

Coastal



Currants

Coastal Currants Rides Again

After a year's hiatus, the LCMGA Newsletter is again available. It will include updates from the gardens, news from members, gardening topics, recipes, and other information as applicable. The editors Nancy Kloak and assistant Heather Fortner are depending on all Master Gardeners to send in items of interest:

- *Articles about your specialty with a picture or two*
- *A review of an interesting book*
- *An article on a personal gardening experience*
- *A specific topic or theme you wish to explore*
- *Suggestions for regular features*
- *Photographs of gardeners in action*

Message from our LCMGA President

Now that the solstice is past, the sun is returning and spring is coming. I am looking forward to a full and exciting year.

We, as a chapter, will be 21 years old this year. The LCMGA started in April 1995 with 18 veterans and 11 students (who had commuted to attend classes with Benton-Linn Chapters). With no funds, they requested dues to be paid at \$3.00 per member and \$1.50 per associate for 1995 class members, to cover the materials/postage for the newsletter.

The first issue was published (with help from OSU Extension Service staff) in May/June 1995. We have copies of these in our library, thanks to Lloyd Colett (1999), as well as the first president's message (Nancy Penzola) covering 1995-1997. (Please see page 4-5 for an excerpt from her message.)

It is good that we remember the courage and industry of a small group that brought us to this day. Thank you for asking me to be your president, allowing me the opportunity to grow, learn, and encourage/mentor others. Please visit all the gardens and learn from your activity.

There are things to do and people who can help along the way. I ask for your assistance and guidance in the year ahead as we go through another "growth spurt".

Donna Davis, LCMGA President 2016

January Calendar

Round Tables

Jan. 14, Thu 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

The Dirt on Dirt

Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St, corner of West Olive and NW Nye St, conference room downstairs. Master Gardeners™ Claudette Schroeder and Sally Reill will be leading the discussion on taking care of your soil. Please RSVP to the OSU Extension Office (541) 574-6534

Jan. 28, Thu 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

More on Bees and Beekeeping

Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St, corner of West Olive and NW Nye St, conference room downstairs. Nancy McDowell and Anne Schatz will be leading the discussion. Please RSVP to the OSU Extension Office (541) 574-6534

Elsewhere Closeby

Jan. 12, Tue 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tree Heaths: Heathers with High Aspirations

Presentation by Ella May Wulff, world's leading authority on heaths and heathers. Salem Hardy Plant Society, Campbell Center, 155 High St, Eugene, OR. Doors open at 6:30 pm, admission \$5.00. See Salem Hardy Plant Society website for more details.

Save the Date

Round Table

Feb. 11, Thu. 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
Best Veggies for Coastal Gardening

Newport Public Library, 35 NW Nye St, corner of West Olive and NW Nye St, conference room downstairs. Master Gardeners™ Jill Johnson and Sally Reill will lead the discussion on choosing the best vegetables for your garden. Please RSVP to the OSU Extension Office (541) 574-6534

Elsewhere Closeby

Feb. 13, Sat. 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Insights into Gardening

Insights into Gardening is a day-long seminar offering practical, research-based information for gardeners and gardeners-to-be, sponsored by OSU Extension Service, Benton County. Held at LaSells Stewart Center, 875 S.W. 26th Street, OSU, Corvallis OR 97333

Cost \$33.00, registration is now open. For information and to register go to :
<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/benton/insights>



The 2016 Plant Sale will be Sat. May 21, at the Fairgrounds in Newport. Set-up will be on Wed.-Thu., May 18-20.

Master Gardener™ Recertification

All Master Gardener™ Programs are migrating towards a National recertification standard of 30 hours although all the details are not quite finalized. OSU Lincoln County Extension recertification is as follows: A minimum of 27 hours broken out in these three categories:

- 9 hours continuing education;
- 9 hours office plant clinic help desk; and
- 9 hours in approved volunteer service

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Pesticide Use and Safety are required to be taken every 2 years since this field is changing rapidly. The Pesticide Safety and IPM for 2016 are offered in two sessions; both must be taken.

Jan. 26, 9am-noon, and Feb. 2, 1pm-4pm.

2016 MG Class Schedule Jan. & Feb.

Jan. 5, Tuesday

9:00am- Noon	History of OSU MG Program Apprentice Orientation	MG Program Coordinator – Liz Olsen & others
Noon- 1:00pm	Potluck	LCMGA Board & MG Veterans
1:00- 2:00pm	Native Pollinators	Anne Schatz
2:15-4:15pm	Introductions cont'd & Wrap up session	Coordinators & Students

Jan. 12, Tuesday

9:00am – Noon	Coastal Gardening	Claudette Schroeder
1:00- 4:00pm	Vegetable Gardening	Claudette Schroeder
4:15 wrap up		

Jan. 19, Tuesday

9:00am- Noon	Soils-mystery & wonder	David Hansen
1:00-4:00pm	Soil Health	David Hansen
4:15 wrap up		

Jan. 26, Tuesday

9:00am- Noon	Pesticide Use & Safety	Gail Langellotto
1:00- 4:00pm	Conifer & Plant ID	Michael Noack
4:15 wrap up		

Feb. 2, Tuesday

9:00am- Noon	Botany	Liza Ehle
1:00- 4:00pm	IPM Integrated Pest Management	Liza Ehle
4:15 wrap up		

Feb. 9, Tuesday

9:00am- Noon	Weeds/Invasives	Vern Holm
Noon- 1:00pm	Potluck	Students & Veterans
1:00- 4:00pm	Beat the Bugs to your garden—the good, the bad & the ugly	Gail Gredler
4:15 wrap up		

MG Class Schedule, Jan. & Feb. con't

Feb. 16, Tuesday

9:00am-	Tree Fruits/Berries	Ross
Noon		Penhallegon
1:00-	Pruning Tree	Ross
4:00pm	Fruits/Berries	Penhallegon
4:15	wrap up	

Feb. 23, Tuesday

9:00am -	Native Plant	Linda McMahon
Noon	Gardening	
1:00-	Waterwise	Linda McMahon
4:00pm	Gardening	
4:15	wrap up	

Note: The February and March class schedule will be in the next edition of Coastal Currents.

Graduation 2015

On Nov. 12, 2015 members of the 2015 MG class who fulfilled their requirements of OSU Lincoln County Master Gardeners graduated in a ceremony held at the Oregon Coast Community College in Newport. In addition to the graduation, there were awards given for service to the MG Program.



2016 MG Awards ceremony
(Pictured from l to r) Master Gardener™ Program Coordinator Liz Olsen holding Lincoln County Extension Leadership Awarded to MG '05 Genie Papas (not pictured)

Lincoln County Master Gardener Association awards to;

Michael Christy MG'15 Early Bloomer Award,

Becky Stiles (Web Stiles not pictured) Dynamic Duo Award for all their publicity efforts and garden articles,

Cathi Block with the Association President's Award for educational roundtables,

Donna Davis, LC Master Gardener of the Year award,

Pat Shaw, LCMGA President holding MG Behind the Scenes awarded to Sharon Fuller (not pictured).



The Newest Crop of Master Gardeners - Graduation Nov. 2015
Clockwise from top left; Sara Skamser, Margaret Paz-Partlow, Eric Partlow, Mary-Ellen Townsend, Julia Cook, Michael Christy, Ron Woodard, Holly Brandwen, Dennis Moore, Nancy Kloak. Also graduating but not pictured are Paul Clinton and Allison Colman-Pinning.

**Annual Forms Reminder
 Conditions of Volunteer
 Service**

All volunteers must complete every year the **Conditions of Volunteer Service** form in order to be a registered university volunteer. Doing so not only recognizes the volunteer as an official agent, it allows the university to extend coverage for tort liability (civil liability for injuries or damages to person or property of others) subject to the following general conditions:

- You are working on an OSU task assigned by an authorized OSU supervisor;

- *You limit your actions to the duties assigned (defined in the assigned duties section below); and*
- *You perform your assigned duties in good faith, and do not act in a manner that is reckless or with the intent to unlawfully inflict harm to others.*

The form must be completed by active volunteers on an annual basis, and forms must be held on file for 5 years after a volunteer leaves the program. There are at least three ways that you can complete and submit this:

1. Online non-fillable form:
http://horticulture.oregonstate.edu/system/files/u18/04_14_15%20ConditionsofVolunteerService-2.docm
2. Online fillable form:
http://horticulture.oregonstate.edu/system/files/u18/04_14_15%20ConditionsofVolunteerService-2.pdf
3. Forms will also be available at classes and at the Extension office.

1995-1997 President's Message from Nancy Penzola (from the Archives)

As the first "President's Message" to be in our historical record, I feel it is important to record what it was like to be a Master Gardener in Lincoln County before we established the current Lincoln County Master Gardener Association. It is good to remember what it was like before because it helps us to realize just how much we have accomplished.

When I became a MG in 1994, there was no active Master Gardener association in Lincoln County. MGs were trained in Benton County and required to "payback" 60 hours of time either at the Extension office or by work on a project such as the Demonstration Garden at the Fairgrounds. In 1994, six MGs completed their training and four completed their payback. With such a small group of people it was difficult to do much else but work at the MG desk in the extension office. MGs in Lincoln County commonly felt like orphans. There was little training in the office and little or no contact with veteran MGs. Projects were small and had no funding. When the year was over and payback was completed, there was

no organized way to stay involved. In March 1995, we formed the current Lincoln County Master Gardener Association.

Four officers were elected and by-laws written and approved. Monthly meetings were established and a monthly newsletter was started. By mid-summer our association had grown to about 25 members. Veteran MGs had worked alongside with MGs from the current class to establish a vegetable garden at Lincoln County Food Share. Veteran MGs worked with "new" MGs in the office and helped to answer questions at the Lincoln County Fair. We were busy.

In August of 1995, I learned that Benton County planned to train the next year's class of MGs in Albany. Believing that the additional commute would kill interest of future MGs, Bill Rogers and the LCMGA decided to hold our own MG training classes. This was a big endeavor for a new chapter.

By December 1995, we had our classes arranged, speakers scheduled, homework assignments written and 24 class enrollees. Master Gardeners had a voice in all the planning. We implemented a mentor program at the last minute. Classes which began in January 1996 went very well. Attendance was high and all 24 enrollees completed the class portion of their training. (This is unusual, based on statewide experience).

We also began a number of new projects including a new demonstration garden at the Fairgrounds, a booth at the Lincoln County Home Show, planning for a garden at the Mrs. Santa Claus House in Newport, a horticulture project at Toledo Middle School, various speaker presentations and participation in 4H-Kid Quest Week.

We held our first and most successful fund-raising activities in 1996. Our first was at the Lincoln County home show and the second was a plant sale at the Lincoln County Fair in our new demonstration garden. We had started our chapter with no money, and had been producing the newsletter on a shoestring. Early on we had applied for and received a small grant of \$250.00 from OMGA.

By November of 1996, 19 of the 24 new class members had completed their payback. Overall Lincoln County Master Gardeners, veteran and new, had each contributed an average 100 hours of payback time. This was the highest level of contribution of volunteer hours to the Master Gardener Program statewide, based on a report by Ray McNeilan.

These are of course just numbers, but what it really means is that we had a very active group here in our county. In January 1997 we began training a new class of 24 MG apprentices. Bill Rogers and veteran MGs had worked through the fall of 1996 to refine the training process. Classes again went very well. Many veteran Master Gardeners attended classes to become recertified. In March 1997 we also moved the Master Gardener desk in the extension office to the back room. Before that, it had been a desk in the lobby of the extension office. This move gave us room to build a library and store files and equipment.

My historical narrative stops here. I had to step down from my office as president in April of 1997, due to my husband's sudden and surprising diagnosis of cancer. I did not get a chance to finish my job. I had hoped to work on preparing the new executive board to take office. We still had much to do to make the transition go smoothly, for everyone. I hope that you will join me in supporting the new board as they take office. They are a wonderful, talented and very capable group of people.

Loyd Collet (1999) our historian, has suggested to me that every President's Message should have a few inspiring thoughts. We have accomplished much in the past two years of 1995-97, more than I think that any of us could have imagined. We also did it in a way that was rewarding to us all. The key is that we must stay involved. I believe that it is inevitable that our group, like any group, suffer from "growing pains".

After all, we did so much so quickly. It would be quite normal for us to disagree on which direction to take. There is much more that we can do and in order to do them we must stay involved. We need to attend meetings, share our opinions, and carry our share of the load. If we all do this, we will continue to have a vital and active association, whose activities reflect the many diverse interests of the Lincoln County Master Gardeners.

It is my dearest hope that our association continues to grow and that its members find value in the program that makes their involvement worthwhile.

As I look back on my personal involvement, I am proud of what we have done. I have been rewarded with a great sense of accomplishment and many wonderful friendships.

Nancy Penzola, LCMGA President 1995-97

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Continuing the tradition of LCMGA



In following the spirit of Nancy Penzola and the initial members of LCMGA, our current members continue to share, educate, and inspire the community. Pictured are veterans Claudette Schroeder (2007), Sally Reill (1988), and Jill Johnson (2010) in the background at the tomato sampling at the 2015 County Fair. Sally is one of the original members of the LCMGA.



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