gardeners,

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their efforts throughout the year. The success of our association is built on the efforts of our Master Gardeners participation in this past year and we have enjoyed many successes. Thank you for your dedication, loyalty and commitment.

We've come through a year filled with many challenges. How reassuring it is to know that we can count on all of you regardless of what faces us. Laurel and I extend our appreciation to every one of you for your valuable contributions. Working with you this past year has been a pleasure and we're proud to have you all with us.

We hope you will join us in the great adventure of "Plant Sale 2019."

Join us for the plant sale kick-off meeting on Thursday, January 17 at 5 pm Laurel's house located at 2116 Eugene St. Bring your brilliant ideas along with your drink choice and your place setting. We will provide appetizers.

Questions? Contact

Lj at 541 288-8256 Cell
Home: 541 386-2324
Laurel Home: 541 387-2116

**Dinner at
Three Rivers Grill**

As we've done for a number of years, we will again enjoy dinner at Three Rivers Grill!!

With a bit more flexibility of class schedule, I have scheduled the upstairs room for the evening of Wednesday, March 6, starting at 5pm so that we can enjoy time together before dinner at 6pm. This is a 2 for 1 dinner (not free) event, so you will want to pair up with another MG/spouse or partner. We are limited to 46 people upstairs, though if there are more, we should be able to find seating downstairs. Please save the date and contact me to reserve your place. I will need our final numbers by Monday, March 4.

Shari Bosler

sharibosler@hotmail.com
509-493-3098

2019 Garden Tour

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Garden Tour which is scheduled Saturday, June 22, 2019.

Please let us know if you'd like to be a Garden Leader. We need garden lead-

ers for the following gardens:

- Joanne Harris & Robin Thornton on Broken Tee
- Dawn Elle HR
- Norma Curtis Hood River
- Columbia River Gorge Hotel

If you'd like more information on the gardens or the duties of a Garden Leader, let Heidi or me know. You can also review the [Garden Leader](#) Google document.

If you have questions or ideas, please let us know.

Heidi Shoup
(heidishoup@yahoo.com)

or Renee Taylor
(rcitlau@gmail.com)

Reneé Taylor

**Wasco County Master
Gardeners**

If you know anyone in Wasco County that is interested in becoming a Master Gardener, they are hosting a "Meet & Greet" on Monday, January 14 at 6pm, at The Mid-Columbia Senior Center at 1112 W. 9th St. in The Dalles.

Contact Michelle Sager for additional information.
541-296-5494 or
Michelle.sager@oregonstate.edu extension.oregonstate.edu/mg/wasco/

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR2019 GARDEN
TOUR

JUNE 22, 2019

THREE RIVERS
GRILLMARCH 6
5 PMCONTACT
SHARI BOSLER
TO RESERVE
YOUR PLACE

UPCOMING EVENTS

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EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

TIPS FOR
MAINTAINING TOOLS
CAN BE FOUND ON
THE "[GARDENER'S
GATE](#)" WEB SITE.
SCOTT FITCH

SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

NATIVE PLANT SALE

DOWNLOAD THE
ORDER FORM
AVAILABLE AT

[WWW.HOODRIVERSW
CD.ORG](http://WWW.HOODRIVERSWCD.ORG)

The Hood River Soil & Water Conservation District 2019 native plant sale

Greetings Master Gardeners! The Hood River Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) is happy to announce that we are now taking orders for our 2019 native plant sale. We've got a great selection of native plant species that can sometimes be hard to find in your typical nurseries. We've got a great selection of native plant species that can sometimes be hard to find in your typical nurseries.

As I am sure you are all

aware, native plants are adapted to the unique climate and soils of the Hood River valley. They require less water, fertilizer and other inputs to maintain.

Native plants provide the benefits of enhanced wildlife habitat, pollinator habitat, soil stabilization and water conservation. They also provide shade, privacy, and showy blooms throughout the growing season.

We offer a variety of conifers, deciduous trees, and shrubs. These are 1-2 years old bare-root seedlings and will be ready to go in the ground soon after pick-up. The orders will be filled in the order in which they were received, so get

your requests in soon to ensure availability. Any plants that are not pre-sold will be available for sale on the pick-up days.

Check out our website at www.hoodriverswcd.org to download your order form and gather information on plant species and site suitability. For more information or guidance when making your selection, call Kris at 541-386-4588 or stop by our office at 3007 Experiment Station Rd. in Hood River. Purchases will be available for pick up on Friday the 6th and Saturday the 7th of April, 2019.

Kris Schaedel

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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We would greatly appreciate hearing your thoughts on invasive species and classical biological control.

If you have questions while taking the survey, please contact Jennifer Andreas (jandreas@wsu.edu or 253.651.2197) or Chris Looney

(clooney@agr.wa.gov or 360.902.2042). Participa-

tion is voluntary and anonymous.

Here is a link to the survey: http://uaa.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b2TiEKKA7POakC1

Thank you so much for your input!

Jennifer Andreas
(Washington State University)

Looney (Washington State Department of Agriculture)

Shannon Donovan
(University of Alaska)



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!