



# CENTRAL GORGE MASTER GARDENER

MAY 2019

## CGMGA & OMGA

### CGMGA

*From the desk of your CGMGA President . .*

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather! This month, we have two important CGMGA events, and we just have a few more days to submit our Master Gardener Award nominations.

If you're a new Master Gardener, you might not know that the CGMGA 2018 Master Gardener of the Year is Sandy Rousseau, and the 2018 Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the Year is LJ Johnson.

Thank you Sandi Rousseau and LJ Johnson for your dedication and service to our program.

The two major CGMGA Events that we have in May are:

- [The CGMGA Plant Sale](#) (pgs 3-4)
- [The Japanese Heritage Garden Celebration](#) (pg 5)

Please go to pages 3 to 5 to find out more about those events and how you can help.

It's also the time of year that we're starting to accumulate volunteer hours. To keep track of your service hours, download the "Master Gardener Volunteer Tracking" Excel Spreadsheet on the [CGMGA Web Site](#). After you download the spreadsheet, you will notice that there are tabs at the bottom of the page. Click the "Volunteer Payback Log" tab at the bottom. It will take you to the page for you to enter your volunteer hours.

A summary report will be created on the "Volunteer Hour Report" tab. If you have

questions about the "Master Gardener Volunteer Tracking" spreadsheet, feel free to contact me at [rcitlau@gmail.com](mailto:rcitlau@gmail.com) or 714-595-9158  
*Thank you, Renee Taylor*

### OMGA

#### 2019 Award Nominations

Nominations for the 2019 Master Gardener of the Year and the Behind the Scenes MG of the Year are due by May 1.

The Master Gardener of the Year award recognizes a Master Gardener for outstanding dedication and service to the program as a whole. The Behind the Scenes Master Gardener of the Year is an individual who works quietly and unselfishly behind the scenes to further the CGMGA Master Gardener Program.

Please submit your nominations by clicking: [2019 CGMGA Award Nomination](#) or by contacting Rachel Suits at [Rachel.Suits@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Rachel.Suits@oregonstate.edu)

#### The Gardener's Pen

The April issue of "[The Gardener's Pen](#)", is available! *The Gardener's Pen*, is an OMGA newsletter which is not only interesting but keeps us informed on statewide Master Gardener issues.

You also might want to visit the [OMGA Website](#) (<https://omga.org/>) which is also a good resource.

### Month at a Glance

**May 2 & 9:** 9am to noon, Learning Garden Work Parties

**May 14:** Tuesday 10-12 pm: CGMGA Exec Comm Mtg, Ext mtg rm, everyone's welcome

**May 8:** Wednesday 6-7pm [Brassicas & Beer](#) Details p3

**May 11:** Saturday: CGMGA plant sale

**May 17:** Friday 3pm: 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Japanese Heritage Garden

**June 9:** Sunday 1-5 pm Central Gorge Garden Tour, Pre-Tour

**June 22:** Saturday 9-4 pm: Central Gorge Garden Tour

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## Extension Gardener 2019 Class Schedule May to October

All classes meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

| Date  | Topic                                | Presenter                              | Homework                             | Location                        |
|-------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 5/1*  | Building Healthy Soils               | Victoria Binning - Program Coordinator | Chp 6 **                             | HRVCC                           |
| 5/22  | Plant Problem Diagnostics            | Brooke Edmunds                         | Chp 16, Diagnosing Plant Problems ** | OSU Extension & Learning Garden |
| 6/26  | Vegetable Gardening                  | Seed to Supper Educators               |                                      | Fish Food Bank Garden           |
| 7/24  | Propagating Plants                   | Laurel DeTar & LJ Johnson              |                                      | OSU Extension & Learning Garden |
| 8/28  | Managing Pests                       | Rachel Suits                           | TBA                                  | HRVCC                           |
| 9/25  | Plant Diseases                       | Ashley Thompson                        | TBA                                  | OSU Extension & Learning Garden |
| 10/9  | Pesticide Safety                     | Steve Castagnoli                       | TBA                                  | HRVCC                           |
| 10/16 | Introduction to Plant Clinic         | Rachel Suits                           | <a href="#">Plant Clinic Manual</a>  | OSU Extension & Learning Garden |
| 10/23 | Potluck, Adult Learners & Final Exam | Rachel Suits                           |                                      | HRVCC                           |

\* Rescheduled class

\*\* *Sustainable Gardening, The Oregon* • *Washington Master Gardener Handbook*

## EDUCATIONAL TIDBITS

BRASSICAS &  
BEER

BATS & BAT  
HOUSES

AT VOLCANIC  
BOTTLE SHOPPE

MAY 8  
6 TO 7 PM



### Brassicas and Beer

Please join us at Volcanic Bottle Shoppe (1410 12th Ave Hood River) from 6 to 7 pm for the following gardening seminars:

- May 8, Bats and Bat Houses with Patricia Paige
- June 12, Container Gardens with Glenda Ryan
- July 10, Managing Risk and Health of Veteran Trees with David Braun
- August 14, Waterwise Gardening with Sue Sanchez and Su Stender
- September 11, Enhancing Habitat for Wildlife with CJ Flick

### “First Look” Reading a Pesticide Label to Protect Bees

May 30 @11am PT  
[Register Here](#)

In this advanced Master Gardener webinar, Matthew Bucy, an undergraduate research assistant for OSU Pollinator Health Extension, will explain how to read a pesticide label to protect bees.

### Garden Smart: A Guide to Non- Invasive Plants

The [GardenSmart booklet](#) has information about the

many choices of plants that work for gardens while protecting watershed health.

GardenSmart also highlights plants you should avoid because they are invasive, and has information about non-invasive alternatives (both natives and non-native ornamentals) that you can safely plant instead.

Please use this booklet as a guide to help you make informed choices for your garden, water garden or landscape.

Obtain a pdf version here [GardenSmart](#) or pick up a free copy at the Hood River Extension office.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

### MAY 2019 PLANT SALE:

A huge thank you to all you MGs who have helped with the seed starting and transplanting so far. An even bigger thank you to the GREENHOUSE crew. You’ve kept everything running and in ship shape for us. The new shade structure is looking fabulous. Special thanks to the women who put in all the hours to get the ground for

the new shade structure ready for the gravel pour and then raked it out to perfection. Pardon the expression but you rock.



There will be work parties to transplant seedlings. Label them and price them for the next two Wednesday evenings.

We have scheduled new hours for set-up on Friday

May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will work from 1:00 to 4:00 setting up tables, moving plants and putting up signage. Please contact LAUREL at 541/387/2116 or [de-tar@gorge.net](mailto:de-tar@gorge.net) if you are coming. She is doing the scheduling.

For Plant Sale day itself the day will be divided into two shifts: 8:00-11:30 and 11:30-3:00.

Veteran MGs please contact LAUREL to sign up

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PLANT SALE  
WORK  
PARTIES

5/1 & 5/8, 3-5PM  
5/10, 1-4PM

5/11, 11:30-3PM

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MG PLANT  
PRESALE  
  
5/9 & 5/10  
FROM  
1 TO 4PM  
  
NO MG  
PURCHASES  
BEFORE SALE  
STARTS ON 5/11

LEARNING  
GARDEN  
WORK PARTIES  
  
4/30, 5/2, &  
5/9  
  
9-12PM

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for your preferred shift. If you have previous experience in a particular area and would like to do that again, let LAUREL know that as well. We'll try very hard to give you what you want. If you're flexible and don't mind moving around to areas where you are needed, that would be perfect.

New MGs will be assigned to tasks. If you have a preference for morning or afternoon, let LAUREL know that. We will be as accommodating as possible but we do need coverage for the entire sale. Plus it's so much fun a lot of us stay all day.

Now, for the most fun thing of all. Once again we will have a PRESALE for MGs only. You will be able to purchase plants from 1:00-4:00 on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> and from 1:00-4:00 on Friday. Make your lists and get exactly what you want.

**No Purchasing of plants will be allowed on Saturday before the sale. Don't even bother to ask.** People start lining up before 8:00 on the day of the sale and they get angry when they see MGs carrying plants out

before the customers have had a chance.

So, if you have any questions about scheduling who do you contact? LAUREL at 541/387/2116 or [de-tar@gorge.net](mailto:de-tar@gorge.net).

We are looking forward to a wonderful sale. It will be made all that much better by every MG's participation.

Thanks to all of you,

Your Plant Sale leaders,  
*LJ Johnson and Laurel De Tar*

### The Learning Garden

The Learning Garden is continuing to have two work parties each week on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 AM to noon. We are gradually whipping this into presentable condition and have appreciated all who have been able to help.

We currently have work parties scheduled through May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will need to continue those during the next week on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. So please try to join us for some of your volunteer hours.

### Central Gorge Garden Tour

The Garden Tour is June 22 from 9 am to 4 pm. It is not only a CGMGA fundraising event but it's a fun way to earn volunteer hours.

We have nine gardens on the tour and each of the nine gardens needs one garden leader and one or two docents for both the morning and afternoon shifts.

We still need a Garden Leader and several docents.

Garden Tour Leaders are the main contact for the garden. A Garden Tour Leader meeting will be scheduled at the beginning of June to provide you with all the materials and information you need to be a Garden Tour Leader. Garden Tour Leader shifts are from 8:30 to 4:30.

Docents guide the public through the garden and will be given information on highlighted plants and the educational aspect of the garden.

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, please let me know.

Sincerely  
*Renee Taylor*  
[rcitlau@gmail.com](mailto:rcitlau@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Garden Pre-Tour

Mark your calendars for the Garden Pre-Tour. The pre-tour is Sunday, June 9, from 1 to 5 pm. We will meet at the Columbia Gorge Hotel to carpool. The pre-tour is for Master Gardeners and garden owners so that we can see all of the gardens.



### JHG Anniversary Celebration

Master Gardeners, please mark your calendars for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of our Japanese Heritage Garden on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. We are having speakers that include the designer of the garden, a representative from the Japanese Consul in Portland, Hood River's Mayor Paul Blackburn, and the Master Gardener leader for the development of this project. Some excerpts from letters written from the internment camps will be read by descendants of those interned, and Portland Taiko will perform. Then you can enjoy some refreshments and lovely Japanese floral designs by the Odell Garden Club in the meeting room. So hope you can attend.

PLEASE MARK YOUR  
CALNDARS FOR THE

JAPANESE HERITAGE  
CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, MAY 17

3 PM

The Central Gorge Master Gardener Association  
Cordially invites you to  
The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the

*Japanese Heritage Garden*

3 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2019

Honored Speakers:

Rita Saling: Leader of Garden Development  
Sadafumi Uchiyama: Curator Portland Japanese Garden  
Paul Blackburn: Hood River Mayor  
and  
Readings of Internment Camp Letters  
Performance by Portland Taiko

Refreshments to follow

OSU Extension Service  
2990 Experiment Station Drive  
Hood River, Oregon 97031

## GARDENING RESOURCES



(<https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/cm9027.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](mailto:sharibosler@hotmail.com). Thanks!

