



## President's Notes

Last year about this time, a group of Master Gardeners got together to dream some dreams and focus on goals for the future.

The main goals developed for 2015 were:

- Member retention – What can be done?
- Power Point class – Board member training
- Coastal Currants newsletter
- Website
- Community Outreach – Round Tables – Annual Events (Seafood and Wine Festival, plant sale, MG week), student scholarship
- Visibility Countywide – Publicity – Brochures – Signage
- Plant Sale Relocation – Fairgrounds (more permanent location)
- Volunteer/financial support for OSU Extension office

Recently, a new group gathered to remember the past goals and dream some new dreams for 2016. It was generally agreed that public knowledge of the MG program and access to LCMGA demonstration gardens needs to be encouraged and promoted. A brochure showing each as a unique garden with pictures, descriptions, and map was proposed. Anyone interested in assisting with producing this document?

Other dreams were:

- Adequate dry storage for LCMGA equipment currently stored in members' garages/basements.
- Sponsoring a tree for upcoming Christmas events in Newport and/or Lincoln City
- Launching a "Seed to Supper" 5-week program targeting "food insecure" families (partnering with local Food Share and Oregon Food Bank who sponsors the program)
- Extending LCMGA participation for August 2016 Lincoln County Fair – possibly to include MG week

- Provide advanced MG training events. (Start with one; expand to three?)

Fun event ideas/dreams were next. Suggestions included:

- Cooking classes with a cook-off
- Field trips to various nurseries throughout Oregon
- Garden tours of local LCMGA members' gardens
- Progressive dinner

For those with a more creative side there was:

- Photography
- Journal making
- Mosaics
- The popular T-shirt plant/leaf printing

If anyone is interested in being part of the Fun Committee, please contact Dawn Henton. (Do you know anyone with a 12-passenger van and licensed driver? Cheap!)

## The Mission of LCMGA

The Lincoln County Master Gardener™ Association is a service organization supporting the Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Service Master Gardener™ Program and dedicated to: (1) Educating and supporting Lincoln County residents by providing leadership in the use of effective and environmentally responsible horticultural techniques; and (2) Promoting and providing continuing education and fellowship opportunities for LCMGA members. This is the Mission of LCMGA. It is the message that needs to be sent to the local community. How we achieve that is our goal for 2016.

*Reference: (Article II -Purpose from LCMGA™ By-Laws revised 2012)*

**Donna Davis**  
**LCMGA President 2016**

## Starting off with a Bang

2016 started off with a bang with a full house of 26 new apprentices who are ready to go and eager to learn.

A few of the January classes included an inspiring discussion on Native Pollinators by Anne Schatz, Claudette Schroeder provided a wheelbarrow load of knowledge on Coastal Gardening and Vegetable Gardening, and David Hansen/OSU provided a peek at the Mysteries and Wonders of Soil.



Hard at work and designing dream gardens. Pictured from left to right: Theresa Fritsch, Marianne DeTaeye, and Mark Arnold.

## February Activities Calendar

### Activities

#### February 8 — 10:00 a.m. to Noon Executive Board Meeting

Newport Public Library  
35 NW Nye Street  
(Corner of NW Nye and W Olive; meeting room, lower level)

All members and students are welcome.

**Something new: doors open at 9:30 a.m. so that you come and talk to friends. Board Meeting starts promptly at 10:00 a.m.**

#### February 9 — Noon to 1:00 p.m. Potluck MG Veterans and Students

Location: OCCC

Great food and interesting people.

### Round Tables

#### February 11 — 10:00 a.m. to Noon Best Veggies for the Coast

Newport Public Library  
35 NW Nye Street  
(Corner of NW Nye and W Olive; meeting room, lower level)

Master Gardeners Sally Reill, Claudette Schroeder, and Jill Johnson will lead the discussion. All members, students, and public are invited. This program is free to all, but please call the OSU Extension office (541-574-6534) to reserve a place and ensure adequate materials.

#### February 18 — Round Table

### To Be Announced

### Elsewhere Close By

#### February 4 - 6 Yamhill SWCD Plant Sale

Yamhill Heritage Center, 11275 Durham Lane, West McMinnville.

See [www.yamhillswcd.org](http://www.yamhillswcd.org) for details.

#### February 13 — 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Benton County Master Gardeners “Insights into Gardening”

Lascelles Stewart Center, OSU Campus, Corvallis. For information and registration go to:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/insights>.

#### February 20 — 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Benton Soil & Water Conservation District Native Plant Sale

Benton County Fairgrounds Livestock Blvd., Corvallis.

See [www.bentonswcd.org>programs>plant](http://www.bentonswcd.org>programs>plant)

### Save the Date

#### March 12 — 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. BEEvent Pollinator Conference Holiday Inn Express, Albany

Four sessions from local experts and a vendor fair. Cost is \$25.00. See Linn County Master Gardeners Class & Events for registration links.

#### March 12 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. YCMGA’s Spring into Gardening Seminar Home Landscaping...Small Changes...BIG IMPACT, McMinnville Community Center, 600 NE Evans St, McMinnville. Eight speakers on various themed topics. Registration fees for Master Gardeners is \$15; [ycmg.org/events/](http://ycmg.org/events/) 2016springtogardening. Fee for walk-ins is \$25.

### Dues! Dues! Dues!

Due forms are available at the OSU Extension Office, MG Help Desk office, at classes (OCCC), or by emailing a request for the form to Emily Blume or Donna Davis.

### Coastal Currants Delivery

A few of our members have requested a hardcopy of the *Coastal Currants Newsletter*. If you would prefer a hardcopy, please email your mailing address to [nkloak@gmail.com](mailto:nkloak@gmail.com).



## Pollinator Plant Profile with Anne Schatz



### ***Viburnum tinus*** **Laurustinus**

February is usually a lean month as far as pollinator forage goes, which generally isn't a problem because there are few pollinators about. But in the wacky winters we've been having, all bets are off as warm temperatures lure pollinators out, but there is little forage to be found. An increase in activity without sustenance to support it can be a problem.

Last year, bumble bee queens were active in January taking advantage of the blooming heath, warm temperatures and abundant sunshine. This winter, we're much wetter and (in late January) I've yet to see a bumble bee, although my honey bees are foraging whenever there is a break in the precipitation and the temperature is over 45 degrees.



One sure place to find any pollinators active in February is at one of my favorite plants – *Viburnum tinus*.

*Viburnum tinus*, also known as Laurustinus, is native to the Mediterranean region. Despite this, it likes more moisture than most Mediterranean plants, making it perfect for the Oregon Coast. It is an evergreen, winter flowering shrub that grows 7 to 20 feet tall and up to 10 feet wide, although a common named cultivar, 'Spring Bouquet', is a dwarf version that grows 4 to 6 feet.

Regardless, it tolerates pruning well so is easy to keep at a desired size, isn't picky about soil, and tolerates wind making it a great candidate for hedges, windbreaks and visual screens. It can handle some shade but will bloom better, and will be better pollinator forage, in a sunny location.

The claim to fame of this easy-care workhorse is the long bloom period when there is so little else. The flowers start as pink buds in 2 to 4 inch clusters that open to white, lightly fragrant flowers. It generally begins to flower in December (although this year it was blooming in late October) and continues until March.

It is a wonderful nectar source, although I've not witnessed pollen collection. The blooms turn into dark-purple berries in summer, extending the visual interest and wildlife value, while its dense form provides a dark-green backdrop to properly showcase dramatic summer displays. What's not to love?

In addition to *Viburnum tinus*, the winter heaths are blooming in my neighborhood; barberries are just getting started, while prostrate rosemary and a purple hebe have just finished. Camellias should be blooming soon, but I've noticed that pollinators don't seem to care for them.

If you get the chance, let me know what you're seeing at [rapscallion.retiree@gmail.com](mailto:rapscallion.retiree@gmail.com)!

#### **Anne Schatz**

*Anne has been a Master Gardener since 2008, is enrolled at the Journey Level in the Master Beekeeper Program, and is an avid pollinator enthusiast.*

## MG Class Schedule, February and March

**February 2, Tuesday**

9:00 a.m. – Noon	Botany	Liza Ehle
1:00-4:00 p.m.	IPM Integrated Pest Management	Liza Ehle
4:15 p.m.	Wrap-up	

**March 8, Tuesday**

9:00 a.m.- Noon	Plant Pathology	Cynthia Ocamb
1:00-4:00p.m.	Plant Problem Diagnostics	Cynthia Ocamb
4:15 p.m.	Wrap-up	

**February 9, Tuesday**

9:00 a.m.- Noon	Weeds/Invasives	Vern Holm
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Potluck	Students & Veterans
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Beat the Bugs to your Garden—The Good, The Bad & The Ugly	Gail Gredler
4:15 p.m.	Wrap-up	

**March 15, Tuesday**

9:00 a.m.- Noon	Final Exam	Liz Olsen
Noon – 1:00 p.m.	Potluck	LCMGA Board and MGs
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Graduation	
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Demo Gardens Office Help Desk Plant Sale Farmers Market Clinics	All Coordinators and Office Scheduler
4:15 p.m.	Wrap-up	

**February 16, Tuesday**

9:00 a.m.- Noon	Trees, Fruits/Berries	Ross Penhallegon
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Pruning Trees, Fruits/Berries	Ross Penhallegon
4:15 p.m.	Wrap-up	

**March 22, Tuesday**

**Students will sign up for either morning session or afternoon session**

**SESSION 1**

9:00 a.m. – Noon	Office Orientation & Plant Clinic Help Desk at Extension Office Signups for Help Desk, Demo Gardens, Markets, and Plant Sale	Holly Brandwen, Bill Hutmacher, Liz Olsen, and Coordinators
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**SESSION 2**

1:00-4:00 p.m.	Same	Same
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**February 23, Tuesday**

9:00 a.m.- Noon	Native Plant Gardening	Linda McMahon
1:00-4:00 p.m.	Waterwise Gardening	Linda McMahon
4:15 p.m.	Wrap-up	

**March 1, Tuesday**

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Coordinator Presentations: Demo Gardens Office Help Desk Plant Sale Farmers Market Clinics	Coordinators
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00-4:00 p.m.	Seed Starting and Propagation	Susan Coast

## Rose Tales from the Coast—To Prune or Not to Prune

I was asked to write an article on pruning roses in January of 2011. Were they nuts? As I wrote this it was wet, windy, and cold out there. You're not getting me out there in that weather. I don't care what the so-called experts in the books say. Besides my roses were still sleeping. Pruning would just wake them up and they would think they needed to start sprouting out. It would still be really cold, and then my roses would not be happy with me. Yikes!

The good news is that I have two roses that should not be touched, at least until after they bloom. One is a grand old lady named La Belle Sultane, a *gallica*, first introduced in the 1700s. Her stems seem to grow straight up the bud is on the tip top, and the blossoms open flat. I prune her right after she finishes showing off.



**La Belle Sultane**

The other is a frisky sprawling Canadian developed *rugosa* called David Thompson. According to Chris Williams from Heirloom Roses, this one should be pruned in August. Both these roses form buds on old wood.

Now you probably think I'm pretty smart for knowing that. The truth is, that after the first year they basically stopped blooming for me.

I figured something was wrong. Duh. So I did a little research. I was faithfully, unknowingly, cutting off their blooms every spring as the buds had already been formed. The moral is: "Know your plant."

If you are a real eager beaver, grab the Epsom salts and sprinkle a handful around their roots. It's good for root growth. It helps if you do a little dance at the same time, as it gives your neighbors something to talk about.

You know we write these articles weeks before the newsletter comes out, and who knows when you will actually read it. But I really don't think it's going to get that much warmer until the first of March. In the meantime, I think I'll finish my hot chocolate, and I advise you to do the same.

**Sharon Casteel**  
**Rose Lover (and yes a Master Gardener)**

## Mermaid Mosaic

A mosaic pot workshop was held in April 2015 at the headquarters of the Oregon Coast Children's Theater in Toledo. The Theatre has created many of the large mosaics on the coast, working with children to complete the murals.

They were so excited to be working with the Master Gardeners they decided to create a special mosaic just for us. Our beautiful mermaid was presented at the January 12 class. The mosaic will be displayed at the greenhouse by the South Beach Demonstration Garden.



Left to right: Larry Adrian, program director, Dina Britton-Kirk, educational director, Donna Davis, and Heather Fortner.

## Coordinator's Corner with Liz Olsen

Genie Papas being recognized with a well-deserved special award from Liz Olsen for her contributions in promoting and supporting the Master Gardener Program.

Thanks, Genie for your dedication!



### OSU Lincoln County Extension Leadership Award Master Gardener™ Program

#### Leadership: the activity of creating opportunities for success

This special award is presented to  
**Eugenia Papas**

In grateful appreciation for all her contributions in promoting and supporting the Extension Master Gardener Program. She has spearheaded educational initiatives and training programs for Apprentices and Veterans through Plant Clinics at the Farmers Market and through the Extension MG Help Desk. She has been a major donor to the Lincoln County Extension Endowment Fund for the Master Gardener program providing a strong foundation for its future. Genie always fosters an environment where everyone succeeds. MG Apprentices, veterans and our communities have benefited since 2005 from her years of service. Through her commitment and support she has been instrumental in fostering science based research, demonstration and education in home horticulture.

Gold Seal

Liz Olsen  
Master Gardener Program Coordinator

Kaety Jacobson  
County Leader  
Lincoln County Extension



## February LCMGA Board Meeting Agenda

Welcome/Setup (9:30)	All members
Call to Order (10:00)	Donna D.
Approval of Minutes	Karen J.
Treasurer Report	Emily B.
Old Business	
• Goals for 2016 (Work in Progress)	Written report
• Seafood & Wine Festival (Feb. 25 – 28)	Steve L./Jeff O.
• Spring Plant/Garden Sale	Committee Member
• Plant Expo	Pam M.
Modify Budget (Prior to general meeting vote March 16)	
Audit Report	Judie R.
Break (10:45 – 11:00)	
New Business	
MG Coordinator's Report	Liz O.
Adjournment (12:00)	

## LCMGA Officers — 2016

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